

The eightieth Congress of the United States will meet tomorrow. All indications are it will definitely not be the kind of cut and ~~is~~ dried meeting tradition calls for. ~~For~~ ^{For} the Senate ~~is~~ ~~is~~ is apt to explode tomorrow, all over a little man, ~~Senator Theodore G~~ Bilbo of Mississippi.

Incoming Republican Senators decided definitely today not to seat Bilbo, ~~if possible~~ ^{and} to ask him to stand aside and postpone being sworn in until the entire membership of the Senate has had a chance to examine the charges against the ~~man~~ ^{Senator elect} from Mississippi, and decide whether he has a right to take the oath of office.

That was ~~the top~~ ^{the top} ~~the big~~ political news from Washington today; and for a time, it had the Democrats in a quandry. What should they do about a member of their party ~~was~~ under fire from the Republican opposition, even if that member

happened to be Bilbo of Mississippi?

Well, late this afternoon, the Democrats with Senator ~~Bilbo~~ Barkley, as spokesman, offered a compromise, suggesting a twelve day armistice in the Bilbo fight ^{— — —} put off the settlement of ~~the~~ [^] issue for that long, at least.

The Republicans received the ~~offer~~ offer skeptically and then refused it.

And then the question was, what would Bilbo do? ~~and~~ For a time today, he kept silent -- *quite a* ~~strange~~ phenomenon. ~~indeed~~ But tonight, we have Bilbo's answer.

"When my name is called," says he, "I shall insist on taking the oath. My direction is from the people of Mississippi who are entitled by the constitution to choose their senatorial representatives."

Then Bilbo went on to say that while he probably could not get the unanimous consent of the

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Senate to defend himself against the Republican ~~man~~ challenge, he did have friends who would speak for him, and he warned that under the rules of the Senate, ^{that body} ~~it~~ must stop all other business until a senatorial challenge is determined. That could mean, of course, even postponing the President's address to the new Congress until the Bilbo affair is disposed of.

Bilbo also denies reports that he is investigating extra-~~curricular~~ curricular activities of other senators, saying "they threw ~~me~~ Daniel into the lions den, he didn't walk in".

The Senator from Mississippi, whose career may or may not soon come to an ignominious ~~end~~ close, spent most of the day attending Democratic meetings, trying to garner support for himself. It is reported he will head the "keep Bilbo" delegation that will meet at ten o'clock tomorrow morning, two hours before the gavel falls for the eightieth Congress. Members of that "keep Bilbo" organization

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are drawn strictly from the Democratic ~~side.~~ ^{side.}

~~Chief~~ Chief among them are Senators Tom Connally

of Texas and Barkley of Kentucky. ~~They~~ Both

decline to ~~give~~ give out any hints of possible

Democratic action, but ^{they} say they would hate to see

such a question determined on a partisan basis.

BILBO

We shan't have to wait long for excitement when the eightieth Congress opens tomorrow. As the new senators take their oath of office, the second man on the list, ^{as you} ~~will~~ [^] ~~all know by now,~~ will be Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi. And then the fireworks will start. The Republican policy committee decided definitely today to open the battle by asking Bilbo to stand ^{aside, and} ~~up~~ postpone being sworn in, until the entire membership of the Senate has had a chance to examine the charges against ^{him,} ~~Bilbo,~~ and discuss whether he has a right to take the oath.

So, everybody ^{is asking!} ~~wants to know~~ "what will Bilbo do?" ^{to that} ~~And~~ answer came today from his attorney, Forest Jackson, who asked whether anybody had ever seen Bilbo back down or keep quiet on any matter concerning his political life. Bilbo himself, for once, said nothing, ^{Today.} ~~an event which falls into the obvious category of news.~~ He took part in the conference held by the Senators.

And after that was
Democrats, which ~~lasted a long while.~~ After it was
over it leaked out that Senator Ellender of Louisiana,
chairman of the Senate campaign investigating committee,
said the evidence he had heard did not warrant the
conclusion that Bilbo had been guilty of fraud. Ellender
offered a resolution that his colleagues cooperate to let
Bilbo take his seat for the time being, without prejudice
to any later decision by the full senate. *However* the Democratic
Senatorial conference did nothing about that resolution, because *Sen.*
Ellender subsequently withdrew it.

Reporters asked Senator Alben Barkley what we might
expect the Democrats to do? *Barkley* he declined to give out any
hints, but he did say that he'd hate to see such a question
determined on a partisan basis.

