

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 revising 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 repeal 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.

That measure, which authorized 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, which was understood they discussed the new lending program.

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—Feynes, Ireland. The other, presumed to still be in the air, was due at Biscarosse, France, this afternoon.

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

The French plane landed at Biscarosse after a nonstop flight from Pot Washington, N. Y., the first successful commercial non-stop 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 a conference of state and national AAA officials here this week 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, gill-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 soothing about the McNutt appointment.

For instance, that veteran world traveler, radio commentator, Washington correspondent of the Washington Evening Star, Frederick William Wile, L.L.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.

EARNEST K. LINDLEY, President Roosevelt's biographer and noted pro-New Deal columnist, is a native of Richmond, Ind., whose father was a one-time Indiana University professor. Earnest attended I. U. before taking a Rhodes scholarship at Oxford. So his friendly columns concerning the former Hoosier Governor come from an acquaintanceship of 25 years, he points out.

Here is what he had to say in The Washington Post concerning the appointment:

"It's maximum meaning is that Roosevelt looks upon McNutt as a possible heir and wants to look him over at close range and try him out in a difficult job before making up his mind about McNutt's qualifications."

"I am inclined to put the maximum on the appointment."

David Lawrence, who didn't come from Indiana, saw the selection as a step in the third term strategy. He concluded:

"Mr. McNutt is an able citizen and well qualified to do the job irrespective of his announced political ambitions."

It certainly is a delicate thing, however, to ask political candidates to do administrative jobs where in 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 animated political 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 other New Dealers as prospective successors of Mr. Roosevelt have all faded. It looks now as if the President has decided to give McNutt his chance."

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

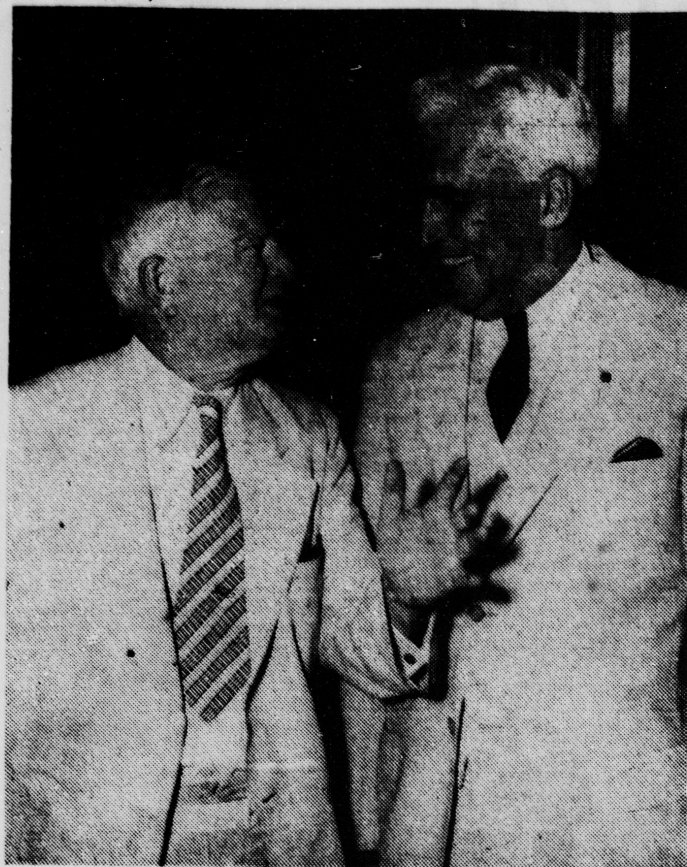
President Roosevelt grew irate at all this speculation and lectured the unusually large crowd at his press conference on the day the McNutt nomination was sent to the Senate.

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 practitioners 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 belies his unsubtle action."

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



Vice President Garner and Paul V. McNutt.

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 ennobled 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 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 Republicanism 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 formal announcements that harmony reigns.

State Chairman Arch N. Bobbitt, although tagged as a protégé of the Senator Wilson faction, has been courting support of the younger faction without appreciable success.

However a factional movement started in northern Indiana to remove the State Chairman was given a setback this week when Harry G. Hogan, F. Wayne G. O. P. leader, demanded a stop to the haggling over leadership.

And that is what the party leaders will attempt to iron out at a conference here Monday.

G. O. P. leaders say they are going to adopt a policy of "ignoring" the Presidential "favorite son" boom for Paul V. McNutt.

"We would be just advertising a Democratic candidate," one party leader said.

