

Congress and President Prepared For 6-Months' Struggle Over Control; Hopkins and Businessmen Map Policies

First Test to Come on Question of Need For Economy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (U.P.)—Congress broke the barrier of routine organization today for a six months' contest with President Roosevelt for dominance.

Senate leaders and legislative economists will make the first test of sentiment in the new Congress. House Appropriation Committee, today will begin consideration of Mr. Roosevelt's surprise call for \$75 million dollars to keep WPA afloat during the remainder of this fiscal year. That appropriation would establish a \$4,097,000,000 deficit this year.

Subcommittee Chairman Clifton A. Woodrum (D. Va.) of the House group which will handle the bill, is committed to the first test of strength will depend largely on whether he stands pat or surrenders.

There was a rattling but largely futile fire of Congressional protest against some of Mr. Roosevelt's nominations to high office. Prof. Felix Frankfurter, a New Deal member of the Harvard Law faculty, was named yesterday to the Supreme Court vacated created by death of Benjamin N. Cardozo.

Three Are "Some Ducks" Prof. Frankfurter's confirmation is as certain as anything political can be. Attorney General Designate Murphy, likewise, should ease over the hurdles. Harry L. Hopkins, the new Commerce Secretary, will have higher jumps, but was expected to be confirmed after a hearing by the Senate Commerce Committee.

Both the Murphy and Hopkins nominations were criticized somewhat on the grounds that Mr. Roosevelt was not allowed to choose a duckie, scriptedit either by the electorate or otherwise, rendered unavailable for previous jobs. Mr. Hopkins was boosted upstairs from the WPA Administrators before a barrage of congressional protests against political relief activities in the 1938 campaign began.

The "lame duck" complaint also embraced former Senator Pope (D. Ida.), who made a one-term New Deal record for himself but was retired to private life in last fall's Democratic primary. Mr. Roosevelt named Mr. Pope to the Tennessee Valley Authority Board, from which Arthur E. Morgan was ousted on charges of "contumacy." Mr. Morgan's task is to keep his job and the Senate might question whether a vacancy exists prior to disposition of that suit.

Smith Decision Awaited

The President indicated he had not made up his mind whether to risk embarrassing defeat by submitting the name of Donald Wakefield Smith to the Senate for another term as a National Labor Relations Board member. Opposition Senators insist they have the votes to reject that nomination.

Other confirmation fireworks are being reserved for relatively unimportant nominations in Virginia and Nevada. Senator Glass (D. Va.), Byrd (D. Va.) and McCarran (D. Nev.), anti-New Dealers all, constitute those particular appointments as rewards to their political enemies extended by the Administration in punishment for votes against Roosevelt's bills.

Congressional dispute also is developing generally in connection with spending, national defense and modification of the New Deal, including the Wagner Labor Relations Act. Mr. Roosevelt has been submerged in the Administration's economy blockades. Secretary Morgenthau, Reconstruction Finance Corp. Chairman, Jesse Jones and like-minded budget balancers are on the outside looking in. The President is committed to the pump-priming program urged by New Deal moderates and left wingers and, notably, by Federal Reserve Board Chairman Marriner S. Eccles.

Mr. Roosevelt's nine-billion-dollar 1940 fiscal-year budget is a pump-priming instrument about which Congress will wrangle but actually fail to alter materially.

Mr. Roosevelt is convinced that Congress has neither the will nor the temerity to cut Government costs materially. But Congress will battle for control of the spending stream and in that contest may win, without much comforting the taxpayers.

REPAIR CROSSING SIGNAL

Workmen today had repaired a New York Central Railroad crossing signal, which was reported damaged yesterday when a car driven by Harry J. Perkins, 5225 Dewey Ave., struck it at Olney St. and Massachusetts Ave. No one was injured.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County Deaths	Speeding
(To Date)
1939 2	Reckless Driving
1938 4	Running preferential streets
1939 2	Running red lights
Jan. 5	Accidents
12	Drunken driving
Dead	0
Arrests	33 Others
28	

MEETINGS TODAY

Indiana Symphony Concert, Murat Theater, 2:45 p.m.

Exchange Club, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Reserve Officers' Association, luncheon, Board of Trade noon.

Delta Tau Delta, luncheon, Columbus Club, noon.

Indiana Stamp Club, meeting, Hotel Alhambra, 8 p.m.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists of new official records in the County Court House. The Times, therefore, is not responsible for errors in names or addresses.)

Sherman E. Russell, 23, of 2868 Station St., Florence, D. Fiel., 23, of 5344 N. New Jersey Ave., Newark, N. J.

Cameron D. Troxell, 27, of Englewood, N. J.

Randal Fornell, 22, of 2404 Broadway, New York, 28, of 2404 Broadway, New York.

