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'F. R.' URGES MORTGAGE AID FOR FARMERS

Message to Congress Asks Legislation That Will Ease Burden.

HOME HELP PLEDGED

Senate Committee Ends Agriculture Bill Study; Wants Passage.

BY FREDERICK A. STORM
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 3.—President Roosevelt asked congress today to include in its farm relief program specific measures for dealing with the nation's crushing burden of farm mortgage indebtedness.

The President's farm mortgage program was introduced in the senate immediately after reading of Mr. Roosevelt's special message stressing the need for refinancing the farm debt.

The credit measure, referred to the banking and currency committee, provides for refinancing mortgages by reducing interest rates and through a temporary readjustment of amortization. It would operate through a \$2,000,000,000 federal land bank bond issue.

After committee action the farm mortgage bill is to be reported in an omnibus measure with the Roosevelt farm bill, which would give Agriculture Secretary Wallace wide authority to raise commodity prices through curtailed production and processing taxes.

Commodity Bill Approved

The senate agriculture committee today completed action on the commodity bill in substantially the form approved by the house. It will meet Tuesday to act on a combined commodity and credit bill.

Mr. Roosevelt's special message—it was the eighth he has sent to congress in less than a month—declared the farm mortgage situation must be dealt with in order to "end the forced liquidation of property, to increase purchasing power and to broaden the credit structure for the benefit of both the producing and consuming elements in our population."

Other rehabilitation steps to follow, Mr. Roosevelt said, would be similar measures of relief for the small home owner and legislation to break through trade barriers in order to re-establish foreign markets for farm and industrial products.

A summary of the farm mortgage legislation showed that it proposed the land bank bond issue would be at 4 per cent, with the bonds issued for two purposes:

1. Making new loans.

2. Exchange of outstanding mortgages.

4% Per Cent Maximum Rate

The land banks would be authorized to purchase first mortgages on farm lands within their districts, or to exchange bonds for them. The mortgagor would be entitled to have his indebtedness refinanced for the amount paid by the bank for his mortgage.

The maximum rate of interest on loans on mortgages outstanding would not exceed 4½ per cent. In his message Mr. Roosevelt said that present interest rates in many cases were "unconscionably high."

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation would be directed to make available \$100,000,000 for loans to joint stock land banks at 4 per cent in providing collateral for these loans the bill makes possible a complete revaluation of the lands under mortgage, the borrowing capacity to be limited to 60 per cent of the land's appraised value.

The borrowing land bank must agree to reduce 5 per cent the rate of interest carried in its mortgages pledged as collateral and to refrain from foreclosure during a 2-year period.

Mr. Roosevelt said that legislation relating to farm mortgages should be "an integral part of the broad plan to end the forced liquidation of property, to increase purchasing power and to broaden the credit structure for the benefit of both the producing and consuming elements in our population."

"I seek," the President said, "an end to the threatened loss of homes and productive capacity now faced by hundreds of thousands of American farm families."

DR. FISHBEIN TO TALK

Famed Medical Writer to Be Speaker Here Tuesday Night.

Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, Chicago, and Times special writer, will be the guest speaker at 8:15 Tuesday at the meeting of the Indianapolis Medical Society at the Athenaeum.

Dr. Fishbein will speak on "State Medicine and Contract Practice" and an open forum will be conducted.

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Pastor Trial at Muncie Is Near Close

Final Arguments Being Heard on Charge of Attempted Assault.

By United Press

MUNCIE, Ind., April 3.—The Rev. G. Lemuel Conway, suspended Methodist minister, was licensed to Dr. Jeckill by Prosecutor Paul Lester today in closing arguments of the clergyman's trial on charges of attempting to attack Miss Helen Huffman, 18-year-old Sunday school teacher.

Leffler talked for forty-five minutes, condemning Conway and attacking the testimony of nine alibi witnesses presented by the defense.

Rollie Lennington, an this son Paul, attorney for Conway, occupied their allotted two hours and bitterly assailed Dr. Frank Dougherty, Muncie district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church, who was one of the state's star witnesses.

They charged that Miss Huffman's story of the alleged attack was the outgrowth of a plot by Dr. Dougherty, Harley Carmichael, the girl's sweetheart, and a man named Kable.

