

# Senators Curious Over State Department Shifts

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Curious senators are about to seize the opportunity of taking a new reading on President Johnson's foreign policies as a result of the shakeup in his State Department team.

There was little doubt that the nominations of Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach to be undersecretary of state, of Prof. Eugene Rostow as undersecretary for economic affairs and of Ambassador Foy D. Kohler as deputy undersecretary of state will get Senate confirmation.

But before that happens, mystified Democrats and Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee made it clear they want to know what it's all about and whether the appointments Johnson announced Wednesday portend any change in his international course.

Almost without exception, senators expressed amazement that Katzenbach would step down from a Cabinet to a sub-Cabinet level.

Speculation on his successor centered on Deputy Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, son of Supreme

Court Justice Tom C. Clark, a Texan like Johnson. But the possibility of the selection of Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall, a Negro, for the top post was not ruled out.

Attorney Leon Jaworski of Houston, Tex., a long-time friend who visited with Johnson at the White House Tuesday night, was described by one source as one of two or three under consideration for the job. He told a newsman Wednesday night "there is no way I could comment on this. Any announcement would have to come from another source."

A Minneapolis-St. Paul television station, KSTP-TV, reported Wednesday night that Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman will be named Katzenbach's successor. Freeman, former governor of Minnesota, was the Democratic-Farmer-Labor candidate for Minnesota attorney general in 1950. He was defeated.

Freeman was not available for comment Wednesday night. His wife told a newsman the KSTP-TV report was erroneous. She said Freeman was in bed with a bad cold.

Whether Katzenbach was taking the first step toward eventually succeeding Dean Rusk as secretary of state remained an intriguing question that apparently only Johnson himself could answer.

Katzenbach taught international law at both Yale and the University of Chicago and is an authority on the legal aspects of space.

Katzenbach said he looks on his new assignment as "another new and exciting experience; I think that nothing in the world is more important than trying to work for peace."