This Bilbo business alone makes the opening of the
eightieth Congress one of the most colorful in the annals
of the senate of the United States. Opening sessions
usually are cut and dried affairs, and there's no record
that any of them ~~have ever~~ *ever having* been enlivened by such a *show as*
this.

~~senators~~ ^P The Republican senators, apparently, to a man,

want Bilbo out. Their principal spokesmen in this move

are Bridges of New Hampshire and Higgenlooper of Iowa, who

^{have drawn}
~~they drew~~

up an indictment charging that the campaign

conduct of the man from Mississippi was, as they put it,

"harmful to the dignity and honor of the Senate and

dangerous to the perpetuity of free government." ~~They~~

~~declare~~ ^P that he had violated section one of the Hatch

act, which prohibits intimidating voters ^{with} a thousand

dollar fine, a year ⁱⁿ imprisonment ^{or} both, if convicted.

^P ~~They~~ ^{further accuse Bilbo}
~~accuse him~~ of having violated section twenty

of the criminal code, which deals with depriving any

citizens of their constitutional rights by reason of

race or color. ^{Which} ~~that~~ also is punishable by a thousand

dollar fine or a year's imprisonment or both. ^P He has also,

they said, infringed section nineteen of the criminal

code, which deals with conspiracy to intimidate any

citizen in the free exercise of any of his constitutional

rights or privileges. ^{And} ~~for~~ that the punishment is ^a five

thousands dollars ~~by~~ fine or ten years ⁱⁿ imprisonment,
with forfeiture of any right to public office.

Taft today that
Senator ~~W.C. Clegg~~ told reporters, the Republicans
~~will~~ ask Bilbo to stand aside until after the Congress
has heard President Truman's preliminary report on "the
state of the Union," and, until after the Senate has been
organized, ^{with Senator} ~~and installed~~ Vandenberg of Michigan installed as
president pro tem.

There is of course, a chance that if the
Democrats decide to go all out for Bilbo, there may be a
~~short~~ filibuster. ^{Sen.} But Taft does not believe this will

And there are some
happen. ~~There are also~~ Democratic senators who ^{are far} ~~consider~~
from enthusiastic about
the Mississippi senator-elect, ~~so considerably less than~~
~~an ornament.~~

ELECTIONS

Another House committee has been investigating elections and says that the Hatch act must either be enforced or repealed. The committee called the attention of the Department of Justice to violations of the law by no fewer than sixty ^{CIO} ~~SSA~~ unions, eleven corporations, and the communist party. ^{IP} CIO unions contributed fifty thousand dollars to the greater New York Pac last November, also to the New York county American Labor Party. Both of these are said to be largely responsible for the reelection of the much discussed Vito Marcantonio of New York city. The committee also says that the PAC should be required to maintain at its national headquarters a record of all the activities of its state and regional branches.

Congress follow Bilbo--e

of the gavel in both houses, with no surprises in the leadership: Senator Vandenberg, president of the senate; Senator Wallace White of Maine, the Republican leader; Senator Alben Barkley, Democratic leader; Representative Joe Martin of Massachusetts, to be speaker, Charlie Halleck, Indiana, Republican leader after his chief opponents Jenkins of Ohio and Dirksen of Illinois withdrew from the running. ^{Congressman} And, In spite of Sam Rayburn's reluctance ~~maintain~~ to become minority leader in the House, he has the job. Congressman McCormack of Massachusetts, the former Democratic leader, put his name in nomination today, and the caucus elected Rayburn unanimously. As Rayburn told the newspapermen, "I didn't want it, but I suppose I ^{will} have to be a good soldier and go ahead and do it."

SURPLUS

TP Just about the ^{ever} most blistering swan song delivered by any
^{comes today from}
outgoing Congressional committee ~~is that of~~ a group of
^{Congressmen who have been}
~~representatives~~ investigating the disposal of ^{war} surplus
property. They say ^{this has been} ~~the way it is being done~~ a complete
failure. ~~It is~~ honeycombed with bungling, graft, favoritism,
^{This outgoing}
if not downright corruption. ~~The~~ committee begs the next
Congress to extend the investigation and to end nearly
all priorities for buyers, including those granted to
veterans.

