

CONGRESS TRIES TO FINISH WORK BY END OF JULY

Neutrality Change Unlikely
But Lending Program Wins Favor.

WASHINGTON, July 15 (U.P.)—Senate leaders pointed Congress toward an adjournment in the first week of August today. They had little hope of reviving President Roosevelt's neutrality program.

Adjournment fever increased both in the House and Senate, despite another appeal by the President and Secretary of State Hull for re-pair of the existing arms embargo.

"They will have to build a fence around Washington to keep Senators here much longer," said Senator Borah (R. Ida.), ranking member of the Foreign Relations Committee which Tuesday voted 12 to 11 to shelve the neutrality issue until next year.

Johnson Still Opposed

There was no indication that the Administration's appeal had changed committee sentiment.

Senator Hiram Johnson (R. Cal.) charged that the neutrality program outlined in the Roosevelt-Hull special message to Congress yesterday would embroil the United States in foreign wars.

Senator George (D. Ga.) who cast a decisive vote for postponement of the question, said he believed Secretary Hull's views were worthy of careful study but that in his opinion the question had been settled for the present.

Changes Nobody's Mind

Administration leaders had hoped that Senator George might reconsider his vote and permit a neutrality bill to reach the Senate floor under an agreement whereby it would not be acted upon until the next session.

Reaction to the President's and Secretary Hull's appeal generally followed the lines of the 12-to-11 division in Committee. Advocates of postponement argued that the United States ought to stick to the mandatory arms embargo affecting all foreign nations. Administration supporters claimed that the appeal was "unanswerable" and ought to be acted upon.

The message was interpreted by many Senators, including some ardent New Dealers, as being designed to "keep the record straight."

After a conference between Senate Majority Leader Barkley (D. Ky.) and Minority Leader McNary (R. Ore.), word passed through Congressional cloakrooms that there was little chance for further action on neutrality but that an effort would be made to pass the President's proposed \$3,450,000,000 lending program. Under such a schedule, it was said, Congress ought to be able to adjourn by Aug. 5.

Lending Program's Chances Improve

WASHINGTON, July 15 (U.P.)—Prospects for enactment of President Roosevelt's multi-billion dollar lending program before adjournment brightened today as a result of House action on a Senate-approved Housing Bill.

The bill, which authorizes an increase from \$800,000,000 to \$1,600,000,000 in the bond-issuing authorization of the United States Housing Authority, went on the House calendar carrying several amendments, but bearing approval of the House Banking and Currency Committee. Previously it had been reported that the bill might languish in Committee. But a favorable report was voted by the group last night.

President Roosevelt conferred today with Jesse Jones, chief of the new Federal Loan Agency. It was understood they discussed the new lending program.

The Housing Bill is one of two measures implementing the lending program. The Committee will resume consideration of the other—the \$2,660,000,000 Barkley-Steagall Self-Liquidating Projects, Bill—Monday morning.

TWO FLYING BOATS PLY OCEAN ROUTES

NEW YORK, July 15 (U.P.)—Two flying boats raced across the Atlantic last night and today one landed at its destination—Foyne, Ireland. The other, presumed to still be in the air, was due at Biscayne, Fla., this afternoon.

The flying boat, Transatlantic, on a survey flight of the North Atlantic route, landed at Foyne at 3:51 a.m. (Indianapolis time). Capt. Patrick J. Byrne radioed its owners, the American Export Airlines.

The French plane landed at Biscayne after a nonstop flight from Fort Washington, N. Y., the first successful commercial nonstop flight. Both ships took off from New York yesterday morning.

CONVICT-MUSICIANS TOOTING OLD TUNES

SALT LAKE CITY, July 15 (U.P.)—Three convict-musicians who escaped during a band concert at the Utah State Prison last night were captured today by two Salt Lake City policemen.

They were picked up at the railroad yards just as they were preparing to hop a westbound freight. The three convicts put down their instruments during a band concert at the prison last night and left on the pretense they wanted to quench their thirst.

SLIGHT CHANGES IN AAA POLICY MADE

WASHINGTON, July 15 (U.P.)—Administrator R. M. Evans announced today that the 1940 Agricultural Adjustment Administration program will be virtually the same as that in effect this year.

He said no conflict of state and national AAA officials here had been decided against any major changes in the program. Several minor changes will be made providing a minimum soil-building payment of \$20 for any farm and allowing farmers to earn up to \$30 per farm for tree planting.

HOOSIERS IN WASHINGTON—By Daniel Kidney

WASHINGTON, July 15—This was Paul V. McNutt Week in the Nation's Capital.

Commencing last Sunday, Washington newspapers broke out in a rash of page-one stories about Indiana's "favorite son" and every columnist came to his own profound conclusions.

In contrast to the advent of the High Commissioner of the Philippines here more than a year ago, the stories generally were friendly. Only Joseph Alsop, among the columnists, continued scoffing.

Today most of the columnists here have come to the conclusion that right now there are just two genuine, gilt-edge candidates for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1940—President Roosevelt and his newly appointed Federal Security Administrator.

They also have concluded that each is depending on the other for support in the convention, whenever it is decided who shall wear the crown. The picture may change greatly before next June, but the McNutt-Roosevelt alliance has, for the present at least, left Jim Farley and Jack Garner like a couple of side dishes that nobody ordered.

