

**KING OF HOBOES  
WILL FIGHT TO  
KEEP HIS TITLE**

Jeff Davis Will Retain His Job, Even If He Would Lose Job.

*By United Press*  
NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Jeff Davis, King of the Hoboes, is going back to Cincinnati and fight for his title even if it costs him the tobacco-chewing job he has held for a year, he vowed today.

With yellowed newspaper clippings and worn letters from prominent people strown over his suite in a fashionable hotel, the pleasant Mr. Davis was quite disturbed about Dr. Ben Rietman of Chicago, second vice president of the "Hoboes of America," claiming to be king.

In fact, the attempt to usurp his throne was so disturbing to Mr. Davis and his wife that their trip here to celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary has been all but spoiled.

**Elected for Life**

Mr. Davis, organizer of the hoboes 28 years ago, thought all claims to his throne would vanish with his election as president for life at the convention in Pittsburgh last April. His election then was for the avowed purpose of keeping these chislers from claiming titles "they do not rightfully possess."

"He'll go the way of Dan O'Brien," Mr. Davis said of Dr. Rietman's claim to the title. Mr. O'Brien was kicked out of the organization in 1934 because he had told around that he was king.

O'Brien and Dr. Rietman were knighted by Mr. Davis in 1933.

"I'll call a trial as soon as I get back to Cincinnati next week," Mr. Davis said. "He'll be charged with making false claims and if he is thrown out of the organization and still claims he's king we'll sue him."

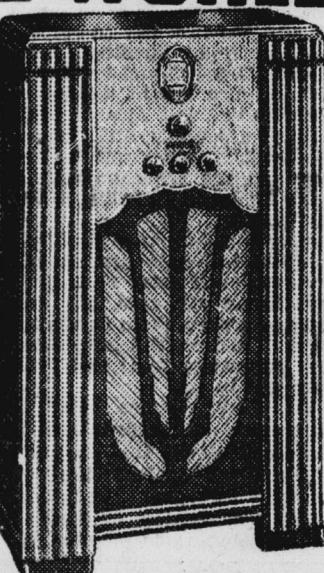
**Outlook Seems Dark**

The outlook for Rietman isn't any too hopeful—Mr. Davis is "jungle judge" in addition to being king.

The jury Mr. Davis picked from the membership to hear the charges against Dr. Rietman was notable. George Arias, the actor, Mayor William McNair of Pittsburgh, and Major George Berry, Federal industrial co-ordinator, were among the first named. Mr. Davis considered asking honorary member Harry Hopkins but decided he was too busy with his projects down at Washington.

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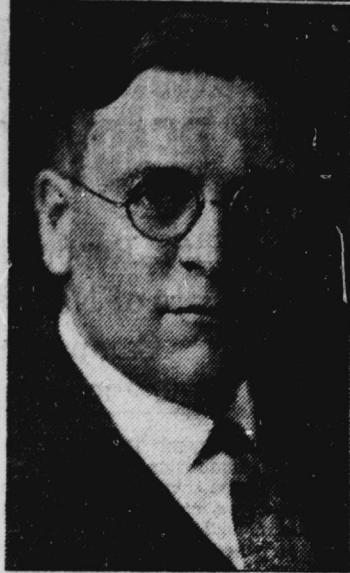
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