

Capitol Hill Move Begins

WASHINGTON (AP) — The biggest move in a decade on Capitol Hill started its tortuous course this week.

It's new office assignments, for which first choice goes to members with the most seniority.

The 82 new representatives and 15 new senators get what's left after the incumbents make their choice.

The problem is getting everybody moved—sometimes several times—before Congress convenes Jan. 7. It's like a game of musical chairs. And the Senate could go through it again a month later. A new Senate office building is expected to be ready then.

"We work New Year's Day—well, we just work night and day and somehow all the moves are made," A. Emmanuel Ridgell, superintendent of the two House office buildings, said in an interview.

"It always works out."

They said about the same thing in the Senate Rules Administration Committee, which handles office assignments. Until the new Senate office building is ready, most of the new senators are taking over the offices being vacated by their predecessors.

The House has 82 reelected members moving to new offices, seven moving over to the Senate and 82 new members moving in. It's the biggest turnover since 1948. As Ridgell recalled, there were more than 100 new members and 84 reelected members moving their offices that year.

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PARIS (UPI)—David Schoenbrun, Paris correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting System, has been elected president of the Anglo-American Press Association for 1959.

Demo Liberals Push Plans For Stronger House Voice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic liberals, claiming added strength among newly elected congressmen, pushed plans today to

Boy Admits School Fire

STOCKTON, Calif. (UPI) — A 10-year-old boy has confessed setting fire in the library of the Jefferson Elementary School a few minutes before 611 students were to start classes.

Fire Chief Lyle Stevenson said the fire would have been "disastrous" had it not been controlled almost immediately. He estimated the damage at \$500.

The fire was brought under control at 8:54 a.m. Monday. Classes start at 9 a.m.

The boy said he had made five different attempts to set the library fire.

demand a stronger voice in House Democratic councils.

Speeding up their organization, they tentatively scheduled for next Monday a meeting to polish up a plan of action and set their goals. They originally had planned to caucus early in January, only a few days before Congress convenes.

Making up the group are North-erners and Westerners pledged to

strong programs of civil rights and social legislation. They had been talking of centering their efforts on weakening the bill-killing power of the House Rules Committee, essentially controlled now by conservatives.

But some of them want to push also for more consideration of their own point of view by the leadership of the House. Declining to be quoted directly, members

said several possible means of considering this are under consideration.

One would provide that members be consulted through the party whip and his assistants before party positions are taken.

Another would require more party caucuses. Now there nor-

mally is only one binding caucus each session, and it is limited to organization matters.

Still another proposal is to bring to life the dormant Democratic Policy Committee of the House.

"We'll take our chances any time on a poll of the Democratic side," one of the liberals said.

He said his group estimated its own minimum strength at 85, but that soundings among some of the

newly elected Democrats indicated it could count on a higher active membership.

The "hard-core Southerners," he said, total about 95, leaving about 100 Democrats in the new, heavily Democratic house not firmly attached to either pole.

"On almost any vote, we'd get the big majority of these," he went on.

The new House will have 283

Democrats and 133 Republicans. Liberals are counting also on a further weakening of the coalition of conservative Southern Democrats and Republicans which has often prevailed in the House since early New Deal days. They reason, one of them explained, that Republicans cannot afford to side publicly with Southern Democrats when the lines are drawn clearly on race and civil rights.

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