

Struggle for Rules Committee Control Involves Ullman, Green

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Washington (Special) — Reps. Al Ullman and Edith Green are involved in the power struggle over who will control the rules committee in the House of Representatives. Will it be a small group of conservatives, or the more liberal Democratic majority of the House?

Ullman is concerned directly with the uncomfortable problem of whether or not to discipline a recalcitrant fellow Democrat, Rep. William Colmer (D-Miss.), by banishing him from the rules committee. Ullman has just been named to the house ways and means committee, which has among its duties the power to name Congressmen to committees. He expects a fight within the committee, and he will be in the thick of it, for, as he says:

"I feel that the removal of one obstructionist from the rules committee, and his replacement by a forward-looking congressman who will represent the prevailing sentiment in Congress will at least in large part solve the problem."

The problem he mentions is immensely complicated and not easy of solution. Colmer's immediate difficulty springs from the fact that he bolted the party ticket and supported, through an independent slate of electors, Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia for president. But Colmer's long-standing habit of voting with conservative chairman Howard Smith of Virginia and four equally conservative Republicans on the rules committee to prevent liberal legislation from coming to a House vote is the real reason for the almost unprecedented purge . . . if it comes.

The rules committee acts as a clearing house for the orderly transmission of legislation to the House. It serves a useful and needed function, but its members during the close of the 1960 session, thwarted the will of the majority of Democrats, who are now determined to put a stop to it. Last summer, to the anguish of Reps. Green and Ullman, the committee successfully bottled up a housing bill, an aid to education bill, and a minimum wage bill.

These are three of the president-elect's five-point legislative program on which he wants immediate action. The other two are aid to depressed areas, and a medical care for the aged bill, tied to social security. Smith and Colmer, with the four Republicans can tie the six votes of other Democrats on the committee who support legislation which they do not want. A tie prevents the measure from going to the House for action.

Majority Leader Sam Rayburn has been reluctant to punish anybody, and his problem of getting rid of Colmer is complicated for several reasons. If he purges Colmer, why not others? Four other southern congressmen bolted the ticket last fall. Also, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, has moved up to the chairmanship of the important labor and education committee; he was not relieved of his seniority rights when he bolted to the GOP in 1956.

A further complication lies in the ways and means committee, of which Wilbur Mills (D-Ark.) is chairman. If his committee acts to banish Colmer, then Mills is in trouble back home! Arkansas will lose two Representatives as a result of the last census; and since Gov. Orval Faubus will control the legislature, Mills, if he axes a fellow southerner,

Local Man Arraigned In District Court

Robert Murray Crandall, 30, of 145 South Grape st., Medford, was arraigned in district court Friday on charges of uttering and publishing a false check. Crandall waived rights to a preliminary hearing and is being held on \$1,500 bail, pending appearance before a grand jury. Crandall was arrested on Wednesday by Ashland police.

may be restricted right out of his House seat.

Ullman says that the northern Democratic liberals, who, with over 100 members, constitute considerable pressure on southern Rayburn, will carry the fight to a Democratic caucus if ways and means do not act. The liberals are determined to move, for the rules committee was successful in embarrassing Kennedy

last summer and promises to do so again.

The pressure on Rayburn is internal as well, for now that he has a Democratic president in the White House, he is understandably eager to help him with his program.

But it comes hard, for, because of the seniority system and the one-party South, here in Congress things are run pretty much by southerners,

and they protect the seniority system and one another as a mother bear defends her cubs.

Mrs. Green is indirectly affected, in that through the seniority system should Rep. Colmer be replaced by liberal southerner Carl Elliott, she will then be in line for Elliott's chairmanship of an education and labor subcommittee.

But Mrs. Green remembers

well that two years ago when the Democratic liberals threatened to take action, Rayburn nullified them by assurances that major bills would get through the rules committee. He was unable to deliver, and this year Mrs. Green has a "show me" attitude. She is, however, ever hopeful, for as she said:

"As one of the supporters of Kennedy, and one who has

been placed in the so-called liberal bloc, I think the change in the rules committee is essential if we are to enact the Kennedy program. Mr. Rayburn has promised to use his efforts to accomplish this; and with this promise I feel very optimistic that a change will be made, so that the rules committee is no longer the resting place of necessary legislation."



FAMILY REUNION—Robert Sayre of Portland, Ore., spends a happy reunion with his family after arriving at West Palm Beach, Fla., from Havana. Sayre was one of 74 persons that left Cuba aboard an ocean-going ferry, on his Sunday meeting with President-elect John F. Kennedy.

