

SENATE KEEPS
SECREC Y RULE
IN NEW FORM

Action Behind Closed Doors
Can Be Made Public If
Majority Prefers.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, June 19.—The United States senate will reveal its roll calls and consideration of nominations and ratification of treaties only when it pleases a majority.

A belated rally by Democratic and Republican opponents of complete and automatic publicity in these matters killed separate proposals for publication in the Congressional Record of every roll call, even though debates on which it was based were carried on behind closed doors.

Although the hard-boiled rules committee, led by Senator Moses of New Hampshire, who had inspired the movement to punish the press because of publication of the Lenroot vote, acquiesced in Senator Jones' provision for a public record of every vote, it finally was defeated.

An attempt by Senator Norris of Nebraska to force the Jones plan through on the floor was beaten, 39 to 54, in a vote that saw party lines go to smash. By a vote of 59 to 15, and later by 68 to 5, the senate adopted the amendment sponsored by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader. The opponents of sweeping secrecy got behind this measure in a move to block the Jones and Norris proposals.

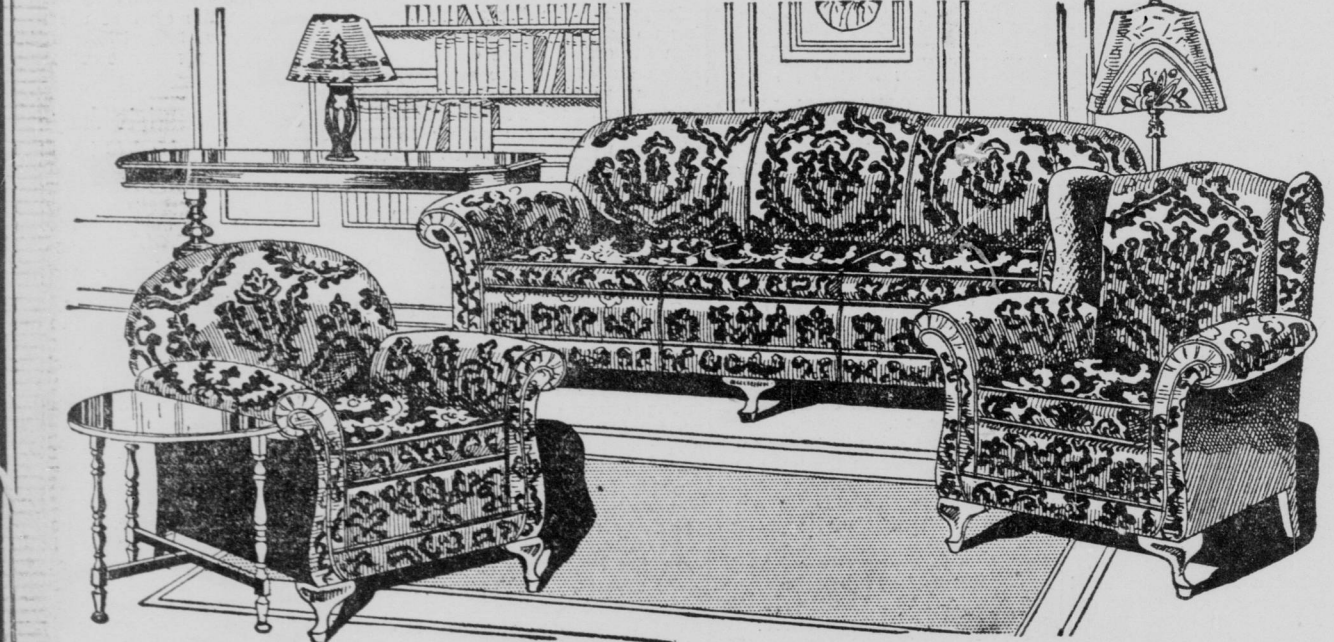
The Robinson amendment provides that nominations shall be considered in open session unless a majority determines otherwise. It requires only a properly seconded motion for the senate to go into an executive huddle to debate and vote on whether it shall act in public or private.

The Robinson proposal permits removal of all injunctions of secrecy on both discussion and vote if a majority so decides. It also authorizes individual senators to tell how they voted, but not to divulge the debate or the action of their colleagues.

But this scheme may be spoiled as long as Senator Couzens remains in the senate. Obviously disgusted with a three-hour debate in which senators professed their desire for the fullest publicity, but expressed fear that their votes might be misunderstood unless they also could explain the reasons for their action, Couzens said:

"I want to announce that I reserve the right to say how and why I voted on any matter, regardless of what this body decides. I do not admit that the senate has any right to commit me to secrecy regarding the transaction of public business. I will abide by the senate rules when it conducts its business in the open, but not when it acts in secret."

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AIR RIDES AS PRIZES

20 Flights to Winner of
Golf Tourney.

Twenty airplane flights, by courtesy of the Curtis Flying Service, are innovations on the prize list for the Columbia Club's annual gold tournament to be staged Thursday on the Avalon Country Club course. The tournament will start at 9 a. m. and continue all day, climaxed by the annual golfers' dinner at the Columbia Club Thursday night. Harry Boggs will be toastmaster. Alex Morrison, trick golf artist appearing at the Indiana, will be a guest.

Piatt Searle is chairman of the arrangements committee. Wallace O. Lee, general chairman of Columbia Club entertainment, is handling the prize list.

NEW BATTERY TESTED

DUBLIN, June 19.—A new type of railway electric battery which the Irish Free State government claims will be given tests. The tests will be given tests on the Free State's railways shortly, it was learned today.

One of the chief merits of the new battery is the claim that it can be charged every few minutes. Twelve hours are required to charge the type now in use.

PHONE OFFICE TO OPEN

Public service commissioners have been invited by L. C. Griffith, president of the Southern Indiana Telephone and Telegraph Company to attend the dedication of the new Jasper exchange.

