

Ability, Drive Lift 26-Year-Old To Key Post In S. C. Legislature

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ISADOR LOURIE

COLUMBIA, S. C. — The new secretary of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee is Isador Lourie, 26, of Columbia.

Lourie's gentle, unassuming manner covers a great deal of ability and drive—3 years ago, while in law school at U. S. C., he was a page in the S. C. Legislature; now he holds one of its key posts.

"I am looking forward to working with the Ways and Means Committee to help solve the difficult problems facing the state today," said Lourie. "And I am grateful for the confidence of those who named me to this post."

Those who know the young lawyer are not surprised at his early success. They remember that during his five years at U. S. C. he was president of the student body as well as vice president of Blue Key, and president of his social fraternity Phi Epsilon Pi, which with all its other chapters in the nation foresightedly named him their outstanding undergraduate of 1954.

In 1956, he graduated from law school near the top of his class.

Born in St. George, the son of Mrs. Ann Lourie Simon and the late Louis Lourie, he began early to plan a law career. His idol was Senator James D. Parler (Dorchester County), whose law office in St. George was the boy's second home.

"I wanted to be just like him," said Lourie with a smile. "I hung around his office and went everywhere with him. That's why I decided to be a lawyer."

Though he has had no previous political experience, bachelor Lourie has kept busy.

Besides his partnership in his own law firm of Golden and Lourie, and his functions as vice president and general counsel for Lourie's Inc., his brothers' clothing business, this young dynamo

finds time to be president of the Columbia Junior Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the local cancer crusade, Richland County campaign chairman of the U. S. C. education fund.

He is also active in his synagogue, the House of Peace, and in the Columbia Jewish Center, and is president of the S. C. Young Democrats, an organization which is, said Lourie emphatically, "just an arm of the S. C. Democratic Party. Our first obligation is to them."

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He does however, want very soon to organize a more active young group. Judging from past performances, we figure that if Lourie wants it, Lourie will do it—and fast.