

Democrats to Lead Congress

Cooperation Pledged to Ike By Congressional Leaders

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (AP)—Democrats prepared today to take the helm in both houses of Congress, and spoke of cooperating with President Eisenhower when they consider him right.

Although there had been some talk they might pass up the Senate command—theirs to take by the narrowest of margins—that talk was swamped in statements of several top Democrats that they owe it to the people to take the responsibility.

Such men as Sens. Walter F. George and Richard B. Russell of Georgia, John O. Pastore of Rhode Island, Albert Gore of Tennessee and Mike Mansfield of Montana all spoke out positively in favor of organizing the Senate as well as the House. The Democrats passed up a similar opportunity last year when the Republican-Democratic division was almost as even.

Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas, stated to be the Senate majority leader, reserved his comment. He said he would be in Washington Friday and talk about the situation then.

At the same time, Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) talked cheerfully of switching from majority to minority leader next January, if the Republicans want him to continue to be their chief-tain.

Democrats Control Congress
The Democrats nosed into a position for Senate control early today with announcement of the election of Richard L. Neuberger, a 41-year-old author, to the Oregon Senate seat held for a decade by Republican Guy Gordon.

Neuberger's margin was thin as a wafer, however, and conceivably could be upset by rechecks. The final, official report from Oregon isn't expected until about Dec. 1.

Neuberger, a prolific writer for regional and national publications and a persistent advocate of public power for the Pacific Northwest, gave the Democrats a total of 48 seats in the Senate. That's just half the Senate membership of 96 but Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind. Ore.) reaffirmed that he will vote with the Democrats when it comes time to organize the Senate in January.

Overtake in House
There was no question about the overturn in the House. The Democrats gained solidly there—though by not nearly as much as is customary for the "outs" to win in a midterm election—and elected 232 representatives to 203 for the Republicans.

Nationalist Planes Repel Red Attack

TAIPEH, Formosa, Friday, Nov. 4 (AP)—Nationalist planes beat off Red fighters, which attacked for the first time in the vest pocket war, and bombed menacing Communist positions near the Tachen Islands yesterday.

Air Force headquarters said Red fighters—it did not say whether they were jets or propeller driven—four times tried to check the raiders as they bore down on Tachen Island.

Once over Foumen, whose batteries have been shelling Yikiangshan in the nearby Tachens some 200 miles north of Formosa, Nationalist planes again were intercepted.

Democrats May Probe Ike Regime

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (AP)—The investigative power of Congress will fall into Democratic hands in January, presaging close scrutiny of the inner workings of the Eisenhower administration.

An inevitable aftermath of Tuesday's elections, in which the Democrats seized power in the House and evidently in the Senate as well, will be to train congressional probes on different targets.

With one party in control of the executive department and the other in command of the legislature, the setup is tailor-made for full use of congressional investigating committees as sounding boards for the 1956 presidential election.

Security May Be Hit
Virtually sure to be caught in the sights of Democratic investigators will be Eisenhower's program aimed at alleged security risks, administration patronage and civil service policies, and the handling of the refugee immigration program.

Administration officials also are likely to be quizzed closely about their policies toward conservation of natural resources, business mergers and monopolies, the awarding of defense contracts and similar issues tied in with Democratic charges of big business favoritism and "giveaway" programs.

The spotlight on Communists in government probes may fade as Republicans who have eagerly dug into the records of past Democratic administrations topple from key committee chairmanships.

McCarthy Out
Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis) will be out as chairman of the Government Operations Committee and its Permanent Investigations subcommittee if, as expected, the Democrats organize the Senate.

Similarly, the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, headed by Sen. Jenner (R-Ind), has devoted itself to Communist hunting. It has borne down particularly on what Jenner has called "interlocking subversion in government."

