

Strauss Given Commerce Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sinclair Weeks resigned yesterday as Secretary of Commerce and in his place President Eisenhower has appointed Adm. Lewis L. Strauss, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Weeks, 65, was a Boston industrialist before entering the

Cabinet at the beginning of the Eisenhower administration in 1953. Strauss, 62, used to be a Wall Street investment banker.

Weeks will leave his post not later than Nov. 10. In an Oct. 22 letter to Eisenhower, he said he was resigning reluctantly "and only because of pressing business, personal and family considerations, which seem to me to make it imperative that I return to Boston and my interests there."

The President expressed regret at Weeks' departure.

Eisenhower then called on Strauss to carry on the job. He gave Strauss a recess appointment which will enable him to take over as soon as Weeks leaves. When Congress convenes in January the Senate will be asked to confirm the appointment.

Strauss may run into some opposition there, although he probably will be confirmed. He was often a center of controversy as AEC chairman.

He made many friends in Congress while heading the AEC but also some powerful enemies. For a time he feuded with Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D.-N.M.), vice chairman of the Joint Committee of Atomic Energy, over the issue of clean vs. dirty bombs.



Sinclair Weeks

Dulles Accuses Chinese Reds Of 'War Scare'

WASHINGTON (AP) Secretary of State John Foster Dulles accused Red China yesterday of deliberately creating a new war scare in the Formosa area as part of a campaign to drive the United States from the Western Pacific.

He pledged anew that the Eisenhower administration, backing Nationalist China, would "stand against retreat in the face of armed aggression" to foil the Red strategy.

Dulles made the remarks in a statement issued at the White House after he reported to President Eisenhower on his three days of talks with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Formosa.

"We returned confident that the Chinese Communists will not gain their ends either through military efforts or their propaganda guile," he said.

Dulles in effect invited the Peiping regime to match Nationalist China in renouncing the use of force to achieve its objectives.

Big Burglary, But Little Loot

BOWLING GREEN, S.C. (AP)—Police said a bandit took a 100-pound strong box—containing 15 cents in cash—from the Bowling Green post office.

93 Men Feared Dead In Canadian Mine Blast

SPRINGHILL, N. S. (AP) — Barriers of rock and gas held 87 men captive or dead last night in the crumpled depths of a coal mine.

It so far has yielded six bodies.

Hope was all but abandoned for those still missing of the

working shift of 174 caught by a sudden, shattering shift of rock, coal and earth Thursday night in North America's deepest coal mine.

Eighty-one men came out, some staggering to safety, others on stretchers.

If the worst fears are realized, the upheaval will have taken 93 lives, the greatest toll in any Canadian mine disaster since 1914.

Rescue workers fought deadly gas and rock slides. For a time the gas was so bad it endangered even those with respirators.

Figures on the night shift, originally reported to number 166, rose to 174. Mine officials summed up last night: 81 survivors, 6 bodies recovered, 87 still missing.

With tears welling in his eyes, a mine official told reporters all hope is gone for men trapped in two lower levels of the mine, named Cumberland No. 2. He held out only a glimmer for the rest on a third level. In a nearby miners' lamphouse,

wives and children waited anxiously for a miraculous rescue. For many, it was a second agonizing wait. Two years ago, Cumberland No. 4, next to No. 2, was rocked by an explosion that killed 39. Some of the men trapped this time survived the one in 1956.

Gordon said the only reason hope still was held for men at the third level—13,000 feet from the pithead—was that they had not been located. About 36 men were working at this level, 400 and 800 feet, respectively above the others.

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Scott Predicts Leader to Be 'Echo of Clark'

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — Hugh Scott, Republican candidate for U.S. senator, said yesterday his Democratic opponent, Gov. George M. Leader, would simply be an echo to Sen. Joseph S. Clark, Jr., (D.-Pa.) if elected to the Senate.

"Pennsylvania would virtually lose a seat in the Senate," he said. "My opponent has been boss-controlled as governor, and being untrained for legislative office would simply echo Sen. Clark in the Senate with no independent views of his own."

Scott, speaking here before a campaign swing across northern tier counties, claimed the support of many Democrats who he said were dissatisfied with "bossism and unwholesome pressures" in the Democratic Party.

Driver Uses Side Roads, But Fails to Miss Traffic

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP)—"I always try to use the side roads so I can miss heavy traffic," said Grover Bell, 70.

He was one of seven people slightly injured in a two-car collision near here.

Prelates in Session; Papal Choice Near

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A brief conclave and a new Italian Pope of the Roman Catholic Church were generally predicted last night as 52 members of the College of Cardinals prepared for the solemn election ritual.

Talk of breaking the 400-year-old tradition of Italian Popes gave rise to fresh rumors about the pre-eminence of Gregory Peter Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of Cilicia of the Armenians, as the outstanding candidate.

Only the College of Cardinals held the key to the answer. The cardinals will meet today and stay in secret session until they name the man who will rule over the world's half billion Roman Catholics.

There is no voting until tomorrow morning, and the rules call for no more than four ballots daily, two in the morning and two in the afternoon.

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