

U. S. IS MOVING TOWARD PLANNED ECONOMY, URGED BY TEXTILE INDUSTRY CHIEFS

Cotton Group Asks Government to Help It Restrict Production, Prices and Credit; Agree on Forty-Hour Week.

BY RUTH FINNEY
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The United States today was within hailing distance of a planned economy.

The cotton textile industry has asked the government to help it plan production, prices and credit, and enforce whatever restrictions are agreed upon. Other industries are expected to follow suit.

With the industry and the industrial recovery administration in apparent accord on a forty-hour week and a \$12 and \$13 minimum wage, this new proposal is the biggest item yet to be agreed upon before final submission of the cotton code to President Roosevelt.

The cotton textile industry's request for specific and immediate planning was submitted in spite of the fact that congress repeatedly has shied away from even the most tentative steps toward planned economy, that the administration has not looked upon it with favor, and that General Hugh S. Johnson has said he is anxious to avoid anything resembling price-fixing as long as possible.

Co-Operation Is Pledged

However, it has been predicted by some in recent weeks that the industrial recovery act could not function effectively unless this further step was taken.

The cotton men have suggested appointment of a committee within the industry "to co-operate with the administrator as a planning and fair practice agency." This agency would present to the administration recommendations for drastic trade regulations which he might, if he saw fit, approve and enforce.

The committee could, for example, recommend registration of all existing productive machinery, and a requirement that the administration approve installation of any further machinery.

Such action would fix a much more definite limit on production than the clause at present in the code limiting operation of machinery to eighty hours a week.

Complex Task Is Faced

With it goes a proposal for agreements on prices, and likewise, for giving those who supply credit to the industry, information on general condition "to the end that . . . available credit may be adapted to the needs of such industry considered as a whole and to the needs of small as well as large units."

The industrial recovery administration faces an exceedingly complex and difficult task if these provisions are agreed to. It must:

Decide whether it will permit price levels sufficient to support un-economic plants, and plants in excess of the productive requirements of the industry; or:

2. Whether it will force these out of business by fixing a price just high enough to permit operation at satisfactory wage scales in the most efficient plants.

Recommendations Ready Soon

In favoring the eighty-hour limit on operation of machines the administration apparently has inclined toward the first point of view, but the extent to which it might be willing to proceed in this direction is not clear.

A decision on these and other points will be made before President Roosevelt arrives back in Washington. The administration hopes to have its recommendations ready for him when he gets here.

The code revisions submitted Friday did not extend the wage and hour provisions to any of the numerous excluded workers except white collar office employees, and that is a matter still to be considered, as is the threat of the "stretch-out" forcing workers to operate more machines on their shorter shifts.

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The World's Fair

The Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago — which everybody calls the "Chicago World's Fair" — is in full swing.

Are you planning a vacation trip to Chicago? If so, you will be interested in our Washington Bureau's bulletin describing the exposition, listing the important buildings, telling how the exposition was financed, about the architectural work, the principal exhibits, the sports program the "midway," and all about transportation to the fair, accommodations for tourists and visitors, and admission charges.

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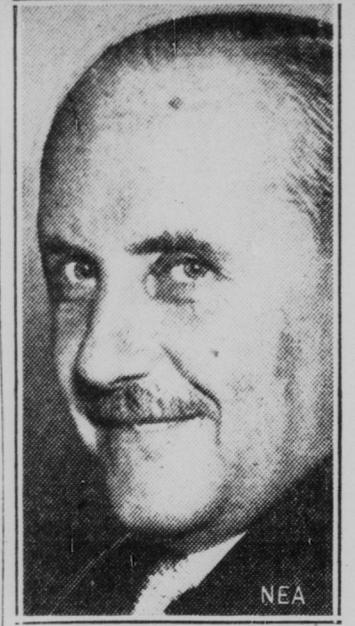
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QUIZZED BY SENATORS



JAMES ALDRICH, RETIRED CITY FIREMAN, DEAD

Former Battalion Chief Taken at Hospital After Illness.

