

DEMANDS FOR R. F. C. PROBE ARE GROWING

Reports That Hoover Friends Were Favored Secretly Draws Fire.

BY RAY TUCKER
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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 surrounded 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 aired. Wagner has asked the R. F. C. for details of the Barnes' loan.

The latest report relates to a loan of \$800,000 to a western newspaper through the agency of a midwestern bank. The newspaper is 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 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, the 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 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 it 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.



This afternoon, on a granite hillside of Vermont, the 30th President of the United States, was laid in rest. Marked by the simplicity which typified the life of Calvin Coolidge, the last sad rites were devoid of all the pomp and ceremony usually accorded one high in the nation. A son of stern New England, his rise from farmer lad to the highest honor the nation can bestow, struck a popular note lending to his life a Lincolnian touch. Because he was a man of straightforward sincerity and honesty, and because his tenure in office recalls more pleasant days, there is genuine regret and sympathy in his passing. The nation pauses today to pay tribute to the memory of the last former President of the United States.

As a move towards economy we note that the legislature has taken a "drastic" cut of 85 cents a day.

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TOY BANDIT SUSPECT TRIAL IS POSTPONED

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

Trial of Malcolm 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. Phil 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-Hoover 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, the President's research committee on social conditions 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 over-equipped 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 139 1/2 Massachusetts avenue, at Massachusetts avenue and Michigan street.

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 conservation 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. 3, 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 elk feeding grounds in Wyoming that occasioned the memorable senatorial jinkings when expense accounts contained items for \$20 tips, mineral water, fishing and hunting licenses, and even "soda to take on boat."

Land Price Is Run Up

When the agricultural appropriation bill was up in the house a few days ago, an attempt was made to add to it an item providing for purchase of land in Barton county, Kansas, for a bird refuge. Representative Clifford R. Hope (Rep., Kan.), said the refuge was needed because it was the only one for a distance of 300 miles in any direction. It traverses over titles had caused the government to spend \$33,000 in surveys and investigations.

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

Manufacturers and Retailers Review

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WARNS AGAINST USE OF LOW-PRICED STAMPS

Only Christmas Cards Could Carry 1 1/2-Cent Stamps.

Acceptance of unsealed Christmas greeting cards in the mail bearing a 1 1/2-cent stamp, has resulted in a misunderstanding on the part of the public, Postmaster Leslie D. Clancy said today.

Since Christmas, a large number of unsealed letters have been received at the postoffice with the 1 1/2-cent stamps, he said. Several stores also have attempted to send out their monthly statements with the lower priced stamps.

Clancy explained that all letters, monthly statements and similar personal matter must bear first-class postage, regardless of whether or not they are sealed.

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TIMID BANDIT HUNTED

Meek Acting Youth Gets \$28 in Holdup at Warehouse.

To the long list of bandit types with which Indianapolis has been afflicted was added the "timid" bandit Friday night.

Clifford Phillips, 835 Daly street, shipping clerk at the National Biscuits Company warehouse at Daly and Pine streets, reported to police he was robbed of \$28 by a youth who exhibited unusual meekness.

The youth entered the building quietly, and stood staring pensively through an iron grillwork into the office. Phillips approached the grill when the youth requested "20 cents' worth of stale bread."

After tendering a quarter in payment, the bandit drew a heavy revolver from beneath his jacket and took the money from Phillips. He also took the bread, Phillips told police.

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The new busses, seating twenty-nine passengers each, have been purchased from the Mack-International Motor Truck Corporation at a total cost of approximately \$300,000. First of the new busses is expected to be placed in service about Jan. 11.

Purchase of these thirty busses, added to the twenty-five street cars already ordered by the company, makes a total of seventy new transportation units ordered for use in Indianapolis since organization of the Indianapolis Railways in June.

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In comfort, appearance and performance, these new gasoline coaches will be fit companions for the new trackless trolleys and new de luxe street cars previously ordered.

The new coaches will replace thirty present obsolete bus units. Principal heavy duty bus routes in the city will be supplied with the new metropolitan type. Front doors are located ahead of the front wheels, to permit the driver to bring the front entrance door of the bus directly to the curb for loading passengers. This feature also allows greater ease of handling in traffic.

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An examination of the monthly financial statements published in the Chariot, official publication of the society, shows that during the present depression, beginning with the autumn of 1929, Ben Hur assets have made a substantial gain every month. There was an increase for 1931 of \$1,303,000.

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