

Washington, Aug. 2. (AS)—The first session of the 76th Congress draws to its close with no patching up of the rift in the Democratic party.

Because of this rift, the President has lost major engagements in the struggle between himself and the Legislative branch.

Perhaps the most important act of Congress, in the last fortnight of the session, was the passage of a bill introduced by Senator Carl A. Hatch, of New Mexico, to prevent federal workers, including WPA workers and others on relief, to take part in party politics. After it had been amended on the floor of the House and the Senate had concurred in its amendments and sent the bill to the White House for the President's signature, it made it illegal for any official or employee of the Government to take any part whatever in party politics, under penalty of a \$1,000 fine. Only the President, the Vice-President, Senators, Members of Congress, and officials whose positions make them responsible for formulating national and international policies—otherwise, the Cabinet—are exempt from the operation of this new law.

The net effect, if the Hatch Act is enforced, will be to keep all Federal office-holders from taking part in next Spring's primaries to choose delegates to the Presidential nominating conventions of either party, or from being delegates themselves to any party convention. That is calculated to destroy the ancient system whereby Presidents in office are renominated by conventions largely composed of office-holders.

Eighty-three Democrats joined the solid Republican block in the House to carry the Hatch bill by a vote of 242 to 133.

Passed 242 to 133

After the final passage of the Hatch bill by the Senate, forty or fifty Southern Democratic Senators crowded to the Vice President's rostrum to congratulate him and Senator Hatch, the author of the bill. Vice-President Garner beamed his appreciation; for the new law gives him a greatly improved chance of getting delegates elected who will stand for him for the Presidential nomination.

The Garner Presidential boom is now fairly launched.

The second major piece of legislation in the closing weeks of the session was the adoption by the House of a resolution proposed by Representative Cox, of Georgia, for the appointment of a special Congressional committee to sit during the recess and investigate the administration of the Wagner Labor Relations Act. Here, again, 104 Democrats, mostly from the South, voted with the Republicans to carry the resolution by a vote of 254 to 134.

The ground for this investigation is the charge, frequently made not only by employers but by the American Federation of Labor, that the Labor Relations Board has refused employers a hearing in labor disputes, and has discriminated against the A. F. of L. and other labor unions in favor of the C. I. O.

Simultaneously with this action by the House, the Senate passed the Logan bill providing for the judicial review by the courts of all administrative rules, decisions and orders made by any branch or instrumentality of the Executive arm of Government. This is aimed not only at the Labor Relations Board but at all other agencies.

Conference Fails

The most severe blow to the President's aims was the failure of his conference with Senatorial leaders of both parties in a last desperate effort to win support for the changes in the Neutrality laws which Secretary Hull formulated and the President urged on Congress.

The Senatorial leaders of both parties, the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Foreign Affairs committee and the Vice-President himself, sat with the President and the Secretary of State for three hours while Mr. Roosevelt told them, and Mr. Hull confirmed, the reports from American Ambassadors in Europe about the danger in the international situation.

The Senatorial conferees were adamant in their refusal to accept the President's point of view. Senator Borah went so far as to say that he could not accept the Administration's statements of the gravity of the situation, for he had contrary information from sources he considered equally trustworthy.

The Vice-President asked each Senator present whether there was any chance of getting the (turn to page five, please).

The Roosevelt lending bill was killed

—Tuesday in a swift, unexpected debacle in the House of Representatives in Washington, D. C. The

president struck back with a declaration that the action was a blow to industry, the unemployed and the taxpayers.

With a jubilant coalition of Republicans and Democrats in command, the chamber refused, by a vote of 193 to 166, to take the \$1,950,000,000 measure up for debate. This action followed Senate passage Monday of a much-reduced \$1,615,000,000 version of the same program.

After witnessing the dramatic display of insurgency Tuesday, Representative Rayburn, of Texas, the administration leader, indicated that the other major money bill on the administration program—the \$800,010,000 housing bill—was as good as dead.

