

## TROTSKI QUILTS EXILE; SECRECY SHROUDS MOVE

Wait Arrival in Outer World;  
Hint Crisis in Com-  
munist Ranks.

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LONDON, Jan. 31.—The arrival of Leon Trotski in the outer world from his place of exile in Russian Turkistan was awaited with keen interest today by European governments and observers of affairs in Russia.

The news that Trotski had been permitted to leave Alma-Ata, announced exclusively by the United Press last Monday, tended to be confirmed today from various points, although Riga, Berlin and other customary sources of Russian news which Moscow is trying to keep secret, were confused and vague about the details.

The most authentic information received by the United Press was that Trotski with his wife and son, Leon, are en route to Constantinople and that eventually Trotski hoped to reach Berlin. It was not entirely clear whether Trotski was leaving of his own volition or was ordered out by the Soviet government. It was understood he was leaving with his own consent.

A story received by the United Press in London apparently unconfirmed, by mail today from Moscow said:

"The Kremlin's decision to permit the leader of the communist opposition to leave was a startling surprise, inasmuch as it had been assumed hitherto that the government preferred to have him under its control and surveillance. The Soviet's changed attitude may be based on any or all of the following considerations:

1. That Trotski in Russia is a



Now Here

## CONGRESS FOES STOKE FIRE FOR WILLEBRANDT

Attorney-General's Aid to  
Face Scorching Quiz on  
Prison Activities.

BY RAY TUCKER  
Times Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—An-her possible appointment to high place under the Hoover administration will come under congressional fire within a few days.

She is Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney-general in charge of liquor violations, and center of most of the excitement in the presidential campaign. She has been mentioned for a judgeship or head of the prohibition bureau.

The other Hoover associates subject to attack are Secretary Mellon and William J. Donovan, assistant attorney-general, mentioned for cabinet posts.

For three months smoldering wrath against Mrs. Willebrandt has been banked in many a Democratic breast on Capitol hill, and it will break forth shortly after the special prison committee of the house presents a report on its survey of the federal penal system.

While Representatives Boylan of New York and Bell of Georgia, minority members, propose to direct their criticism chiefly against Mrs. Willebrandt's placing of departmental agents in Atlanta and Leavenworth penitentiaries to check on officials there, the former intends to assail her campaign speeches, her raids along Broadway before the election, and the recently abandoned use of conspiracy clause to obtain dry law indictments.

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## Gone Again

By Times Special  
ALEXANDRIA, Ind., Jan. 31.—Floyd Land, 16, who once ran away from home and was found in China, is gone again, following forgery of a check. Before his departure, the boy indicated that he intended to go to England and visit an uncle. The boy, according to police, obtained \$300 by the forgery.

tee's report. He feared that its conclusion might destroy the constructive value of the committee's recommendations, many of which are his own. But he and Bell now plan to denounce from the floor her incarceration of "spies" in federal prisons.

Previous attempts to embarrass Mrs. Willebrandt have failed. Representative Tinkham, Massachusetts wet, was prepared to quiz her when she appeared before an appropriations sub-committee some time ago. But he was held off by Representative Shreve of Pennsylvania, committee chairman, who informed him that only questions pertaining to government business would be entertained.

Boylan's fight on Mrs. Willebrandt and southern drys' attack on Mellon may be staged early next week in the house, and possibly on the same day. Should that happen, echoes of southern Democrats' denunciation of Mellon, a wet, hardly will have died down before an "Al Smith Democrat" assails Mrs. Willebrandt, a dry.

The most serious repercussion of Trotski's departure may be expected among the communist parties of Germany, France, England and elsewhere, which now are shaken by internal conflicts, many of which center around Trotski and his viewpoints. His appearance in the arena abroad probably will bring many of the conflicts to a head and result in a far-reaching split in the communist ranks abroad.

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## HUGE ARMORY RENTALS UNDER FIRE OF SENATE

Investigating Group Will  
Press Inquiry Into  
Building Program.

Senators Carl M. Gray, Petersburg, and French Clements, Evansville, today were drafting procedure for the senate investigation of the armory building program.

Appointed by Chairman Alonso H. Lindley, Kingman at the first meeting of the special investigating committee Wednesday, they expect to lay their plan before the entire committee membership early next week, it was announced.

"It looks like someone got off on the wrong foot," Lindley commented at the committee meeting, where some figures were submitted showing rental charges to the state for armories.

Other members of the committee are Senators Denver C. Harlan, Richmond, and Charles R. Morris, Salem.

garding local armory financing and construction.

The resolution committee calling for the investigation was introduced and backed by senatorial members of the state budget committee who pointed out that rentals to holding companies cost the state about \$350,000 a year and armory debts will amount to more than \$2,500,000 within the year.

The holding companies, building the armories in co-operation with the armory board, are financed by the Peoples State bank and the building done by the Ostrom Realty and Construction Company, one of the bank's interests, it was pointed out.

At the first committee meeting it was shown that the state is paying about \$1,000 a day for armories in which national guardsmen meet about twice a month to drill.

This is aside from the \$445,560 annual appropriation asked in the budget of Adjutant-General William H. Kershner for the land army and \$38,000 for the naval militia.

Broadening of his original proposal for a prohibition survey is desired by Hoover, according to house leaders, who are preparing to resist the senate amendments to the deficiency bill. The new inquiry, according to them, would be a natural outgrowth of any intensive study of prohibition.

## GENERAL CRIME SURVEY TO BE AIM OF HOOVER

Check on Prohibition Would  
Be Widened to Include  
All Lawlessness.

BY RAY TUCKER  
Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The federal government's first national investigation of crime may be conducted during the Hoover administration, if the President-elect's ideas are adopted by congress, in disposing of senatorial demands for a prohibition inquiry and more effective dry law enforcement.

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litical, and economic inventory of the effect of the dry laws over nine years. The apparent increase of crime since prohibition would be studied.

It also is felt that inclusion of the general subject of crime in the proposed commission's task would tend to dissipate the growing impression that the federal government's chief job is to enforce the dry laws.

It is said to be Hoover's idea that the government's relation to the problem of crime and enforcement should be placed in better perspective, and that this method would accomplish that.

Majority leader Tilson hinted at this plan in opposing the Glass amendment appropriating \$250,000 for a dry survey and the Harris amendment for an additional \$24,000,000 for prohibition enforcement. Acceptance of these amendments, it is pointed out, would commit the commission to a limited field of investigation."

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