

Dixie Governors Demand Truman Drop Rights Plan

Sudden Heart Attack Is Fatal

Clarence O. Kuester's Career Ends In Death

By J. A. DALY
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Clarence O. Kuester, colorful career as a civic leader came to a sudden end in death when he suffered a heart attack at 11:15 o'clock last night at his home, 427 E. Park Ave.
His death occurred shortly after a meeting with other leaders in civic affairs to carry forward plans for the proposed symphonic, patriotic drama commemorating the colonial history of this city and Mecklenburg County...

Withdrawal Of Southern Support Is Threatened

WASHINGTON — (AP)
Southern governors were reported ready today to tell President Truman to abandon his civil rights program or forfeit support of the Southern States.
A member of the Dixie Governors Civil Rights Committee, who declined to be quoted by name, said such a statement would be considered by the committee at an afternoon session, a meeting which Dixie leaders was postponed this morning to permit preparation of a policy statement.
One member of the committee told a reporter the proposed notice to the President would be a sort of compromise of feelings of some of the governors on the civil rights issue. He said some governors still would like to see Mr. Truman "out of the race" for the party's nomination, while others appear willing to take him without his civil rights program.



SEC. ANDERSON

Anderson To Resign

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson announced today he will resign for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator from New Mexico.
Anderson said he will remain in President Truman's Cabinet until Congress adjourns, probably in July.
Anderson will be a candidate for the office now held by Senator Hatch. Hatch said it was likely he will not be a candidate again in order to accept appointment to the Federal District Court in New Mexico if it is offered.
Anderson did not speculate on who might succeed him as Secretary of Agriculture.

Senate Vote On Foreign Aid Program Slated Today

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate raced today to final action today on the European Recovery Program after defeating a major drive to slash its first-year funds.
By a 56 to 31 vote late last night the Senate passed a bill introduced by Senator Taft (R-Ohio), chairman of the Senate Foreign Policy Committee, to shave \$1,800,000,000 off the \$5,300,000,000 Marshall Plan figures.
Senator Connally (D-Texas), one of the program's chief sponsors in Congress, predicted its overwhelming passage by tonight. The bill is designed to speed funds to sixteen Western European nations to bolster their economies.
The Senate was called to resume debate on the slash of amendments which were being swayed action when it recessed at 11:33 last night.
APPROVAL SEEN
Hatch said the resounding defeat suffered by Taft's fund cutting proposal insured Senate approval of the bill without major changes.
"Will pass it by a bigger vote than we had against the amendment," Connally told reporters.
That would be a victory for Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and chief Capitol Hill spokesman for the bipartisan foreign policy.
Vandenberg stood his ground last night against the Republicans and eight Democrats in a roll call aimed to batter the fund down by 10-20 votes.
The Michigan Senator carried 32 votes in the roll call.
For the Senate, yesterday was an eleven-hour day of bickering, charges and counter-charges.
Senator Keen (R-Mo.) started it off with a speech that lasted four hours, through one interruption after another. Keen said the plan would lead to a Communist takeover and wouldn't stop Communism in Europe.
Taft said it was justified by the world battle against Communism, all right. But he said it was "completely un-American in its attitude."
Taft may lose every cent we put out, but it seems to me there is a chance it will add the battle against Communism, and the stakes are so large that I believe we should take that chance."
Taft said he was certain that "this is no war measure." He said he had no doubts about the President's statement. We need a law that his faith in peace was something to be proud of, but he did not believe there is danger of war.
He warned that the recovery program was a "serious interference with our own economic stability."
"Too lavish distribution of American money to Europe," he said.
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Action Urged If Reds Make New Threats

CHARLESTON, S. C. — (AP) — James F. Byrnes, former Secretary of State, said today the United States should "act," not just protest, if Russia threatens the independence of Greece, Turkey, Italy or France.
A new warning against "coercive" Soviet expansion should be served on Moscow now, he said. And to back it, Byrnes said, this country should promptly revive its war-time draft.
Byrnes stressed in a speech at the Citadel Military College that he spoke as a private citizen. He said he had not consulted President Truman or Secretary of State Marshall on his address.
He joined in Marshall's appeal for cool judgment in dealing with a "world crisis." But he added:
"Let us remember the imperative duty of each one of us to insist that steps be taken immediately to prepare the United States for any eventuality. If we are not to talk ourselves into a state of helplessness, we must be strong."
Revival of Selective Service was proposed by Byrnes as a first step to restore American military might, he said. It was suggested to bring the Army up to its authorized strength of 600,000 men and should be coupled with increased air power.
"The very fact that Congress takes such action will contribute greatly to the preservation of peace in the United States," Byrnes said. "Soviet foreign minister) does not understand English but to him actions speak louder than words in any language."
Byrnes, champion of a postwar "patient but firm" policy toward Russia, said he believed that Soviet expansion should be "within the spirit and the letter of the charter of the United Nations." But he added:
"Knowing the Soviet habit of taking over a government and then turning it into a puppet, there is nothing to discuss, we must let the Soviets know we will act immediately by complete political and military control of Finland's Government."
This was announced by Col. M. P. Bohls, the supreme commander's public information officer. Several stories, reporting comment on MacArthur's Presidential candidacy, had been looked by Allied headquarters censorship agency—although some were passed, including those critical of the general.
"The general policy of censorship over the Japanese press has been to delete criticism of MacArthur as a supreme commander."
"Let it be an excellent that if the Soviets conclude that we really mean what we say, they will hesitate to proceed further with their efforts to demoralize all Europe," Byrnes added.
He said he hoped Congress would act on the European Recovery Program. But he continued:
"We must realize that the appropriate steps to be taken immediately be available to the European nations. The Associated Press has called for a defense treaty which would stop the Soviets from further expansion this Spring. If they have decided upon such expansion."

