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A New Type Government Was Shown To Louisiana By Huey (Kingfish) Long

Editor's Note: Huey P. Long introduced Louisiana to a type of government it had never known when he became governor in 1928. Gov. Earl K. Long, his younger brother who was confined to a Texas Psychiatric clinic two weeks ago, is the unchallenged master of Huey's inheritance.

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—At night a spotlight beams down from the 34-story Louisiana State Capitol on the sunken garden where Huey P. Long lies buried beneath his massive bronze statue.

By day there are flowers and tourists and an occasional unforgetting friend or foe pausing in remembrance of the incredible era when every man was promised he would be king — and one man almost made it.

But night or day Huey's stocky shadow falls across Louisiana, dividing its people as it has for the past 30 years into two hostile, politically powerful factions: these who revere the late Kingfish as the best friend the poor man ever had, and those who remember him as a ruthless tyrant, petty, vulgar and vindictive.

This is the house that Huey built. His name, his image, his memory stamped indelibly on the electorate. The resulting Long vs. anti-Long alignment of voters provides the state with the South's only equivalent of a thriving two-party system.

When Gov. Earl K. Long, Huey's younger brother, was shot full of sedatives and flown off to a Texas mental clinic after two profligate and abusive speeches to the Legislature, Louisiana added another dramatic chapter in the bizarre history of its famous political dynasty.

Speculation continues that perhaps this is the last chapter, that Earl Long even if he returns to health can never again pick up the pieces of his badly shaken political empire.

But in the past the Longs have shown amazing comeback power. The dynasty survived impeachment, assassination, million-dollar scandals, several reform waves and numerous interfamily battles without losing its emotional tug on the hearts of the people.

First there was Huey, the founder and still patron saint of the dynasty.

Patients See Rose Parade

PORTLAND (AP)—Patients at the Veterans Hospital here paraded in decorated wheel chairs Thursday as their part of the Rose Festival celebration.

Festival Queen Mary Sue Woolfolk was on hand to give the sweepstakes float award to Leo Primeau, whose entry was his wheel chair showing a bronzed fir stump complete with logger's ax.

John Haug was second to Primeau in the tuberculosis ward division, showing a big replica of Paul Bunyan's legendary blue ox.

In the veterans' group James Baumgartner won with an Indian float. Miles Kennedy, who wears a big cast, showed an elaborate canoe for second place.

The parade was held inside because of rain. With Miss Woolfolk in the reviewing party were Gov. Mark Hatfield and Mayor Terry Schrunk.

Hatfield said, "I am happy to be here on behalf of the people of Oregon to express their thanks and gratitude to those who have given so much."

Elsewhere Dr. J. M. Burkhardt, Olympia, took top honors for the third straight year in the annual Portland Rose Show. He won permanent possession of the giant sweepstakes trophy.

Mrs. Earl W. Wells, Corvallis, was runnerup.

HERE I WENT

DALLAS, Tex. — A dirty, luggage-laden station wagon was spotted bearing east under a sign that read: "California, here I went."

The eighth of nine children of a backwoods farmer in the pine lands of Winn Parish, north-central Louisiana, Huey entered public life as a traveling salesman. Glib, ambitious, gifted with folksy philosophy and earthy humor, Huey peddled a kitchen lard door to door, and studied law in his spare time. Sitting out World War I because he "wasn't mad at anybody," he won election to the Railway Commission, promptly became a hero by championing the "little people" in tilts with the Standard Oil Co., the telephone company and major utilities.

By the time he was 30, the minimum age for qualifying, Huey ran for governor, promising free school text books, free trapping, good roads and reduced gas tax. Rain kept his growing uplands following from turning out in the expected numbers, but four years later he swept in on the wings of bigger and better promises.

Huey kept his promises. He came through with the roads, bridges, textbooks, reduced utility rates, and, true to his threats as well as his promises, sent a New Orleans toll bridge company into bankruptcy by building a free bridge.

Less than a year in office, Huey was impeached and tried. The charges included bribery, misappropriation of state funds, removal of school officials for political purposes, violent abuse of citizens and officials, misconduct in public places, lobbying on the floor of the Legislature, and seeking to arrange the murder of J. Y. Sanders Jr., an anti-Long member of the House.

By adroit manipulation of the Legislature, Huey won on all counts and embarked on a ruthless power grab that soon brought the whole state to heel.

"I used to try to get things done by saying 'please,'" he grimly announced. "That didn't work and now I'm a dynamite. I dynamite 'em out of my path."

With the help of the National Guard, the state police and a rubber-stamp Legislature that he boasted he "could buy like a sack of potatoes," the Kingfish reduced the apathetic citizenry to a state of political slavery. Shrewdly, he disguised his dictatorship at first by playing the role of rustic clown, marching with the band at Louisiana State football games, receiving a German admiral in green pajamas and indulging in other bits of comic relief that soon wore thin.