Following a long illness, James F. Aldrich, 72, of 1138 College avenue, former battalion chief in the Indianapolis fire department, died Friday in the city hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 Monday on the Ragsdale & Price funeral home, 1219 North Alabama street. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Aldrich had been a member of the fire department thirty-six years, retiring May 11, 1931, because of disability. He was stationed at Engine House 2, Roosevelt avenue and Sixteenth street, during virtually all his service. He was named captain in 1901, and promoted to battalion chief in 1921. He again was appointed captain in 1922.

As a young man, Mr. Aldrich was a locomotive engineer on the old Indianapolis & Vincennes Railroad. He was awarded a gold medal several years ago, for fifty years membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

He was a charter member of Oriental Lodge, No. 500, F. & A. M., Division No. 11, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Philanthropic Lodge, No. 44, I. O. O. F., and a member of the Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine and Olive Branch Rebekah Lodge.

Only survivor is the widow, Mrs. Clara Aldrich.

EYES FRONT!

Giant Tennessee River Project Is Given Over to Valley Authority.

BY MARSHALL MCNEIL
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The first major move in the great Norris-Roosevelt development of the Tennessee river basin occurred today when the Tennessee Valley Authority formally took over the \$150,000,000 Muscle Shoals plant from the war department.

At the same time it was learned that army engineers' plans for construction of locks for dam No. 3, above Muscle Shoals, had been changed so that greater power development would be possible when that dam is built by the authority.

Original plans made by the engineers were criticized in connection with the so-called Muscle Shoals "scandal" revealed late in May.

Work Goes On at Locks

Then it was reported that after a presidential investigation, construction of the locks had been stopped. But engineers today said no such orders had ever been received, the work going on unhampered.

Under the order changing the design of the locks the dam's elevation will be increased from twelve to seventeen feet, increasing its capacity for power generation.

The army engineers, who are responsible for navigation facilities in United States rivers and harbors, are constructing the locks at dam No. 3 because they are navigation units.

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DISCONTINUED LINES

20% TO 50% REDUCTIONS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Automobiles reported to police as stolen

by United Press

Darrell Philpot, 90 South Fourth street, Beech Grove, Ford coupe, 639-618, from Avenue and Market street.

Paul Clegg, 5832 Dewey avenue, Chrysler sedan, 27-699, from New Jersey and Washington streets.

Charles E. Wheeler, 2308 West Morris street, Oldsmobile, 420-555, from New Jersey and Vermont streets.

E. Young, 4927 West Vermont street, Gervais, Ford, 420-555, from 700 West Maryland street.

Sam. Johnson, 1218 South Emerson avenue, Ford sedan, 129-692, from Thirtieth street and Northwestern avenue.

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practices in a number of states, will be subjected to a double scrutiny

this summer by the judiciary committees of both house and senate.

Resulting from these investiga-

tions may be:

1. Several new impeachment charges brought in by house investi-

gators.

2. Reform suggestions as to re-

ceiverships in equity and bankrupt-

cy.

3. Possible suggestions as to a

change in the entire method of se-

lecting federal judges.

The house empowered its judi-

cary committee to make three in-

vestigations, appropriating \$12,500

for the purpose.

One will be into charges against

Judge James H. Lowell of Boston,

accused of impropper conduct in re-

fusing to extradite an indicted

Negro to Virginia.

Another will be an investigation

of Judge Halsted Ritter of Florida,

accused of impropper receivership

practices.

The third is a general investiga-

tion of receivership scandals.

The senate probe will cover the

same field in a general way. Under

a resolution by Senator William

Gibbs McAdoo of California, a sen-

ate judiciary subcommittee of five

will study the receivership situation

all over the country.

CHURCH SERVICES SET

No Evening Rites to Be Held at

Edwin Ray Methodist.

No evening church service will be

held in the Edwin Ray Methodist

Episcopal church Sunday. The

morning services will include a pro-

gram by the Negro quartet of Clark

university, Atlanta, Ga.

Marott's Sensational July