

Adequate Housing Bill Slain By Lobby-Led Bosses in Congress

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WASHINGTON—If you want to know who's boss around here, the answer is easy. It's the House of Representatives Republican leadership. That was proved conclusively by the housing legislation passed during the special session of Congress.

The supposedly potent Senate leadership of Vandenberg, Taft, Wherry and company knuckled under completely to the House dictatorship. Instead of the Senate handing down the ultimatum and saying, "Pass this bill the way we want it—with slum clearance, low-cost public housing, aid to farm housing and veterans' homesteads"—it was the House leadership that called the turn with the mandate of, "Pass the housing bill the way we want it—without these features—or you'll get no new housing legislation at all this session."

Specifically, the House leadership that was able to defy not only the Senate but also the Republican platform and the housing policy of GOP candidate Thomas E. Dewey as well as the Massachusetts majority floor leader Charlie Halleck of Indiana, Rules Committee chairman Leo Allen of Illinois.

This little group was aided by busy Wisconsin Sen. Joe McCarthy, who floor-managed the fight for the House leaders on the Senate side. You have to give

him credit for having done a job.

Revenge for McCarthy

When the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill was passed by the Senate last April, McCarthy took the lead in trying to knock out the slum clearance and public housing provisions. Senator Taft was then championing the T-E-W bill, and he gave McCarthy a terrible licking in forcing its passage by the Senate.

But the GOP leadership simply refused to allow the House members a chance to vote on this bill as it passed the Senate. It was finally approved by the House Banking and Currency Committee, but Leo Allen's Rules Committee bottled it up. All the House members were allowed to consider was an extremely feeble substitute housing bill whipped up by chairman Jesse Wolcott of the Banking and Currency Committee.

This was passed by the House, but Sen. Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana, co-author of the T-E-W bill, blocked a move for a conference between the two houses to iron out differences.

OUT OUR WAY

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Three Western Envoys Confer With Molotov

MOSCOW, Sept. 18—(AP)—

The three western envoys met again today with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, the U. S. Embassy announced.

It was the second time the representatives of the United States, Britain and France had gone to the Kremlin to see Molotov this week and it was the 11th conversation that the envoys have held with him on the East-West differences over Germany.

It was a dreary, rainy day in Moscow. The Moscow four-power negotiations now have been going on for 31 days and there is no result yet.

Burma Foreign Minister Injured by Bomb Burst

RANGOON, Burma, Sept. 18—(AP)—Brig. U. Tin Tui, former Burmese foreign minister, was injured critically last night when a hand-made bomb exploded in his automobile.

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Child Killed in Accident; Drunken Driver is Held

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 18—(AP)—A child was killed near here early today and a College Place, Wash., resident was charged with drunken driving in connection with the accident.

State Police Sgt. N. W. Smith reported that Warren Lee Perkins, 6 of Milton, Ore., was killed and two of his brothers, Norman and Allen, were injured seriously when a car rammed into the rear of their father's pickup truck.

Alfred Parr, 25, an Indian, was charged with drunken driving. Parr was driving the car, Smith said.

The result was no housing legislation at all in the regular session.

When Congress was called back in special session and asked to give the T-E-W bill priority second only to anti-inflation, McCarthy got busy again and sought revenge for his past defeat. His first success was in persuading Senator Taft to reverse himself and abandon slum clearance and public housing provisions of the T-E-W bill.

The argument was that unless this was done there would be no housing legislation at all, because the House leaders would not budge from their opposition to the T-E-W bill. Taft fell for this line.

Victory for Lobbyists

It is important to note here that the House never had the opportunity to vote for or against the T-E-W bill.

Senator Taft declared on the floor that he was not abandoning his fight for slum clearance and public housing. He said he would bring up both measures next year. But housing officials concede that having now been killed, they have little chance for future revival. Their only hope would be as make-work measures, brought up in time of depression to give a shot in the arm to a lagging construction industry through federal aid for building

many low-rental housing projects.

What has happened, therefore, is a complete victory for the real estate and building industry lobbies in Washington. They have been fighting public housing for years. Their strategy has been to separate the public housing provisions from other housing legislation they did want, then defeat the public housing. In this effort they had the help of congressmen who followed the McCarthy and Wolcott lead, and who played into the lobby's hands at all times.

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