However, the whole lineup of G. O. P. masterminds admittedly is worrying about the McNutt pressure against the Republican campaign next year.

"If McNutt should be nominated for the Presidency next year, it will be plenty tough sledding for the Republicans in Indiana," one party chieftain said.

The Democratic lineup for the gubernatorial nomination race became further complicated this week when Federal Building talk put Will H. Smith, U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue, definitely in the Governor picture for 1940.

Several Postoffice employees said "hundreds of letters" have been received by Mr. Smith, asking him to run for Governor.

When asked about his plans, Mr. Smith made some off-the-record comments but declined to be quoted on anything "at this time."

Some of his friends said that if he does not get the State organization support he may consider running as an independent.

This brings the total number of Democratic candidates mentioned for the 1940 gubernatorial race to nine. They include R. Earl Peters, Indiana FEA director; Lieut. Gov. Henry F. Schricker, Attorney General Omer S. Jackson, Thurman Gottschalk, State Welfare Director; State Senator William Roth (D. Monticello); James D. Adams, former State Highway Commissioner; Mayor William H. Dress, of Evansville; and Mayor Martin of Hammond.

A 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-

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JURY IN WILSON CASE IS LOCKED AFTER 18 HOURS

Judge Is Asked to Repeat Instructions; Murder Suspect Is Tense.

A Criminal Court jury debating the fate of Sam Wilson, charged with first-degree murder, had been unable to reach a verdict at noon today after 18 hours deliberation.

The jury of eight men and four women early today requested Special Judge James D. Ernston to repeat his instructions. They then retired into session.

Wilson, who is charged with the murder of Edward Maze, a filling station attendant, two years ago in an alleged attempted holdup sat tense between his attorneys as he heard the grounds on which he could be convicted of murder read to the jury.

Technical Points in Dispute

Criminal Court attaches said that the jurors had requested Judge Ernston to repeat his instructions because they could not agree on certain technical points.

With tears in his eyes, Wilson yesterday heard his 9-year-old daughter Betty Jean testify that the last time she saw him was Oct. 28, the night of the murder.

The defense attempted to impeach the testimony of several state witnesses yesterday afternoon. In the closing arguments the prosecution and the defense each charged "trickery" in the conduct of this trial and a previous one held several weeks ago. The first trial ended when the jury, out for 26 hours, failed to agree.

Wilson's attorneys told the jury that the County prosecutors were going to let Herman Borneman, also alleged to be implicated in the murder, go free if he testified against Wilson. Borneman has been a witness for the State in both trials.

Perdue Recently Sentenced

James Perdue, third figure in the case, was sentenced to two to 21 years in a Shelbyville Court recently.

Defense attorneys also challenged the testimony of another witness who has a son in prison. They charged that the prosecutors "had made a deal to aid the son if she would identify Wilson."

Special Judge James D. Ernston presided over the trial.

AYRES DELIVERY TRUCK IS STOLEN

An L. S. Ayres & Co. delivery truck stolen on the North Side today while the driver was making deliveries in an apartment building. It contained about 300 parcels, snipping department officials said.

When the driver, Louis Wolf, came out of the building on N. Meridian St., 3200 block, neighbors told him they had seen a man jump in the truck and drive west at 32d St. Police broadcast description of the truck and the license numbers. About two hours later they learned that a truck answering its description was seen going east on Fairfield Ave. east of College Ave.

FATHER OF CLIPPER SKIPPER IS DEAD

James W. LaPorte, father of Arthur E. LaPorte, Yankee Clipper skipper who captained the first flight of Pan-American Airways northern and southern flying boat routes to Europe, died yesterday at his home, 251 Leeds Ave. He was 87.

A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, Mr. LaPorte had been ill several months. Capt. LaPorte was reached at his base at Baltimore last night by phone and is expected here for the funeral. He returned from Europe Thursday night.

Mr. LaPorte is survived by his wife, Theresa, a brother, William and five other sons, Glenn B., Russell, Reed, Rexford and Ennis.

NO SALE LEADS TO ASSAULT CHARGES

PLYMOUTH, Ind., July 15 (U. P.).—Charles Beckard, 38, of Elkhart, was held today on an assault and battery charge brought by William Reed, 60, of Plymouth, who charged that Beckard was too anxious to sell him a vacuum cleaner.



