

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 being Mr. Truman's running mate in 1948, he would bring political strength to the Democrats by reason of his unquestioned standing with the public.

SECOND, that if for any reason Mr. Truman should not be the presidential candidate, Gen. Marshall—even 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 not likely be any important party opposition to his renomination.

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 popular 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 parties, 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.

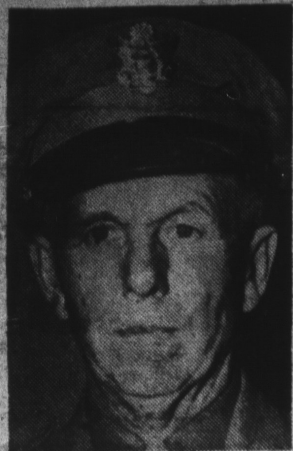
KING PAYS VISIT
 ANKARA, Jan. 8 (U. P.).—King Abdullah of Transjordan arrived by train today for a state visit which was expected to result in a friendship pact with Turkey.

Jap Colonel Freezes Self For War Butchery of 140

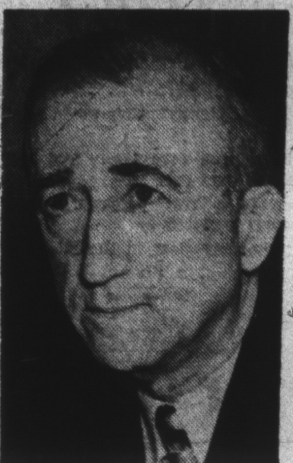
TOKYO, Jan. 8 (U. P.).—A Japanese colonel accused of wartime atrocities pondered how to destroy himself for nine days then let himself freeze to death at the foot of sacred Fujiyama, the war crimes division of allied headquarters disclosed today.

Col. Masao Kusonose, 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 barracks where he fasted for a nine-day death watch ending Christmas day, officials said.

Stripped in a diary found nearby.



APPOINTED—Retirement at the age of 66 was further away today for Gen. George C. Marshall, who left the difficult task of mediating China's civil war for even more arduous duties as U. S. secretary of state.



RESIGNS—Third time was charm for Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, who finally persuaded President Truman to accept his resignation. Mr. Byrnes, who will be 68 in May, had been warned by his doctors to "go slow."

Price Trend Up On Commodities

Clothing, Food Show Probable Slight Dip

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (U. P.).—The agriculture department said today prices of most commodities would continue to rise during the first quarter of the new year but that food prices probably would drop a little.

Clothing prices also will level off in this period, the department said in its monthly price report.

The slight drop in food prices was forecast as the outgrowth of declining prices paid to farmers.

The report said prices of raw industrial products rose about 14 per cent between Nov. 8 and Dec. 16, adding that not all of this rise has yet been reflected in wholesale and retail prices.

Here is the department's forecast of food prices for the full year:

Meat: Beef and veal will be lower through the summer, pork and lamb higher through summer.

Dairy Products: Prices will decline this year as rate of production rises and demand falls.

Poultry and Eggs: Prices will decline seasonally despite the high demand but will remain higher than during the spring and winter of last year.

Fats, Oils: Likely to continue high until mid-year as supplies stay relatively small.

Fruit: Despite larger supplies, demand will keep prices nearly as high as last winter.

Truck Crops: Higher in January but lower for the entire winter than in 1946.

Potatoes: Considerably lower than last year.

Sweet Potatoes: About 20 per cent higher than last winter.

Bridge Expert Culbertson Weds

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 8 (U. P.).—Work connected with the United Nations meant romance and marriage today for Ely Culbertson, 55, author and bridge expert.

He is honeymooning here with 21-year-old Dorothy Renata Baehne, of New York.

Mr. Culbertson was married yesterday at Chandler, Ariz., to Miss Baehne, daughter of industrial engineer George Walter Baehne. They met as members of the citizens committee for United Nations reform.

Mr. Culbertson won fame as founder of a bridge system and formerly was married to Mrs. Josephine Murphy Culbertson. They were divorced at Reno, Nev., in 1938 after 15 years of marriage.

2 Youths Confess Killing Executive

Tobacco Official Had Given Men Lift

CENTERTOWN, 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 official of the Tennessee Burley 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 Sandusky 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.

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

Reps. O'Toole, Ledwith 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.

N. Y. Advertising Expert To Address Club Here

Indianapolis Advertising club members will hear a talk by Ashton B. Collins, New York, at a meeting tomorrow noon at the Hotel Lincoln. Mr. Collins will speak on "My Business Is Different."

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

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

Vernon Clark Wins Ribbon From Army

Loan Firm Buys New Office Site

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 Maj. 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.

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.

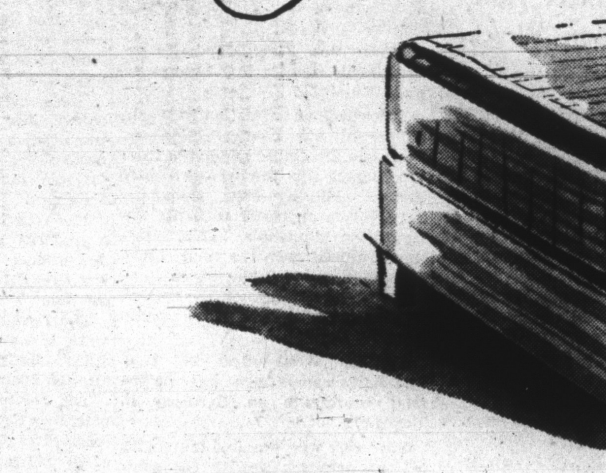
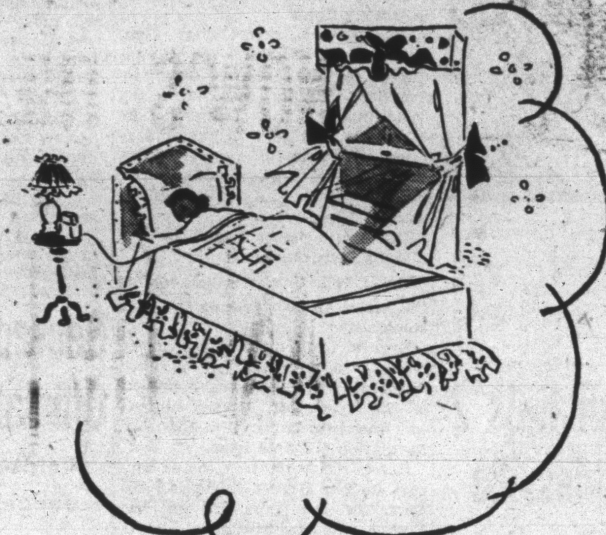
Officers and directors are Harold R. Victor, president; Harry L. Keller, vice president; Mary S. Jennings, secretary and directors Harry R. Jennings, Alfred O. Molden, Roland R. Reeder and Raymond Sanders.

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