

# Marshall Hinted As Running Mate For Truman In 1948

## Also Is Held Presidential Possibility

### Appointment Leads To Speculation

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—President Truman's appointment of Gen. George C. Marshall as secretary of state led to speculation today as to the general's political future, and most thinking followed one of these two lines:

FIRST, that if the former U. S. chief of staff would consent to becoming Mr. Truman's running mate in 1948, he would bring political strength to the Democrats by reason of his unquestioned standing with the two lines:

SECOND, that if for any reason Mr. Truman should not be the presidential candidate, Gen. Marshall—though he then would be nearly 68 years old—probably would be the strongest man the Democrats could name.

It is accepted widely here today that Mr. Truman as of now expects to be renominated in 1948.

If he wants it, there will likely be any important party opposition to his nomination.

His state-of-the-union message on Monday was regarded as being the utterance of a man who clearly intends to stay in the political picture.

And his advisers believe that while he hit a low point in popularity standing just before the November election, he now has made a considerable comeback.

Close friends of Gen. Marshall say that when he consented to succeed Secretary Byrnes, there could not have been any thought of political future in his mind.

And while there are some here who say Mr. Truman may have been conscious of picking a running mate for 1948, others disagree.

Could Succeed to White House

No one likes to discuss the possibility of physical misfortune "befalling a President, yet the point is talked about more frankly since the death of President Roosevelt.

With no vice president now in office, and the secretary of state next in line of succession to the presidency, discussion inevitably arose again today.

Regular army men traditionally are without the usual political party ties, yet Gen. Marshall always has been regarded as a Democrat. He was born in Uniontown, Pa., but has made his home in Virginia in recent years.

A corollary of discussion of the possible political future of Gen. Marshall was the observation that political talk in regard to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower would diminish. No one could see the possibility of two military men in topflight national party politics.

He Chose Good Subordinates

Associates of Gen. Marshall here today had nothing to say on the subject of politics.

But on his capacity to handle state department affairs, they hailed his record as the "tremendously able" war planner who has a genius for organization and for picking good men.

It was he, they recalled, who named Gen. Eisenhower as his first choice to command the allied forces in Europe.

It was he who picked Gen. George Patton as a top field commander and, even when the general talked out of turn politically, backed him to the limit for his military genius. And it was Gen. Marshall who picked Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Gen. Mark W. Clark and other of America's best soldiers to take top assignments in the war.

Kept His Own Name Out

No man in the army was more self-effacing. He could have had his name on a press statement every day in the war, yet he placed an almost absolute ban on personal publicity.

He went so far as to order that any time his name got in a release, the army public relations branch would have to give him a written report why this happened.

A state department reorganization has been urged for a long time.

Mr. Byrnes began one, but he has been absent from Washington so much that it is being insisted anew that the department be modernized.

Many believe this will come under the direction of the man who led in effecting sweeping changes in the war department even with a war on.

KING PAYS VISIT

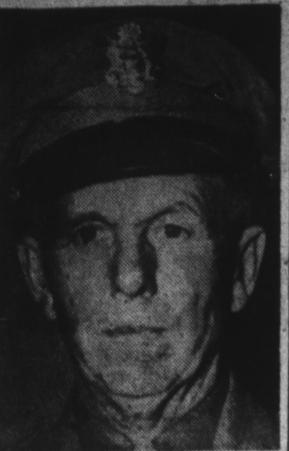
ANKARA, Jan. 8 (U. P.)—King Abdullah of Transjordan arrived by train today for a state visit which was expected to result in a friendship pact with Turkey.

## Jap Colonel Freezes Self For War Butchery of 140

TOKYO, Jan. 8 (U. P.)—A Japanese colonel accused of wartime atrocities pondered how to destroy himself for nine days then let himself freeze to death at the foot of sacred Fujiyama, the war crimes division of allied headquarters disclosed today.

Col. Momo Kusunose, about to go on trial for ordering the bayoneting and shooting of 140 Australian soldiers and some civilians on New Britain, was found in his boyhood home in where he fasted for a nine-day death watch ending Christmas day, officials said.

