

# POLITICIANS GIRD FOR BATTLE OVER STATE'S CONTROL

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The senator's death by Dr. E. L. Sanders, who said there were "not necessarily" any complications.

Punctured Colon, Kidney

Dr. G. S. Long, a brother of the senator, was quoted as saying, however, that the bullet which entered the right side, punctured the colon in two places, penetrated the kidney.

The senator was 42 years old.

The gunshot wound was inflicted by Dr. Carl A. Weiss, kinsman of a Long political enemy, in the corridor of the Louisiana state capitol at 9:20 p. m. Sunday night.

Even before his death, there were demands for a full investigation of the fatal shooting. In Washington, Representative Penney (R., Pa.) declared:

"The congressional committee which is about to investigate Senator Long's activities in Louisiana might also investigate his attempted murder."

The senator had just stepped from the house chamber after pushing toward completion a number of special session acts aimed at the federal administration, and toward consolidating his already almost unalterable personal control of the state's affairs.

Assassin Dies on Spot

Dr. Weiss, a 30-year-old eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, pressed a gun into the senator's stomach and fired. His arm was deflected before he could fire a second shot and Long's body guardsmen, state highway police and police who swarmed over all Louisiana, killed him on the spot with a fusillade of nearly sixty bullets.

Dr. Weiss was buried yesterday.

The lieutenant of the Louisiana dictator was stunned momentarily and grief-stricken by Long's death, but was believed ready to attempt to carry on the powerful regime he established.

On the other hand, Long's political opponents were expected to make a strong fight against this effort and to try to gain control themselves.

Calls for Children

Senator Long became delirious at midnight last night, and shortly later lost consciousness. Earl J. Christenberry, his secretary, said he exclaimed:

"Where are my children?"

His children—Rose, Russell and Palmer Reid—were rushed to his side but too late for the senator to recognize them.

The secretary said there were last wishes expressed by the senator. He would not divulge them because he said they concerned the family and were private.

Mrs. Jack Ducournau, a niece, gave another version of the senator's last act before he lost consciousness. He sent for Mrs. Long, who had left the room, she said, and as she walked in, he exclaimed:

"Here comes my sweetheart. Where are all the children? I love all of you."

Gor. O. K. Allen, who was tearful as he emerged from the death chamber, said the senator wondered "what would happen to my poor university boys." The senator made himself the particular patron of the football team of the University of Louisiana.

Wanted to Live

Fighting determinedly, Long also told Seymour Weiss, a close friend and treasurer of the Long organization, at the bedside:

"I want to live."

The body was sent to a funeral home.

Christenberry said the body of the senator would lie in state in the five million dollar capitol which was erected when he was governor and in which he was shot. Other arrange-

ments awaited a conference in the office of Governor Allen.

At the bedside besides Mrs. Long and the children, Governor Allen and Christenberry, were the senator's sisters, Mrs. W. M. Knott and Mrs. Stewart Hunt, and their husbands, his brothers, Dr. G. S. Long, Julius and Earl, and the latter's wife, his father, Dr. Roy Long, and several cousins.

The marriage of Long and the former Rose McConnell followed a courtship typical of the speed of the senator's life.

They met in Memphis, Long traveling for a packing firm, was promoting a cooking contest. Mrs. Long won the prize. A few months later she was instrumental in exonerating Long, who was charged with participating in a minor shooting scrape. She produced seat stubs as proof he escorted her to a theater the night of the shooting.

Loss Hope at 3 A. M.

The life blood transfusion which the physicians attempted to administer to Senator Long never was completed. At 3 a. m. Dr. E. L. Sanders announced there was no longer any hope.

"He is dying," he said.

The end was only little more than an hour away then and the physicians had abandoned their battle against death.

"We have done everything in the world we could for him," Dr. Sanders said before death visited.

Governor Allen made the official death announcement. His voice was husky and barely audible.

"This marks with the death of Huey P. Long the passing of the greatest builder of economies in the history of Louisiana in 225 years," he said. "It also marks with the death of Huey P. Long the passing of the greatest hero for the common right of all the people of America."