This exchange was made possible by adding 50 cents to the monthly rates at Jasper. Because it was approved by Chairman John W. McCordie without a Jasper hearing it was termed the "rocking chair decision."

VOLIVA WILL
OPEN DRIVE TO
SAVE EUROPE

People Abroad Degenerate,
Says Zion Ruler After
Touring 16 Nations.

BY W. F. SULLIVAN
United Press Staff Correspondent
CHICAGO, June 19.—Back from a trip in which he almost encircled the globe, the prophet, Wilbur Glenn Voliva, is home with plans for his "new world" and a reiteration of his 20-year-old challenge to those who scoff at his belief that the universe is flat.

Voliva outlined his plan to "evangelize Europe."
"I can whip any man in the world in a mental combat," the overseer of Zion said.

Keeps Faith in Beliefs
"Are you losing heart in your beliefs?" a heckler interrupted.

"I should say not," the gray-haired Zionist leader assured. Voliva, who visited sixteen countries in his latest trip, was none too complimentary in his remarks concerning his European observations.

"European people are more degenerate than even the people of the United States," he said.

"I never saw such women as in Europe. Actually their eyeballs have turned white from so much whisky. I am just starting my new world and will evangelize Europe."

Plans to Evangelize Europe
"I will send my young workers over this summer to Holland, Scotland, Syria, Palestine and Egypt. They will spread my gospel and literature throughout Europe."

Asked why he didn't establish more colonies in the United States, Voliva said:

"Only a fool spreads his butter over too much bread." Voliva retorted.

"Do you believe in the Bible?" "I am the only man in the world who really believes in it, this is, literally."

WAR ON RATS STARTS

Oliver Biehl, Modern 'Pied Piper,' Aids Health Board.

Oliver Biehl of Cedar Rapids, Ia., enemy of rats, has started a two-week campaign to eradicate rats in Indianapolis homes and business houses. Biehl stays in a town as long as there are rats for him to fight.

He conducts "Pied Piper" drives in cities of the middle west in co-operation with the city health board and Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Herman G. Morgan, health board secretary, is co-operating in the drive.

Plank Walk

That's What Texas Fliers
Would Give Plane
Stowaway.

Arthur Schreiber, stowaway on the Yellow Bird when it crossed the Atlantic, may consider himself lucky he did not attempt to stowaway on the Ft. Worth, Ryan monoplane, in which James Kelly and R. L. Robbins recently set a new sustained flight record.

Kelly and Robbins, visiting in Indianapolis, indicated they would have wasted little sympathy on any one stowing away on their plane, when they were asked their probable reaction.

"I guess we would have made him walk the plank," Robbins laughed. "Maybe we would have had our re-fueling ship bring us a parachute for his 'walk home,'" Kelly said.

Schools Again Have Water.

ANDERSON, Ind., June 19.—C. B. Stelle, superintendent of Anderson municipal utility plants, made good his threat to discontinue city water services at the schools. The school board has sent a \$2,676 check to the water department in full payment of its bill and service, denied a few days, has been resumed.

HIGH OFFICIALS
MEET TO SEEK
PEACE GROUNDS

Expect 'Personal Contact'
to Eliminate Post-
War Thorns.

BY RALPH HEINZEN,
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PARIS, June 19.—One German and two French statesmen conferred here today in an effort to achieve, through personal contact, the elimination of some of the thorns still besetting the postwar pathway.

After a luncheon attended by a group of Franco-German high officials, Foreign Minister Stresemann of Germany sat with his French colleague, Aristide Briand, and Premier Raymond Poincare in a consultation, after which Poincare commented: "Things are going nicely."

Briand said the conferees had discussed chiefly the best means "to put the Young plan into effect." He said Stresemann would return directly to Berlin to advise his government of the results of the

'Jail' Visitors

By United Press
CHICAGO, June 19.—It may be jail for Chicago's convention visitors. The old Cook county bastille, which housed many of America's worst criminals and which many a man entered never to leave again, may become a municipal auditorium.

The building has been a "white elephant" on the city's hands since the county transferred its prisoners to its new jail on the southwest side several months ago.

It has been offered for sale, but nobody has seemed eager to buy.

conference, after which the chambers concerned would take up the problem of setting a plane and date for a new conference aimed at "cleaning up" the odds and ends left in the reparations problem.

Observers of international affairs foresee that today's gathering will serve to create an atmosphere of understanding between the two nations bordering the Rhine.

With the Young plan successfully drawn, there remain many questions which have come down as a heritage from the war and crop up repeatedly to plague relations between the two nations.

The Germans, for instance, are anxious to hasten Rhineland evacuation and to have questions affecting the Saar valley clarified now.

YOUTH DROWNS
IN EAGLE CREEK

Robert Bailey, 18, Second
Victim of Season.

While police today recorded the second drowning of the season in Indianapolis, preparations were being made to send the body of the victim, Robert Bailey, 18, to his mother's home near Evansville. Wading in Eagle creek near the Pennsylvania railway bridge with his brother, William, 24, the youth stepped into a ten-foot hole shortly after 3 p. m. Tuesday. Neither could swim.

William's frantic screams attracted a group of bathers a hundred yards upstream, and several boys and men among them dived for the boy. Herbert Beach, 20, 1233 State avenue, and James Withington, 19, 541 Chase street, brought the body ashore.

Surviving besides William are a brother Cecil, with whom both boys lived at 406 Harris street; Mrs. Emma Bailey, the mother, and two sisters, Mrs. Flora Dugan and Mrs. Mary Osborne of southern Indiana.

The first drowning of the season occurred April 7 when Russell Stroeh, 18, of 2514 Broadway lost his life while wading in White river.

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