The younger Lennington pointed to Dr. Dougherty and shouted: "There sits the most dangerous citizen in America."

He said the charges were a cowardly attempt to discredit Conway and obtain his dismissal from the ministry.

He pointed out that if Helen told the truth on the witness stand, she knew what to expect when Conway invited her to ride downtown.

THEFT LAID TO ARMY OFFICER

Embezzlement Is Charged to Missing Disbursing Leader Here.

Charging embezzlement of government funds, a federal warrant was issued here today for the arrest of Lieutenant-Colonel Robert T. Young, 59, missing disbursing officer in the office of the adjutant-general, Indiana national guard.

The warrant was sworn to, after a conference with Alexander Cavins, deputy district attorney, by Ralph C. Hale and L. F. Woodside, examiners from the comptroller-general's office at Washington.

Colonel Young, a retired regular army officer with thirty years of service, had been an employee in the adjutant-general's office since 1926.

He was accustomed to handling from \$5,000 to \$15,000 a month and is reported to have left his office at the statehouse an hour after Hale and Woodside notified him they had come to Indianapolis for an audit of his accounts. This was on March 20.

Colonel Young's home was at 2815 Walker avenue. His wife asserts she has had no word from him since his disappearance.

Although federal officials would not announce the amount of the alleged shortage, it is reported to be between \$200 and \$300.

REPUBLICANS DELAY MORGAN QUIZ STEPS

Objections Block Consideration of Senate Resolution.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Republican objection today blocked senate consideration of a resolution extending authority to reveal secrets of its investment banking.

The delay will be at least until Tuesday and for that time will prevent senate investigators from obtaining from Morgan records information the bankers are reluctant to disclose.

Chairman Duncan V. Fletcher of the senate banking and currency committee in charge of the investigation, told the senate that the resolution was drafted to reach private bankers "who operate without any supervision."

Ambulance Chasing Fight Is Carried Into Court

From the witness stand in circuit court today, Chief Mike Morrissey continued his attack on attorneys he considers "ambulance chasers."

Morrissey was the first witness in a case in which Alfred S. Cantwell and Frank K. Miller, attorneys, seek a mandate to compel him to permit them to inspect reports of traffic accidents on file at police headquarters.

Miller, acting as counsel for the plaintiffs, established that Morrissey had been making an investigation of alleged "ambulance chasers" and declared he had evidence that Cantwell had solicited damage suits.

Morrissey told the court of one instance when another attorney, whom he called an ambulance chaser, got a contract in an injury case, and a few days later the mother of the injured youth accepted a \$100 settlement with an insurance company.

Then Morrissey said, the attorney asked the mother to give him the \$100 so he could return it and sue for more.

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"We let legitimate attorneys, not ambulance chasers, see the reports," Morrissey retorted.

"I suppose," Miller continued,

BRITISH BREAK WITH SOVIET THREATENED

MacDonald Urges Reprisals After Englishmen Are Held in Russia.

PLAN TOTAL EMBARGO

London's Wrath Aroused by Impending Trials on Sabotage Charge.

BY HERBERT MOORE
United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, April 3.—Sweeping trade reprisals against Russia, including possibly a total embargo on imports into Britain, were proposed by Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald today.

After summoning the British ambassador home from Moscow for consultation, the government decided on this further drastic step in protest against the arrest and impending trial of six British subjects in Moscow on charges of sabotage.

In announcing his decision to the house of commons, MacDonald said that he would present an enabling act governing Soviet imports Tuesday and that it was proposed to rush the bill through all stages Wednesday.

Britain already has suspended negotiations for a new trade treaty when the present one expires Easter Monday, so that the prospects of any trade between the two powers after that day appear remote, unless the Soviets should about-face and call off the treaty.

Indicating his view of the gravity of the situation, MacDonald said of the proposed bill that the government would press for "passage into law at the earliest possible moment."

Regarding the charges against the British representatives of the Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Co., MacDonald said it would not be in their best interests to make a statement at the moment.

An Anglo-Soviet trade war appeared inevitable after MacDonald's announcement.

