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South African Parliament To Name Malan's Successor

PRETORIA, South Africa (U.P.)—The dominant Nationalist party faction in South Africa's Parliament assembled here today to name a successor to retiring Prime Minister Daniel Malan. It was a near certainty they would choose Johannes Gerhardus Strijdom, uncompromising advocate of Republican status for this British Commonwealth country.

Selection of the 61-year-old Strijdom as the party leader—necessary prelude to his appointment as prime minister by Gov. Gen. E. G. Jansen—could transform the political situation in the country plagued by tension between blacks and whites and between whites of British and Dutch descent.

Strijdom's only other serious rival for the party leadership, Deputy Prime Minister Nicolaas Christiaan Havenga, spread the word he would quit the government and politics if not elected.

Others loyal to him and to Malan, who backed Havenga in his retirement announcement seven weeks ago, might eventually fol-

low their candidate out of the party. The present party was formed in 1951 as a coalition of Malan's National party and Havenga's Afrikaner party, both made up of descendants of the country's Dutch-born Boer settlers.

This would bring the first serious split in Nationalist unity, unbroken since Malan led the two factions in taking power six years ago from the late Field Marshal Jan Christiaan Smuts' United party.

The struggle between Strijdom and Havenga was one of tactics and timing rather than other nationalist aims.

Strijdom is all for quickening the pace of the Nationalist march towards a Christian national republic in South Africa. He is determined to cut the limited franchise and political rights of the nation's 10 million nonwhites and to speed the government's "apartheid" program designed to separate the country's various racial groups into tight geographic compartments.

Strijdom was minister of lands

Rescuers Work To Free Miner

ST. CLAIR, Pa. (U.P.)—Mine crews are working around the clock to remove tons of rock and earth covering Frank Pesavage at the bottom of a 280-foot mine shaft near here. They said it would take several days.

The 37-year-old father of two children was trapped yesterday by a rock slide. Rescuers held little hope that he could be saved.

Two other miners working with Pesavage scrambled to safety up the 80-degree slope as the rock slid into the shaft.

in Malan's Cabinet.

Havenga's faction also favors eventual republican status for the country and racial segregation, but generally advocates a slower approach to the fulfillment of these aims.

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Churchill Cheered By Multitudes

LONDON (U.P.)—Sir Winston Churchill turned 80 today and millions of Britons and admirers overseas celebrated the birthday anniversary as a personal affair.

Not since the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II had emotion surged so strong through the nation.

The day began with business of state. It was opening day for the new Parliament. Queen Elizabeth II was scheduled to read from the throne her traditional address to the government outlining the legislative program.

After that a special ceremony for Churchill was scheduled at the Hall of Westminster with presentation of two gifts from Parliament—a commemorative album and a portrait of the Prime Minister.

A family party at the Prime Minister's official residence, 10 Downing Street, was the last event on the day's schedule.

Two 90-pound birthday cakes were baked—one for the Parliament party and the other for the family gathering.

With one exception—the Communist Daily Worker—Britain's national newspaper hailed the day as a big event in British history.

"Today Our Toast Is You, Sir!" was the eight-column banner atop the Conservative Daily Mail's front page.

But the worker published a crudely drawn "birthday card."

"Resign! Along with your Tory government."

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The pubs rang with "happy birthday." A special three-room office in London's Charing Cross Road was swamped with presents and bags full of letters, many of them with checks and coins for Churchill's 80th birthday presentation fund.

A staff of 60, mostly volunteers from London banks, battled at adding machines far into last night in an effort to keep even with the contributions.

As a first installment of the fund, Churchill will be presented with a "six-figure check" (something approaching the equivalent of half a million dollars), it was whispered at a ceremony late today.

"It is a personal gift to Sir Winston and he may do with it what he wishes," said Lord Moynihan.

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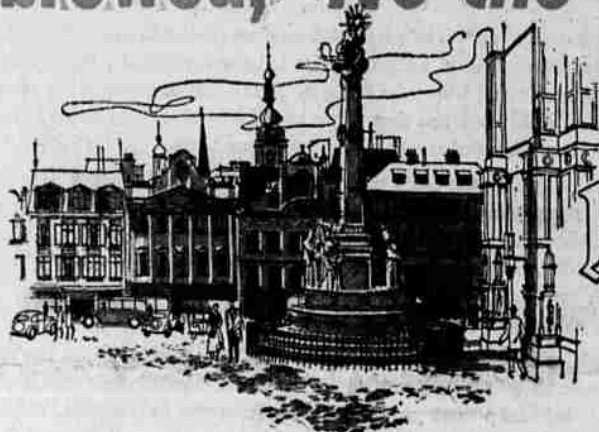
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