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Senator Butler Is Dead

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WASHINGTON, July 1 (UPI)—Sen. Hugh Butler, 76-year-old Nebraska Republican, died Thursday at Bethesda, Md., Naval Hospital after suffering a massive cerebral hemorrhage.

Butler suffered the stroke at his home late last night and never regained consciousness.

A spokesman said the veteran Senator died at 11:30 p. m., EDT.

The Senate, meeting in its session on President Eisenhower's tax bill, adjourned when learned of the Senator's passing.

Butler was chairman of the important Senate Interior Committee and dean of the Nebraska Congressional delegation. He was counted an influential member of the Senate farm bloc. He was an ardent booster of federal reclamation projects, particularly from his home state.

Butler's death was the third to date this year. It left a lineup of 47 Republicans, 47 Democrats and one independent.

Presumably Nebraska's Governor, Robert B. Crosby, will appoint a Republican to replace him.

Butler will be buried in Omaha, Neb. Funeral plans have not been announced.

At his bedside when he died were his administrative assistant, Lynn Mote; Al McArthur, member of his Senate office staff, and Lloyd Smith, a close personal friend and an official of the Burlington and Great Northern Railroad.

Butler was found unconscious at his home here this morning. Lloyd W. Smith, a railroad man with whom the Senator lived, discovered Butler on the floor when he entered his room shortly after 8 a. m., EDT, Thursday.

A Naval Hospital ambulance whisked the stricken Senator to the Naval Medical Center at 8 a. m. His physicians gave him little chance to survive.

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ARCHITECT VIEWS SITE—Famed Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, with a part of the front range north of Colorado Springs in the background, points with his cane during a stop on a tour of the United States Air Academy site. He is flanked by Ernest J. Kump (left) of Denver and Chester B. Horn (right), Colorado Springs attorney. Wright is a member of a group of architects who call themselves Kittyhawk Associates which is bidding for the job of designing the \$126 million Academy. The area shown here is south of the Cathedral Rocks on the Cathedral Rock Ranch, west of Husted.—Free Press photo by Ed Welter.

A Challenge

Frank Lloyd Wright Looks Over Site for Air Academy

By HAROLD WYNNE

Eighty-five-year-old Frank Lloyd Wright, the architect, scrutinized the site of the United States Air Academy in an on-the-spot visit late Thursday afternoon, termed it "wonderful" and made it clear that he considers the site a challenge to "express America" by designing the new school's buildings.

He heads a group of eight architects which have banded together as Kittyhawk Associates to bid for the job of designing the Air Academy.

As he stepped from an automobile which brought him from Denver to Husted north of Colorado Springs Thursday, Architect Wright scanned the skyline to the west and said:

"Charlie Lindbergh picked a wonderful site."

He and his party were met by a group of Colorado Springs businessmen and newsmen, who accompanied him on a brief tour of the Cathedral Rock Ranch area.

Wright stressed that he believes "it is time" that America realize that it has "something to export besides dollars" and that it has a modern concept of architecture which has come into its own.

"The architecture of the new academy must represent the best America can produce," he said.

He said that the one weakness of America is that "it isn't enough America."

"We've forgotten what we are, where we are and who we are," said he, adding that he thought it was time America stopped "huddling" and be itself.

He said that modern architecture had its origin in America, which "has a culture of its own."

As for the 15,100-acre site for the new academy, Wright said that every location "demands its own solution" in architecture and that there are no buildings in America today suitable for the academy.

When Wright was met at Husted, according to plan, he was asked how extensive he wanted to make his tour through the site.

"I'm not one of these guys," the gray-haired dean of architects replied as he glanced across the highway in the direction of the site, "who has to drink a tub of dye to tell what color it is."

He wore a long, black coat which flapped like a flag in the breeze, and used a cane as a "pointer" throughout the trip.

Wright suggested that America do as the Romans once did, in abandoning Greek architecture for true Roman, arch construction. He said perhaps some "vulgar Roman" stood up once in Rome and defended arches as useful and beautiful and truly Roman, and that perhaps that man "was my counterpart."

"Hell, let's be ourselves," he urged.

During his trip, Wright said that he planned as soon as he returned to Denver to send "Charley" (Lindbergh) a wire, saying, "Dear Charley, Your eye for a site is as good as your eye for a flight."

Lindbergh, who early in his flying career often flew over the area north of Colorado Springs from the local airport, was one of five men on the Air Force's site selection board which considered more than 500 proposed sites and narrowed the field down to three, the Springs, Alton, Ill., and Lake Geneva, Wis. Though the majority of the board voted in favor of Colorado Springs, the decision was not unanimous, so the top three sites

were recommended to Harold Talbott, air secretary, who made the final selection.

Springs Proposed As U. S. Capital By Harry Truman

Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, here Thursday to inspect the site for the Air Academy, told of a conversation he had about five years ago with President Harry Truman about the possibility of making Colorado Springs the capital of the United States.

In the half-hour conversation, the two agreed that the capital should be in the middle west and Truman, he said, asked, "Why not Colorado Springs?"

Wright said the idea would be to keep Washington, D. C., as a sentimental and historical monument but to move the capital to the "natural center" of the nation, Colorado Springs.

"Nothing ever came of the idea," Wright said.

Strike Hurts Wood Prices

A continuing lumber mill workers strike on the West Coast has caused a short supply of fir dimension lumber, and threatens to push up prices locally.

Wholesale costs to regional dealers has gone up about 28 per cent, according to K. E. Brosh, general manager of the Crissey-Cowler Lumber Co. here. Dealers' retail prices are up about eight per cent.

Brosh added the strike seems to be spreading to the pine areas, although prices of this wood have not been affected yet.

In addition, a substantial amount of the fir plywood mills have been hit by the strike, but retail prices here remain the same, Brosh said.

The unions reportedly are asking for a 12.5 cent hourly wage increase with fringe benefits including a third week of paid vacation and a hospitalization program.

Brosh said mill operators who control most of the industry seem determined to make a stand on the issue.

Architect Issues Statement On Design for New Academy

Following is Architect Frank Lloyd Wright's formal statement on the potential design of the United States Air Academy buildings:

"The Academy must express America. The buildings and broad sweeps of rolling acres must be made one with the modern concept that the Air Force represents.

"It is well begun this appropriate site has been chosen for the new academy. The setting is splendid, its background some of the most beautiful peaks in the Rockies. The site is ideal to inspire an Air Force officer training school which will always have organic progress as its aim. So

the academy itself must be more than a group of buildings in which Air Force officers will be educated and trained. It should symbolize the ever-expanding future of America to which the Air Force and our American people are therein and thereby dedicated.

"The buildings must be completely organic in the best modern sense but at the same time both buildings and site must, when they are completed, present a characteristic beauty of which the whole nation may be justly proud. The architecture of the new academy must represent the best America can produce."