

BILBO DEAD AT 69 OF HEART AILMENT

Senator-Elect Was Not Seated —A Defender of Supremacy of Whites Over Negroes

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NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 21—Senator-elect Theodore G. Bilbo, champion of white supremacy, died at 1:05 P. M. today. His age was 69.

[In Jackson, Miss., The United Press quoted Attorney General Greek L. Rice as saying that a special election would be held Nov. 4, concurrent with the general elections, to select someone for Mr. Bilbo's Senate seat. Mr. Rice said Mr. Bilbo's death occurred in a year in which a general election was scheduled. Under Mississippi law the special election for a vacant Congressional place is indicated on the same date. If the Senate had been in session when Mr. Bilbo died, Gov. Fielding Wright would have been empowered to appoint a temporary Senator pending the election.]

Mr. Bilbo, who had undergone three operations for a cancerous condition of the mouth since last summer, had been seriously ill at Foundation Hospital since Sunday. He had undergone an operation on Monday for the removal of a blood clot. Officials of the hospital attributed his death to "a progressive heart failure."

Several weeks before his death, Mr. Bilbo told Leon P. Lewis, editor of "Negro South," in an interview that, "although I am honestly against the social intermingling of Negroes and whites, I hold nothing personal against the Negroes as a race."

"God made them as they are, and they should be proud of their God-given heritage, just as I am proud of mine," he added.

In the interview from his hospital bed, Mr. Bilbo said that he urged Negroes to be "interested in their own progress," and stated that he was proud of the advances which Negroes have made in Mississippi.

Hospital attachés reported this morning that the Senator had spent a restless night and had eaten a light breakfast. By mid-morning his condition became weaker and at noon it was said that he had "taken a turn for the worse."

Outside the corridor as death came were his son, Col. Theodore G. Bilbo Jr., stationed at Keesler

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Field, Miss., and his daughter, Mrs. Jessie W. Smith.

Miss Mattie Foxworth, his personal secretary for many years, was also at the hospital at the time of the death.

Mr. Bilbo's first wife died in 1900. He later married Miss Lindy R. Gaddy, whom he divorced in 1938.



Theodore G. Bilbo

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