

McNary, 23-Year Senate Veteran, Pioneered in Field of Farm Relief

WASHINGTON, July 1 (AP)—Oregon's Senator Charles McNary—nominated Friday for vice president by the republican convention—may not have invented farm relief, but he had it down to a fine science years ago.

Veteran of 23 years in the senate, the Willamette valley crossroads lawyer and filbert rancher was one of the early leaders of the "farm bloc."

He was co-author of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, the major legislation for farmer's aid introduced prior to the AAA. It twice passed congress, but was vetoed by President Coolidge.

Legislation to assist farm interests has been McNary's primary objective since he was named to the senate in 1917 in place of Harry Lane, one of the six senators who voted against United States entry into the World war and died within a few weeks after that vote.

Crop Broadcasts
McNary is credited by his friends with being responsible for the broadcasting of crop and market conditions by the department of agriculture; instrumental in establishment of the primary wheat market statistics; and having pioneered the field of federal advances to farmers when he secured loans to livestock and grain growers from the World war finance corporation.

Some republicans have criticized him since 1933 for supporting part of the Roosevelt administration's legislative program, including farm benefit payments and public power projects.

The lanky, 66-year-old Oregonian has a homespun pioneer background. He was born in Salem, the little capital of Oregon, on June 12, 1874, the tenth child of a family which had trekked across the Oregon trail to settle in the fir timberlands.

Voted To Remain
It was less than a quarter century before his birth that Oregon settlers had voted—by a one-vote margin in a woodland grove at Champoux—to remain with the United States in preference to Canada.

His mother died when he was four, and he was reared by an elder sister, Nina McNary, who died in 1932.

McNary is the northwest's senior statesman. He weathered the 1930 and 1936 democratic sweeps at a time when neighboring Washington was sending solid democratic delegations to Capitol Hill.

McNary, those who argued him into taking the vice presidential nomination contended, figures as an ideal complement to Wendell Willkie, the republican presidential nominee. He has battled the Roosevelt administration reciprocal trade pacts as damaging to the lumber economy of the northwest. Willkie in the past has endorsed the treaties' principle.

Farm Field
Willkie's adult life has been in the fields of law and finance. McNary, in contrast, has been in daily touch with farm problems.

Too, Oregon rates as a public power state, to counterbalance Willkie's identification with private power interests. Bonneville dam, one of the major public works constructed since 1932, is a big factor in the industrial life of the Pacific northwest.

In the senate, McNary is rated by his colleagues as one of the deftest and least voluble of solons. He is generally credited with authorship of republican strategy in the fight against increasing the supreme court at President Roosevelt's behest. He counseled the party

to "lay low" and let a schism start among the democrats before the republicans came out in the open.

He has been on good terms with the eastern elements in the republican party, although identified primarily with the western forces which at times have opposed them.

In his votes since 1933, McNary—though minority leader—was enrolled in favor of AAA, NRA, Social Security, TVA and other long-range social reforms for which he had been arguing within the republican group prior to 1933.

NEW LUXURY BUS LINERS ORDERED

BEND, July 1—The large fleet of passenger buses operated by Mt. Hood Stages will soon be augmented by two new Flexible Clippers, the last word in modern motor coach designing, it was announced here today by Myrl P. Hoover, president of the company.

The new Clippers, 25-passenger luxury traveliners, are being driven here from Loudonville, O., by Leonard Bolton and Maurice Hoover, passenger agent and vice president of Mt. Hood Stages respectively, who left for Ohio June 29.

Built by Flexible corporation and powered by large GMC motors, the Clippers promise to speed up the already fast schedules on several of the present routes. They are ultra-modern in interior and exterior design and incorporate all the latest motor coach developments including new pusher-type engines.

Feathery air-foam cushions, indirect lighting, and radios, to be installed upon delivery here, will add to the passengers' riding enjoyment. These new super coaches are the first of their kind to be used on Oregon highways.

CHIEF ENGINEER OF RECLAMATION DEPARTMENT DIES

FRESNO, Calif., July 1 (AP)—Raymond F. Walter, 67, chief engineer of the federal bureau of reclamation in the far western states, died at a hospital here yesterday after an illness of several months.

Walter directed construction of the Boulder dam, Grand Coulee dam and some 20 other reclamation and power projects. He was in California from his Denver headquarters, inspecting units of the central valley project.

He came to Fresno three weeks ago, and was visiting a son, Doland E. Walter, an engineer on the Friant Dam project.

WASHINGTON, July 1 (AP)—Secretary Ickes designated Sinclair O. Harper as acting chief engineer of the reclamation bureau today in place of Raymond F. Walter, chief engineer for 15 years, who died yesterday in Fresno, Calif.

John C. Page, commissioner of the reclamation bureau, departed for Denver today to attend the Walter funeral Wednesday.

KNIGHTLY SLEEP

Upon being created a Knight of the Garter, a man must wear part of the insignia of the order day and night. Most of the knights wear the silver badge of the order during their sleep.

EXPANSION OF ARMY PLANNED IN NEW ORDERS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1 (UP)—Lieut. Gen. John L. De Witt, commander of the U. S. army ninth corps area covering far western states, Saturday announced a series of war department orders designed to promote expansion of the regular army through enlisting new recruits and calling reserve officers to active duty.

Approximately 190 reserve officers, including 92 medical officers, are, with their consent, to be called to active duty July 1 to man 92 recruiting stations in the ninth corps area, Lieut. Gen. De Witt said.

The new recruiting stations will be established in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada.

At the same time, two recruit reception centers will be established in the area—one at Fort Lewis, Wash., and the other at the San Francisco Presidio. Rookies will be equipped and given one-month's basic training at the centers.

