

Congress

Senator Urges Full Study of Acheson Views

GOP to Probe Link of Law Firm With Poland

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UPI)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R. Mich.) today called upon the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to "explore fully" the views of Dean Acheson, newly named Secretary of State.

His statement came as Republicans planned to investigate the connections of Mr. Acheson's law firm with the Communist government of Poland.

Despite the move, Mr. Acheson appeared certain of Senate confirmation.

Sen. Vandenberg described Mr. Acheson as President Truman's "personal choice," indicating the selection did not represent a bipartisan one.

However, Sen. Vandenberg lauded the former undersecretary as a "distinguished American with wide experience in foreign affairs."

Sen. Käri E. Mundt (R. S. D.) urged the Foreign Relations Committee to question ex-Communist Whittaker Chambers on Mr. Acheson's attitude toward Communists in the State Department.

Mr. Chambers told the House committee recently that two of Mr. Acheson's associates—Donald and Alger Hiss—had been members of an underground Communist ring which tried to place Communists in government jobs.

Justice Department files show that two members of Acheson's law firm were registered as representatives of the Polish supply and reconstruction mission from 1945 to 1947. During that time, Poland obtained the use of a \$90-million credit from the Export-Import bank.

A spokesman for the law firm said that at the time, Mr. Acheson was Undersecretary of State, and was in no way connected with the deal.

Other congressional developments:

Rankin

Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee have voted, in effect, to bar Rep. John E. Rankin (D. Miss.) from the House—American Activities Committee. Actually, the vote was on a motion to keep chairman of major committees from serving on other committees.

Food Stamps

Congress may be asked to authorize a food stamp plan to improve the diet of low-income families. The Agriculture Department would like to try out the scheme on an experimental basis. Sen. George D. Aiken (R. Vt.) has introduced a bill under which the government would help pay the food bill of low-income families.

Presidential Pay

President Truman's chances of getting a salary boost look good. House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack says legislation to increase the President's pay will be one of the first matters considered by the House. A Senate group already has proposed that the chief executive's salary be hiked from \$75,000 to \$100,000, and that he be given a more liberal expense account.

Courts-Martial

Military court-martial procedure may come up for review before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Chairman Pat McCarran (D. Nev.) said his group probably will look into "alleged miscarriages of justice" in wartime courts-martial.

Economic Report

Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D. Wyo.) called for early congressional consideration of the proposals made in President Truman's economic report. He promised full co-operation of the Joint Congressional Economic Committee which he will head.

Employment Security

Chief to Take Oath

Col. Everett L. Gardner, a native of Monticello, will be sworn in as director of the Indiana Employment Security Division at 2 p.m. Monday.

Col. Gardner, who headed the division during the first term of Gov. Schricker, will succeed Noelle R. Shaw of Crawfordsville. He will be sworn in by White Circuit Judge Russell Gordon.

Legislative Calendar

Jan. 7 INTRODUCED

Senate

S. B. 1 (Lane)—Outlaws daylight臺灣 in Indiana except in Lake County.

S. B. 2 (Kendall)—Amends state statute to prohibit the use of contraceptives. Carries provision to sterilize sex offenders in some instances. (Courts and Towns.)

S. B. 3 (Miles)—Outlaws placing of television screen in drivers' compartments of motor vehicles.

S. B. 4 (Edgerton)—Permits the consolidation of grade schools in small cities.

S. B. 5 (Siler)—Increases the penalty for resisting arrest or drawing a weapon.

S. B. 6 (Siler)—Enables policemen or firemen in small towns to get a hearing before suspension. (Courts and Towns.)

S. B. 7 (Lane)—Regulates the use of slot machines.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

Senate

S. R. 1 (Kendall)—Designates certain national highways—U. S. 40 and 31, Indiana as Blue Star Memorial highway.

S. R. 2 (Siler)—Limits office of president of the United States to two years.

S. R. 3 (Kendall)—Proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit Congress from enacting legislation for the enforcement of taxes from Federal taxes. (Federal Relations.)

BILLS PASSED

Senate

S. B. 1 (Mashburn)—Appropriates \$100,000 for legislative expenses and expenses of the state.

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