While battle-weary legislators prepared to adjourn Congress by Saturday night, President Roosevelt received reporters at his press conference. In a calm tone he said that while he was not criticizing the legislators for something they had a perfect right to do, those who would be adversely affected had a right to know where the responsibility lay and the names of those who voted against House consideration of the measure.

A large number of industries would not have their production increased as planned, he said, and a large number of relief clients who would have got jobs would have to remain on relief. This, he said, would cost the taxpayers a good many hundred millions of dollars.

Mr. Roosevelt had asked \$3,060,000,000 for loans which he said would aid industry and employment. Administration men said the project would be self-liquidating and would not increase the national debt. Critics disputed this and called the plan dangerous to the federal finances, and an undesirable grant of tremendous power to the Executive.

Rearmed Germany boasted Tuesday night of power

—and advantages that she said would be on her side in another war, and backed her boast with 2,000,000 men under arms who yesterday (Wednesday) celebrated the 25th anniversary of the outbreak of the World War.

In a front-page splash comparing Germany's striking power now with what it was in 1914, Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels' newspaper, Der Angriff, said that Nazi Germany wants peace but is ready to fight and win unless it is a peace "that guarantees us security in existence and our living peace."

The article was written by Kurt Kraenzlein, editor-in-chief of Der Angriff, which carried the headline:

In asserting that the advantages of another war would be on Germany's side, the newspaper cited three claims:

1. That the western anti-aggression powers would suffer strategic disadvantages in that they would be compelled to fight on two fronts—the North Sea and the Mediterranean—and possibly in the Far East because of Germany's alliances.

2. That Soviet Russia is "in the position of a man who has just had a stroke and fears a new outbreak if he acts energetically."

3. That colonial problems have been complicated by the addition of continental problems.

A DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD

—at the Sparta Methodist Church next week, beginning at nine o'clock Monday morning, August 7. Children up to the age of 15 years are invited to attend, regardless of denominational affiliation.

Baxter Anderson, of Wilkes County, accidentally killed

—himself Tuesday morning near the lower Yaddin River bridge, at North Wilkesboro, when he accidentally discharged a .22-calibre rifle bullet into his forehead. Anderson, who was 17 years of age, died almost instantly.

A jury, empanelled by Coroner I. M. Myers, ruled that the youth came to his death accidentally at his own hands.

Anderson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, was with Roscoe Porter, 16-year-old playmate, when the shot was fired.

Porter told the coroner's jury that each had a rifle and had been roaming over the woods across the river for some time and were on their way home when Anderson was killed. Porter said that they had been "acting a fool" with the guns, poking them at each other and "having a good time" along the way. Funeral services will be held sometime today (Thursday).

The Doughton family held its annual reunion

—on Sunday, July 30, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Doughton, Sparta, Ex-Lieutenant Governor R. A.

Doughton, Sparta, who was master of ceremonies, introduced the speakers: V. D. Guire, Lenoir; Judge J. C. Padgett, Independence, Va.; Rev. L. F. Strader, pastor of the Sparta Methodist Church; Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the Sparta Baptist Church, and Dr. B. C. Waddell, Grassy Creek. Miss Mattie Doughton, Greensboro, gave a history of the Jones family, and Hort Doughton read a letter from his father, Congressman Robert L. Doughton.

The invocation was offered by Dr. H. K. Boyer.

A forty-foot table, placed under the trees on the lawn and laden with good things to eat, was one of the main features of the occasion.

A large number of relatives and friends were present. Among those from a distance were: Mrs. W. A. Fender, Mrs. George Britt, Walter Fender, Mrs. R. L. Doughton and Miss Reba Doughton, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. B. O. Edwards and son, Bobby, of Asheville; Miss Martha Doughton and Joe Doughton, Greensboro; J. K. Doughton, Baltimore; Dr. and Mrs. Bob Miller, Gastonia; Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller, Lenoir; Mrs. Josie Fields, Mrs. Hoke Fields, Carol Fields, Mrs. Josie Greene and Calvin Greene, Mouth of Wilson, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Black and Miss Ruth Black, Piney Creek; Dr. B. C. Waddell, Grassy Creek; Mrs. Jones Waddell and Mrs. Foster Hackler, Scottville; Judge and Mrs. J. C. Padgett, Independence, Va.; Dr. and Mrs. H. K. Boyer, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ayers and Bobby Ayers, Roanoke, Va.; V. D. Guire, Lenoir; Miss Lorraine Reeves, High Point; Robert Strickler, Asheville; Dr. Charles Glenn, Gastonia; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers and daughters, Rita and Angelina, of North Wilkesboro, and Mrs. E. Miller and family, W. F. Doughton, Laurel Springs.

