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Bluffton Postmaster Resigns Position

Roy Biberstine, postmaster at the Bluffton post office, Tuesday announced his resignation from that position, which he has held for more than 20 years.

His health was given as the reason for the resignation, which will be effective October 1, Biberstine

suffered a heart attack last May while at work and was hospitalized for some time. He still is recuperating at his home one mile south of Bluffton and has been told by his doctors to limit his activities.

Biberstine received his commission as postmaster Dec. 21, 1942, by appointment of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and assumed his duties Feb. 1, 1943.

Filling of the postmaster position which Biberstine is vacating will be made by presidential appointment upon the recommendation of Indiana senators Vance Hartke and Birch Bayh. The appointee must meet the requirements of the U. S. civil service commission and post office department and must be confirmed by the U. S. Senate.

An acting postmaster may be appointed in the interim between Biberstine's resignation and the approval of a new postmaster.

Elks To Initiate Class Thursday

The Fort Wayne Elks lodge degree team will initiate a class of candidates at the regular meeting of the Decatur Elks Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. This initiation is part of the traveling gavel, which is a yearly event in the district.

The evening will open with a carry-in dinner. Meat, rolls and coffee will be furnished by the lodge, with each member to bring a favorite dish.

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Questions Answered

Because the people of the state of Indiana have had some reservations about the new test-ban treaty, Sen. R. Vance Hartke recently summed up those questions, and asked for answers to them from Sen. J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the foreign relations committee. The most frequently made objection to ratification is that there is no assurance that the Russians will respect the treaty, since they have already broken 50 of 52 treaties with the "West."

Sen. Fulbright replied,

"It is clear that the Soviet Union has violated a large number of international treaties... However, it should also be noted that the Soviet Union has to all appearances satisfactorily observed a significant number of multilateral and bilateral agreements... Further, with regard to this list of broken agreements, the Senator will note the significance of the fact that since Stalin's death in 1953, there have been relatively few breaches of agreement."

He called many of these agreements, "nebulous and inconsequential," and added that many more have been adhered to without violation.

He pointed out that treaties Russia has not broken "were in the interest of the Soviet Union," adding that the Russian's "self-interest" in the test-ban treaty would appear to provide some guarantee against future violations.

He cited these factors as favoring the Russian observance of terms of the treaty:

1. Soviet scientists believe they are on a par with the U. S. in nuclear weapons.
2. The Cuban missile crisis gives Soviet leaders a sobering glimpse at implications of nuclear war.
3. The Russian-Chinese split also has had a sobering effect on the Soviets.

4. The possibility of diverting resources away from nuclear weapons development and into the consumer goods area in which they are sorely needed has probably motivated the Soviet leaders.

5. Russia must share with the United States the growing concern over the multiplying number of nuclear weapons.

"We rely upon Soviet self-interest for the observance by the Soviets of the treaty," Senator Fulbright said. "However, the most persuasive argument for not permitting past violations to dictate our present relations with the Soviet Union on this matter is that a violation in this case will not pass un-noticed or put the U. S. at a disadvantage. The U. S. can safely rely on its own ability to detect Soviet violations and to maintain a military and scientific posture that will assure that no gains will accrue to the Soviet Union from violation of the treaty."

After Senator Fulbright answered several other questions relayed by Senator Hartke, the senior Indiana Senator concluded with this statement:

"I believe this treaty serves a purpose. It is a hopeful sign — a slim crack of sunshine in the cloudy skies of world tension and cold war. But we also feel that it is to our advantage and the advantage of mankind. I view the treaty as a way to cease the pollution of the air, our food and our drink from the poisonous radioactive elements. I believe that the cessation of tests may save infants from death and crippling. Thus, if it is kept for just a day of a week or a month, it will have served a useful purpose... Perhaps through this instrument the highest goals and ambitions of all of us for permanent peace on earth can be attained... We hold in our hands the vote that can give mankind new hope... We shall remain ready to resume our tests for we are determined to maintain the security of this nation and of the free world, forever. Let Russia take warning here and now. Behind a breaking of this treaty she will find a strong iron fist of the strongest nation in the world, the mightiest nuclear power — these United States."



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