

BOARD MAY LET EMPLOYERS ASK NLRB ELECTIONS

NATIONAL AFFAIRS
NLRB may permit employers to ask elections.
TAX hearing to end this week, Committee indicates.
NEUTRALITY program outlined by Hull.
VANDEMBERG willing to be drafted for 1940 race.
TOWNSEND PLAN vote to be taken on Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, May 29 (U.P.)—Chairman J. Warren Madden of the National Labor Relations Board today told the House Labor Committee that he expects the Board to modify its regulations to give employers conditional right to petition for collective bargaining elections.

Inability of employers to ask such elections has been the basis of extensive criticism of the NLRB and one proposed Wagner act amendment would extend such authorization to employers. Modification of NLRB regulations to achieve that objective might end the move to write that power into the Wagner act by amendment.

Mr. Madden agreed with a statement of Rep. Albert Thomas (D., Tex.) that such a regulation might "eliminate a lot of the difficulty and the unknd things being said about the Wagner act and the Board. And I haven't the slightest doubt, the Board will make some change in that direction.

Mr. Madden said the question remained of "what limitations ought to be put on this right." He explained that the Board believes that "unlimited right to petition for elections might do much harm," since "if an employer wants to interfere with a union, one of the most effective ways would be to bring up the question of whether the union has a majority at a time when the union obviously does not have."

Tax Bill This Week Became Possible

WASHINGTON, May 29 (U.P.)—The House Ways and Means Committee was expected to conclude hearings this week on a program to revise corporate taxes in the interest of business recovery.

Chairman Robert M. Doughton (D., N.C.) sought to present the tax measure to the House as quickly as possible as a part of a drive for Congressional adjournment by mid-June.

The Committee heard witnesses today discuss possible methods of plugging tax avoidance loopholes which Administration finance leaders fear will be opened by proposal of the undistributed profits tax.

Pittman Predicts Hull Plan Backing

WASHINGTON, May 29 (U.P.)—Chairman Pittman (D., Nev.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee predicted today that a majority of his committee will support the Administration's neutrality law proposals which include elimination of arms embargoes against belligerents.

Senator Pittman said that enunciation of the administration's position on neutrality proposals by Secretary of State Hull should increase prospects for Congressional action at this session.

Secretary of State Hull proposed the neutrality program over the week-end in two significant moves. He addressed chairmen of House and Senate Committees dealing with foreign affairs with a six-point plan of legislation. Both committees will meet this week.

Argues Against Isolation

He said national isolation would help us solve neither our domestic nor foreign problems. It is our determination, he continued, to protect our peace. Our role in foreign affairs, he said, had two essential aspects:

The maintenance of world order under law by adhering to lawful principles; by using our moral force to induce other nations to do so; by co-operation in peaceful methods to that end; and by maintaining our strength and courage.

2. Promotion of sound and healthy international economic relations as an indispensable foundation of lawful world order and enduring peace.

Travel Restriction

His Chicago address was interpreted here as the first move in behalf of the Administration's neutrality proposals, the most significant of which was for repeal of the mandatory embargo against export of arms, ammunition and implements of war to belligerents. That embargo now is on the statute books, but would be effective only upon proclamation by the President that a state of war existed among foreign states. Further Administration neutrality proposals were:

Prohibit American ships, after such a proclamation, from entering combat areas; restrict travel by Americans in combat areas; regulate the solicitation and collection here of funds for belligerents; continue the National Munitions Control Board and the system of arms, exports and licenses; require belligerents to pay cash here, for all goods.

Judiciary Subcommittee Slaps at Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, May 29 (U.P.)—A Senate Judiciary Committee today voted 4 to 2 to present an unfavorable report to the full committee on President Roosevelt's nomination of William S. Boyle as U. S. District Attorney for Nevada.

The vote upheld objections to Mr. Boyle by Senator McCarran (D., Nev.) who asserted that Mr. Roosevelt nominated Mr. Boyle as a "slap at Pat" because of the Senator's opposition to New Deal measures.

The other Nevada Senator, Chairman Pittman (D.) of the subcommittee, said Mr. Boyle was the choice of Postmaster General Farley. He voted for recommending confirmation. One of those opposed was Senator VanNess (D., Ind.).

