

# U.S. Agencies Geared For 'All Eventualities' In Steel Crisis

## Truman's Cabinet Ponders Future

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 3.—Secretary of State Dean Acheson and most other members of President Truman's cabinet probably will return to private life when the new president—Democrat or Republican—takes over the White House next Jan. 20.

While most declined to talk about it now, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin said he "assumes that everyone" will leave with Mr. Truman. But there is a possibility that at least three Cabinet members will stay in public life in one form or another.

Mr. Acheson told a news conference yesterday that he plans to continue as head of the State Department until Mr. Truman finishes his term. He recalled that he said previously he would stay as long as the President wants him.

**Might Leave Earlier**  
For his part, Mr. Truman several times has said Mr. Acheson will be Secretary of State as long as he is President. Despite this, there has been speculation that Mr. Acheson—and some other cabinet members—might leave earlier in view of the President's decision not to run for re-election.

While the entire cabinet theoretically could remain on if a Democrat is elected President, this is not likely. Presidents like to choose the men about them. A Republican President, of course, means a complete cabinet reshuffle.

Even so, Mr. Tobin, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan and Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson might remain in the public eye although in lesser roles.

**Surest Bet to Go**  
Mr. Acheson, most controversial figure in the cabinet, is the surest bet to go even if a Democrat captures the White House. There is a widespread feeling in Democratic circles that he is a political liability and associates say he would like to return to law practice.

Gen. J. Howard McGrath, whose management of the Justice Department is being investigated by Congress, said "the only plan I have after Jan. 1 is to attend on Jan. 20 the inauguration of the next Democratic President."

But Mr. McGrath, like all the other cabinet members will submit his resignation by Jan. 20 as a matter of established form.

Treasury Secretary John W. Snyder, a Missouri and Arkansas banker, has been in government since 1940 when he was named special assistant to the chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. board.

Mr. Snyder probably will return to his private banking business.

**Has Long Service**  
Mr. Brannan, author of the controversial "Brannan Farm Plan" has had long service with the farm agencies of the government and might follow the example of former Secretary Claude A. Wickard who took a lesser post as head of the Rural Electrification Administration.

But even that would unlikely if a Republican is elected President.

Mr. Tobin said he has made no plans for the future.

Charles Sawyer, wealthy Secretary of Commerce, probably will return to his many publishing, radio and sports enterprises.

Interior Secretary Oscar L. Chapman has been in the Interior Department since 1933 when he was appointed assistant secretary.

Mr. Donaldson, the only civil



Dean Acheson



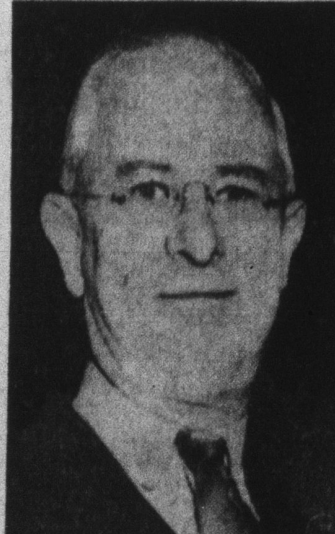
Maurice J. Tobin



J. Howard McGrath



Charles F. Brannan



Charles Sawyer



John Snyder

## Price Boost For Industry Under Study

By ROBERT F. LOFTUS  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, Apr. 3.—Acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman geared the government today for "all eventualities" including possible seizure of steel mills in the face of a threatened steel strike, but there were reports the government had agreed to a slightly higher price boost for the industry.

Mr. Steelman issued his alert orders to the Defense and Justice Departments after conferring with Price Controller Ellis Arnall and Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Putnam.

Top industry officials replied in New York that they are prepared to challenge in the courts the government's right to seize steel plants to head off the strike threatened at 12:01 a. m. (EST) Tuesday by the CIO United Steelworkers.

**Agree to Yield?**  
Later, there were unconfirmed reports here that price officials had agreed to yield a little to industry's demands for increases in the price of steel to offset increased wages recommended for steelworkers by the Wage Stabilization Board.

