

Allen Elected Council Head In Record-Fast Caucus

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Charles W. Allen was elected 1966 chairman of the Portland City Council Wednesday at what may have been the quickest caucus in council history.

It took councilors only 23 minutes to select their new chairman and name the seven council committees that make recommendations to the full council on various issues.

Councilor Ralph Amerigan termed it the "friendliest caucus I've ever seen."

It took less than a minute to make Allen, a sophomore councilor, the new chairman.

Allen was nominated, Harold G. Loring and Clifton M. Pike declined immediately when nominated, and nominations ceased. Allen's election was unanimous.

Loring was renamed chairman of the finance committee, and Pike and Daniel B. Felix were re-elected to other two members.

This is the committee that goes over the proposed budget, item by item, and decides what recommendations will go to the full council. In the past, the panel has exerted a powerful influence on final city spending decisions.

The appointments committee — that body recommends names to the council for the

city's various boards and commissions — will be headed by Felix in 1966, with Loring replacing as a member. Former Council Chairman J. Weston Welch is the third member.

THIS COMMITTEE is regarded as the second most important council subcommittee. Besides its strong influence on the membership of various boards, it plays an effective role in guiding the municipal thinking, from the field of general planning to the specific activities of the city's Urban Renewal Authority.

AMERICAN WAS NAMED chairman of the public safety committee, with new Councilor Sidney W. Thaxter and Donald R. Slipp the other members.



Charles W. Allen

Next year's renewal and housing committee will be headed by Welch, with American and Ira E. Hall the other members.

Ball once again will head the claims and public property committee, with Thaxter and Slipp filling out its membership.

Felix also is a repeater as chairman of the economic development committee. Slipp is again a member, and Welch fills the third seat.

In the past, the economic development committee doubled as the council's legislative committee, but this year, at Loring's suggestion, a separate committee was named.

THAXTER, who was once

hired by the city to lobby for the ill-fated gross receipts bill before the Legislature, was elected chairman of next year's legislative committee. Welch and American are its other members.

Loring said he felt the city could save some lobbying fees by naming Thaxter to head the legislative committee.

Ball will be the council's representative to the School Committee in 1966, and Allen will serve as trustee of the Portland Public Library.

WALSH SAID after the caucus he had told fellow councilors he didn't want to serve on the finance committee. He said he didn't want anyone to get the impression that he'd been

frozen out of its membership. At the outset of the caucus, Ball told his colleagues he didn't want to be nominated for the council chairmanship, and would decline if named.

After Wednesday night's meeting, one councilor said the caucus appeared almost rehearsed because it was obvious "the way things were stacked." He indicated an attempt to place anybody but Allen in the chairmanship was doomed at the outset.

There is hardly any change in the power setup in the council. Key committees are still about the same, and there has been no appreciable change in the balance between so-called liberals and conservatives.



Associated Press photo from Rome

Formal Closing

Pope Paul VI receives the Apostolic brief, announcing the Ecumenical Council is formally closed, from Archbishop Pericle Felici, council secretary.

Pope Paul's 'Go In Peace' Closes Council Sessions

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Paul VI, a windstorm figure in white against the dark gray of the sky, brought Roman Catholicism's greatest general council to an end Wednesday with three simple words: "Go in peace."

The Roman Catholic pontiff spoke with upraised arms as he faced the 2,600 bishops, assembled for the last time in council.

With this the Vatican Ecumenical Council passed into history. But it left Roman Catholicism with a blueprint for modernization bound to occupy the Church for decades, even centuries, to come.

In his final speech at a ceremonial closing in St. Peter's Square, the Pope said he hoped the council's work would renew not only the Church but all the sons of St. Peter's Basilica.

He published a papal brief officially closing the 21st council in the 2,000 years of Roman Catholicism. In it, the Pope described the council as the greatest ever held, whether in size, in subjects treated or in the needs it met.

He declared the council's decisions binding on all Catholics and invalid anything undertaken by anyone against those decisions whether knowingly or in ignorance.

Progressive and conservative prelates alike — those who had argued for a truly up-to-date Catholicism and those who had urged sticking to the traditional ways — streamed across the multi-square in white vestments as the service started.

When the three-hour ceremony ended, they broke up and scattered among the immense throngs of more than 100,000 spectators.

The great St. Peter's Basilica, the end of an arduous seven years in the life of the Church — four to prepare the vast assembly's work and three years of sessions. The council channeled attitudes and energies into inner renewal of ancient Catholicism and a new mentality of friendly respect for everything around it in the world.

Pope John XXIII conceived the idea in January 1959 of calling the council to bring an updating into the Church and the minds of its 500 million members. He lived long enough to see its opening phase in 1962. Pope Paul took up the task and saw it through.

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McNamara To Perform Surgery On Long-Range Bomber Force

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara spelled out plans Wednesday for overhauling the nation's airpower — confirming that the long-range bomber force will be shrunken by about two thirds and more reliance shifted to missiles.