Hospital Guarded

While Long and his physicians fought for his life, the roads around the hospital were barred by troops and police who swarmed over all Baton Rouge, a multiplication of the guard which failed to save him in the statehouse.

The legislature met yesterday and ground out the senator's bills. One of them germ-ridden the political ballistics of District Judge B. H. Pavy, the assassin Weiss' father-in-law. Guards searched all for weapons. The senate met briefly last night and sent the bills to its finance committee after a minister inspired a deity "too wise to err" to save the senator.

The parish coroner started an inquest into the death of Dr. Weiss, but postponed it because only two witnesses testified. He said he might have to close the inquest because he was powerless to make the senator's guards, slayers of the assassin, appear.

Just before Senator Long came into his range, Weiss said: "It won't be long now."

As an auto bore Senator Long to the hospital he said:

"I wonder why he shot me."

Speculate on Effect

There was much speculation on the possible effect of Senator Long's death on the political empire which was built largely about his own dynamic personality. Some political leaders, including the veteran Senator Ellison D. Smith, (D-S.C.) believed the whole Long movement, in the state and in the nation, would collapse.

During the night, after hope for his life had been abandoned, the senator's political lieutenants held conferences on the future of his vast political organization.

The conferees included Governor Allen, Seymour Weiss, Abe Shushan, director of the levee board, Lieutenant Governor James A. Noe, Speaker Allen Vellender of the house of representatives and George Wallace, Long's legislative aide.

Governor Now Leader

At the top in the order of succession is Governor Allen.

But "O.K." has never cared much for politics. He "trucked" along with Long because Long wanted him to.

they'd been friends since boyhood. The slim substance of Allen's regime as governor approximated that Long had to have a titular head of the state government so he made Allen governor. Allen last night said he would retire after the current term.

There were two courses open to the Long leaders.

1. A political oligarchy, with the lieutenants of the senator carrying on his policies.

2. The designation of one of these lieutenants as leader of the organization.

Political observers and politicians pondered this primary question: Is there anyone in the organization capable to fill the place of the chief?

Jealousy Feared

In addition, there was the possibility of jealousy cropping up among the lieutenants, of internal strife in the organization. Such strife in the past has broken many political machines.

The New Orleans situation offered, also, a serious threat. Recently Long in his fight against his arch-foe, Mayor T. Semmes Walmisley—had won over because of his control of finances and patronage, many of the district leaders in the old line Democratic organization.

Now with Long gone, Walmisley is in a strong position to rebuild his New Orleans organization.

If the Long lieutenants were in a quandary about the future, those who have battled Long's rise to power held a new hope of victory.

A few weeks ago, a group of Louisiana congressmen who withstood the onslaught of the senator's forces, formed an opposition bloc. They intended this as the nucleus of a formidable army of foes.

Followers Puzzled

But there was more to puzzle the political world than Louisiana. What will become of the hundreds of the "share-the-wealth" units built by the senator and his organization? They spread across the nation. Yesterday, while Long was fighting for his life, the St. Louis unit announced it would soon open offices for "Long for President in '36."

A few weeks ago in New York, Long said he would run as an independent in '36 if "the Republicans go Hoover, the Democrats go Roosevelt and there is no liberal candidate in the field."

But at Baton Rouge today, the national scene was submerged to the state. Long was dead—and his lieutenants had to think about the future. The organization he built up waited for a new leader.

Medics Closemouthed

It was a tense night vigil about the hospital as Long's strength ebbed. Traffic was diverted. Unless visitors had special permits they had no chance to get through the heavy guard and to the hospital. The doctors, for the most part, were closemouthed about the struggle.

Now and then an attendant or a nurse dropped a word to indicate how things were going. The first real alarm among the watchers came at 7 p. m., when a serious sinking spell was reported unofficially. Up to that time not even the necessity for a second blood transfusion at noon yesterday could dim the hope that the senator's enormous vitality would pull him through.

Hope Long Held

An hour and a half after the sinking spell was reported one of the doctors said: "The senator is holding his own."