One source said the allowable increase might amount to \$4 a ton—double the boost allowed under the Capehart formula. But this still would be \$8 under the \$12 increase that the industry claims it needs to offset the 20 cents an hour wage package proposed by the Wage Board.

There was some question whether the reported price increase offered by the government would be large enough to induce the industry to bargain on the wage board recommendations, forestalling the strike.

**A Minor 'Crack'**  
President Henry J. Kaiser said the company agreed to the wage scale in expectation that the government will grant later "the necessary and equitable" price increases.

The Kaiser settlement was not regarded as a significant crack in the steel dispute, however, because the company is relatively small and is not necessarily guided by the position of larger segments of the industry.

Mr. Steelman emphasized that seizure of steel plants is one of several actions the government might take to head off a strike. He refused to say what other steps might be contemplated.

The "big six" steel companies and the union are scheduled to meet for their first bargaining talks in three months today in New York.

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**FOR THE BLIND**—At the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind, young Peter Barnett and David Stayer finger their Braille Haggadah, or prayer book, as Rabbi Walter Cuckat recites the ritual prayer for the blessing of wine. The Braille edition of the Haggadah is the first ever made and was printed to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Louis Braille.

## All Right, We'll Bite, What Would They Do?

BOSTON, Mass., Apr. 3 (UP)—The Massachusetts Senate killed a bill that would have banned alcoholic beverages at athletic contests after Sen. Charles I. Taylor (D. Boston) asked: "What are they going to do at months."

football games to keep warm? threw my racoon coat away long ago."

## Tea Ration to End

LONDON, Apr. 3 (CDN)—Tea is expected to come off ration in Britain within the next few months.

## Giesler to Seek Delay In Trial of Wanger

By United Press  
HOLLYWOOD, Apr. 3.—Attorney Jerry Giesler said yesterday he will ask for a postponement of movie producer Walter Wanger's trial for shooting an actor's agent he believed was breaking up his marriage to Joan Bennett.

Mr. Wanger is scheduled to go on trial in Santa Monica Superior Court Apr. 15 for wounding Agent Jennings Lang in the groin during a fight in a Beverly Hills parking lot.

But Mr. Giesler said he would confer with District Attorney S. Ernest Roll, probably today, about a postponement because of a series of articles running in a Los Angeles newspaper about the Dec. 13 shooting and Miss Bennett.

The wily attorney, who piloted many Hollywood notables through legal troubles, said the articles made it "virtually impossible to get a fair jury for the trial."

**"Wouldn't be Fair"**  
"I want a jury that would be clear of any prejudices," Mr. Giesler said. "It wouldn't be fair and equitable for him to go on trial at the time set."

Asked about rumors that Mr. Wanger might offer to plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge of assault if the prosecution would drop the felony charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder, Mr. Giesler said he was "not concerned with that right now."

Mr. Giesler said he "doubted" that he would discuss the matter with Mr. Roll, but if he did, the Wangers' two children "will be the reason."

He said he did not know whether Mr. Wanger would agree to plead guilty to the lesser charge, thus avoiding a trial that promises to be one of the hottest in years in the film colony.

## Prosecutor in Hospital

Mr. Roll, in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital for a checkup, said he would "consider" any offer from Mr. Giesler to have Mr. Wanger plead guilty to the misdemeanor charge but added he would regard the offer "just as I would from any other attorney who comes in with a client."

Meanwhile, Miss Bennett won a preliminary court injunction preventing the Bank of America from foreclosing on her Holmby Hills home. The bank contends that Mr. Wanger owes it \$200,000 and mortgaged the home for \$12,000.

Miss Bennett argues that Mr. Wanger was not the sole owner of the house under the terms of a trust deed she gave him.

