

Johnson's Heart Attack Unlikely To Effect Legislation

WASHINGTON (AP)—A serious heart attack suffered by Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson was generally regarded today as unlikely to have much effect on Congress' accomplishments for the rest of the session. Johnson, stricken late Saturday, was described by the Bethesda (Md.) Naval Hospital as "seriously ill." It said his condition "has not changed significantly"—that is, that he was "comfortable and somewhat more stable, but still serious."

President Eisenhower expressed "deep regrets." From many of

Johnson's colleagues, both Democrats and Republicans, came expressions of regret. His position as majority leader, in charge of steering legislation through the Senate, will be filled by Sen. Clements (D-Ky.), assistant leader. Clements filled in for Johnson earlier this year when the latter underwent a kidney stone operation and was absent from the Senate for more than six weeks.

Thanks in part to Johnson's efforts, the Senate is well along on its work load this year. Time and again he has obtained unanimous agreements to limit debate on drive from Washington. He began to suffer pains around the heart. A local physician diagnosed the heart trouble and had Johnson rushed to the Bethesda hospital. There it was announced that the attack was "moderately severe" but that Johnson was "responding satisfactorily to treatment." Two doctors from the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., flew here to see him.

Clements, who flew here from Kentucky when he learned of Johnson's attack, said his colleague is "a fellow of strong will and great determination, and that

is an important thing in his present situation."

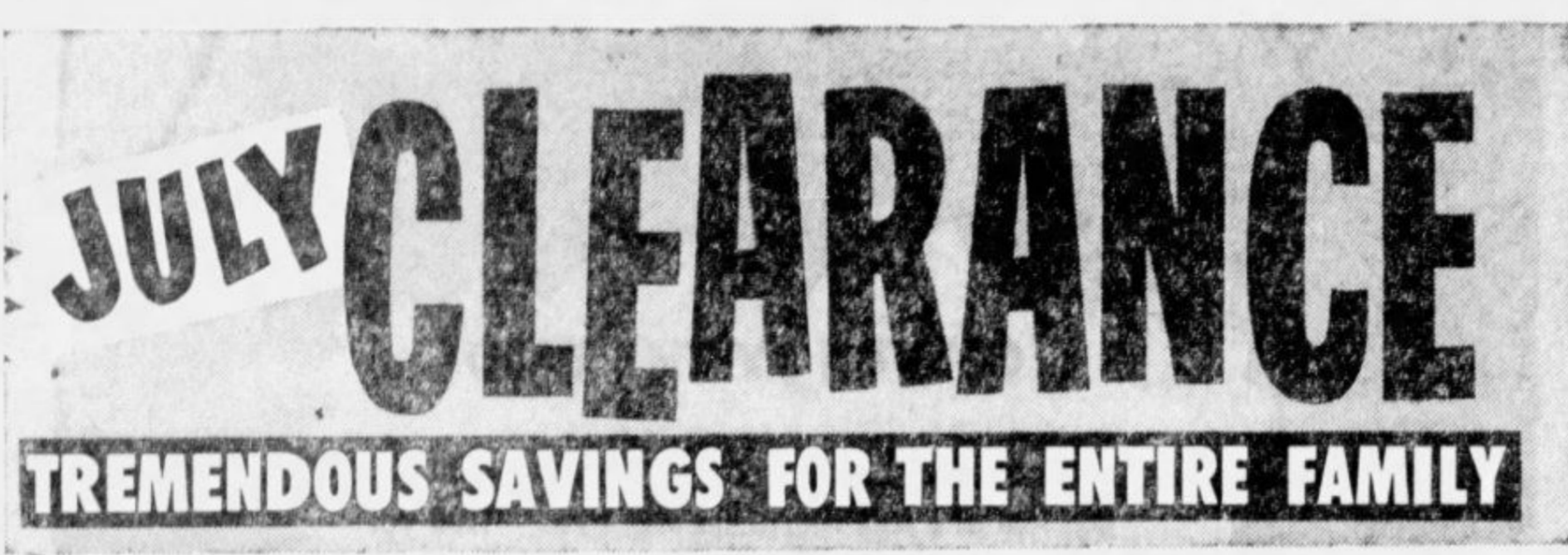
Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said Clements will "have our whole-hearted cooperation." He praised Johnson as "the one man able to hold the Democratic forces together in the Senate and move the program along with ease and relative speed."

Sen. Russell (D-Ga.) said Johnson's leadership has been superb and added: "He will be greatly missed in the last days of the session, but his colleagues are rooting for him."

Sen. Ives (R-N.Y.) said: "The Senate just can't spare Lyndon Johnson. I'm terribly sorry to learn of his illness." Sen. Kuchel (R-Calif.) said, "The entire Senate and the country will be deeply distressed."



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