MEMBERS OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE ENJOYED

—a party on the lawn of the Methodist Church Friday night, July 28.

Games were played and contests were held, after which watermelon was served to approximately 30 persons.

PATONS OF SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE

—in the Turkey Knob section will hold a meeting at Turkey Knob on Monday night, August 7, at eight o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE IS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY

—August 6, at 11:00 a. m., at Glade Valley Presbyterian Church. The memorial sermon is to be preached by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Berry.

REV. L. F. STRADER WILL DELIVER A SERMON SUNDAY

—morning, August 6, at eleven o'clock, in the Sparta Methodist Church, of which he is pastor.

Hold Second Annual Twin Party in Maine



LAKESIDE, Maine . . . Madeline and Bridget Gaudin, 20, of Mexico, Maine, with twin lambs presented to them by the Department of Agriculture after they were judged the healthiest twins by members of the theatrical colony during the second annual twin party held here recently.

National And World NEWS At A Glance

SET ENDURANCE RECORD
Springfield, Ill., Aug. 1.—The flying Moody brothers established a new light plane endurance record tonight—and kept on going.

At 6:43 p. m. (CST) Hunter Moody, 25, and Humphrey, 20, completed 219 hours and 43 minutes of continuous flying. The previous record of 218 hours and 43 minutes was set last year by Clyde Schleiper and Thomas H. and Harley Long of Long Beach, Calif.

DANZIG TENSION MOUNTS

Free City of Danzig, Aug. 1.—Political tension in Danzig, taut since Adolf Hitler tagged the Free City for return to Germany, reached a high pitch tonight as Danzig Nazis charged Poland had opened a trade war and demanded that Warsaw keep its "spies" at home.

Germans declared that Poland's refusal to continue imports of margarine and herring, important Danzig products, was a "general attack on Danzig's vital economic necessities."

SLAYER SURRENDERS

Lexington, Ky., July 31.—Tall, hollow-cheeked 70-year-old Charles Allen, wealthy retired farmer, surrendered today, ending a 30-hour manhunt by possemen following the shooting to death of Cynthia Police Chief George Dickey and wounding of eight others Saturday night at Allen's barn.

DIVORCE MEASURE PASSED

Washington, July 31.—Communications soliciting Americans to obtain divorces in Mexico or other foreign countries would be barred from the mails under a bill passed by the house today and dispatched to the White House.

IRISH IN SECRET DRILL

London, July 30.—While the exodus of Irishmen from England continued a flying squad of policemen in Belfast Republican army band secretly drilled on a nearby mountain today.

The leader of the band, an Irish Republican who had been sought for several months, was arrested.

CCC BOYS FATALLY BURNED

Ogden, Utah, July 29.—Trapped or, surrendered today ending a conservation corps enrollees died and a fifth was missing in brush tonight as forest and brush fires menaced vast sections of western timber land.

The area, extending over several states, was tinder dry from weeks of drought and searing heat.

Lightning, flashing from rainless thunderheads, killed one man in Oregon and added to the fire hazard.

A MUSIC COURSE WILL BE TAUGHT AT THE SPARTA

—Methodist Church, beginning Sunday night, August 6, at 7:45 o'clock, and continuing through Friday night, August 11.