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U. P. President Replies to Roosevelt's Charges

NEW YORK, July 15 (U. P.).—Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, today issued the following statement:

"President Roosevelt Thursday issued a public statement accusing the United Press of falsification of the facts in connection with a reported difference of opinion between himself and Secretary of State Hull over the language of a possible neutrality message to Congress. The United Press story said that Mr. Hull opposed language that might anger the Rome-Berlin axis and further antagonize the Senate. The President's statement said it was false that there had been any disagreement on the language and that he and Mr. Hull had not decided up to that time whether to address any message to Congress on neutrality."

"Yesterday Mr. Roosevelt did send a neutrality message to Congress, in the language of a statement from Secretary Hull."

"The information contained in the United Press story yesterday was obtained from Government officials at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. We regarded those sources as reliable and we regarded the information as news, and still so regard it."

"In the future as in the past and so far as it is humanly within our power to do so the United Press will continue to report the news honestly and objectively, as it develops, without distortion or partisan coloring and without bias or favor."

Investigators said the circumstances of the slaying of Frank Walker, 58, were similar to those in the murder of William Scott Hamilton, Kansas youth, whose beaten and nearly nude body was found on a country road 50 miles northwest of here yesterday.

Walker's body also was nude. His skull had been crushed as had been Hamilton's. Hamilton also had been shot through the head.

Police Captain Julian Bernacchi said the chain of circumstances indicated that both were victims of the same killer and suspected Jack C. Russell, ex-convict, who escaped from the State Prison at McAlester, Okla., Tuesday night.

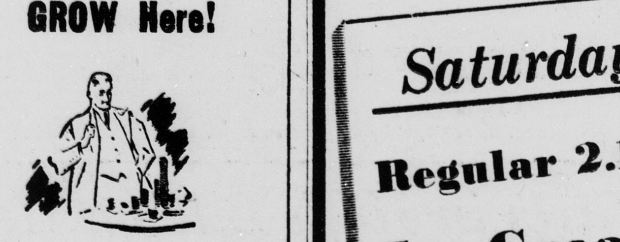
A man identified as Russell kidnapped Bud Egholm, 22, Oklahoma City, Okla., last night at Kenosha, Wis., where Hamilton's black coupe later was found, and released him at Elgin today. When the kidnaper drove off he told Egholm he was "heading for Chicago to meet some pals" and that Egholm would find his car in the 1500 block on W. Madison St. at noon today.

Walker's body was found shortly before noon less than a block from 1500 W. Madison St. Police theorized he had been dead less than an hour.

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FREE WPA DIRT MAY END AFTER 'POLITICS' CRY

Dumping Arouses Criticism Of Those Whose Requests Are Not Met.

Several city officials are seeking to discontinue allowing dirt from City-sponsored WPA projects to be dumped on private property, it was learned today.

These officials claim that the dirt dumping has aroused "too much criticism." Persons who have asked for dirt from the projects and did not get it have charged "politics" in the distribution.

The dirt dumping practice was revealed a month ago by the Works Board shortly after an investigation of the Indiana and Marion County WPA had been demanded in Congress.

Given Tentative O. K.

The City Legal Department had ruled the dumping of dirt from City-sponsored projects onto private property was legal if it would be more expensive to haul the dirt farther away to a public dump.

Some officials say they are anxious to avoid "anything that might be construed by the public as irregular." Special WPA investigators are said to be probing alleged irregularities in the County.

To clarify its position further, the City requested a letter two weeks ago from Posey B. Denning, County WPA Administrator, on the legality of the dirt dumping from the WPA's viewpoint.

"Done as Saving"

In a reply to Val McLeary, assistant City engineer, Mr. Denning asserted: "We are permitted in rare instances to dump waste dirt on private property provided the property is eligible, there is no available public property and easements are obtained by the sponsor."

He emphasized that no grading can be done and that the dumping on private land is done only on the theory that it saves the taxpayers' money by reducing hauling costs.

"Since there has been some criticism in the method of furnishing this dirt," the letter said, "we should only furnish it to such persons who are willing to pay the cost of transportation."

"UPSWEPT" HAIR FAVORED

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15 (U. P.).—The new trend in women's hair styles is a "soft upward sweep," arranged to bring out the contour and lines of the head. Margaret Condos of Chicago, secretary of the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association, said today.

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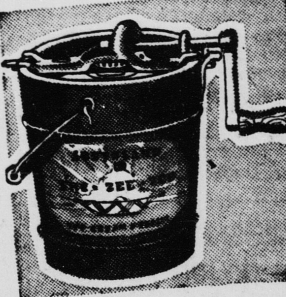
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