

GOP MAY CHANGE SETUP IN SENATE

Minority Members Move To Fill Gap Left By Death Of McNary

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—A reshuffle of the senate's Republican organization, with aggressive-minded "young Turks" in control, seemed in the making today as minority members moved to fill the gap left by the death of Charles L. McNary of Oregon, their leader since 1933.

Although all of the Republicans agreed that nothing official will be done until after funeral services are held in Oregon Friday for McNary, "freshmen" and "sophomores" members appeared determined to force the selection of a successor pledged to put new fight into the minority group.

Many Republican and Democratic colleagues will attend the rites for the 69 year old Oregon senator, who died yesterday in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where he went to recuperate from a brain operation here last November.

There was talk, meanwhile, among the more newly elected Republicans of casting off the restraints McNary often had imposed and of electing an official lineup which would go "all out" against the new deal.

This group, representing approximately 15 of the present 36 Republican members, had in mind a slate like this:

Senator Vandenberg of Michigan himself a "young Turk" during the late twenties for chairman of the minority conference, a position carrying with it the authority to name at least six of a proposed nine member steering committee which would determine the party's stand on controversial legislation.

Senator Taft of Ohio for floor leader, a job entailing active direction of Republican maneuvers in the Senate and in committees, carrying with it the responsibility of speaking for the party on major issues.

Senator White of Maine for assistant leader, a post to which he already has been elected.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska with having members present for important roll calls, and Senator Burton of Ohio as secretary of the conference.

Vandenberg was elected vice chairman of the conference, White designated acting leader, and Wherry and Burton named to the two other offices at a meeting last Thursday when McNary was reelected leader. The "young Turks" were in the saddle at that meeting but Vandenberg made it plain the lineup was only temporary until such time as McNary returned or it became apparent that he could not do so. McNary's death thus threw the question of the leadership wide open again.

BURIAL FRIDAY
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Charles L. McNary will be buried next Friday at Salem, the Oregon city he left in 1917 to begin a long and distinguished career in the United States Senate.

Accompanying the body on the transcontinental train trip will be the Senator's wife, daughter and sister-in-law who were at his bedside yesterday when he died unexpectedly while he seemed well on the road to recovery from a brain operation.

Mrs. McNary was prostrated by the shock. Only a week ago McNary was well enough to make a quiet automobile trip to Palm Beach, 40 miles distant from this resort where he had rested in seclusion since he left the hospital at Washington in December.

WEATHER

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Weather bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. in the principal cotton growing areas and elsewhere:

Station	High	Low	Precip.
Ashville	75	49	0.80
Atlanta	76	63	0.00
Birmingham	75	63	0.38
Boston	54	36	0.00
Chicago	62	40	0.28
Cleveland	68	45	0.24
Detroit	58	35	0.52
Galveston	60	65	0.00
Kansas City	53	40	0.00
Louisville	72	56	0.00
Memphis	69	60	1.84
Miami	76	68	0.00
Mobile	79	65	0.00
New Orleans	80	66	0.00
New York	54	33	0.09
Norfolk	49	42	1.17
Richmond	44	35	0.00
St. Louis	68	58	0.00
Savannah	84	62	0.00
Seattle	46	38	0.20
Washington	40	36	0.20
Wilmington	76	53	0.00

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G. F. HUNT, SR., PASSES AT HOME

G. F. Hunt, Sr., 61, died at his residence, 106 North 16th street, Saturday evening at 9:45 o'clock. Mr. Hunt was owner of Pender Furniture Co., and a pioneer furniture man of the city.

He was the son of the late James Me and Nora G. Hunt of Pender county. He was a member of the First Baptist church and Wilmington Masonic Lodge No. 319.

Survivors are his widow, one son, George F. Hunt, Jr., two daughters, Miss Bessie Fay Hunt and Mrs. A. E. Baggett of this city; one grandson, G. F. Hunt, 3rd, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Baptist church by the Rev. S. L. Blanton and Rev. Alexander Miller. Interment will follow in Oakdale cemetery.

ARGENTINE REGIME NAMES MINISTERS

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ace putsch which also resulted in the dropping of Presidential Secretary Enrique Gonzalez.

The general impression of the situation brought here by informed travelers is that the reshaping of the cabinet still is not concluded. From an analysis of often confused reports received in Montevideo the impression grows that the moving force behind Farrell's assumption of executive power as well as the previous cabinet crisis is the younger officer group in the Army.

Their visible leaders are said to be Col. Filomeno Velazco, who displaced Col. Emilio Ramirez as the capital police chief just before Gen. Ramirez decided he "needed a rest," and Lt. Col. Julio Lagos, an aviation officer who took charge of the post office and communications.