Huey the dynamite moved on to the U.S. Senate without relinquishing his hold on the state. He ran about of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, whom he helped nominate, when his share-the-wealth program promising every family \$4,000 for a home, an automobile and a radio by liquidating all personal fortunes over \$3,000, boomed him into national prominence. "Every man was a king but no man wore a crown" was the catchy slogan Huey unabashedly lifted from William Jennings Bryan's Cross of Gold speech—and hoped would carry him to the presidency.

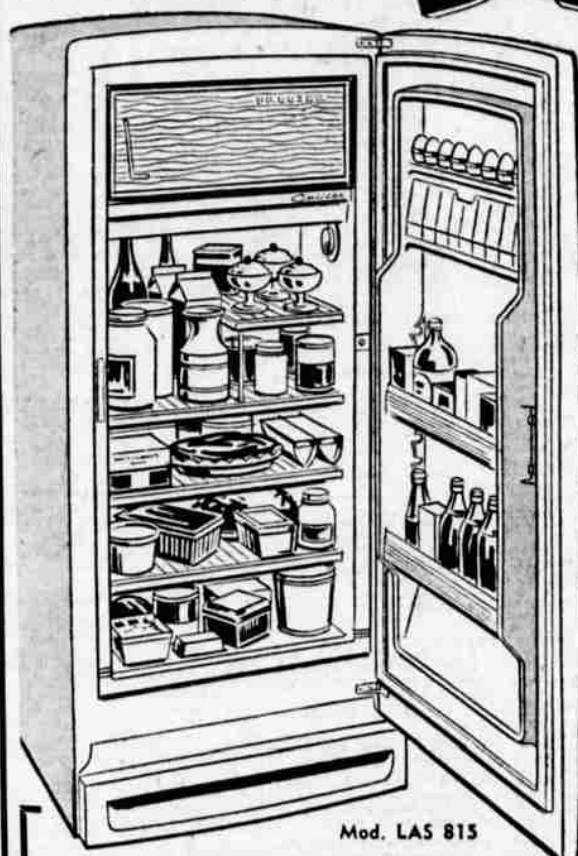
Federal income tax inspectors were ready to move in and cut Huey down when an assassin's bullet did the job for them in the marble hallway of the magnificent skyscraper Capitol that Huey built without knowing it was to become his hearse.

Before he died, Huey had a word of advice for his followers: "If those fellows ever try to use the powers I've given them without me to hold them down, they'll all land in the penitentiary."

The warning went unheeded. The following administration, riding the Long dynamite wagon out of control, embarked on a fantastic orgy of kickbacks, deducts, double dips and graft that plundered the state of an estimated 100 million dollars and saw Gov. Richard Leche, President James Monroe Smith of Louisiana State University and several lesser officials go to the penitentiary.

Leche resigned during the midst of a federal investigation, was later indicted on charges of using the mails to defraud and went to a federal penitentiary. Smith got involved in the stock market and went to the state penitentiary for misappropriation of LSU funds.

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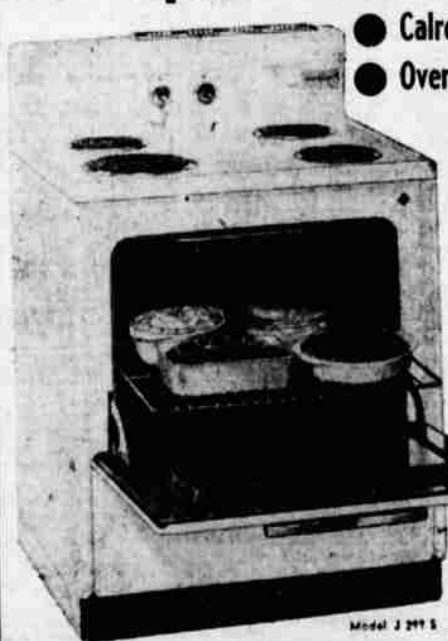
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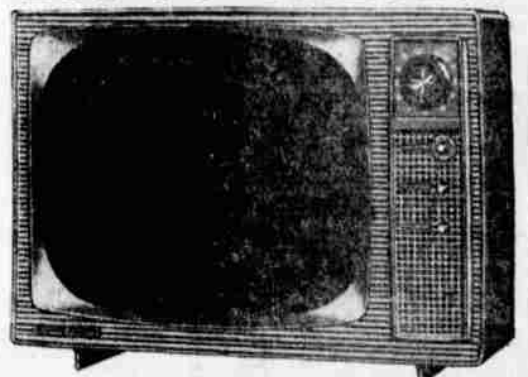
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