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Quotes From the News

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New York—Herbert Lehman, former governor and senator, on his Sunday meeting with President-elect John F. Kennedy:

"He's off to a fine start. He will make a great President."

Virginia City—Larry Dacek, 15, on being brought up by a rope lift from a mine shaft where he was trapped 11 hours:

"I was never so happy in my life as when I saw all those people standing around up top."

Paris—French Premier Michel Debre on the indicated victor of President de Gaulle's plan for Algeria:

"The nation has surmounted its divisions and has expressed deep confidence."

New York—Beatnik coffee house owner John Mitchell charging firemen have been harassing him in an attempt to close his Greenwich Village spot:

"Man, like it's getting to be a real drag down here!"

49 SOC Students Get NDEA Loans

Ashland — Forty-nine students received National Defense Education Act loans for the fall term at Southern Oregon college with the average loan per term amounting to \$200, according to Dr. Alvin Fellers, director of student affairs.

Eighty-six applications were received, with freshmen applying for 19, other undergraduates 64, and graduates 3.

Fifty-six loans have been approved for a total of \$22,195. Approved for loans have been 12 freshmen, 42 other undergraduates, and 2 graduates.

Distribution of loans according to classes is as follows: Freshmen 12, sophomores 7, juniors 12, seniors 23, and graduates 2.

Approximately 50 new applications have been received for consideration winter term, Dr. Fellers announced.

Retired Publisher Dies in Portland

Portland (UPI) — Archie Whisnant, 85, retired secretary of the Pacific Logging Congress and a former newspaper publisher in Oregon, died Sunday night.

Whisnant was secretary of the logging organization for more than 25 years. He also owned the former Coos Bay Times and the Bend Press and was a reporter for the old Portland Telegram.

Whisnant, a native of Wisconsin, is survived by his widow, Grace, a daughter and a son.

AFL-CIO Will Resist Anti-Labor Bills

Salem (UPI) — Approximately 200 representatives of the Oregon AFL-CIO agreed Saturday that the prime concern of labor at the 1961 state legislature would be resistance to anti-labor legislation.

Representatives of unions throughout Oregon attended the session. They listed the defeat of the three-way workmen's compensation proposal and the improvement of unemployment compensation as labor's second and third priorities at the legislature.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT

Nita Zumwalt, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Richard Guehes, failure to stop, \$15.
Robert E. Beare, overload, \$52.50.
Walter A. Groff, overload, \$38.50.
Bert Lee Jackson, no lights, \$10.
Mary Lou Parton, no lights, \$5.
John F. Cody, 23 Newtown st., Medford, driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, \$300.

Ada M. Zink, no lights, \$5.
Robert O. Shute, excessive noise, \$7.50.
Larry J. Freeman, violation of basic rule, \$50.
Albert P. Laborde, overload, \$150.
Lavonne L. Samp, improper head lights, \$7.50.

CIRCUIT COURT

Nancy Lee Sanford vs. Richard Allen Sanford, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

Alan Glen McKinnis, Pines Trailer Court, Ashland, and Christine Verniel McGee, 217 North Main st., Ashland.

DISTRICT COURT

LaVonne L. Samp, improper head lights, \$7.50.
Donald W. Ellis, no motor vehicle license, \$5.
Henry O. Geyner, improper lights, \$7.50.
Earl L. Murcock Jr., disobeyed stop sign, \$15.
Nora J. Sheppard, failure to dim lights, \$7.50.
Albert L. Harrison, excessive noise, \$7.50.
Graciele L. Floyd, no headlights, \$7.50.

Othniel E. Hayes, inadequate brakes, \$10.
Harold E. Roberts, failure to dim lights, \$5.
Anthony A. Monroe, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Inez L. Church, violation of basic rule, \$15.

Sandra Malot, failure to stop, \$15.
Leroy D. Bagle, no lights, \$7.50.
Leroy V. Draper, overload, \$168.
Della V. Mollenhaver, failure to stop, \$15.
Don W. Johnson, no tail lights, \$10.
John C. Wright, no lights, \$5.
Daniel D. Benjamin, no lights, \$10.

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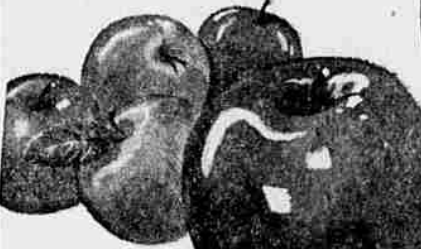
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