

## CALLS ALASKAN MORAL STATUS 'UNSPEAKABLE'

Director Manly of Legislative Service Asks Clean-up Aid.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Due to the moral conditions in Alaska as "unspeakable" due to the retention of unfit Federal officials, Director Manly of the People's Legislative Service has called on leaders of Alaska's moral and religious organizations to help clean up the territory.

Manly has telegraphed President Coolidge on behalf of many Alaskan citizens, who had asked him for aid in bringing to the President's attention their charges that vice conditions are growing worse under the regime of the retained officials.

The latter are Federal Judges Reed and Ritchie of the First and Third Judicial Divisions, and District Attorney Shoup of the Third Division. All were first appointed by President Harding.

### Against Reappointment

When their renominations by Coolidge came before the Senate Judiciary Committee last spring, that body unanimously voted against their reappointment after testimony as to the moral conditions under them was declared by committee members to be "too corrupt, indecent, scandalous and rotten" to be publicly discussed.

Coolidge withdrew the nominations last June, but made no new appointments, and the officials have continued in office.

Manly's appeal was directed among others to Dr. Clarence True Wilson, secretary of the Methodist Board of Prohibition and Public Morals, who last spring told the Judiciary Committee that "moral conditions in Alaska were worse than anywhere in the world," and said that Attorney General Sargent had declined to hear the charges. Former Attorney General Stone and Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, in charge of prohibition prosecution, had declared against the reappointments, Manly said.

Others addressed were General Counsel Wheeler of the Anti-Saloon League, Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, head of the Women's National Committee for Law Enforcement; Miss Anna A. Gordon, national president, W. C. T. U., and heads of Jewish, Catholic and Protestant church organizations.

### Directly Appointed

Manly pointed out that all judicial and enforcement officers in Alaska are directly appointed by the President. "The people of Alaska are therefore suffering the evils of carpetbag government in their most vicious form. They have no redress except to appeal to the people of the United States," he said.

In his telegram to the President, he quoted charges made by Delegate Sutherland and John Frame, Republican committeeman for the third district, which he said had been "completely proven," in the Senate hearings.

These included claims that Judge Ritchie had condoned violations of the prohibition law, on and off the

bench, that Shoup permitted red light districts to operate openly in Juneau and Ketchikan, despite repeated protests, on the main street in the former town and on Federal land in the latter, that enforcement under Reed of prohibition and anti-narcotic laws was a "farce," that both Reed and Ritchie had shown partiality to fish trust fishing corporations in law violations and that Reed had admitted "judicial tyranny."

Manly cited a telegram just received from P. F. Gilmore, Republican committeeman, first division, which read: "Conditions growing steadily worse on account Reed, Ritchie, Shoup kept in office after their rejection. People have lost respect for courts, law enforcement broken down. Information from Third division shows conditions worse. Situation serious."

### TO DISTRIBUTE PATIENTS

Young German Doctors Idle, While Older Men Are Swamped.

By Times Special

EISENACH, Germany, Sept. 17.—The most important problem before the recent conference of the Hartmannbund (Association of German Physicians) was that of the proper distribution of doctors.

It was learned that many of the younger doctors were idle, while older men had more practice than they could handle. A plan of distribution is being worked out.

## CAPITAL LAWYERS FACE CHARGES OF VIOLATING ETHICS

Complaints May Cause Legal Housecleaning in Washington.

Times Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Avenue.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—A legal housecleaning loomed here today.

Numerous complaints against attorneys practicing before the various Federal bureaus and commissions have aroused the American Bar Association.

This became known following cen-

sure of a Washington attorney for alleged violation of professional ethics in practice before the International Claims Commission. The attorney's name was kept secret. He is rumored to be one of the more prominent attorneys of the capital.

General Consideration

The Washington situation is receiving general consideration was admitted by T. F. Howe, Chicago.

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chairman of the professional ethics committee.

"No form of public action has yet

been determined on," he explained.

"The committee's activities against individual lawyers are, as a rule, considered in executive session only.

### Some From Outside

"It is only fair to members of the Washington bar to say that the complaints received by this committee as to unethical practices of lawyers there refer to members of the bar from other portions of the country, who specialize in practice before the various commissions and bureaus. They are not enrolled in the District of Columbia courts and are not subject to discipline by these courts."

The International Claims Commission case grew out of a letter sent by the censured attorney to individuals and corporations who have or might have claims against the Mexican government. This letter, furnishing general information as to procedure for redress, was declared by the committee to be, in effect, a solicitation of business.

The attorney, in defense, contended that the commission was not a court, that practice before it was not litigation and that the furnishing of information to claimants did not fall within the inhibition of the legal canons.

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