Fire Reported

Plane Is Missing With 30 Aboard

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — (AP) — A chartered Shanghai-to-St. Paul Northwest Airlines DC-4 plane with 30 passengers and crew was reported missing today to check on a mountain fire report.
The Civil Aeronautics Administration search plane headed for 18,200-foot Mt. Foraker, a 10,000-foot mountain in the Gulkana CAA range station reported a fire had been sighted during the night.
The plane was carrying 24 passengers and crew on the three-day circle route from the Orient.
The last radio contact with the craft was at 11:30 P. M. (PST) when it passed over the Gulkana range station approximately 150 miles northeast of Anchorage. The station reported it was flying at 11,000 feet.
Airline officials said the four-engine plane left Anchorage at 10:30 P. M. (PST) and was scheduled to make its first stop at Edmonton, Alta., at 3:04 A. M. (PST) today.

Gen. Meyers Convicted

WASHINGTON — (AP) — With one legal battle already lost, Gen. Meyer Meyers today had many more ahead.
A Federal Court jury convicted him yesterday of talking a business associate into selling him a Senate committee investigating the general's wartime business affairs. He is to appear in court Monday to be sentenced.
He is the 53-year-old Meyers, wartime Air Force deputy purchasing chief, still faces (a) Income tax court charges at Baltimore and Dayton, O.; (b) a possible court-martial; (c) a slander suit and (d) a conviction for perjury.
For the wartime-tampering charges on which a jury of ten men and two women held him guilty yesterday, Meyers could draw a maximum prison term of 30 years.
Standing stiffly, Meyers took his punishment without emotion. His shaggy white hair, a faded Hollywood movie screen, veiled a weary air and put an encouraging arm around his head.
Judge Holtzoff wanted to put Meyers in jail immediately after the jury verdict yesterday. But the general's attorneys—who said they would appeal his conviction—protested that it is usual for defendants "in his position" to be allowed freedom on \$50,000 bail.
The court finally allowed Meyers to remain free on \$10,000 bond until Monday.
Meyers was convicted of inducing Elmer H. Lamare, a former business associate, to give testimony at a Senate War Investigating Committee inquiry last Fall.
Lamare testified during the trial that he falsely denied to the Senate committee that Meyers received \$150,000 wartime profits from the Aviation Electric Corp., a plane parts concern at Dayton, O.

Masaryk's Rites Held

By A. I. GOLDBERG
PRAGUE — (AP) — Jan Masaryk was carried to a grave in his native Bohemia at dusk today after a state funeral that brought tears to the eyes of President Edvard Benes.
Hundreds of thousands of mourners thronged Prague for the funeral rites. Those who could crowd into the Pantheon of the National Museum heard Communist Premier Klement Gottwald eulogize Masaryk as a victim of Western reaction.
Some said the saddened President gave way to his emotion in his first public appearance since the Government crisis began Feb. 21.
Then the body of the Czech Minister was borne back to Foreign Palace, where the Government announced Wednesday he had died a suicide. The body taken from there to Lany, 30 miles north of Prague, for the burial.
GRAVE NEAR FATHER'S
The grave was near those of his father, Thomas G. Masaryk, founder of the republic, and his American mother.
Every house in Lany displayed a See MASARYK'S on page 12-A

Littlejohn Declares Many Parents Are Negligent

Police Chief Blames Parents For Vandalism

By RAY STALLINGS
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The fault for recent acts of vandalism in Charlotte can be placed almost every day on the shoulders of those who carelessly neglect their children, Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn said today in a scathing denunciation of parents guilty by title or no attention to the activities of their children.
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McArthur Allows Press Criticism

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Commodity Index Takes Sharp Dip

NEW YORK — (AP) — After a sharp Friday-to-Friday break since the period ended Feb. 13, 1948, the Associated Press composite of 35 wholesale commodity prices stood yesterday at 152.75, down from 153.15 on Feb. 13, 1947. In the index the basic year 1925 equals 100.
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English Princess Dies

LONDON — (AP) — Princess Alexandra, granddaughter of Queen Victoria, died in London today.
She had been in failing health for several months.

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