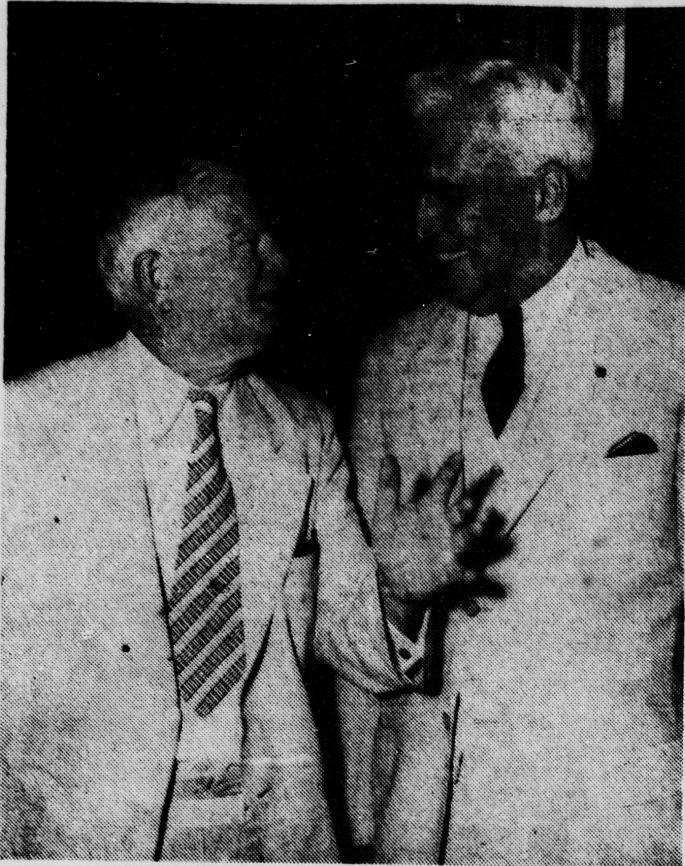
Nothing short of superlatives suited the writers in their soothsaying about the McNutt appointment.

For instance, that veteran world traveler, radio commentator, Washington correspondent for the Japan Advertiser of Tokyo and columnist for the Washington Evening Star, Frederick William Wile, LL.D., rhapsodized:

"Paul V. McNutt's appointment as Federal Security Administrator is the political sensation of the era. Capital tongues are wagging over it incessantly in an attempt to gauge its significance."

Dr. Wile was born at La Porte and educated at Notre Dame, so State pride may have accounted for some of that outburst.

Ernest K. Lindley, Presi-



Vice President Garner and Paul V. McNutt. Times-Acme Photo.

appointment was one such occasion and that the President appointed him for the very reason he had said, "outstanding qualification for the job."

WHILE the mist of speculation concerning his new appointment continued to hang over Washington, Administrator McNutt was ensconced in what one Hoosier admirer called "the finest campaign headquarters in America."

He took over an entire Government building for himself and his staff. Built of Indiana limestone and resembling a Carnegie Library in a medium-large city, the structure is one of the three belonging to the American Health Institute of the U. S. Public Health Services.

The upper floor will be turned over to his legal and economic experts, Mr. McNutt said, and added:

"I do expect to effect some economies."

The Indiana Political Scene

State G. O. P. Seeks Peace Among Its Rank and File

Party Leaders Will Gather Here Monday in Attempt To End Indecision and Factional Strife.

By NOBLE REED

Moguls of Indiana Realism will make a bold effort here next week to throw off the shackles of indecision and factional strife among the rank and file of the party.

Leaders are warning each other about the lack of co-ordination and the pitfalls of inaction despite reigns.

State Chairman Arch N. Bobbitt, although tagged as a protege of Senator Watson faction, has been courturing supporters of the younger faction without appreciable success.

It certainly is a delicate thing, however, to ask political candidates to do administrative jobs where political factors are supposed to be wholly excluded.

"Mr. McNutt's willingness to take a job under these circumstances is puzzling, but so is everything about the third term game as it is being played by the New Deal strategists."

The veteran political reporter, G. Gould Lincoln of The Evening Star, who broke the first story here about the appointment last Sunday, saw a great opportunity for Mr. McNutt's presidential aspirations in the new position.

"As head of the Federal Security Agency," he wrote, "Mr. McNutt will be in a good spot, particularly to make friends with organized labor. While he was always friendly to labor as Governor of Indiana—he took one step which organized labor has held against him. He sent troops to maintain order during a strike in Terre Haute. Order was maintained, and the Governor was entirely right, according to the judgment of the ordinary citizens."

CHARLES G. ROSS, who comes from Missouri and writes for the St. Louis Post Dispatch, said:

"Nothing that has happened in Washington in a long time has touched off so much or such anti-social speculation as the President's appointment of Paul V. McNutt as the head of the newly created and immensely important Federal Security Agency."

"Efforts to gain popular favor for the New Deal as a prospective successor of Mr. Roosevelt have all failed. It looks now as if Mr. McNutt has decided to give McNutt his chance."

"There is nothing in McNutt's record to keep him from going along with the country as a New Dealer nothing, that is to say, if from now on he plays his cards correctly."

President Roosevelt grew irate at all this speculation and lectured the unusually large crowd at his press conference on the day the McNutt nomination was sent on.

Historian Mark Sullivan began his New York Herald Tribune column the next day thus:

"President Roosevelt has a reputation for political subtlety. His intimates say he likes it, enjoys being complimented on it. But the most expert practitioner of subtlety may have times when he does not attempt subtlety at all—when he does the direct thing in the direct way."

"When that happens, he ought not to be surprised if his reputation for subtlety beclouds his unsavable action."

Mr. Sullivan then pointed out that he believed that the McNutt

campaign to inject more "young blood" into the Indiana Democratic organization will be climaxed here on Aug. 9 when a special chartered train will carry some 1500 Demo-

crats to Pittsburgh for the National Convention of Young Democrats.

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