

G.O.P. Leaders Map Plans To Throw Bilbo Out Of Senate

Committee Says Actions Were Improper

Expect Decision on Ouster Tactics Today

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U.P.) — The senate Republican policy committee decided formally today to try to prevent Senator Theodore G. Bilbo (D. Miss.) from taking his seat when congress convenes tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U.P.) — The stormy political life of Senator Theodore G. Bilbo (D. Miss.) teetered in the balance today. Republican leaders mapped final strategy for their fight to throw him out of the senate.

They were armed with a bi-partisan senate committee report formally charging Senator Bilbo with "improper" conduct in dealing with war contractors whom he helped get government building jobs.

The Republican policy committee, headed by Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.), scheduled a meeting today to reach a final decision on the course of action to be recommended to the senate Republican conference this afternoon.

Double Filibuster

After a session yesterday, Senator Taft reported that a majority of the committee favored challenging Senator Bilbo's seat before he can take his oath when congress convenes tomorrow. That strategy might invite a filibuster by Bilbo supporters and delay organization of the senate. Senator Taft, however, doubted that a filibuster would develop.

Senator Taft noted that a simple majority would suffice to deny Senator Bilbo his seat, whereas a two-thirds vote would be required if ouster proceedings were started after Senator Bilbo were seated.

Since Senator Bilbo would be the second of newly elected senators to take the oath, Democrats would hold a 30 to 29 majority when and if he should be asked to step aside. But the Republicans were depending on some support from Democrats.

Charge Personal Gain

The improper conduct charge was leveled against Senator Bilbo in a report filed by Chairman Harley M. Kilgore (D. W. Va.) of the senate war investigation committee. The committee accused Senator Bilbo of using his office for "personal gain" by accepting gifts from Mississippi war contractors whom he helped get government construction jobs.

The committee left it up to the senate to decide Senator Bilbo's right to a seat, but did turn its findings over to Attorney General Tom Clark for "just and proper" action. The justice department revealed earlier it was investigating the case.

The report also was signed by Senators James M. Mead (D. N. Y.), Owen Brewster (R. Me.), Joseph H. Ball (R. Minn.), Homer Ferguson (R. Mich.) and William F. Knowland (R. Cal.).

Bilbo Is Confident

Senator Bilbo responded quickly to the committee report, issuing a 7000-word statement to defend himself point-by-point against the war contract accusations. He said the report was full of "inaccuracies and misconceptions."

Senator Bilbo later told a reporter he was confident the senate would seat him.

"Why," he said, "even if a horse thief was elected by the people of his state, if there was no evidence of fraud, corruption or excess expenditures in the election itself, he couldn't be prevented from taking his seat."

The war investigating senator said in their report that Senator Bilbo probably violated federal laws in accepting \$30,000 in political contributions from three war contractors for use in the unsuccessful 1942 senatorial campaign of Wall Dooley, outgoing senator at arms.

Subterfuge Alleged

The committee said it was convinced "from the testimony and the circumstances" that the \$6654.40 worth of real estate improvements given Senator Bilbo by his contractor friends — an artificial lake, a swimming pool, and a paint job on "dream house No. 1" — were "an attempted subterfuge to conceal the donation of funds in payment for service rendered to them by Senator Bilbo."

The committee is unable to accept the theory that Senator Bilbo's aid to those dealing in government contracts and the benefits he received were unrelated," it said.

All told, the committee estimated, Senator Bilbo received gratuities from grateful contractors worth a minimum of \$37,000 — or a maximum of \$88,000.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Delta Upsilon auxiliary will hold a luncheon and bridge meeting Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Veeda Blakley, 3156 N. New Jersey st. She will be assisted by Mrs. Everett Lett and Mrs. Jack Blakley.

Charles W. Kern, Indiana labor commissioner, will speak on "Compensation and Industrial Safety in the Indiana Division of Labor" before the Exchange Club at noon tomorrow in the Claypool hotel.

Members of the Optimist club will view films of the last national golf contest at the Tam O'Shaughnessy country club, Chicago, when they meet for their weekly luncheon meeting at noon tomorrow in the Sevin hotel.

Rebekah Lodge Installation Set

Chappa Rebekah Lodge 702, I. O. O. F. will install new officers tomorrow at 8 p. m. in the hall, 1120 W. 30th st.

Officers of District 8, directed by District Deputy Mrs. Helen Neichman, will conduct the installation exercises. The officers are: Mrs. May Dunbar, noble grand; Mrs. Grace Culbertson, vice grand; Mrs. Dorothy Delano, past noble grand; Mrs. Doris Davis, recording secretary; Mrs. Daisy Simpson, financial secretary; Mrs. Nora De Noon, treasurer; Mrs. Bertha Doyle, warden; Mrs. Eva Griggs, conductor; Mrs. Clara Stark, chaplain.

Also, Mrs. Nellie Woodrum, musician; Mrs. Alice Barrett, right supporter of noble grand; Mrs. Amelia Harding, left supporter of noble grand; Mrs. Gertrude Price, right supporter of vice grand; Mrs. Nora Exline, left supporter of vice grand; Mrs. Eva Clark, inside guardian; Mrs. Nellie Askins, outside guardian.

State and national officers and committees from district 5 recently were among the 32 members of the Daughters of America who assisted in the initiation of candidates for the order at Kokomo, Ind.

Charge Election Code Violated

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contributed about \$50,000 to the Greater New York Political Action Co-ordination committee and the New York county American labor party campaign committee.

Both committees supported Rep. Vito Marcantonio (A-L N.Y.) in his successful re-election campaign.

The 11 corporations were cited for making contributions to American United for World Government, Inc. None of the firms is nationally known.

