

LOUISIANA LESS EXCITING SINCE LONG'S MURDER

His Influence Still Exists,
But His Dictatorship
Is Gone.

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NEW ORLEANS, March 3.—Living here is less exciting—and far less anxious for some—than a few months ago when Huey P. Long ruthlessly exercised the first dictatorship imposed upon one of the United States.

The tension among the solid citizenry noted on a visit 14 months ago, when the dictatorship was at its height and a supine legislature was binding chains upon the electorate at Senator Long's bidding, has relaxed.

New Orleans again swarms out to its race track, and dances into the night, in the gay and nonchalant fashion which has earned the city an international reputation for gracious living and cordial hospitality.

Machine Still Operates
But the Long influence still exists. His machine did not fly to pieces at his death. It swept triumphantly through the recent election and is in the saddle in the state. Still on the statute book are the laws Huey rushed through the rubber-stamp legislature like so many hand bills.

But everybody here seems satisfied that the new nominal head of the Long machine, Gov.-elect Richard W. (Dick) Leche, who assumes office in May, has no aspirations for iron-handed rule. As a matter of fact, no one among the Long leaders has his over-weening ambition nor his political wizardry, his showmanship, his lust for power, his ability to seize power and hold it.

Likewise, the Long leaders will not continue the feud with Jim Farley and the National Administration—since none of them is nationally ambitious. A rapprochement is already evident in negotiations on patronage.

A delegation pledged to President Roosevelt is expected to go to the Philadelphia convention.

Maestri Is Real Power

The real successor to Huey, the real power behind the throne now in Louisiana, is Robert S. Maestri, conservation commissioner and one of the late Senator's henchmen. It was he who held the machine together after the Senator's death by compromising conflicting elements, by checking the attempted coup of the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, the "share-the-wealth" evangelist who sought to beat the gun by putting forward James A. Noe for Governor and Wade Martin for United States Senator. Mr. Maestri rejected both.

Mr. Noe, former Lieutenant Governor, succeeded to the governorship until May 8 to complete the term of Gov. O. K. Allen, who resigned to complete the late Senator's term at Washington. When Mr. Allen died, Mrs. Long was named to the Senate until next January. She will be succeeded by Allen J. Ellender, former Speaker of the House, who has been elected for the six-year term.

Governor-Elect Is Available

Mr. Maestri has been ill and the future of the Long machine may depend on the seriousness of his malady.

Dick Leche, who was picked by Bob Maestri, is a big, amiable, St. Bernard-dog sort of fellow, whose political rise has been by the passive route. Defeated for the legislature from his home ward in New Orleans in his only previous bid for office, he entered politics as a worker at Long headquarters here, was rewarded by being made secretary to the late Gov. Allen, and subsequently was appointed to the State Court of Appeals.

He was chosen as gubernatorial candidate because he was not mixed up in the partisan warfare. No one will know just what are the plans of the incoming Governor and of the Long machine until the legislature meets in May. The Long element is more firmly entrenched than ever in the legislature.

Some Laws to Be Repealed

The Governor-elect has promised publicly to seek repeal of the Long law which put the appointment of school teachers in the Governor's hands and to restore this authority to the county boards of education. Likewise he says he will recommend repeal of the statute which gives the state control over New Orleans' finances.

But he has said nothing about the many other statutes imposed by the late Senator, such as the election laws and those giving the Governor power to appoint local police and fire department officials.

Laws For Poor to Be Kept

There is one substantial heritage the late Senator left to his state. These are the laws designed to improve the lot of the poorer classes, such as the homestead exemption, free school books, reduced taxes on the farmer. They will be kept, says the anti-Long candidates were agreed to endorse them in the recent campaign. They even tried to go the Long people one better by offering free writing tablets and pencils for the school kids.

Huey's law repealing the poll tax was a factor in the recent election, since 150,000 persons who had not voted before—being unable to afford the \$1 poll tax—went to the polls. They voted the Long ticket.

But the Senator's masterpiece, his "Share-the-Wealth" movement, apparently is doomed as a national issue.

Japanese Revolt Recalls Troupe's Oriental Tour



Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Marcus

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Marcus Say Fear on Part of Military Element Caused Recent Assassinations

"It was fear that caused the assassination of those people in Tokyo. The military element is afraid of the people who would get rid of them, if possible," said A. B. Marcus, who played more than a year in the Orient with his Continental Revue, showing in Indianapolis this week.

