

DEMANDS FOR R. F. C. PROBE ARE GROWING

Reports That Hoover
Friends Were Favored
Secretly Draws Fire.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The demand for a congressional investigation of R. F. C. operations grew today as a result of new details concerning the \$850,000 advance to Julius Barnes' insurance company, and reports that other friends of the Hoover administration were favored during the period when loans were disbursed with secrecy.

The house showed its feelings when it adopted without roll call the Howard resolution to make public all transactions during the months when secrecy was in effect.

Such influential members as Senators Carter Glass (Dem., Va.), George W. Norris (Rep., Neb.), and Robert F. Wagner (Dem., N. Y.), insist this use of public funds should be ailed. Wagner has asked the R. F. C. for details of the Barnes' loan.

The latest report relates to a loan of \$90,000 to a western newspaper through the agency of a midwestern bank. The newspaper once was owned by a Republican prominent in White House circles and active in recent campaigns. As a former owner, he still is financially interested in the newspaper's financial status.

Loan Is Criticized

The loan to the Barnes concern, which is the Missouri State Life Insurance Company of St. Louis, came in for new criticism because of the resignation of M. L. Emerich, Chicago, who quit because of disapproval of the whole transaction. Emerich is a partner of Hall-Garten & Co., New York bankers, and is believed to give significance to his protest.

The series of incidents began last July with a loan of \$850,000 by the R. F. C. to the Missouri corporation. Following this transaction, Barnes' company obtained from three banks a loan of \$800,000 on its own guarantee.

For that amount, the Missouri firm bought the Kentucky Home Life Insurance Company of Louisville. Since the Kentucky concern owned 148,500 shares of the Missouri corporation, it gave the Barnes faction full control of the latter company.

New Details Are Aired

In resigning, Emerich disclosed additional details of the transaction.

The \$800,000 with which the Louisville concern was purchased first came from three banks on the guarantee of the Missouri Life, after it had received the \$850,000 from the R. F. C., but on the Thursday the latter firm took over the loan. Although Missouri officials deny that R. F. C. funds financed the Kentucky purchase, Senators Robert Wagner and George W. Norris think there may be a connection.

The purchase of the Kentucky corporation was handled by the Equities Corporation, which is controlled by Barnes, who is also board chairman of the Missouri Life.

Headed Grain Corporation

The Barnes invasion of the Kentucky company caused resignations by several directors, who maintain he is violating agreements made in the interest of policy holders and regulations of the state insurance commission. But the Barnes faction controls both corporations, it is alleged, through the aid of the R. F. C. loan.

Barnes was head of the Grain Corporation during the war, and later president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. He has been a frequent visitor and adviser at the White House in the last four years.



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TOY BANDIT SUSPECT TRIAL IS POSTPONED

Ex-De Pauw Student Will Come Before Court on Jan. 12.

Trial of Malcom Berger of Columbus, former De Pauw university student, charged with robbery of filling stations, was postponed Friday in criminal court. The case was continued to Jan. 12 because of illness of his parents.

Using a toy pistol to frighten his victims, Berger was arrested, police say, after he attempted to hold up a filling station in the southern part of the city.

PLAY WILL BE GIVEN

Presentation to Be Part of Scottish Rite's St. John's Day.

Presentation of a play, "The Terrible Meek," will be the feature of the St. John's day program to be observed by Scottish Rite bodies in the Cathedral, Sunday afternoon. Several musical selections will be part of the event.

Participants in the play, which was written by Charles Rann Kennedy, will be Alice Baxter-Mitchell, Harry A. Pihl and Marshal T. Levey. Horace Mitchell is director.

Birth Control May Bring Stationary Population

Hoover Economics Committee Warns Plans for Steadily Expanding Market Must Be Changed.

By Scripps-Houard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Birth control as it is practiced now in the United States, together with restrictive immigration policies, will bring about a stationary population in this country before many years, a committee of the Hoover administration's economic research committee on social trends predicts.

Whether this is a desirable situation or not, the committee does not attempt to say.

It points out that a patriotic militarist and a labor leader may disagree on this point, just as a real estate owner and a social worker may disagree.

But it warns that plans for the future which are based on a steadily increasing population, and, therefore, a steadily increasing market for commodities, must be revised.

The rate of population growth has been declining for years, although this has not been noticeable because of the net increase in population.

Before the Civil war the population was increasing at the rate of 35 per cent a decade while the rate had dropped to 16 per cent between 1920 and 1930.

Expanding Markets Blocked

Manufacturers, who try to estimate future markets have been expecting a population of 140,000,000 by 1940, but the calculations of our contributors . . . show that . . . hardly more than 132,000,000 or 133,000,000 are to be expected by 1940.

This means that the markets for mine operators, farmers and manufacturers, whose plants may be overequipped and whose problems are those of overproduction, will be considerably smaller than has been expected unless foreign markets are expanded, or our domestic standards of consumption are raised.

In this last possibility the committee sees some hope of compensating for loss of population increase.

It points out that limitation of population may come to mean higher living standards and expanding markets just as definitely as a growing population.

Forces May Vary

During the present century the population of the United States may grow to a figure anywhere between 145,000,000 and 190,000,000, but the committee believes the lower figure is much more accurate.

The forces which determine the size of our population may vary from time to time, so that in the future numbers may fall and later rise again, but within the near future the prospect is for further decline in rates of increase, as the use of contraceptives may spread, if not among those religious groups which now bar them, certainly farther into the farming areas and among the groups with lower incomes in cities and villages," the committee reports.

Injured in Auto Crash

Injuries to the left arm and chest were received by Jack Messer, 32, of 2439 East Sixteenth street, late Friday night when his car was in collision with a United taxicab driven by Bert Kelly, 43, of 739½ Massachusetts avenue, at Massachusetts and Michigan streets.

FUNDS SPENT ON WILD LIFE DRAWING FIRE

Economy Proponents Think Human Hunger Is More Vital These Days.

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER,
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Expenditure of \$1,756,177 a year by the federal government on wild life has drawn the fire of congressional economy groups.

The house has reduced this figure by \$400,000. Many members felt that however desirable encouragement of wild bird and animal life might be in normal times, in times when thousands of children were deprived of sufficient food, the little birds would have to go on short rations, too.

Eight new wild life refuges have been established by the federal government in the last year for the protection of migratory birds. A chain of them is being developed in the west.

These bird tourist camps are being set up some 200 miles apart. There are sixteen refuges in fourteen states, covering a total of 250,000 acres.

Human Flock Kicked Out

One of the last refuges to be decided upon was one just north of Sacramento, Cal.

The federal migratory bird conservancy commission, which consists of several cabinet members, senators and congressmen, reached their decision to go ahead with this project for the relief of migratory birds on Dec. 8, just as the last of another migratory flock, the human hunger marchers, were being escorted out of town by federal police, who kindly had allowed them refuge for two winter nights on an open circus lot in Washington.

It was to inspect the government's wild life project in the upper Mississippi river region and the wild bird feeding grounds in Wyoming that occasioned the memorable senatorial junkets when expense accounts contained items for \$20 tips, mineral water, fishing and hunting licenses, and even "soda to take on boat."

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Clancy Explains

Opponents declared that owners of the seventy-five tracts involved had run up the price of the land from about \$4.50 an acre to as much as \$25 when congress showed signs of interest in the project.

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