Sidney N. Sanner, 30, of 2025 N. New Jersey St., May 6, Cal., 34, of 509 DeGraw St., Newark, N. J.

Francis P. Thomas, 25, of 4801 English Ave., Marguerite Hobson, 18, of 817 N. New Jersey St.

PROBE OF DIES CHARGES BEGUN, F.D.R. REVEALS

McNinch to Keep FCC Post; Smith Reappointment Still Uncertain.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (U.P.)—President Roosevelt said today the Justice Department is investigating allegations by the Dies Committee investigating un-American Activities that Nazis, Communists and other organizations are violating certain Federal criminal statutes.

Mr. Roosevelt said he had received a memorandum from Attorney General Murphy reporting that the inquiry has been undertaken. He had no other comment on the investigation.

He characterized as just a newspaper story report that he has asked Administration Congressional leaders to block request by Chairman Martin Dies (D. Tex.) for \$150,000 to continue the investigation during the next two years.

McNinch to Be Continued

Rep. Dies predicted the House "by an overwhelming majority" will vote to continue his investigation. He said he had personal assurances from "100 Democrats" that they would vote to continue the investigation with adequate funds. With support of the 170 House Republicans this would be sufficient to continue the inquiry.

Rep. Dies said he had heard that a move might be made to hamstring the committee by "giving us a trivial appropriation."

The President said he planned to continue Frank McNinch as Federal Communications Commission chairman until further notice.

Smith Status Undecided

The President told newspapermen that he has been too busy writing speeches to give further consideration at the moment to appointment.

He declared that the status of Donald Wakefield Smith, National Labor Relations Board member, was still the same. He said he had not yet made up his mind when he would submit the disputed Smith nomination for reappointment.

New Tax Proposals Find Opposition

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (U.P.)—Senate opponents of the Administration farm program today prepared to seek its revision while Agriculture Secretary Wallace challenged both Democrats and Republicans to offer an alternative plan.

Chairman Smith (D. S. C.) of the Senate Agriculture Committee, outspoken critic of the New Deal program, called for restoration of export markets for agricultural products and announced a three-point plan to accomplish this. It would include:

1. Repeal of the Johnson Act, which prohibits loans by the United States to nations which have defaulted on previous debts.

2. Modification of repeal of the Antidumping Law, which prohibits a nation from selling its goods in the United States at a price less than that at which it sells locally.

3. Modification of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act to permit the farmer to buy goods at prices comparable to those at which he is forced into his products.

Secretary Wallace accused Rep. House of dodging the farm issue by failing to offer a workable solution.

He indicated that he was not satisfied with the present farm program and invited suggestions from both parties for improving it.

He conferred with Senator Smith for an hour and said he also planned to discuss farm legislation soon with Chairman Marvin D. Jones (D. Tex.), of the House Agriculture Committee.

NEW NAMES ASKED IN COURT

AKRON, O., Jan. 6 (U.P.)—John Elting petitioned Probate Court today to have his son's name changed from Franklin Delano to Lincoln Franklin and his daughter's name, Eleanor Elizabeth to Jessie Elizabeth.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Cloudy tonight and tomorrow, with rain tomorrow or tomorrow night; slightly warmer tomorrow; lowest temp. tonight 35° to 40°.

Sunrise: 7:07 a.m. Sunset: 4:45 p.m.

TEMPERATURE

Jan. 6, 1938

7 a.m. 36 1 p.m. 49

7 p.m. 39 26

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a.m. 32

Excess since Jan. 1. 1.70

MIDWEST WEATHER

Indiana—Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow; rain tomorrow in northwest portion late tonight; slightly warmer tomorrow and in southwest portion.

Illinoian—Rain beginning late tonight or tomorrow; except cloudy in extreme south portion.

Lake Michigan—Cloudy tonight and tomorrow; rain in northwest portion tomorrow; slightly warmer tomorrow in south portion.

Ohio—Fair tonight; tomorrow; increasing cloudiness and warmer; sunny day with mild temperatures.

Kentucky—Fair; slightly warmer in west portion tonight; tomorrow; increasing cloudiness and warmer; sunny day with mild temperatures.

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES AT 7 A.M.

Station: Weather. Bar. Temp.

Amarillo, Tex. 50°

Bismarck, N. D. 29°

Chicago 30°

Cincinnati 30°

Colorado City, Kan. 28°

Denver 29°

Des Moines, Iowa 30°

Florida 60°

Little Rock, Ark. 30°

Los Angeles, Calif. 30°

Manhattan, Kans. 30°

Memphis, Tenn. 30°

Minneapolis 30°

Mobile, Ala. 30°

Montgomery, Ala. 30°

Phoenix, Ariz. 30°

Portland, Ore. 30°

San Antonio, Tex. 30°

St. Louis 30°

Seattle 30°

Washington, D. C. 30°

Winnipeg, Manitoba 30°