"We knew Vicomtesse Saito, whose husband, Admiral Saito, former premier, was one of the four killed last week. She was gracious and attended our show at the Gekko Nippon during the seven weeks we spent there."

"I said there would be a revolution when we were there, for we, too, had trouble with the military," said Mrs. Marcus. "The night we opened in Tokyo the same element which was behind the assassinations caused a near riot in the theater by throwing handbills, denouncing the American players and climbing on to the stage before the curtain was raised."

"They caused trouble for us several times. Once they refused to visa our passports, declaring the show to be against true Japanese ideals."

Want to Become Westernized

According to Mrs. Marcus there are two groups in Japan. One is military and the other is composed of average citizens, but all want to become westernized.

The Marcus troupe has toured the world, played in every state in this country and has been entertained by royalty. Their present troupe of 70 is about the same in size as that which accompanied them on the tour through China and Japan.

"But the real trouble in Japan is the military," said Mr. Marcus taking up the discussion. "The regular folks over there came and enjoyed our shows and objected to nothing. We gave special performances in a little theater for the police who then allowed us to go on with the show."

"The censorship there is iron clad, too," continued Mrs. Marcus, "and the military doesn't want too close

contact with foreigners."

They are afraid of the people who would get rid of them, if possible."

"No, thank you," she asserted. "I wouldn't care to be there now. The Imperial Hotel, where we stayed in Tokyo is just a short walk from the scene of all the shooting."

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus have scrap books filled with clippings and photographs along with fans and streamers as gifts from their oriental friends and to remind them of the scene of the revolt.

Customer Frightens Away Bandit

The timely arrival of a customer prevented Louis Aldrich, 46, of 1246 Union-st., from being robbed last night in his store at 461 W. Washington-st. The customer entered and the bandit fled.

CITY, U. S. TO SHARE STREET PAVING COST

Locke-st Between North
and Walnut Affected.

The Works Board has signed contracts with the Public Works Administration calling for the paving of Locke-st from North to Walnut-sts, the northern boundary of the Federal housing project.

The city and the Federal government each is to furnish \$5000 Con-

tracts were signed for the paving of Ritter-av from Pleasant Run blvd to the Pennsylvania Railroad Tracks. The city is to pay \$4900 for materials and management.

The Board ordered plans drawn for widening and resurfacing Prospect-st from Keystone-av to Vandeman-st. It also ordered the bridge over Pleasant Run at Shelby-st torn down and moved to Prospect-st.

Mayor to Be Guest of Honor
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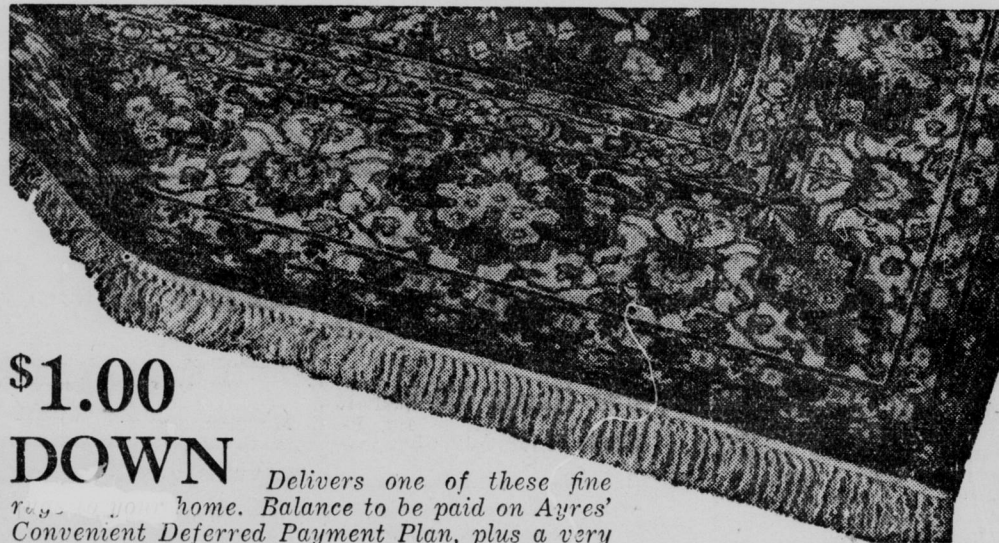
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