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Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—The favorite hot weather pastime in governmental departments these days is trying to figure out who, if Gov. Dewey is elected President as expected, will get the top jobs and how many of the smaller fry can stick around under a Republican Administration.

Dewey's Cabinet has been selected for him by the bureaucrats on the average of six times daily and the latest dope sheet handicappers are now running Senator Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich.) for Secretary of State instead of John Foster Dulles.

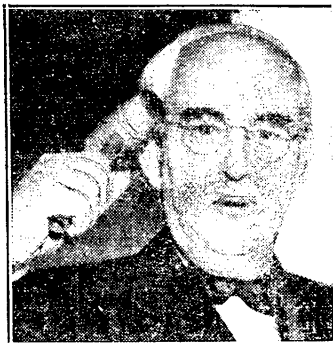
Some of the lace-handkerchief hacks over at the State Department are breezing around with this one, insisting that if the GOP maintains control of the Senate, which is by no means certain, Vandenberg, the big bipartisan man in foreign affairs, is a cinch for the job.

A Behind-the-Scenes Job for Dulles?

The rumor-hounds, by no means detracting from Dulles' brilliance, ability and knowledge of international affairs, say he is lacking in administrative experience. What the department needs, they say, is a tough, capable executive who is used to running business on a big scale.

Furthermore, the word goes, Dulles himself would prefer to become a behind-the-scenes White House consultant, continuing to mold the shape of affairs through his influence with Dewey rather than to step out in front.

Now Vandenberg hasn't had much more in the way of executive experience than Dulles, if any. But the handicappers figure that he would be an imposing figure as Secretary of State. With Dulles over



Senator Arthur Vandenberg



John Foster Dulles

at the White House in the background, and with a big name executive as Undersecretary to handle administrative affairs, the speculators think Dewey would have a fine team and one already profitably engaged in working together in the foreign field.

One big catch to this setup is that—provided the GOP keeps its Senate control—a lot of hard horse trading would have to be done up on Capitol Hill to arrange matters to suit the Republicans. For next in line to succeed Vandenberg as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee is Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin. Senators Arthur Capper of Kansas and Wallace H. White Jr. of Maine are ahead of Wiley but both are retiring from the Senate this year.

Low GOP Man on Seniority Totem Pole.

With Dewey, Dulles and Vandenberg solidly committed to an internationalist policy, there is little likelihood that they would care to see a representative from staunchly isolationist and midwestern Wisconsin running the Foreign Relations Committee.

The GOP choice for the post, after Vandenberg, was reported to be Senator Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts. But he is the low GOP man on the committee totem pole of seniority and it would take a powerful lot of cloakroom dealing to maneuver him into the job.

If the Democrats, as they fondly hope, can capture the Senate even while losing the Presidency, Tom Connally of Texas would move back in as Foreign Relations chairman and Vandenberg would be available for the State Department.

Regardless of his eventual Cabinet selections, it's a cinch that one place where Dewey will make a lot of changes is in the Government's intelligence organizations. And here again the public will hear a lot about another Dulles—this one is Allen and he is the younger brother of John Foster.

Allen, with a splendid OSS record during the war and an intelligence expert, is chairman of a three-man civilian committee which is making a detailed survey of U. S. espionage and will report to the President in January.

It is to be expected that Dewey will lean heavily on the younger Dulles in making his changes in intelligence. In past speeches the New York Governor has expressed something more than distaste for the work of U. S. spies abroad. He thinks something ought to be done so that this country won't be caught flat-footed again as in the case of the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia, and the red-hot little uprising down in Bogota, pulled off in the midst of a peace and harmony Pan American conference.

Hasn't Forgotten Value of Undercover Work.

Dewey is keenly intelligence-minded and knows well the value of top-notch undercover work from his days as District Attorney. He thinks the U. S. had an effective spy system in the last days of the war, then went a long way toward ruining it through administrative stupidity. He has refrained from blasting the Democrats on this score because, he has said, it might be hurtful to the country.

The current crop of intelligence experts here, incidentally, believes that if the Moscow conferences result in easing the pressure in Berlin a bit, the Communists are going to turn on the heat in the Orient, particularly in Burma and Malaya, where fighting already is in progress.

There isn't, as of today, any sign of peace in China for years to come, the experts report, and the entire Far East is fruitful soil for revolutions, uprisings and general hell-raising which will help the Reds keep the rest of the world off balance.

It's the old Soviet habit—push as far as you can here, let up at the last moment and pour oil on the fires in some other part of the globe.