

## BILLION MARK IS PASSED IN JOBS PROGRAM

Vast Sum Is Dedicated by  
Federal Government to  
Make Work.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—In less than a month at the head of the biggest peace-time spending job in history, Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes as public works administrator has passed the \$1,000,000,000 mark in his campaign to put men back to work.

Working with almost unprecedented speed and in defiance of the red tape which traditionally slows down federal machinery, Ickes has made arrangements to spend almost one-third of the \$3,200,000,000 authorized for public works in the national industrial recovery act last June. He began his job as public works administrator July 8.

Since that time he has approved public works to a total sum equal to an expenditure at the rate of \$1 a minute since the birth of Christ.

### Drives For Two Objects

Roughly these expenditures will go for the following:

- \$400,000,000—Roads.
- \$238,000,000—Naval construction.
- \$50,000,000—Roads and trails in national forests and Indian reservations.
- \$20,000,000—Civilian conservation corps.
- \$63,000,000—Grand Coulee dam in Washington state.
- \$22,700,000—Casper-Alcova dam in Wyoming.
- \$11,500,000—9-foot channel in upper Mississippi.
- \$25,000,000—Financing of subsistence homesteads.
- \$16,000,000—Forest service.

Secretary Ickes has driven for two objects:

1. To approve projects which could be started at once, and which would involve a relatively large amount of human labor.
2. To keep politics and favoritism out of the vast machinery.

### Won Budget Fight

He has laid down the rule that projects must have definite public or social value to be considered, and that there is no inside track by which fixers may tap the huge federal till. His object is re-employment of labor as quickly as possible.

Just before he became administrator, Ickes clashed with Budget Director Douglas, who held that business was recovering, and that the huge public works program need not be carried out in full. The battle was carried to President Roosevelt.

The President's answer was to announce that the full \$3,300,000,000 would be spent, and that Ickes would be placed in charge of the job.

### TRUCK TAX INJUNCTION SUIT FILED IN COUNTY

Action Against State Alleges New  
Levy Is Unconstitutional.

Payment of a truck tax to the state was halted today with the filing Tuesday of a suit to enjoin the collection of the tax in superior court four.

Hubert S. Kelly, truck operator of Terre Haute, was the plaintiff in the action sponsored by the Indiana Motor Traffic Association against the state.

A hearing is planned next week. Defendants are Frank Finney, state commissioners of the bureau of motor vehicles, and Al G. Peeney, state director of safety.

The act assesses a tax of \$1 for each 100 pounds gross weight of a truck. It became effective Tuesday.

The injunction sought charges it is in violation of the fourteenth amendment of the federal Constitution.

State police had been ordered to enforce the tax collection.

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### City Pastor Finds German People Want Old 'Kultur'

Hitler Leads Way Back to  
Lost Ideals, Opinion  
Gained on Visit.

BY HELEN LINDSAY  
Times Staff Writer

Adolf Hitler will be chancellor of Germany for years—and years—and years.

That's the opinion of the Rev. E. G. Homrichausen, pastor of the Carrollton Avenue Reformed church, who has returned to Indianapolis from a two months' visit to Germany.

Hitler is in power more firmly than any other public official in the world, says Mr. Homrichausen, even though the pastor believes that the German ruler has taken a backward step in taking the churches out of the hands of ministers and placing them in the grip of his Nazi henchmen.

Hitler is carrying out the platform to which he pledged himself before election, and which the people of Germany accepted at that time," he says.

"He has promised the German people to bring them back the old German ideals, with 'kultur' and all its attendants."

Value U. S. Opinion

The most earnest question asked by Germans, Mr. Homrichausen says:

"What does America think of us?"

"They are anxious that the United States see the new Germany in a favorable light," he says.

"They plead that America must not judge Germany by actions which have taken place in recent years; they compare it to the United States in its own Civil War. 'We are a people in revolution,' the Nazis say. 'As such we can not be judged by ordinary standards, anymore than can any country in time of war or revolution.'

During their stay in Germany, Mr. and Mrs. Homrichausen lived in the home of a Nazi precinct leader. He was anxious to discuss Hitler and Hitlerism with them, and eager to defend the action of the Nazis against the church and the Jews.

Persecution Is Defended

"German students and business men feel that Hitler went too fast in his persecution of the Jews," Mr. Homrichausen says.

"Yes, they even defend this by declaring that the Jews, who constituted only 1 per cent of the German population, had monopolized more than 50 per cent of the money in Germany.

"Germany will not accept any blending of cultures. They believe that each is an entity, and, while it can borrow from the other, the two can merge. They say that the German race must be kept purely Teutonic, and that their ideals must not be contaminated by what they call alien or Jewish influence."

In spite of his own personal belief that there has been official brutality practiced on the German Jews, Mr. Homrichausen points out that it was impossible for him to obtain any actual proof of it.

Espionage Is Rampant

"On our way home, a number of German Jewish students were on the boat. Among them was an aged Jewish rabbi, with whom I talked.

"I asked him about physical brutality to the Jews by the Nazis. The old rabbi smiled and said 'There is a time to talk, and a time to keep still. This is the time to keep still.'

Espionage and propaganda are rampant in Germany, Mr. Homrichausen says. Every one glances over his shoulder before making any comment on Nazi actions.

"Students gather in groups and argue the situation," he says. "If a Nazi comes near, the conversation is ended. They do not dare express themselves openly."

"The slightest derogatory comment brings trouble; university professors are given 'leaves of absence' which really means that they permanently are out of work, if they criticize the government in the slightest way."

"One longer can preach 'brotherly love'; the Hitler government never would sanction a religion which advocated 'loving one's neighbor as one's self,' when it applied to Communists, Jews or persons opposed to the Nazi influence."

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### SEN. JOHNSON'S SON IS SUICIDE IN CALIFORNIA

Lawyer Shoots Self While  
Recently Divorced Wife  
Is on Honeymoon.

By United Press  
BURLINGAME, Cal., Aug. 2.—Archibald Johnson, an attorney and second son of United States Senator Hiram Johnson, California progressive, shot and killed himself at his Hillsborough estate Tuesday while his former wife, who divorced him in June, was honeymooning with her newest husband.

Police declined to ascribe a motive for the deed.

Senator Johnson issued a brief statement saying: "All our family are prostrated and in seclusion. I am unable to say more than that my dead son, suffering from ill health and worry, shot himself."

Johnson left one prayer-poem and three notes. One of the notes was to his father, another to his mother and the third to a millionaire San Francisco business associate, Felton Elkins. The contents of the notes were not revealed.

Poem Tells of Woman

The poem, penned on a sheet of yellow paper, was phrased bitterly and spoke of a woman "who took my life."

Johnson and his wife, Martha Ruddy Leet Johnson, were divorced in Reno June 13. She won the decree on charges of extreme mental cruelty, and a short time later was married to Commander Howard A. Flanagan, U. S. N. Washington, former aid to Admiral Luke McNamee aboard the U. S. S. California.

Divorce Evidence Secret

The divorce hearing was closed and the evidence sealed. Johnson returned from Santa Barbara Monday night.

Baker's butler, said Johnson was "very tired, and he bathed, donned his pajamas and, with his Great Dane dog, retired to the library.

At 2:30 a. m., the dog's howls drew Baker back into the library. Johnson was dead, shot through the heart.

On a table with the notes was a bottle of sleeping capsules and a vial marked "dog poison." His army automatic—the one he carried overseas, as a major in the California Grizzlies—was nearby, one shot had been fired.

Baker summoned Senator Johnson and the senator's son, Hiram Jr., from San Francisco. He then called the police and the coroner.

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