The ninth area was canvassing young lieutenants in the officers reserve corps in response to a war department call to all areas, asking for a total of 9000 officers for extended voluntary duty with the regular army, R. O. T. C., organized reserve and other units under army control.

Some reserve lieutenants will be offered posts in Panama, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippine islands and Alaska, Lieut. Gen. De Witt said.

TAX STRUCTURE FAVORABLE TO NEW INDUSTRIES

SALEM, Ore., June 29 (UP)—State Tax Commissioner Wallace Wharton said today that Oregon's tax structure is more favorable than Washington's for industries locating within the area of Bonneville dam, especially during the initial period when net returns are low.

Wharton made the statement in a report to Gov. Charles A. Sprague, who had requested the data to determine the effect of state taxes on industry utilizing Bonneville power. Several industries have recently been established on the Washington side of the Columbia river.

MOLLY ROBERTS MILL SIGNS AFL

The AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers' local union 2520 completed negotiations of a collective bargaining agreement with the Molly Roberts Logging contractors Saturday afternoon, it was announced Monday morning. The agreement, negotiated by representatives Mike Pavolka and Joe Boyd, provides for sole collective bargaining, grievance committee and the union shop. The Roberts operations are in Hay creek just off the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway.

Russian Seizure Threatens Complications in German, Italian Plans for Invasion

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Russian seizure of Bessarabia and Bukovina from Rumania threatened serious complications during the past week in the Balkans and disturbed German and Italian plans to keep continental Europe passive while attacking Great Britain. Possibilities that Hungary and Bulgaria would follow Russia's example in Rumania are causing Berlin and Rome to exert all pressure in their power to hold the Balkans in check.

Rumania threatens to resist further territorial dismemberment and if a Balkan war was started, Germany could not concentrate her whole energy upon plans for an invasion of England. Even as the situation now exists, Hitler must give some consideration to Russia's real intentions, which may be aimed at checking too large expansion of German influence in Europe.

Russian Bases
Occupation of Bessarabia and North Bukovina gives Russia advance bases for bombing the principal Rumanian oil fields, so vital to Germany and stopping oil shipments from Asia Minor to Germany via the Black sea and the Danube. Russia, too, now has a mountain frontier in Bukovina to Germany's expansionist program in southeastern Europe. There can be no doubt that Russia is working to have an important say in the new European balance of power after the war, at the expense of Germany and Italy.

Great Britain evacuated the channel islands during the week, throwing them open to German military occupation. Hitler, however, had not accepted the invitation to concentrate a force in the islets at the close of the week. They are only a few miles from the German occupied coast of France and are too far from England to serve usefully as a military or naval base.

Intensive Plans
The British evacuation shows the intensification of preparations to meet a German invasion by transferring the channel island troops and guns to England and Scotland. During the week the British government has ordered that summer vacationists keep away from the British east coast, from Hastings to the Scotch border.

These preparatory measures imply that the British government has information of an impending attack by Germany, which would be directed across the short channel crossings to the English east coast. Hitler's first major objective would be the capture of London, between forty and fifty miles from the coast. But, if he were to work the miracle of ferrying across the channel sufficient men for a major offensive and landing them, the maneuver area for a march on London from the east coast would be small. The Germans would have to fight with their backs to the channel, a dangerous tactical position, with the British having all England in their rear.

If a lightning attack failed, the Germans might well find themselves trapped in England,

thus inciting the Balkans to disregard German threats at the other end of Europe and start their own war. The possibilities of such developments make the European situation increasingly complicated. Any entanglements just now on the continent must react to the advantage of Great Britain, awaiting the German onslaught.

REFUGEES

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, July 1 (AP)—About 100 Americans have crossed the Franco-Spanish frontier since the Nazi flag was hoisted near the international bridge over the Bidasoa river. All were en route to La Coruna and Bilbao to board ships for the United States.

POLICEMAN'S BEES HITCHHIKE HOME, OFFICER CLAIMS

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 1 (AP)—As far as prowl car officer Harry Wood is concerned the worst hitchhikers in town are Chief of Police John Blaker's bees.

The chief's bees, he said, feed on the wild vetch over east of town. "Every time we swing down that way they swarm into the car and ride home. They seem to know their way around. As soon as we get near the chief's house they all fly away," he said.

Sergeant Harry Diamond declared if you kept the windows closed the bees would ride home on the running boards. The chief poo-pooed the stories. "I realize I have very smart bees," he said, "but they aren't that smart. Anyway, the boys can't prove my bees."

England has had four notable earthquake shocks within the last 55 years.

Willkie Campaign Built on "Matchsticks, Chewing Gum"

PHILADELPHIA, July 1 (AP)—Wendell Willkie has emerged with the republican presidential nomination from a campaign built, in the words of one of his own close supporters, of "match sticks and chewing gum."

It was a campaign unique in American political history, one which had no beginning that you could put your finger on yet in the late pre-convention days swept the country with amazing power.

The scattered, hit-or-miss tactics of his supporters finally evolved into a regular pattern, but skepticism of hard-handed political regulars wasn't eliminated until he actually translated this public appeal into votes of delegates.

New York, of course, was the focal point for Willkie's campaign organization, but the empire state's delegation to the con-

vention played little if any part in his early reckonings. Most of the delegation was pledged to Thomas E. Dewey, and Willkie knew that an entanglement with Dewey's powerful organization would work untold harm to his efforts.

He even refrained from public appearances in the states described as "Dewey states."

But to get back to the beginning.

In the spring, Willkie, busy with the affairs of Commonwealth and Southern corporation, pictured himself only as a dark horse contender for the nomination. Russell Davenport, then managing editor of the magazine Fortune, but now affiliated with Willkie, sought from the public utilities magnate an article which would outline his beliefs. It was published in the April issue.

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