R. W. McCulley, of Duke University, Durham, will teach the course, and everyone is invited to attend.

C. S. Long, of Newport, was given the title

—of "Master Teacher" of Vocational Agriculture for North Carolina in 1938-39 Tuesday night at a night

session of the 36th annual farm-home week at North Carolina State College, Raleigh. Mr. Long, who is Agriculture teacher in Newport High School, in Carteret County, was introduced by Roy H. Thomas, state supervisor of agricultural education, and was given a prize of \$75.00. The new "Master Teacher" graduated from State College in 1930.

Earlier Tuesday, a poultry advisory council for the state was organized with K. F. Howard, of Dunn, as president. Other officers named were L. H. McKay, of Hendersonville, vice president, and Professor Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the State College Poultry Department, secretary.

Committees were named to investigate the amount of poultry products being shipped into North Carolina, to study ways of developing home trade, and to appeal to the state for better materials with which to give chicks blood tests.

Group conferences were held on rural home-making, forestry, horticulture, and farm poultry.

At the morning session, Dr. E. V. McCollum, food chemist at Johns-Hopkins University, urged the delegates to raise their own food supply and improve the diets of their families.

"Eat what you want after you eat what you should," he advised.

One hundred young would-be lawyers gathered

—in Raleigh puzzled Tuesday over questions of law in the halls of the Senate and House, while down-

stairs in the Capitol, their Government reckoned that times hadn't changed much in 40 years.

"They still ask 67 questions," Governor Hoey commented with a laugh.

That was the number of tricky legal problems asked the 60, including Clyde Roark Hoey, who in 1899 applied for licenses to practice law. The future Governor had already served a term in the state house of representatives.

And that was the number of questions yesterday's batch of applicants were to answer, to the satisfaction of the state board of law examiners, before they can hang out their shingles in North Carolina.

However, the Governor said, despite the similarity in the number of questions, there have been changes in the way examinations are given.

CUSHION SEATS ARE TO BE INSTALLED IN THE SPARTAN

—Theatre here in the very near future, for the added comfort and convenience of the local movie house's patrons. Also, the seats will be spaced wider,

A series of revival services at Rocky Ridge

—Presbyterian Church were conducted last week by Rev. O. V. Caudill, pastor of the Elkin Presbyterian Church, and Rev. R. L. Berry, pastor of the Sparta and Glade Valley churches.

Several new members were received into the church.

The Rev. Mr. Caudill and the Rev. Mr. Berry were assisted by the Rev. Mr. Caudill's daughter, Miss Helen Caudill, Elkin, and Miss Velma Pugh, in conducting a Bible School.

James Osborne, of Independence, was found dead

—between twelve and one o'clock Monday, July 31, by his mother, Mrs. Lula Osborne. The body was found

near the old Joe Bryant home, about four miles north of Independence. Death was due to a gunshot wound in the head.

Undertakers said the back of the youth's head was shot off and that a 12-gauge single-barrel shotgun was hung on a large splinter on a plank fence above the body.

Dr. Z. G. Phipps, Galax, Grayson County Coroner, said that young Osborne's death was a case of suicide.

Gwynn Cole, an uncle of the youth, said the gun belonged to him, and that young Osborne borrowed it about nine o'clock Monday morning, saying he wanted to hunt groundhogs.

The uncle quoted the boy's grandmother as saying that he had asked to go to Independence with his mother Monday morning, and upon being told that he could not, remarked that he would be there when she returned. Mrs. Osborne found the body upon her return from Independence.

Funeral details have not been learned.

Young Osborne was 16 years of age at the time of his death, according to information received here.

Fliers had to contend with snow Tuesday

—six miles up, over Kansas and Pittsburgh. Four army fliers, racing along six miles above the earth, shivered in a temperature 13 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit, while earth-bound folk sweated in the middle 80's on the first day of August.

"We had on heavy coats, but it was still plenty cold," said Captain Leonard F. Harman, co-pilot of the army's new 22-ton (Boeing-39) "flying fortress," which landed at Floyd Bennett Field here after spanning the continent nonstop from Burbank, Calif., in nine hours, 14 minutes, 30 seconds.

