

## CHIEFS OF OIL INDUSTRY MAP SAVING SCHEME

Three Members of Cabinet Sit in on Conference at Washington.

BY JOSEPH H. BAIRD  
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WASHINGTON, April 3.—Four cabinet officers and representatives of the American Petroleum Institute sat around a large table in the interior department today thrashing out the nation's oil overproduction problem.

The oil men, representing controllers of 72 per cent of the country's petroleum and 88 per cent of that in South America, have mapped out a program to cut 1929 oil production to the 1928 level.

Plans of the institute, it is understood, are based on intrastate agreements between the various companies.

In California an "oil czar" has been appointed to read production among the oil interests on the basis of their 1928 output.

Similar supervisors, it is understood, will be appointed for Texas and Oklahoma.

The administration, it definitely is known, places no faith in controlling oil production by federal legislation.

The federal oil conservation board, the administration's official body for dealing with the petroleum problem, has no powers. It purely is an advisory and an investigatory body.

However, it may make a verbal or written report to the President approving or disapproving of the institute's program, it was learned at the interior department.

Secretary Ray B. Wilbur has asked the attorney-general for an opinion on the legality of the restriction program. Tuesday a communication was addressed to Wilbur by the justice department on this subject and it will be read to the meeting today.

The institute's plan, it is said, contemplates no restriction on gasoline. Refineries may run as much

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Herrick's Successor Must Have Private Fortune of \$5,000,000.

BY LYLE C. WILSON  
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WASHINGTON, April 3.—If President Herbert Hoover had to advertise for an ambassador to France to succeed the late Myron T. Herrick, his advertisement in the papers today might read something like this:

Wanted—Experienced diplomat and business man; good appearance essential; must have private fortune of at least \$5,000,000 as the minimum private fortune which could sustain an American ambassador in Paris. He said London and Buenos Aires were not far behind.

He and others as the state Department described the situations as a paradox of democracy in which poor men were shut off from the finest diplomatic positions.

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expensive posts in American foreign service.

Alanson B. Houghton has definitely resigned the London post and there are reports Robert Woods Bliss may be shifted from Buenos Aires.

One of the men most prominently mentioned for the Paris embassy laughed when questioned.

"I would be bankrupt in three months," he explained.

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organization of the state department and foreign service, it is believed here, may result in some effort to persuade congress to be more liberal.

Diplomats lay many of their ex-

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positions upon their hospitality.

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