These younger officers were hostile to Argentina's rupture of relations with the Axis. They were antagonistic to Gilbert and Gonzalez because those two men sponsored the rupture.

The younger officers also were alarmed by last Wednesday's reports that Gen. Ramirez was planning to bring Gilbert and Gonzalez back into the government and possibly adopt a more liberal program.

COST OF LIVING CLAIMS ASSAILED

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these findings, have been fully aware of the nature of the evidence submitted, we do not believe that they would have subscribed to the report.

Unswerving, Meany and Thomas joined in a statement today challenging the bureau to submit to the nation's housewives the question of whose figures are right.

"No group of government bureaucrats has ever before had the audacity to insult American housewives by telling them that their experiences are all wrong, and that they should instead try to live on BLS statistics."

"If (the index) must be accepted for what it is—a good approximation of average price changes for essentials of family living. It is a national average, not a micrometer reading applicable to the situation of every family. When it is used for policy purposes, consideration should be given to problems peculiar to the groups involved. Families differ; localities differ; prices vary widely."

"The cost of living index must be understood if it is to be properly used. Other agencies than the BLS have the responsibility for its application to national policy."

LOAN LIBRARY
DURHAM, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Resources of the Duke Divinity school library have been made available to ministers of all denominations in the southeastern jurisdiction by the securing of funds to provide duplicate copies of books, making possible the establishment of a loan library.

FIRST OPERATION
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration is undertaking its first functional operation, it was disclosed today, by caring for European refugees in Egypt and Syria.

JEWISH APPEAL TO BE LAUNCHED

The Wilmington United Jewish Appeal for 1944 will be launched at 7:30 o'clock Monday night, March 6, at a dinner meeting in the banquet hall of the Friendly restaurant, it was announced Saturday night by Ben Kingoff, chairman.

Jacob S. Chalaf, prominent New York attorney and communal leader, will address those present.

The appeal is the nation-wide drive of American Jewry for the relief of the first victims of Hitlerism in European lands; for the rebuilding of the Jewish National Home in Palestine, and for the adjustment of loyal refugees in this country desirous of making a maximum contribution to our war effort. These programs of rescue and reconstruction are carried on respectively by the Joint Distribution committee, United Palestine appeal and National Refugee service, the three agencies represented in the unified campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

BRITAIN ACCUSED OF BOND SCHEME

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carried before John S. Downing, U. S. Commissioner at Fayetteville, and formally charged with conspiring with bond holders in unlawful negotiation of War bonds.

According to the agents, the defendant had been carrying on a wholesale negotiation of bonds, offering about \$10 for them and cashing them in on his notary public seal.

"Instructions to bond holders specifically state," agents said, "that to receive payment, the registered owner (or other person entitled to payment) must appear before an authorized officer, who will affix his seal, or dating stamp of a postmaster, or other officer of authorized issuing agent."

It was disclosed that Robert R. West, secret service agent came to Wilmington eight days ago to carry on investigation of the allegedly illegal activities, Louis D. Socey, agent in charge, of Charlotte, arrived Friday and the defendant was questioned at his home. After conference with Charles F. Rouse, assistant U. S. attorney for the eastern district of North Carolina, Britain was arrested Saturday at the shipyard.

Secret service agents stated that "this is one of the most unpatriotic things a man can do. This is one of the initial cases and the largest of this type of conspiracy on record, and we are beginning to crack down," they said.

Youth Is Arraigned For Alleged Murder Of His Best Friend

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Fifteen-year-old Frank Drury, charged with homicide in the death of his best friend, was ordered committed to Bellevue hospital for observation today after a hearing marked by emotional outburst.

"I don't want my mother here," the brown-haired boy cried when Magistrate Anna M. Kross commented that no child should be arraigned in court unless his parents were present.

"Why not?" asked the magistrate. "This is the time a person should have the parents to stand by him."

"She won't stand by me," retorted the boy.

Servicemen Are First On Tax Refund List

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—America's fighting men and women will come first when the Treasury begins ladeling out cash refunds from next month's income tax pot.

Already accorded special treatment that will result in refunds to most of those who file returns, members of the armed forces were promised today by the Internal Revenue bureau that theirs will be the first returns processed and the first checks mailed.

A bureau spokesman explained that in addition to a patriotic motive, the service returns generally would be the easiest to handle. There was no estimate of the number nor the aggregate amount of refunds.

CHURCHILL'S SON TALKS WITH TITO

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ness in Africa and I have since been in constant and agreeable correspondence with him."

Carl Churchill, who enjoys his father's fame for journalism, obtained an interview with the Kaiser Wilhelm in 1934.

He has gone with his father on many of his war time jaunts. In 1940 he attended some of the important A. I. E. conferences in France with his father, and was a the birthday dinner given for Churchill at the Tehran conference of Churchill, Premier Stalin and President Roosevelt.

