

Cordell Hull Suffers Stroke; Condition Reported Critical

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(AP)—Aging Cordell Hull, who has been in poor health for years, was reported in critical condition at Bethesda Naval Hospital after suffering a stroke today.

The 83 year old Tennessean, who served as Secretary of State longer than any other man—from March, 1933, to November, 1944—was stricken at his apartment in the Sheraton-Park Hotel at 3 a. m. He was admitted to the hospital at 11:45 a. m.

Hull is in "very bad shape," a friend told a reporter.

The veteran statesman, suffering from high blood pressure

and the afflictions of old age, was hospitalized for several weeks last June. In 1951 he was in serious condition after a cerebral thrombosis but he made a good recovery.

Hull, who won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work as the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Secretary of State, has lived with his nieces, Mrs. Katherine Ethridge, since his wife died last year. He has kept abreast of world affairs by talks with present and past State Department officials and by following newspapers, radio and television.

He has been up and about, even up to yesterday, but seldom left his apartment.

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