

Replaces Dulles

# Senate Okays Herter, 93 - 0

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate brushed aside a no-hurry rule Tuesday and whisked through by a 93-0 vote its confirmation of Christian A. Herter as secretary of state.

This cleared the way for the suave, scholarly, 64-year-old Herter to take over with full authority from cancer-stricken John Foster Dulles.

The reason for the rush is that Herter leaves Monday for Paris to take part in a free world foreign ministers' conference in preparation for East-West talks on the touch-and-go German situation.

President Eisenhower formally nominated Herter, who has been Dulles No. 2 man, for the top State Department spot only Monday. Under Senate rules such a nomination can't be confirmed in less than six days. The Senate waived this rule in view of Herter's imminent responsibilities.

Confirmation came only a few hours after Herter won an expected unanimous vote of approval from the Senate Foreign

Relations Committee. Herter, with the metal crutches he wears because of arthritis, appeared before the committee to answer questions on his views.

The only serious quizzing he got came from Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., who posed a series of "if" questions centering on: Would this country resort to nuclear warfare if the Soviets started shooting down American planes on the corridor to Berlin? "Not necessarily," was Herter's prompt response.

Morse then asked: "Is it your position we would then be free and should proceed to all-out war with Russia, encompassing the dropping of nuclear and hydrogen bombs?"

"No, sir, I don't believe in the initial stages such a course would be justified," Herter answered. But he added quickly: "if it became clear Russia was resorting to all-out war, I think we would have to consider a change in our position."

Herter is a former member of Congress and has served as governor of Massachusetts. Former White House aide Harold E. Stassen boomed him for the Republican vice-presidential nomination in 1956 but Herter said he wasn't interested.

Dulles, who was among those proposing Herter as his successor, Tuesday would up a week of X-ray treatments for a possible cancerous condition that may have spread from his intestines to his neck. The State Department said there was no change in his condition.



James W. Foley ... speaks May 23

## Commencement Speaker Is Oil Firm Head

James W. Foley, president of The Texas Co., New York, will deliver the commencement address May 23.

Foley is a 1932 graduate of A&M, with a bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering.

The commencement speaker is a native Texan, born in San Augustine and attended Sour Lake high school. He is a member of the Texas Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Pi.

Upon graduation from A&M he was employed by The Texas Co., Producing Department, and in 1937 was transferred to work in the Middle East oil fields.

On returning to the United States in 1940, Foley worked in Texas, Oklahoma and in 1949 New York, where he served as assistant to the vice president in charge of the Domestic Producing Department, then assistant to the chairman of the board.

Mr. Foley was elected vice president of The Texas Co. in 1953, member of the board of directors in 1954 and president of the company in 1956.

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### Decorations for MSC Banquet

These totem poles will be part of the decorations for the annual Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate Awards Banquet Friday night in the MSC Ballroom at 7:15. The banquet will feature an Alaskan theme. Special attraction of the banquet will be the

presentation of MSC Appreciation and Distinguished Service awards. Working on the decorations are, left to right, Charles Marshall, Clyde Whitwell and Miss Rosalie Spencer, MSC Student Program Advisor.

## In Soviet Union Negotiations

# Macmillan Offers Two Plans To Solve Allies' Differences

By J. M. ROBERTS  
Associated Press News Analyst  
British Prime Minister Harold

Macmillan has issued two statements in the last few days designed to help close the gap in Anglo-American relations caused by differing approaches to negotiations with the Soviet Union.

The British press and some members of the political opposition have been demanding that Macmillan make representations to the United States against continued provocation of Russia by high-altitude flights into Berlin.

The issue has been used as a pet for expression of resentment that President Eisenhower has appeared to side more with the tough line of West Germany and France than with the open-door policy of Macmillan.

The United States, through a State Department spokesman, has publicly regretted the "timidity" expressed by the British press.

The whole business tended to create the impression that Britain was approaching the point where she wanted peace at almost any price.

At that point Macmillan stepped in. He has felt that his desire to probe every possible avenue of agreement with Moscow was being misunderstood.

Britain seeks pacification by negotiation and agreement, he said, but "must never yield to pressure or follow the path of what used to be called appeasement."

Government sources let it be known that Macmillan and the Cabinet sympathized with feeling in Washington that it would be bad business, on the eve of negotiations with the Communists, to submit to Soviet pressures.

The one position on which the Western Allies seem to be truly agreed is that the U. S. S. R. will not be permitted to make unilateral changes in the status of West Berlin and the city's communications with the West.

The Soviet complaints about high-flying American planes in the corridor are believed to be something of a test of this Allied position.

The Allies and Soviets are in a period of maneuver and test. Each side has been trying to find out about the other's intentions and firmness.

In this period of test, Macmillan has joined with President Eisenhower in a new proposal designed on the surface to provide a new approach to some agreement on the banning of atomic testing. It's ultimate effect seems likely to be to force the Russians into a new rejection.

Nevertheless, Macmillan's support of the President on the two points will serve, as the Geneva conference approaches, to take some of the edge from the criticism which has been flying back and forth across the Atlantic.

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The fellowship, worth \$1,800 is good for a year's duration. Williams was selected on the basis of having made an outstanding scholastic and research record in the field of poultry husbandry.

A graduate of Mississippi

State University, the research worker is now studying here for his doctor's degree, and is doing research relating to pigmentation of broilers and color in egg yolks.

This work is tied closely to the average housewife's preference for yellow-tinged broilers and yellow color in egg yolks. Pale white broilers and light colored eggs, it seems, just don't sell as well although Williams says there is little if any nutritional difference between them and the more yellow broilers or eggs.

Williams joined the A&M staff in September, 1955, as a research assistant in the poultry science and biochemistry laboratory.

### Pre-Meds, Dents

#### Given Awards

Four awards were presented to students at the Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Society's banquet last Saturday night.

Curtis A. Boyd, commander of A Medical Company, was presented a special certificate of appreciation; Gus Alexander was presented the society's outstanding pre-dental student medal; Delma P. Posey received the outstanding pre-medical student medal; and Don W. Armstrong received a special medal from Dr. A. B. Medlen, faculty advisor to the society, as the outstanding histological zoology student.

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