Entire in a diary found nearby



## 2 Youths Confess Killing Executive

### Tobacco Official Had Given Men Lift

CENTERVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 8 (U. P.)—Two young desperadoes who tied a prominent tobacco executive to a tree and riddled his body with bullets were under heavy guard today. A 50-man posse flushed them out of dense Alabama woods across the border.

The youths, who confessed to FBI and state authorities to the killing of J. Edward Sprouse, 35-year-old officer of the Tennessee Bureau Tobacco association, were identified as John C. Kelley of Marion, Ill., and James Sandusky, of Lawrenceburg and Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Sprouse, on a business trip, stopped at Nashville to give San-

dusky and Kelley a ride. On the outskirts of Columbia, 43 miles to the south they overpowered him.

According to the police version of the confessions, Mr. Sprouse was tied to a tree with his belt, tie and coat.

Sandusky and Kelley said they got into the car, drove to a filling station for gas and returned to Mr. Sprouse, who begged them not to harm him. But Sandusky, according to his story, backed away some 15 yards and fired seven times into Mr. Sprouse's body with a 22 caliber long-barreled revolver.

An early alarm for the missing Sprouse instigated by his relation helped in the early apprehension of the pair.

### Real Estate Class Set

Three State Service  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 8—Col. C. B. Durham, of the C. B. Durham Real Estate Co. of Indianapolis, will address an Indiana university real estate class tomorrow morning. He will discuss the field of subdivisions.

The youths were introduced by three Democrats and one Republican. The Democrats are Reps. Donald L. O'Toole (N. Y.), John Lesinski (Mich.) and Stephen Pace (Ga.). The Republican sponsor is Rep. George B. Schwabe (Okla.).

Rep. Pace's measure is the most generous. He would pay a veteran

## Four Bills Seek Veterans Bonus

### Three Democrats, One Republican Offer Plans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (U. P.)—

A new drive for a veterans' bonus was under way in Congress today.

Four bonus bills already were in the house hopper despite President Truman's statement that the government program for aid to veterans is complete except for minor adjustments.

The bills were introduced by three Democrats and one Republican. The Democrats are Reps. Donald L. O'Toole (N. Y.), John Lesinski (Mich.) and Stephen Pace (Ga.). The Republican sponsor is Rep. George B. Schwabe (Okla.).

A nationally recognized authority on advertising and public relations, Mr. Collins is the originator of "Rddy Riddott," the trade mark of electric utilities industry.

J. A. Carvin, advertising director of the Indianapolis Power & Light Co., will introduce the speaker.

\$5 for each day of overseas service and \$4 for each day of service in this country.

Rep. O'Toole, Lesinski and Schwabe would pay \$4 a day for overseas service and \$3 for service at home.

Rep. Bernard W. Kearney (R. N. Y.), member of the veterans committee, predicted the house would approve a bonus bill if it got the opportunity.

The commendation, signed by

## Vernon Clark Wins Ribbon From Army

Vernon E. Clark, a member of the Indianapolis bureau of the United Press, has been awarded the army commendation ribbon by the war department.

The commendation, signed by

Gen. Karl Truesdell, cites

Mr. Clark for "exceptionally meritorious service while on duty at the Command and General Staff school, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas."

A major in the officers reserve corps, Mr. Clark is public relations officer for the Indiana department, Reserve Officers Association of the United States. He also serves on the national committee of the "Reserve officer," official publication of the ROA.

## Loan Firm Buys New Office Site

The Colonial Savings and Loan association today announced the purchase of a four-story office building at 14 N. Delaware st.

The building, which has 50 feet frontage on Delaware st., was purchased from Phil Greenwald. Purchase price was not disclosed.

The building will be remodeled and upper floors will be used for office space. The association will establish its home office in the building later this year.

In business since 1913, the company has had offices on S. Illinois st. since its organization.

Officers and directors are Harold R. Victor, president; Harry L. Kelner, vice president; Mary S. Jennings, secretary and Directors Harry R. Jennings, Alfred G. Moldovan, and Roland R. Reeder and Raymond Sanders.

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