Legation Predicts Economy to Rise One-Half by 1965

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (AP)—A study undertaken for a joint congressional committee predicted today that by 1965 the nation's economy will be half again as big as now. It said taxes will be lower, work hours shorter, wages higher and the nation's population will have grown to 190 millions.

The forecast was made by the staff of the Senate-House Committee on the Economic Report. It was entitled "Potential Economic Growth of the United States During the Next Decade," but actually took in the 12 years from the end of 1953 through 1965.

3 Million Unemployed
The report predicted that unemployment in 1965 would be about three million persons, or about four per cent of the civilian labor force of some 76 million persons forecast for that time.

This would compare with unemployment estimated by the Census Bureau: 2.7 million or 4.2 per cent of the civilian labor force, in October of this year.

In transmitting the findings to the committee, staff Director Grover W. Ensley said they were based on assumptions that the next decade would see no major war.

Wolcott Heads Group
The joint committee is headed by Rep. Frank B. Wolcott (R-Mich). It is an economic study group consisting of senators and representatives from both parties.

Allies Okay Plan To Beat Red Block

LONDON, Nov. 4 (AP)—American, British, and French diplomats agreed today on a plan designed to beat Russia's attempt to block Western agreements to free and rearm West Germany.

The Kremlin's bid took the form of a proposal for a conference of the Big Four foreign ministers this month to discuss a German peace settlement and arrangements for a subsequent nonaggression alliance between the Communist and non-Communist nations of Europe.

A three-power committee outlined the terms of an answer to the Russians which, officials reported, will firmly rule out any likelihood of an early Big Four conference.

Highlights of the American-British-French plan:

1. The Western notes will be dispatched to Moscow about the last week of this month—or only three weeks before the French Parliament is due to debate ratification of the Paris agreements on West Germany, Dec. 14 to 17.

2. The West once again will spell out two tight conditions which Russia must fulfill before a new Big Four conference on Germany can be set up.

The first is that Russia must agree in advance to free, supervised national elections in the Soviet zone of Germany so that an all-German government can be formed. The second is that Russia must act in advance to conclude a treaty of independence that will free and end the occupation of Austria.

The United States, Britain, and France laid down these conditions in notes to Moscow in September.

The Kremlin answered Oct. 23, saying the Big Four foreign ministers could consider Allied proposals for free Germanwide elections.

Long Navy Flight Stumps Authorities

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 4 (AP)—A Navy pilot's nonstop flight in a jet fighter plane without refueling from Los Alamitos, Calif., to nearby Cecil Field in less than four hours has Navy and civilian flight authorities wondering how he did it.

Ens. Duane L. Varner, 24, of Los Angeles, Calif., was returning from a routine familiarization flight to the California naval station.

British Plan Red Talks

LONDON, Nov. 4 (AP)—British Commonwealth prime ministers will meet here Jan. 31 to consider, among other things, whether East-West tensions have eased enough to make profitable a high-level conference with Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov.

Prime Minister Churchill announced the call for the Commonwealth gathering in the House of Commons today.

The principal subjects for consideration, he said, will include the "many events of great importance in the international world" which have taken place since the Commonwealth leaders last met—at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II here in June 1953.

Asked by Laborite Arthur Henderson to get the approval of the Commonwealth partners for a Churchill-Malenkov parley to explore steps for a settlement of cold war differences, Churchill said: "No subject will be excluded from the discussions of the visiting ministers."

The Commonwealth nations are Australia, Britain, Canada, Ceylon, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and the new

Central African Federation of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland.

Abroad, Canada's Prime Minister, Louis St. Laurent and Pakistan's Prime Minister Mohammed Ali announced promptly they will attend the Commonwealth meeting.

And in a dispatch from New Delhi said Prime Minister Nehru, an advocate of Asian neutrality who has just returned from an official visit to Red China, will be on hand.

Since the death of Stalin in March, 1953, Churchill himself has frequently stressed that the changes in Soviet leadership may make it possible for the West to reach some agreement with Russia to end the cold war.

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