"We were sitting up there in the stratosphere, at about 33,000 feet over Western Kansas and Pittsburgh, and the snowstorms were pretty fierce."

Dr. James H. Kimball, principal federal meteorologist here, explained why snow storms in the stratosphere never reach the earth in the summer.

"The lower air is so hot and dry that the moisture is absorbed immediately. It would take huge quantities to last long enough to reach the ground," he said.

The giant, four-motored craft, powered with 1,000-horsepower Wright cyclone engines and carrying 2,500 gallons of gasoline, had an average speed of 225 miles an hour and was less than two hours behind the west-east mark of seven hours, 28 minutes set by Howard Hughes in January, 1937.

MEMORIAL SERVICES ARE TO BE HELD AT MT. ZION

—Church on Sunday, August 6, and everyone is invited to attend and take flowers.

The cemetery is to be cleaned today (Thursday) and all who are interested in the care and upkeep of this cemetery are urged to be present, if possible, and if not, then some time before Sunday.

All-day services are to be held,

Alleghany County University of North Carolina

—alumni may have an opportunity to join an Alleghany - Ashe - Avery - Watauga Alumni Club in the

near future. A committee to discuss the proposed organization of such a club is to hold a meeting tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, at five o'clock, at the Daniel Boone Hotel, in Boone. The committee is comprised of Robert M. Gambill, Sparta; Ira T. Johnston, Jefferson, and Dr. D. J. Whitener, Boone. J. Maryon Saunders, executive secretary and editor of the Alumni Review, Chapel Hill, will also attend the meeting in Boone.

A banquet for the alumni from the four counties will be held tomorrow (Friday) night, at eight o'clock, at the Daniel Boone Hotel, in Boone. Former Lieutenant-Governor R. A. Doughton, a trustee of the University, will preside. The guest speaker will be Dr. A. R. Newsome, head of the University of North Carolina History Department and president of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association.

Each alumnus of the University is urged to attend this banquet and to take with him his wife or sweetheart.

Following is a list of the Alleghany alumni: Tam Joiner, Leonard K. Halsey, James Sturgill, George McKinley Vanhoy, T. R. Burgess, Robert Martin Carico, John Morgan Cheek, Dr. B. O. Choate, Hugh Choate, Nolen David Cox, R. F. Crouse, James E. Doughton, J. H. Doughton, R. A. Doughton, Edwin Duncan, Guy R. Duncan, Robert M. Gambill, Cam Landreth, Sidney Gambill, W. B. Halsey, Ernest Honaker and Herbert Estep.

Parents who wish to have their children's tonsils

—removed, but who are unable to pay, may have their children registered at the Health Department office in

Sparta on Tuesday, August 8. This will be the last registration day for the tonsil clinic at the Children's Hospital at Roaring Gap. Children who are not registered cannot have their tonsils removed at the clinic.

Dr. Robert R. King, Health Officer, will have charge of the registration. Each child will receive a medical examination free. Sixty children have already registered for the clinic, which will be held in September, at the Children's Hospital.

Dr. Fielden Combs, well-known throat specialist, of Winston-Salem, will be the surgeon at the clinic. Dr. LeRoy Butler, pediatrician, is the medical director.

Mexico is seeking a basis for settlement

—of its expropriation controversy with American oil companies, and in doing so, will offer the firms minority control in a government corporation which would manage operations of the disputed properties, it was reported reliably Tuesday night in Washington, D. C.

The proposal, which reportedly would provide re-employment of many American technicians on the properties, was drafted in Mexico City and will be presented, probably today (Thursday), to Donald R. Richberg, counsel for the oil firms, by Mexican Ambassador Francisco Castillo Najera, it was said.

A SERMON WILL BE DELIVERED SUNDAY

—night, August 6, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Sparta Baptist Church, by the pastor, Rev. Howard J. Ford.

ELDER C. R. DANCY WILL PREACH AT LLOYD DELP'S

—home on Sunday night, August 13, at eight o'clock, and at Piney Creek on Monday morning, August 14, at ten o'clock.