Six are Accused BY EUGENE LYONS
United Press Staff Correspondent

MOSCOW, April 3.—All six of the British representatives of the Metropolitan-Vickers, Ltd., including two originally released from custody, will have to stand trial on charges of sabotage and espionage.

The two men released shortly after arrest were Allan Monkhouse, head of the Metropolitan-Vickers organization in Moscow, and Charles Nordwall, construction engineer.

Both, under the decision announced Sunday night by the Soviet authorities, must face trial, scheduled to be held in a week or ten days.

Six to Face Trial

The four other British electrical representatives, held in prison in Moscow since their summary arrest the week-end of March 11 to 13, are: William Henry Thornton, assistant to Monkhouse; A. W. Gromary, construction engineer; William MacDonald, technical expert, and John Cunshy, electrical engineer.

The Soviet court will hear charges against all six, which include such serious allegations as military and economic espionage and bribery as well as sabotage, they were informed.

A general charge of conspiracy has been laid against the six British subjects, under which the other criminal charges will be laid. An indictment under the criminal code has been demanded, and is expected to be filed shortly.

The brother-in-law, William A. Spores, who is on parole from the state prison where he served twenty-five years of a life term for murder, was held to the grand jury on an assault and battery charge and police will make an investigation which may cause his return to prison.

An assault and battery charge against Marsh was dismissed, as was a drunkenness charge against his wife, Mrs. Della Marsh, sister of Spores, on the ground that she was not in a public place.

Marsh, 51, living at 1710 Orange street, explained to the court that Spores was paroled to him and that on Saturday he had written a report to authorities stating Spores' behavior had been good. Sunday afternoon Spores attacked him.

Spores in court today did not deny the attack. He said he acted in self-defense but Marsh was attacked while he lay in bed.

Spores was convicted in Scottsboro for the murder of Douglas Forbush.

Bowers Gets Ambassador Appointment

Claude G. Bowers

Named Envoy to Spain by Roosevelt; Won Fame as Keynoter.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 3.—President Roosevelt today appointed Claude G. Bowers, New York, as ambassador to Spain, subject to Senate confirmation.

Bowers for a number of years was editorial writer of the *Fr. Wayne Journal-Gazette*, Democratic morning paper, and left Indiana to join the editorial staff of the *New York World*. When its suspended publication, he became connected with the Hearst organization.

Bowers first attracted national attention politically when he gave the keynote address at the Democratic national convention at Houston, Tex.

He is the author of three books which have been given wide acclaim. They are "Jefferson and Hamilton," "The Tragic Era" and "Berkeley and the Progressive Era."

Frederick Stevens Case

Former Illinois Life Insurance Head Seriously Ill, Court Told.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 3.—On the motion of Senator Black (Dem., La.) the senate today began consideration of Black's bill designed to enforce the five-day, thirty-hour work week throughout the nation.

The house labor committee today reported cut a thirty-hour-week labor bill almost identical to the measure before the senate.

The bill provides that no commodity from any factory where employees work longer than six hours a day or five days a week may be shipped in interstate commerce.

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"I did," the witness replied.

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Morrissey drew from Morrissey an admission that other lawyers were given access to the reports, and asked what was the determining factor.

"We let legitimate attorneys, not ambulance chasers, see the reports," Morrissey retorted.

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PEACE PLAN IS ACCEPTED BY FRANCE

Mussolini's 4-Power Pact Favored by Cabinet to Spur Disarming.

AGREE TO PRINCIPLE

Reservations to Protect Little Entente to Be Made.

BY RALPH HEINZEN
United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS, April 3.—The French cabinet today announced its willingness to accept Premier Mussolini's four-power peace pact proposals as a basis for further discussions of European disarming.

At the conclusion of its meeting, at 1:15 p. m., the cabinet announced its intention of sending a memorandum to London, Berlin, and Rome, agreeing in principle to the Mussolini suggestions as the basis for a four-power discussion of present problems.

The cabinet agreed to make reservations protecting the Little Entente, whose representatives have made strenuous representations in the past few days against any agreement which did not include them—largely through fear that revision of the Versailles treaty might strip them of some of the territory and power they now enjoy.

Against Frontier Revision