The report declares that veterans have taken
advantage of their privileges by becoming false fronts
for other buyers. What is more, the unrra obtained
surplus property by wholly unwarranted means. For

^{For} property that cost more than twelve and a half
billion dollars, Uncle Sam received no more than two -
^{and}
billion, two-hundred millions. ^A Much of this fell into
the hands of speculators who acquired it by using

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veterans in the way indicated. Furthermore, the speculators have set up phoney, non-profit institutions so as to get hold of surplus property at the expense of the taxpayers.

Further that
Regional offices of the administration have been in a state of complete disorganization. The congressmen say that the administrator,

General Littlejohn, deserves credit for his efforts. That the

faults lie at the door of his predecessors, and to the shifting of responsibility. Also that the program for the sale of

real estate is a complete failure. The electronics program has been too costly, ~~costly~~ ^{in fact} outrageous, ~~costly~~ ^{in fact} inexcusable if not fraudulent bungling! What is more, sloppy business

methods have caused the public to have a complete lack of confidence in the WAA. And that's pretty strong.

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Atomic

Uncle Sam's warships have not become obsolete by reason of the atomic bomb. The U/S/A. needs a navy, plus all the necessaries that go with it, including naval bases. Such is the tenor of a report by the outgoing committee of naval affairs of the House, the swan song of the ^tcommittee.

It would be a crime, intimates the report, to let our newly acquired bases in the Pacific run down. It is essential that Uncle Sam keep control, at least a dominating control, over the Marshall, the Carolines, the Marianas, Japan's once mandated island^s, as well as Iwo Jima, the Bonins, and the Ryukyus ~~the Izu, Bonin and Ryuky groups~~ which the Japs used to own outright.

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This report is an aftermath of operation Crossroads, the atomic bomb tests at Bikini. Those experiments, ~~as~~ ^{says} ~~decides~~ the committee, [^] prove that the atomic bomb is much less effective against naval service fleets than against land installations. After mature consideration,

once the preliminary excitement was over, the committee members could not resist the conclusion that the principal damage which the bombs caused on ships was to the light work of the superstructure, such as sheet metal, stacks, masts, etcetera. (I wonder if you saw the films of the Independence and others. That wasn't superstructure damage! But says that naval committee, the bombs did not seem to affect either ~~heavy~~ ^{heavy} armor or Navy guns, or the main superstructure.

Well, I hope they are not fooling us. There is one thing we don't want to be fooled about -- the power of the atomic bomb. And the scientists who made the bombs used at Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and Bikini tell us those bombs are small compared to what they can make.

I for one am not going to ~~swallow~~ swallow this report of these Congressmen *too hurriedly.*

Palestine--1

The rebellion in Palestine reached a new climax today when the Jewish underground delivered a bombing attack on the headquarters of the British army at Tel Aviv. That wasn't all. They also bombed an army car park at Tiberius, as well as targets in Jerusalem and Haifa. One group, carrying sub-machine guns, overpowered the ^{guards} ~~men~~ at the car park at Tel Aviv and blew up many automobiles with hand grenades.)

Cafes, restaurants and shops in the center of Tel Aviv put up their shutters, and ~~the~~ the police threw a cordon around one section of the city, making a house-to-house search.

The group that attacked the ~~big~~ park ~~area~~ for military cars at Tiberius, ~~in northern Palestine~~ used flame throwers. But they were repulsed. ^{also -} Loud explosions were heard near a big oil refinery at Haifa, ~~as well as in northern Tel Aviv.~~

~~All these attacks were pulled off simultaneously,~~
~~just a few hours after Sir Alan~~ →

Tonight, we have some of the intimate details of the last days of the Austrian Republic, the story of what happened to Kurt ~~von~~ Schuschnigg, the chancellor, whom Hitler first bullied, then deposed and tortured. Schuschnigg's own account of that tragic chapter in history was released today in his memoirs, called "Austrian Requiem," published by Putnam.

Schuschnigg tells about that February Twelfth in nineteen-thirty-eight, when he and his foreign Minister, Guido Schmidt, were summoned to Berchtesgaden. At one point in the interview, Schuschnigg, trying a little appeasement said to Hitler: "this room, with its wonderful view, has doubtless been the scene of many a decisive conference."

To which Hitler replied: "Yes, in this room my thoughts ripen. But," he added, "we did not come here to speak of the fine view and the weather."