He was elected to Parliament in 1940.

ELEVEN KILLED
KANSAS CITY, Kas., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Eleven persons, including three Waves, were killed today in the flaming crash of a transport training plane at the Olathe, Kas., naval air station. Five others were injured. Names of the victims were not disclosed.

The motion picture projector was invented in 1861.

Greetings—On The Cuff



When Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, left, recently toured German invasion defenses in France, young Oberleutnant Priller lost his pulse, became so flustered that he enthusiastically reaching to shake the Desert Fox's hand, he missed and grabbed Rommel's coat cuff instead, as seen in photo above. Picture obtained through neutral sources, is most recent of Rommel to reach this country.

WALKOUT CLOSES STEEL FURNACES

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 26.—(AP)—At least 20 blast furnaces and 90 open hearth furnaces in Monongahela valley mills of Carnegie-Illinois Steel corporation were idle tonight following the walkout of several hundred workers in the huge Clairton coke works of the firm, a company spokesman said.

Five mills were affected by the shutdowns, caused by lack of gas which is piped from the by-product division of the coke works for use in furnaces and rolling mills. Several thousand men were made idle by the closing of the operations, the company said.

The strike started at midnight last night when about 140 men, members of the CIO-United Steelworkers of America, refused to work because of a grievance over line promotions in the coke works. A part of the 8 a. m. shift reported, and by noon the coke works was operating at 50 per cent of capacity, but only 27 per cent of the evening shift reported.

Union officials said the walkout was unauthorized, and James Fleming, regional director of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, telegraphed Clairton local officials to urge the workers to return to their jobs.

SFORZA OPPOSES CHURCHILL PLAN

NAPLES, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Count Carlo Sforza, democratic leader who carried the torch of Italy's anti-fascists through years of exile in the United States, today expressed bitter opposition to Prime Minister Winston Churchill's thesis that King Vittorio Emanuele should remain on the throne and Marshal Pietro Badoglio retain the premiership until the Allies capture Rome.

It was understood that Sforza, who returned from exile to lead in the restoration of Italian democracy, had communicated to Churchill his conclusion that the Prime Minister's speech had caused "deepest dismay among millions of Italians."

(In London the magazine new statesman and nation assailed Churchill's decision as "neither honest politics nor sound strategy. The idea that the Allies are supposed to be fighting for certain principles and rights seems to have cynically discarded from his mind. Nothing counts save military victory.")

Durham Tobacco Union Urged Not To Strike

ATLANTA, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Paul L. Styles, disputes director for the Regional War Labor Board, today called upon union officials in the tobacco industry in Durham, N. C., to avert a threatened strike among American Tobacco Company employees there. He said the strike over the issue of a union shop is scheduled for Monday.

Styles said he had sent a telegram to C. P. Dunn, president of 183 tobacco workers international union, A. J. Stanley, president Local 204, and R. G. Powell, asking that members of the locals remain on their jobs and "submit their grievances to the proper governmental agencies for handling."

WARMERDAM GROUNDED

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Ensign Cornelius Warmerdam, only man to have cleared 15 feet in the pole vault, was grounded tonight and kept from defending his title in the 56th annual AAU indoor nationals.

Weather conditions forced the plane bringing the athletes here down at Cleveland. His bamboo poles, sent ahead by train, had a place of honor near the vaulting standards.

ENDORSE KLUTZ

NEWTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Catawba county republicans meeting here today endorsed Loomis F. Klutz of Newton as a candidate for congress from the tenth district. His name will be offered at the tenth district convention in Morganton March 4. Klutz, Newton attorney, has represented the county three times in the state house of representatives.

PARKER AND SIKES FACE TRIAL SOON

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Dr. Henry C. Parker, a dentist, and Lee Sikes, part-owner of a dental laboratory here, charged with murder in the mysterious death of big Jim Clinstock, Indian wrestler, will go on trial in superior court here Monday.

Clinstock died the night of January 22 after, witnesses said, he went berserk and "acted like Frankenstein" in the S. & S. Dental Laboratories in a downtown office building, mauling and knocking down several women.

The state, at a habes corpus hearing the day after the Clinstock death for the release of the two men, contended the wrestler was strangled to death with a

towel. Two physicians who made autopsies, however, reported Clinstock died of a heart attack.

Dr. Parker and Sikes are free under \$5,000 bond each.

The word salary comes from the Latin, salarium, the part of a Roman soldier's wages he received in salt.

REFUSE TO WORK
HIGH POINT, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Boards at five hosiery mills here have refused to work on certain styles of socks specified by the Army Quartermaster Corps until wage adjustments are made. Albert Cox, International representative of the Textile Workers of America, said today.

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