

Byrd Challenges Colleague To Purge Him

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., today denounced the Democratic platform as "radical... leading to Socialism" and defied Senate Democrats to try to purge him from the party.

The powerful chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, who refused to endorse President-elect John F. Kennedy during the elec-

tion campaign, made his first detailed public indictment of the platform in a 1,000-word letter to Sen. Joseph C. Clark, D-Pa. The letter was in reply to a proposal by Clark that Senate Democrats who failed to endorse the party's presidential nominee and platform should be barred from party caucuses.

Clark's proposal also would bar

senators opposed to specific platform planks from serving as chairmen of committees handling legislation to carry out those pledges.

The Clark plan was the second suggested to lessen the power of congressional conservatives who will be under the Kennedy administration. It had been reported earlier that several ideas were

under consideration to pull the leech of the House Rules Committee. A coalition of Republicans and southern Democrats on the panel frequently has bottled up liberal legislation.

The veteran lawmaker wrote Clark that he wanted to give a frank statement of his position "so you can prepare your case against me with full knowledge of what my position will be."

Clark's office said he was on a Caribbean holiday and probably would not have any comment until he returned to Philadelphia Monday.

"My position is simple," Byrd said. "I will support those planks in the platform of which I approve, but taken in its entirety I regard the Chester Bowles so-called Democratic platform as being radical or as leading to socialism and as being fiscally irresponsible."

Byrd said he opposed Democratic platform planks calling for what he called "political manipulation" of the Federal Reserve System to influence interest rates and for nullification of state right-to-work laws. He also objected to planks seeking action toward racial integration in all school districts by 1963, creation of a fair employment practices commission and medical care for the aged under the Social Security program.

Soviet Bloc Snagged On Colonialism Dispute

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — The Soviet bloc, which has been bombarding the General Assembly with demands for an immediate end to colonialism, was reported quietly giving ground today to a more moderate Asian-African proposal.

Informed sources said the Soviets—realizing they have little chance to defeat 45 Asian-African nations backed by many Western states—have decided to support the rival plan and also claim credit for the idea.

The Soviet delegation has made overtures to get the Asian-Africans to make certain key changes in their resolution, which calls for "immediate steps" to get the colonial powers to grant freedom to their dependent territories.

The Soviets want the Asian-African resolution to read more like their own, which flatly demands that independence be granted to all colonies "forthwith."

The Communists were said to be making little headway, however. Many of the more moderate members of the Asian-African bloc have cautioned that too quick a transition to freedom might be disastrous for some dependent peoples. They have cited the chaos now existing in the former Belgian Congo.

Policeman Kennedy Gets Rest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police Capt. Dan B. Kennedy got a respite while President-elect John F. Kennedy spent the weekend in Florida.

"Things have kinda settled back to normal routine," said white-haired Capt. Kennedy as he sat at his desk in the Seventh Precinct police station.

President-elect Kennedy lives in the Seventh Precinct, the Georgetown section of the capital city. This has meant extra protection work for the policemen.

"He has been nice" about helping the policemen in their work, Capt. Kennedy said about the other Kennedy.

The president-elect and the police captain are not related.

Four policemen from other precincts have been assigned to help the men of the Seventh. They work with the Secret Service men assigned to the president-elect.

When Kennedy is at home, there are only two policemen on duty at the N Street house. Four more help out when Kennedy arrives at or departs from his home.

Capt. Kennedy himself is there when the president-elect is "moving." He has been at the Georgetown University Hospital, too, when the president-elect has gone there to visit his wife and baby son—the hospital is also in the Seventh Precinct.

This weekend, with Mrs. Kennedy and John Jr. still in the hospital and Kennedy and daughter Caroline in Florida, there still are policemen around the Kennedy home to guard it and keep the traffic moving on the street.

"This is when the out-of-town people will drive by," Capt. Kennedy said. "It's a funny thing, you'll see a car go by, and somebody in it will point at the house. And five minutes later there's that same car again. They keep going around."

Crowds on the sidewalk across the street from the house have reached as many as 700 at a time.

"The people have been orderly," Capt. Kennedy said. "We haven't had any incidents."

"It's a quiet section of town. No—haven't had any complaints from the neighbors. I think they kind of enjoy all this excitement."

Dispatch Sees Porter Named

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Journal said in a news dispatch from Washington that Rep. Charles O. Porter, D-Ore., defeated for reelection last month, is being considered for appointment to the Civil Service Commission.

The source of the information was not given.

Four years ago Porter unseated Harris Ellsworth who was then named to that same commission. Ellsworth retired after two years.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
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Good Adverse Neutral

Maurine Backs Corbett

PORTLAND (AP)—Sen. Maurine Neuberger joined Sen. Wayne L. Morse and a number of county Democratic central committee members in backing the state chairman, Robert Straub, who has recently been under attack.

Opposition arose when the state executive committee endorsed Sen. Alfred Corbett for Senate president in the face of the effort by another Democrat, Sen. light.

Mrs. Neuberger said in a letter to Straub that his service as chairman had been outstanding. Sen. Walter Pearson, D-Portland, one of the Boivin supporters, had suggested Straub ought to quit because the state committee entered the Senate presidency effort by another Democrat, Sen. light.

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