

IN WASHINGTON
WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY
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UNITED STATES SENATOR

The big drive is on in Congress for action on legislation that may have the effect of virtually reshaping national affairs. The fact that this drive is along many fronts and is without the noise of verbal "big guns" does not lessen its significance. And "behind the scenes" is much feeling as legislative generals map plans, form their lines, and prepare for the "zero hour" of voting on measures that affect all our citizens.

The situation in Congress is all the more acute because Congressional procedure is naturally affected by the acts of the legislature and judicial branches of the Government. What will be the final Government policy with regard to the sit-down strikers that may cause concern in the South?



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What changes, if any will be made in the President's court plan before it comes up in Congress for a vote? What will the Supreme Court do with regard to the Labor Relations Act, which is certain to influence action on the court plan? Not even the most optimistic member of Congress will attempt to answer these questions today. And they must be answered before the present uncertainty in Congress gives way to certainty—that is before the objective of the "big drive" is clear.

As a result, members of Congress are unable to give satisfactory answers to many questions raised by constituents. They are unable to hazard a guess as to what will be done about this or that. They find it difficult to form their own final decisions.

The reason is simple. It is because factors outside of Congress are perhaps more than ever before having a strong effect on legislation. In other words, conditions that are acute today may become less serious tomorrow and make drastic legislation unnecessary. However, they may become more serious and require swift movement in the "big drive."

Whatever else may be said, it can be stated that the President is keenly alive to the situation and his record for action clearly indicates that he will be ready to move at a moment's notice. The fact that all his plans have not been discussed does not minimize their sweeping character. It has been amply demonstrated that our people by and large have confidence in the President's recommendations and that the Congress, in the final analysis, will be in accord with his more important policies. This will be more in evidence during the weeks ahead.

Our people should not be alarmed by the evidences of the present uncertainty in the legislative branch of the Government. It is in reality a most hopeful sign. It indicates that members of Congress are studying and weighing the various proposals. It is a sign that members have the courage of their own convictions as to what is best for the country. And it is a refreshing indication that this is not a "rubber stamp" Congress.

With it all is new evidence that the day of temporary expedients to meet emergencies is over. The mere fact that the Congress is moving slowly toward final objectives is really a hopeful sign—a sign that the experience of the last decade and all the lessons

learned are not being forgotten. That in itself, should allay many fears with regard to Federal activities in the future.

BETHEL

Ronda, Route 2, April —Rev. Gus Myers of Cycle, delivered an inspiring sermon on missions at Bethel church last Sunday at the eleven o'clock service. Rev. Mr. Myers is visiting all the churches in the Brier Creek Association with a wonderful message about our Saviour. Surely he is following in the footsteps of his beloved father the late Rev. W. A. Myers, who for many years served a number of the churches in this association as well as other places he was called to do service for his Master.

There was a good congregation including many visitors. Also a good attendance at the evening service, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. J. Pardue.

The cool period makes us feel that the fruit has been killed and some small plants.

Mrs. Andrew Whitaker recently spent some time here visiting her daughter and family, Mrs. D. J. Melton, going from here to Georgia to visit her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Landon Mendenhall from near Boonville and daughter, Misses Gladys and Ruby and sons Glenn and James were among the visitors who attended the service here last Sunday and were the guests for dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Morrison and family.

Rev. Mr. Gilley had a call to New Hope church last Sunday evening.

Mr. Tommie Luffman and daughter Glenda Mae of Jonesville, were here for service Sunday and visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Gilliam.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Triplett had as their guest last Sunday, Mrs. Triplett's sister, Mrs. J. A. Vanhoy, her son, Charles, daughters, Misses Sarah and Mable and a Mr. Higgins all from Winston-Salem. Mrs. Vanhoy, nee Miss Lilla Gilliam was happy to come in time for service at her old home church and to greet many friends and relatives. We were delighted also to have Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gilliam and little son, Charlie, of Jonesville and Mr. and Mrs. Seaman Dobbins of Elkin, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stroud.