He demanded instant obedience. He had, he said, an historic mission which he would fulfil because providence had destined him to do so. Then he used the words:

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"Who is not with me will be crushed. I have made the greatest achievement in the history of Germany, greater than any other German." Then he said further : "And not by force, mind you. I am carried along by the love of my people." He also told Schuschnigg that he had only to give the order, and on signal from him all Austria's defense mechanisms will be blown to bits.

When Schuschnigg asked for delay in carrying out Hitler's ultimatum ^{demanding} ~~for~~ an increase of nazi powers at Vienna ^B ~~A~~,

Hitler blew up, turned schuschnigg out of the room, and shrieked for general Keitel. Later ^{on, as we know,} ~~at once,~~ Schuschnigg gave in, only to be imprisoned eventually with the utmost humiliation and cruelty.

BRADFORD

Three hundred and twenty five years ago, in the city of Boston, an historic figure named William Bradford, became the second governor of Massachusetts, then a British colony. At noon today, his great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great grandson became the fifty-seventh governor of the commonwealth. His name, Robert Fiske Bradford.

He was installed with historic rites that have been the custom throughout the centuries in the Bay State. From his predecessor, Democratic ex-Governor Maurice Tobin, he received the insignia of his office. They consist of Indian arrowheads, the famous Butler bible, and a gavel made out of the wood from Uncle Sam's frigate Constitution.

Three hundred and twenty five years, -- ~~that was a~~
 a long time between Bradfords!

WOMEN

Up to now, we ^{all} all looked upon ^{the} barracuda as a most voracious and, when eaten, tasteless fish. But a lady psychiatrist in Hollywood is using the word to describe modern wives. You may have noticed that all the **harsh** criticism of women comes from members of their own sex.

Miss Alice Laverre of Hollywood says that a large number of her men patients are having nervous breakdowns as a result of the behavior of the little woman at home. *Why?*

Oh, because
They suffer from falling hair, fluttering stomachs, headaches, ~~what have you~~ *and so on* all because the little woman

wants too many things, mink coats, diamond bracelets, new cars, and so forth, *which we like to give them!* That Sixty per cent of all divorces

and eighty per cent of all nervous ailments, come from the way these "domestic barracudas" exploit their husbands.

So says the lady psychiatrist. And she adds that the average man is lashed and driven by his wife to earn

money that she won't give him time to enjoy anyway. *Harsh words, Alice. Much too harsh! We don't like harsh about the Ladies do we Nelson?*

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Taken from early bc.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Back in the Adirondacks again tonight, broadcasting from the Lake Placid Club. When I was here some days ago I mentioned that I had just arrived, looking for snow. This time, I have found it for sure. Deep fluffy snow. Just right for tonight's big ceremony in the Olympic Arena, the crowning of the King and Queen of Winter. For many years now mine has been the honor of doing the crowning, playing the role of Archbishop. Who are to be the King and Queen? Who do I crown tonight? Well, I'll get around to that in a few moments -- first, the headlines in tonight's news:

CORONATION

When I began this evening I said I would tell you about this year's King and Queen of Winter. They are here with me near the microphone. We are all on the stage of the auditorium at the Lake Placid Club. Sitting beside me are many picturesque figures, including Gene Tunney, *is making progress with his skiing,* ~~who is just learning to ski~~, Oscar Haug, famous Norwegian veteran skier; Air Force General Ted Curtis; World War One ace George Vaughn, and many others, here with the King and Queen. ^{TP} The Queen-to-be is the youngest star of the Metropolitan Opera Company, a coloratura. Her first name is Mimi, which sounds appropriate for a singer ^{*-mi-mi- - -*} _^ Mimi Benzell. And why is Mimi to be the Queen? I beg your pardon. Oh. The publicity director from the Met whispers to me that she is the ~~French~~ ski jumping champion of French Morocco -- Casablanca.

And the King? ~~well~~, he has long been something of a King in his own domain: — ~~Pamela~~ band leader, Sammy Kaye. What does Sammy know about winter, the new King? I beg your pardon? Sammy's publicity man whispers to me that Mr. Kaye is the long distance skating champion of Bermuda.

Sammy, if I asked you to make the concluding remarks on this program tonight, speaking impromptu as the new King of Winter, what would you say to your Subjects, and ^{to} others?

SAMMY KAYE: SOLONG UNTIL TONIGHT!

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L T: ~~was~~ spoken, Oh King. But, my final line usually is -- SOLONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

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