But shortly later the alarmed physicians ordered blood tests for another transfusion. An oxygen tank was rushed in and it was learned an oxygen tent had been taken in earlier. The transfusion was completed at midnight.

A little while later the senator became delirious. And then intermittently unconscious. He was sinking fast. Word came out of the sick room that there was no longer any hope. Then the physicians gave up.

They sat back and awaited what they knew was inevitable.

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my son did not go into the capitol Sunday night to kill Long. Whatever happened there between him and the senator and those who killed him, I do not think I shall ever know. That is something we'll never know. That what happened there, what brought him there, will always be between him and his Maker."

The mother, too, could give no motive for her son's action.

"We had no word, no intimation, nothing," she said. "All that we know is that he took living seriously. Right with him was happy about everything."

"We were just a right family group," the mother said. "We have always been so proud of him. He had the whole world in front of him. When he did a thing like that he must have known he would be killed."

The elder Dr. Weiss declared his son's attempt on Senator Long's life was not motivated by a proposed bill before the legislature that would have transferred his father-in-law, Judge P. H. Pavy of Evangeline parish, from one district to another.

"Absolutely not," he said. "He had no reason to take that seriously because the judge did not take it seriously."

Dr. Weiss, a graduate of Tulane university, was known among his associates as a "conscientious worker," a "serious fellow." He served his internship at the Toussaint infirmary in New Orleans and at Bellevue hospital in New York City.

In 1933, he married Yvonne Pavy, a graduate of Newcomb college in New Orleans and of the Sorbonne in Paris.

He had been associated with his father, also an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist.

Dr. J. Hallock Moore, a personal friend, described Long's assailant today as a "brilliant" man who was "very thorough and painstaking" and with the courage of his convictions.

"I am confident that Dr. Weiss, after careful thought, concluded that Huey Long should be eradicated, and set out to do it as thoroughly as he would do anything else. I am confident also that Dr. Weiss never talked it (the shooting) over with anyone else."

# TONY THE STINGER SUICIDES IN CELL

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NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Anthony Cugino, Philadelphia gangster known as "Tony the Stinger," and accused of eight killings, hanged himself in his cell shortly before midnight to "end this life of hell."

A suicide note left for his pretty wife, Frances, tended to confirm a rumor that his arrest was brought about by a tip from a girl he killed. "F. S.—Fergive Sally," was the end of the note on which he signed himself "Jim."

Cugino had been questioned for 15 hours. He denied seven of the slayings of which he was accused, but admitted the killing of Patrolman Charles Stockberger in a payroll hold-up of a Philadelphia glove factory on July 14, 1935.

Cugino was reputed to be the real leader of the tri-state gang originally led by Robert Mats and Walter Legezna, both of whom have been electrocuted.

# NEW DEAL CRITICS DRAW HOT RETORT FROM JIM FARLEY

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pending of money by the administration on his (Mr. Roosevelt's) constitutionality of the measures passed by congress, on his tax program, etc.

"Assuming that they are on the level in these declarations, it might be presumed that the G. O. P. proposed in the absurd fulfillment of its fantastic hopes for next year, to repeal all these enactments which excite them to so much vehemence. Curiously, no such threat or promise appears in any of the statements."

"They all complain of the expenditures for relief, which of them would appropriate the cancelling of relief appropriations and the restoration of freedom to starve unhampered to the millions of people without employment or other resources?"

"What I think the Republicans will like to hear from the country is a mention of even one of the President's policies they would like to repeal."

Business Room Seen

"Chairman Fletcher refers to the frightened businessmen." In the same issue of the newspapers that carried Republicans' despairing wails, I find this first page headline: "Biggest Business Since '30 Foreseen by Labor."

and in the course of the article we find that "as a result of increased buying, production and growing confidence, industry is beginning to order new machinery. New orders for the first half of 1935 were 47 per cent above last year." The Journal of Commerce weekly price index shows that the price trends of the 10 principal groups of commodities is up to 81.7 against 82.3 at the beginning of 1935.

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