Mrs. Lincoln Triplett's mother is here at her home spending some time.

Little Mildred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danah Cook, was absent from school a few days last week on account of being ill.

Mrs. Elza St. John, who has been suffering severely with a heart trouble is at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem taking treatment. We trust Mrs. St. John can soon come back to her home.

The cold day last Friday was a little unpleasant for the Juniors and Seniors of Ronda High School who went to Roaring Gap for a picnic. Misses Pauline Pardue, Sadie Mathis and Eleanor Melton and Fred Melton were the ones going from this place. The latter two being members of the senior class there this spring.

Miss Lucille Mauldin of Arlington was the guest the past week-end of Miss Louise Morrison. Lucille was a faithful attendant at church and a teacher of the junior class at Sunday School and she has a host of friends here who are always delighted with her visit.

Little Gladys Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin P. Green has been suffering with a burn she received about two weeks ago, when she fell into the fire in an open fire place while playing.

Mrs. N. E. Burchett has about recovered from a cold she has been suffering with for the past two weeks. Mrs. Burchett seems so glad to keep well and strong enough to nurse her husband who has been an invalid for three years or more.

"Aunt" Mollie Ann Osborne is confined to her bed with illness, we are sorry to note. She lives alone and her only help is from her neighbors.

Mr. J. F. Mathis has some carpenters at work building a new dwelling house, near the place where his home was burned about three weeks ago.

Miss Florence Pardue and little sister, Kate, from the Eules Creek community spent last week-end here visiting in the home of their uncle, Mr. G. F. Pardue.

We are sorry to learn of the very serious illness of Mrs. Bill Hart, formerly Miss Grace Hendrix of near here.

Mrs. W. A. Pardue visited her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Woodruff near Boonville last week. Mrs. Woodruff remains ill, we regret to learn.

Mrs. J. F. Mathis and family were accompanied to church last Sunday by her mother, Mrs. W. M. Weatherman, who is spending this week visiting her.

Mr. D. J. Melton, church clerk, at the evening service Sunday read a list of names and gave the amount which each one had so generously donated towards put-

ing the new metal roof on the church here. Several members, former members of this church seem glad to help and the friends all to whom we feel very grateful.

Mrs. D. S. Gilliam and Mrs. W. E. Jones visited relatives in the Maple Spring community Monday afternoon.

RUSK

The residence being erected on the John Whitaker place by Mr. Sol Hill is nearing completion. Mr. Hill and family expect to move into their new home this week.

Master Dan Davis, Misses Georgia and Daisy Nichols of White Plains were here Saturday.

Mr. Paul Jenkins returned Monday from a business trip to New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burch of Bristol, Tenn., spent the week-end with the former's grandmother, Mrs. Lillie Burch.

Miss Mattie Ruth Wilmoth of Winston-Salem is visiting home folks.

Miss Elizabeth Allred of White Plains was here a short while Sunday.

Mrs. Ila D. Burch spent several days in White Plains last week with her sister, Mrs. George Nichols. Friends of Mrs. Nichols here and elsewhere will be glad to know she is convalescing rapidly from a recent illness. Miss Edna Jenkins and guest,

Little Miss Bessie Ruth Jenkins of Winston-Salem spent the week-end at State Road with H. C. Jenkins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Inman of Mt. Airy were recent visitors here. Shorty Bryant of the state of Delaware, is making an extended visit to his grandfather, Mr. F. T. Snow and other relatives in the Zephyr section.

V. H. Jenkins of Winston-Salem was among the Sunday visitors here.

Mr. Jim White of Thomasville spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. White.

Mrs. Lula Woltz, third grade teacher in the Little Richmond consolidated school here was absent from school several days last week on account of a severe cold.

Mrs. W. V. Burch, Mr. and Mrs. U. V. Burch visited Mr. W. W. Woodruff and family at Boonville, the first of the week.

Fooled Ya

A young lady, finding herself stranded in a small town, asked an old man at the station where she might spend the night.

"There ain't no hotel here," he said, "but you can sleep with the station agent."

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