## Candy Packs 'Kick' And So Does the Law

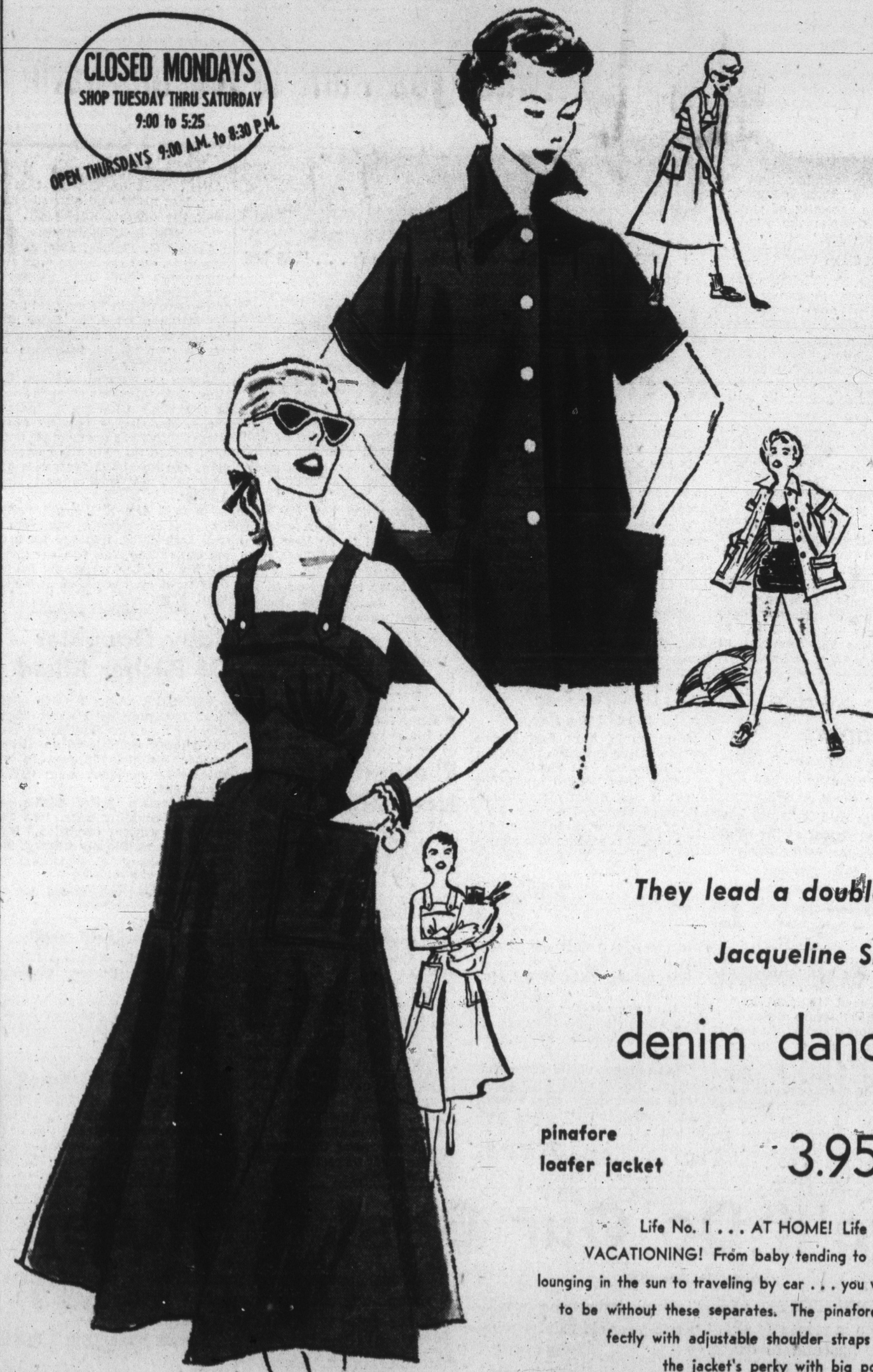
BUFFALO, N. Y., Apr. 3 (UP)—Kurt Haberman, 63, admitted he had been selling chocolate candies with whisky, gin, rum and wine fillings for about two years but denied any of his customers were children, as charged by police.

Police said laboratory tests showed 150 pounds of chocolates seized in Mr. Haberman's home had a "kick." Mr. Haberman, a former baker, was charged with violating the state agriculture and market law.

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