But while saying outmoded B32s and B36s will be shelved over the next half dozen years, he hinted that the controversial TFX, being developed as a "reduced Soviet bomber threat" and to "basic force level" weapons systems changes.

McNamara also told of plans to cut down the Continental Air Defense System and to eliminate the Navy's extension of the Early Warning system. And he said military airlift capability will be improved by 29 per cent. This dramatic overhaul of the

nation's air might was linked to the main concern was Europe and "to basic force level" weapons systems changes.

The actions will be other steps in the drastically changing pattern of America's armed forces. The most recent major shift was transformation of the 1st Cavalry Division into an airborne unit geared to rush into ac-

tion in swarms of helicopters. Gradually the helicopter has replaced paratroops as the most mobile force.

But McNamara's plans, which in part were made known Tuesday night continued to bring sharp protests from some senators who said undue reliance is being placed on missiles.

Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., chairman of the Senate Preparedness subcommittee, said the phaseout of the heavy bomber "is to me an unnecessary and unwarranted gamble with our national security at a time we can ill afford it."

Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney, D-Okl., a member of the Senate Defense Appropriations subcommittee, called the cutback "utter folly" and "false economy."

Another member of the defense appropriations group, Sen. A. Willis Robertson, D-Va., said he serves with Chairman Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., of the Senate Armed Services Committee, that "it is a mistake to make all our defense in one basket of intercontinental ballistic missiles."

McNamara disclosed the new plan in announcing the list of 149 military bases at home and abroad to be closed, reduced or consolidated. Comparatively few of them are major. The plan to close bases was announced in a letter to Congress.

Russian Attitude Hardens

Anti-U.S. Demonstrations Break Out In Soviet Capital

MOSCOW (AP) — Demonstrations against the U.S. role in Viet Nam broke out Wednesday in Moscow as the Soviet posture toward Washington took on a look of granite hardness.

The demonstrations came against the background of Premier Alexei N. Kosygin's contention the U.S. policies forced the U.S.S.R. to increase its military budget "against our own wishes."

Since the news of Kosygin's interview saying this had yet to be published inside the Soviet Union, the demonstrations seemed part of an effort on every level to publicize the Soviet attitude.

Similar demonstrations, in fact, have taken place in many areas of the Soviet Union over the past week. There seemed a suggestion in this that if Soviet

U.S. policy toward West Germany. In this context, he mentioned the decision to increase the Soviet military budget by 5 per cent.

Kosygin ranked Viet Nam



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While the premier attacked U.S. prosecution of the Viet

Houlton Sergeant Killed In Viet Nam

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Army sergeant from Houlton, Maine was listed as killed in the Defense Department's latest list of Viet Nam war casualties Wednesday.

He was identified as Sgt. Philip J. McCarthy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. McCarthy, 31 Franklin St., Houlton.

GT6 Gets Word Today On Day Early Launch

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — The Gemini 6 spacecraft and the Titan 2 rocket sailed smoothly through an all-important flight rehearsal Wednesday, keeping alive hopes that it may carry its two astronauts into space one day earlier than planned.

The lengthy test, which will tell whether or not Gemini 6 is qualified to fly, began at noon and continued through the evening.

Flight Director Christopher Kraft indicated a decision would be made about noon Thursday. Information speeded out during the rehearsal will be compared with data gleaned during a similar orbital practice session, when Gemini 6 was on the launch pad before the launch was scrubbed.

Maine Savings To Boost Interest Rate On Savings

By FRANK SLEEPER
Business Reporter

The state's largest savings bank, the Maine Savings, announced Wednesday it will increase its interest rate on regular savings to 4 1/2 per cent, effective Jan. 1.

At the same time, Maine Savings announced it will set up "investment accounts" for depositors who want them. Such accounts will pay 4 1/2 per cent interest.

Depositors may withdraw funds from such accounts only after 90 days notice and must first make a withdrawal of \$100 or more.

The increases have nothing to do with the Federal Reserve Board announcement of a discount rate increase as well as an increase in the interest rate commercial banks can pay on deposits. That announcement came Monday.

Prayer For Today

Know us the importance, O God, of right motives. We cannot truly serve Thee, no matter how impressive the tasks or how worthy the results, unless our acts come out of love. We are so often tempted to measure our success by splashy standards of blazes and stars. Give us, we pray, the grace which will enable us to live as befits our place in the kingdom of heaven. May we meditate always on our neighbor's good and Thy glory, without ceasing the cost to self; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

—Morley Mason, Hallowell, Pa., dean, Jesuit College.

"We've been studying our increases for more than a month," Nichols said.

The MSB official said the

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CBS Thursday Night Movies
"MERRILL'S MARAUDERS"
Starring
JEFF CHANDLER
9:00 P.M.
Channel 13



'Everywhere Christina Went . . .

Three-year-old Christina Steven cuddles a stuffed lamb which will make some child happy on Christmas Day. The toy was made by Press Her-

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Today's Chuckle

With the high cost of living these days, you have to keep reminding yourself that it's cheaper by the dozen.