G. A. R. Veterans Spruce Up for Parade



Two of the 11 Civil War veterans in Indianapolis met today to talk of Memorial Day plans, the threat of war and politics. They are Dr. Joseph B. Henninger (left), assistant state G. A. R. adjutant, and Oscar N. Wilmington.

HINT MITCHELL FEARED BY SEC

Delay in Investment Firm Hearings May Be Sign Of Uncertainty.

WASHINGTON, May 29—In the background of the mystery surrounding "indefinite postponement" of the Temporary National Economic Committee's investigation into investment banking, which was to draw some of New York's biggest financiers again to Washington, is a once familiar and powerful figure of the boom era, according to well-authenticated reports.

This is none other than Charles E. Mitchell, giant of the speculative boom of the middle and late Twenties, who got into trouble on income tax evasion charges, and was forced from his commanding position as president of National City Bank.

Mr. Mitchell has staged a comeback as chairman, at the age of 62, of Blyth & Co., one of the larger investment banking houses whose operations extend to Indiana and many other parts of the country.

It was reported, according to the story, that Mr. Mitchell and representatives of the big investment banking houses here, including Morgan, Stanley & Co. Inc., would speak out boldly against policies of the Securities and Exchange Commission and blame them for the sluggishness of the capital market and try to upset SEC plans to regulate over-the-counter security dealers under the Maloney act of the last Congress.

Townsend Plan Vote Thursday

WASHINGTON, May 29 (U.P.)—The House agreed today to vote on the Townsend pension plan Thursday after five hours' general debate on Wednesday.

I WON'T DECLINE, VANDEMBERG SAYS

WASHINGTON, May 29 (U.P.)—Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.) said today that he would not actively seek the Republican Presidential nomination, but "no American could decline if chosen."

Senator Vandenberg said that the nominees for President in 1940 should pledge not to seek more than one term so that they would be "free of all incentive but the job of saving America."

He discussed the Presidential nomination in letters to Governor Dickinson of Michigan and Rep. Carl E. Mapes (R., Mich.). With all 12 Republican members of the Michigan Congressional delegation, he had signed a letter last week urging that Senator Vandenberg be drafted as the 1940 Republican nominee.

Last night, speaking in Chicago, he challenged the theory of "national isolation" in a warning that our welfare requires "playing our appropriate role as a member of the family of nations."

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POST-MORTEMS BY DEATH RING CHECKED

PHILADELPHIA, May 29 (U.P.)—Evidence that Philadelphia's merchants of death performed outlaw post-mortem operations on some victims to hide traces of poison was investigated today.

When a coroner's physician began an autopsy on the exhumed body of Mrs. Lena Winkelman, reputed victim of the mass murder for insurance syndicate that took more than 100 lives, he found the vital organs missing and the cavity stuffed with straw.

Deeds for the land and buildings, valued at \$200,000 to \$300,000, were delivered at Mr. Cranwell's New York office to the Rev. John E. McElroy, rector of Shadowbrook, former home of the Andrew Carnegie and now used as a Jesuit preparatory school.

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EASTERN GIRL WINS SPELLING BEE, \$500

WASHINGTON, May 29 (U.P.)—Elizabeth Rice, 12-year-old eighth grade pupil of Auburn, Mass., won the 15th annual National Spelling Bee today and first prize of \$500.

She corrected Humphrey Cook of Louisa, Va., in his spelling of "homogeneity" and then spelled "canonical" correctly to win over 20 opponents.

Jeanita Roth, representing southern Indiana, was eliminated when she stumbled on "auspices."

CARNERA, EX-CHAMP, TO BECOME FATHER

UDINE, Italy, May 29 (U.P.)—Primo Carnera, former heavyweight boxing champion, is to become a father in the near future, it became known today when it was discovered his parents have been shopping for baby garments.

Carnera, who married Signorina Tina Cavazzi, a postal clerk, last March 13, told newspapermen:

"If it is a man child he will not be a boxer. If it is a girl, she will take care of the house."

CHAMP REPEATS IN TRAY-TOTING MEET

FRENCH LICK SPRINGS, May 29 (U.P.)—William Bolton, chunky short-legged waiter, today held his second tray-carrying championship as the result of a contest held here.

He raced over a mile course with a tray of heavily laden dishes on his head retain his laurels. The 33-year-old holder, Tom King, finished second.

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