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## SECRETARY OF NAVY SWANSON IS DEAD AT 77

State Funeral to Be Held For Statesman Monday In Senate Chamber.

### F. D. R. LEADS TRIBUTES

Assistant Secretary Edison And Stark Mentioned For Vacancy.



## KEEP ARMS BAN, BLOC TO INSIST

34 Senators Vow to Talk to Death Plan to Change Neutrality Measure.

WASHINGTON, July 7 (U. P.)—A block of 34 Senators announced today that they will talk to death any proposal to remove from the neutrality laws the present authorization for embargoes against shipments of arms to belligerents.

Headed by a veteran isolationist, Senator Hiram Johnson (R. Cal.), the bloc met today to plan strategy.

The resolution was introduced by Senator Glass (D. Va.). Vice President Garner will appoint 16 Senators to make necessary arrangements.

Major Leader Barkley (D. Ky.) eulogized Swanson as a public servant who "always rendered outstanding service."

"It is with profound sorrow," Mr. Roosevelt said, "that I have learned of the death today at the Rapidian Camp, Va., of the greatly loved Claude A. Swanson."

I join with the entire country in mourning him as one whose many years of faithful service to the nation have endeared him to all. His wise counsel and his philosophic understanding of human problems will live after him in the hearts and minds of those of us who have had the privilege of being his associates.

### Praise His Loyalty

He brought to the public service not only ability and integrity but a loyalty to principle and to duty from which no consideration could move him.

By his example he has provided an inspiration for all public servants personally mount the paces of a steadfast and intimate friend.

For some months Mr. Swanson had been Secretary in name only. His illness prevented more than a show of directing naval policies. There had been talk of shelving him and it reached even to the White House.

But the old Virginian was popular with his colleagues and with the Navy, ashore and afloat and he held on—a man with a lifetime of public service behind him but without

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## CITY ASPHALT'S USE ORDERED BY BOARD

Bids for Senate Ave. Work Called 'Too High.'

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### Career Ends

## M'NUTT HINTED FOR NATIONAL SECURITY POST

Capital Gossips Link Him To \$12,000 Vacancy on New Board.

HE 'TURNS ON STEAM'  
Bids Friends to Press Drive For Presidential Nomination.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY  
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, July 7.—While Paul V. McNutt hustled from one Government office to another today, gossip spread that he had been offered the Social Security directorship, a new \$12,000-a-year position created under the Reorganization Act.

His full-figured Presidential look was unbroken by Mr. McNutt's conference with Cabinet members but said his chats "concerned Philipine affairs rather than politics."

Second Busy Day

It was a second busy day for the former Hoosier Governor. He arrived yesterday and stirred political speculation with a round of interviews that began with the President and included his old political enemy, Postmaster General James Farley.

Main interest centered today on Mr. McNutt's being named to the Social Security post. It is the only one of three newly created positions which remains vacant. Jesse Jones heads the lending agencies and John Carmody was named to direct the Works Administration.

Besides the Social Security Board, the new division will include Education, Films, Radio, Public Health Service, Employment Service, National Youth Administration and Civilian Conservation Corps.

Wayne Cox, Mr. McNutt's administrative assistant, has been talked of for a \$9000 job as assistant administrator in this setup.

Confers With Hull

After a conference with Secretary of State Hull, Mr. McNutt had luncheon with Francis B. Sayre, assistant Secretary of State, who reportedly is scheduled to succeed him as High Commissioner.

Mr. Cox has moved his office back from the Budget Bureau into the Interior Department, the Philippines office having been shifted there from the War Department.

Today, Mr. Cox accompanied Mr. McNutt in calling on Interior Secretary Ickes. Mr. McNutt said "absolutely no politics" were involved in his conversation with Mr. Ickes.

At a conference between the City officials and the Mayor's Citizens' Advisory Committee, during which Mr. McNear and his attorney, Fred Bates Johnson left the room, Mr. McNear was informed by Mayor Sullivan that the City was "not interested in the stock at that price."

No Compromise Halted

Judson Dickerman, Federal Trade Commission utility expert who recently completed a report on the company's value for the City, advised in his report that the City would be justified in paying \$3,500,000 for the stock, in view of the fact the City would acquire \$1,500,000 in quick assets, largely cash and Government notes, in taking over the utility.

Neither the Mayor nor Mr. McNear (Continued on Page Three)

Declares He'll Start Work With 'Open Mind.'

## SIDENER TAKES JOB IN UTILITY DISTRICT

Merle L. Sidener, former School Board member, today accepted appointment by Mayor Sullivan as a trustee of the City Utility District.

Mr. Sidener, a former newspaperman now in the advertising business, said he would enter his duties as a trustee with an "open mind."

He said he was unfamiliar with the operation of the City's gas utility but would attempt to inform himself as to its various phases as quickly as possible.

Mr. Sidener was named to fill the vacancy created by the death of William J. Mooney Sr., who died several months ago. The appointment was made upon nomination by the present trustees, A. D. Hitz, Thomas D. Sheerin, Charles S. Rainey and Edward W. Harris.

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• TINIEST PATIENT IN CRITICAL CONDITION

City Hospital's tiniest patient, a baby that weighed one pound 11 ounces when born prematurely 11 weeks ago, was described as in a "critical condition and very weak" today by physicians.

The girl has been fed by a medicine dropper; oxygen has been administered periodically, and the girl's weight now is about the same as at birth. She is the smallest infant ever cared for at the hospital.

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• STOCKS SLIP BACK AFTER MILD RALLY

NEW YORK, July 7 (U. P.)—Follow-through support failed to develop in the stock market today after a mild rally from early lows and the list slid near the previous closing level.

Trading was dull.

HOOT TOP STEADY

Heavier hogs brought 5 to 30-cent lower prices at Indianapolis last night, while weights under 230 pounds held steady. The top price remained at 87.30. Vealers and spring sheep were steady.

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• WOMAN DONATES \$125 FOR CONCERTS

Mrs. Anna S. Elliott Backs Garfield Park Project.

The Park Department today accepted a \$125 donation from Mrs. Anna S. Elliott of the Spin-Arms Hotel to sponsor a public concert at Garfield Park this summer.

In a letter to the Board which accompanied her check, Mrs. Elliott said that she had read in the newspaper that there would be few concerts this summer because of lack of funds.

A. C. Sallee, City Parks superintendent accepted the money on behalf of the Park Board and sent a letter to Mrs. Elliott thanking her for the gift.

Sheriff Beck said the plane landed at Wyatt yesterday afternoon. To day Pelch was taking up passengers.

When the sheriff arrived, the pilot landed his passengers in another field, let them out and flew west, abandoning Goldie.

Highway patrol officers to the west were warned to be on the lookout

for Pelch and the plane.

When they did not return, relatives notified county authorities.

Sheriff Beck said the girl was unwilling to talk, but did say they were

on their way to visit her father in Stanton, Ky., until the plane was forced down out of gas near Wyatt yesterday afternoon.

She said she had known the flier about two weeks, but that when they left Monday she thought they were going up for a few minutes only.

They returned to her mother's home yesterday, she said, but flew on when she saw a large crowd collected around it.

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