The committee's report would be turned over to Attorney General Tom C. Clark, "sometime today," it was said. The report was signed by Committee Chairman J. Percy Priest (D. Tenn.) and Reps. Oren Harris (D. Ark.), Carl T. Curtis (R. Neb.), and Frank Fellows (R. Me.).

Imprisonment Possible

The possible penalty if the unions and corporations are convicted is a \$5000 fine for an organization and a \$1444 fine for one year's imprisonment or both, for any officer for each violation.

The Communist party could be fined \$10,000. Its officers, if convicted, could be fined \$10,000 or sentenced to two years imprisonment, or both.

Once the committee's report has been turned over to Mr. Clark, it will be up to the justice department to take any further steps. Normal procedure would be for the government to hold its own investigation and then present its findings to a grand jury.

Hint \$3000 'Kitty' Pays Off Loser

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arrangement with local law enforcement officials was possible.

Since all bookies would benefit from "quiet conditions," it was felt all should contribute. Farb paid about half the loss, well-informed sources say, with the rest coming from the out-of-town chance artists, in addition to the other local ones.

The money was paid to the former union official, who is ready to make restitution to the bonding company and thus relieve the "pensione."

Gaming Picture Confusing

The local gambling picture became more and more confusing. One squad of police is reported to have told a prominent Indiana gambler that "we'll have everything fixed up in a few days." Meanwhile, activities were at a standstill.

One "avenue" gambler, Archie (Joker) Young, was not operating a familiar crap game in a room adjoining a tavern.

Some police expressed fear of indictment under the new prosecutor, Judson L. Stark. His campaign promises carried definite threats to "place behind bars those responsible for lawlessness in our community."

At any rate, no one was anxious to make any move that would expose him, until the scene had cleared.

Police 'Undermanned'

William Remy, safety board president, admitted an "undermanned" police department had handicapped control of gambling.

"When traffic deaths increase, we throw our available men into the breach," the city official explained. "Then, when the cry goes up about gambling, we have to switch the men to that assignment for awhile."

Not only were the big places closed, but county filling stations, poolrooms, patriotic clubs, other social organizations and places known only as "resorts" followed a "closed-door" policy.

City smoke shops, always hard to watch because of their size and method of operation, were quiet.

Pick-and-win tickets, time-honored pools and pinball machines with payoffs all had disappeared.

Detective Chief Kills Lieutenant

Commits Suicide

After Using Riot Gun

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 2 (U.P.) — Authorities believed today that fear of a gambling investigation caused Detective Chief O. N. Martin, 51, to kill Lieut. O. F. Deubler, 31, with a riot gun, then ended his own life with his .45 caliber automatic.

There was no sign of a struggle at the scene of the shooting. Detective Deubler was killed instantly with three blasts from the riot gun, which, the coroner said, pierced his back, left side and chest. His service automatic was still in its holster.

The body of Chief Martin was sprawled nearby. He had shot himself through the head.

Friends of Chief Martin said he had been brooding for some time over the possibility of his indictment by the grand jury and had threatened the lives of various county and city officials. They said he feared Detective Deubler would incriminate him.

Walter Guy, foreman of the Pu-

laski county grand jury, said he personally had reassured Chief Martin a few days ago that he would not be indicted.

Chief Martin was survived by his wife and a daughter, Mrs. O. W. Lechner, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Deubler's widow and 2-year-old daughter reside in Little Rock.

Landers & Landers insurance firm, received several broken ribs when he fell on the icy parking lot at Ft. Harrison last night.

Mr. Landers lay injured for some time before he was found. He is in Methodist hospital.

Eighteen traffic accidents were reported in Indianapolis during the last 24 hours but only three persons were slightly hurt. Ice streets caused all the mishaps.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

BIRTHS

GIRLS

At St. Francis — Clarence, Mildred Arnold.

At City—George, Faye Doane.

At Methodist — John, John L. Lyle.

At Methodist — Charles, Lorraine Wil-

liams; Chester, Marie Reynolds; George,

Jo Ann Grimes; Dorothy Anna Clark-

an; Richard, Harry E. Martin.

At St. Vincent's — Walter, Phyllis Foreman,

Boys

At St. Francis — John, Betty Keene; Del-

and Aubrey, Ruth Young.

At City—William, Gertrude Cope.

At Methodist — John, Pauline Baker.

At Methodist — Charles, Evelyn Baker;

John, Pauline Leman; Robert, Gertrude

John; Marjorie Monaghan; Clarence,

Margaret Ax, and Daniel, Dorothy

Truman.

At St. Vincent's — Thomas, Jeanne Mayer.

More Ice, Sleet Forecast Here

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badly injured in falls on icy side-walks.

They were Louis Reisburg, 43, of

502 Division st.; Leo Bandy, 1112

Groff st.; Kate Garinger, 2828 Clinton

st.; William G. Risson, 322 E.

North st.; Julia M. Payne Heany,

5699 Winthrop ave.; Mrs. Mary

Jane Robert, 925 S. Delaware st.;

Mrs. Beulah Hunter, 1152 Martin-

dale ave.; Thomas Hoover, 1830

Dexter st.; Mrs. Florence E. Craig,

2753 Central ave.; Lawrence Dugan,

2600 W. Vermont st.; Emil J.

Schmidt, 4408 E. 21st st.; John Kon-

tardes, Puritan hotel; Frank Brady,

4916 Guilford; Edmund Waterman,

3701 Julian ave., and George Ash-

craft, 1910 S. Talbot st.

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Whoever is trying on Traffic Of-

ficer Martin Kruse's uniform cap for

size is in for trouble.

After pondering the loss over the

New Year, Officer Kruse reported

today that the cap had been taken

from a barbershop Tuesday while

he was getting a haircut.

Fellow officers were instructed to

be on the lookout for a stranger

wearing cap badge 819.

Hatless Officer On Lookout After 'Trimming'