

SENATE CHIEFS FAVOR RUSSIAN TRADE TREATY

Only Seven of Important
Foreign Relation Group
Oppose Accord.

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WASHINGTON, May 2.—A majority of the important senate foreign relations committee, on whose roster are some of the biggest names in congress, now favor the negotiation of a trade agreement with Russia.

In general, they favor recognition as well, though some of them are of the opinion that this can wait until normal business relations are re-established.

On the Republican side, Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, chairman of the committee, has advocated normal diplomatic and trade intercourse with the Soviet Union. In fact, at one time he was almost the only one to do so.

Others are Senators Hiram Johnson of California; Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, and Bronson Cutting of New Mexico.

Democrats in Favor

On the Democratic side are Senators Key Pittman of Nevada, ranking member in the absence of Swanson of Virginia; Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas; Walter F. George of Georgia; Hugo L. Black of Alabama; Robert F. Wagner of New York; Tom Connally of Texas; and J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois.

Senator Swanson is in Geneva attending the arms conference. His views are not known definitely. Senator Thomas Walsh of Montana is absent, but is thought to favor normal relations with Russia. Senator Pat Harrison is the only Democratic member of the committee now in Washington slated as opposed.

Senator Henrik Shipstead (F. L. Minn.) is in favor. Arthur Capper (Rep., Kan.), is understood to have an open mind on the subject, while Moses of New Hampshire, Reed of Pennsylvania, Fess of Ohio, Vandenburg of Michigan, Robinson of Indiana, and Glenn of Illinois are administration wheelhorses and are not expected to change direction until given the signal.

Only Seven Opposed

Thus only seven of the twenty-two committee members—approximately one-third—are definitely known to be opposed, while twelve are just as definitely in favor either of normal trade relations, formal recognition, or both. The stand of the other three is not known at present.

"We do not underwrite a country's political or economic system by trading with that country," said Lewis. "Should we trade with Russia, we would not approve her system any more than she would ours."

"Right now, in our economic crisis," cutting declared, "trade is doubly important. Russia is a great potential customer. We should recognize her government and enter into normal trade relations with her as soon as possible."

Shipstead said: "Of course we should recognize Russia and trade with her. I'm much more afraid of some of the propaganda here at home than I am of Russian propaganda from abroad."

Brookhart for Recognition

Senator Smith Brookhart (Rep., Ia.) urges recognition, on the basis of what it would do to help the farmers. He is a member of a number of important committees, including interstate commerce. One of the chief arguments against a trade understanding with Russia is that she would flood this country with cheap farm products.

"Competitors?" he exclaimed.

"Why the Russians have a home demand that is growing faster than ours in the world. They never will export as much wheat as they did under the czars."

In 1931, because of an insufficient supply of raw materials, such as cotton textiles, their factories had to run 40 per cent below capacity. If properly financed with fair credits, we could have sold Russia 1,000,000 bales of cotton.

"They lack beef, pork, dairy products. It will take them years to get to the point of even supplying themselves. There are 160,000,000 people growing in every way economically."

"It is our market unless we toss it away. It could absorb from one to two billions of our goods every year. If we do not supply it, England and Germany will."

Band Head Ill



WHOLESALE OIL THEFT CHARGED TO 18 IN TEXAS

Fields Alleged Looted of
Millions of Barrels by
Secret Pipelines.

By United Press
LONGVIEW, Tex., May 2.—A sheaf of 213 charges, alleging wholesale theft of East Texas oil direct from the wells, in million-barrel lots, was submitted to a grand jury here today.

Eighteen men are charged with felony in the theft of oil from five wells at Gladewater, boom town here, during the past seven months. Indications are that their arrest is only the beginning of a state campaign to stop widespread theft reported in the field.

The oil is valued at approximately 98 cents the barrel, or \$980,000 for the million barrels believed to have been purloined.

Secret Pipes Used

The thefts are alleged to have been accomplished through use of secret underground pipes, which flowed oil from the wells to storage tanks and thence into railroad tank cars. Some of the oil went to refineries as far away as Chalmette, La., it was charged.

Those arrested include a deputy field supervisor, whose duty it is to keep down production in the field, former deputy supervisor, several operators of oil properties, and a Gladewater train agent.

Management of the field, which has 5,200 wells scattered over more than 3,000 square miles of territory, facilitates such operations, it was pointed out. The state "proration" force charged with keeping wells to the allowed sixty-one barrels a day can not check all wells to see if secret lines are attached.

Going on for Months

Colonel L. S. Davidson, commander of the small national guard unit aiding the "proration" force, said he would show the grand jury "records to prove that wholesale thievery has been going on for several months."

A line in which authorities said oil was taken from the wells in violation of proration orders, was uncovered as the men were arrested. The line passed within 200 yards of the national guard camp, but District Attorney John E. Taylor said its location was learned only after three privates gained entry to the official action of the state's chief executive.

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"Administrative boards," he said, "administer their offices not alone in accordance with the law gov-

erning them, but also according to the policy adopted by the state's chief executive.

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They are established as state

agencies to function in behalf of

the general welfare of the state's

inhabitants. On no other basis

should they be permitted to exist."

Delving further into the utility

question, Thurman proposed a qual-

ified lawyer be appointed to repre-

sent the public before the com-

mission in all matters. He pro-

posed amendment of the 1929 gen-

eral corporation act to exclude pub-

lic service corporations from its

merger provisions.

Those charged in the alleged

theft at Gladewater include: E. M.

Daniels, Henderson, a deputy super-

visor for the state railroad com-

mission; Paxton Grey, a former deputy

supervisor; M. C. Corbett, Gladet-

water station agent; J. T. and C.

Harris and R. W. Porter, lease oper-

ators, and a number of oil field

workers.

SINGERS ASSAIL GIGLI

Tenor's Refusal to Accept Pay Cut
Is Called Unfair.

By United Press
NEW YORK, May 2.—Refusal of

Beniamino Gigli, tenor, to accept a

cut in salary has brought censure

from thirty-two fellow artists of

the Metropolitan Opera Company.

In a letter to the Metropolitan,

the leading singers charged that

"Mr. Gigli has during the current

season profited from the sacrifice

which we have made and again is

trying to get his full salary at the

expense of all of us who are reduc-

ing our respective salaries."

WIN IN PLAY CONTEST

Butler Students Capture Three-Way
Competition on Air.

Presenting "Storm Before Sun-

set," a one-act play arranged and

directed by Mrs. Eugene Fife, But-

ler university students won the sec-

ond annual state radio contest com-

peting Saturday night over WFBM

with Hanover college and Purdue

university.

The Butler team won the right to

compete in the divisional interstate

contest to be held over an NBC

hookup from Chicago Saturday and

the winner of this will be in the

finals to be held later in the month.

9 DIE IN PRISON RIOT

33 Hurt When 1,500 Convicts Fight
Guards Near Bangkok.

BANGKOK, Siam, May 2.—Fif-

teen hundred maddened convicts

fought with their guards for three

hours today in a sanguinary out-

break at the Bangkwang prison in

the outskirts of Bangkok.

Nine convicts were killed and

thirty seriously injured. Three

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