

# Charges Draft Insult et Union

Aug. 17 (INS).—Russia charged peace-time draft and increased draft to the Soviet people and

et Union representative, made meeting of the U. N. commission—the 11-nation body debating the past year.

with insulting the Red Army and the Russian people with its preparedness program. The Russian delegate said the U. S. demand was “especially insulting in view of the valiant and persistent fight of the Red Army against the forces of fascism.”



MRS. JOHN GARNER.

## Mrs. John Nance Garner Dies at Home in Uvalde

UVALDE, Aug. 17 (AP).—Mrs. John Nance Garner, wife of the 32nd vice president of the United States, died in her tree-shaded, stately-brick home at 4:30 p. m. Tuesday.

She was 78 years old.

Dr. George B. Cunningham, her physician, said she died of Parkinson's disease. She had suffered from it for the last six years.

The disease caused her limbs to tremble. In the later stages, she was unable to walk.

Nevertheless, the gray-haired, frail old lady remained a familiar sight in the business district here—driven through the streets by a Negro woman chauffeur. She never tired of watching with alert blue eyes the daily happenings of this ranch town, 80 miles west of San Antonio.

She had been confined to a wheel chair for about the last year and had to be lifted in and out of her car.

During the last few days, when the disease had become acute, she was unable to leave the house.

Last April 1, she went to San Antonio for treatment of a gall bladder ailment and remained there about two weeks.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p. m. Wednesday in the Garner home. Burial will take place here. All business houses will be closed during the afternoon.

Mrs. Garner died peacefully. With her, besides the doctor, were her husband, their only son, Tully, a Uvalde banker; and their only grandchild, Mrs. John J. Currie of Amarillo. Two great-grandsons also survive.

Bertie Williams, the middle-aged Negro woman who was Mrs. Garner's personal maid for 15 years, also was with her at the end. It was Bertie who drove Mrs. Garner's car and tenderly lifted her in and out of her wheel chair.

Mrs. Garner won a reputation for mental keenness and business efficiency by acting as her husband's personal secretary throughout his public life.

When Pat Neff, as president of Baylor University, presented honorary doctor of laws degrees to the couple in 1937, while Garner was vice president, he commended both for high public service.

Garner frequently referred to her as “my right hand.”

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## Phone Workers Vote to Strike 'If Necessary'

Fort Worth union telephone workers handed “a set of brass knuckles” to their bargaining committee Tuesday night by voting to strike “if necessary” to gain their demands for a wage hike.

In a mass meeting at First Baptist Church attended by about 500 employes of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company here, the Fort Worth Communication Workers of America passed the strike resolution after much discussion pro and con.

But Sam Sledge, state CWA representative for the Fort Worth area, declared that now that the die was cast, “the entire union membership will stick together until our demands are met.”

Sledge emphasized that Tuesday's move was unofficial, aimed solely at “discovering the pulse of the membership.” He said word of the strike agreement would be

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the life of John Garner was the life of Ettie Garner.

From the time the sandy-haired young Uvalde lawyer married Ettie Rheiner at Sabinal, Nov. 25, 1895, the two were inseparable companions.

She went with him to Austin in 1898 when he started his long climb in public service as a member of the Texas Legislature.

## His Personal Secretary.

She became his personal secretary as he went on to Congress, up to the speakership of the House and finally to the vice-presidency.

In later years in Washington, others performed routine secretarial duties, but Mrs. Garner continued to supervise the work. For many years she kept a gas stove and a coffee pot in a corner of her husband's office. Often the couple would lock the office doors and eat their lunches there.

The two retired in 1941 to the buff brick home Garner built "for Ettie" in Uvalde in 1920.

Garner had just sworn in Henry Wallace as his successor as vice president after refusing to run for a third term with Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Since then they had lived quietly on their nine-acre town farm, where the former vice president tended his pecan trees, cows, chickens, ducks and rabbits and supervised his real estate and ranch interests.

## Golden Wedding in 1945.

The spotlight fell on them in 1945 when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Flowers, telegrams and letters poured in.

Although she had been in poor health for two years, Mrs. Garner personally did the marketing for that occasion. She carefully asked the butcher "how much does it weigh and what does it cost?" Then she thanked him graciously and said "you and your wife must come to our little party tomorrow afternoon."

Returning home, she looked critically at her husband and said, "Mr. Garner, you need a shave. Go to town and get it or you will be a grizzly bear tomorrow."

Garner pulled his old gray felt down over his bushy eyebrows and left for the barber shop.

"I still listen to her and kiss her at least three times a day," he said then.