

Hoosiers in Washington—

M'NUTT HAPPY AFTER PRIVATE TALK WITH FDR

Hoosier Pleased as President O. K. Paper's Apologia On Tax Probe.

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Times Special Writer
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—When Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt called on President Roosevelt for 15 minutes just before the Chief Executive left the city on that secret trip, he emerged smiling and reported privately that "it was about the best man-to-man talk we ever had."

Only that morning the former Indiana Governor had been given a full column of apology in The Washington Post. It was written by Columnist Harlan Miller, who predicted that there will be nothing but an apology coming from the Treasury Agents when they get through inspecting Mr. McNutt's tax returns.

President Roosevelt saw that column and his approving comments were what made Mr. McNutt feel so good.

Meanwhile the arrest of 250 men at a lewd Baltimore stag party may give Administrator McNutt a chance to put Chairman Arthur H. Altmeyer of the Social Security Board over a barrel.

Worked for Altmeyer

For many of the men were S. B. employees and when their picture was taken at the police station The Baltimore Sun ran it under the caption:

"Police Get Social Security Boys' Number."

Mr. McNutt pointed out that they were civil service people and under Mr. Altmeyer's jurisdiction.

Mr. Altmeyer is the one who got President Roosevelt to veto the Civil service payment bill after his superstitious Mr. McNutt had recommended its passage. He is rated as one of the slickest bureaucrats in Washington.

The epidemic of McNutt speeches may be bearing more fruit than some of his press critics care to contemplate.

Excerpts from his speech to the automobile dealers' convention here have been reprinted and now are being widely distributed by the Automobile Manufacturers' Association from its headquarters in Detroit.

The reprint carries this introduction:

"We like this because it speaks well of the motor industry; but its importance, we think, is as a statement of what business can do in a democracy."

Rep. Raymond S. Springer (R. Ind.) is an almost daily contributor to the Congressional Record. Usually he writes a brief introduction to some editorial criticism of the Administration and then has the entire editorial reprinted. The printing costs the taxpayers \$55 per page.

"Every man a King" was the slogan of the late Senator Huey P. Long, and while Hoosiers have no such legal aspirations, Rep. Clifford R. Hope (R. Kas.) returned here this week ready to bear witness to the long established fact that in Indiana every man is a politician.

As chairman of the Special Republican Agricultural Study Committee, Rep. Hope presided at the farm sessions in Indianapolis last week-end, with the seven G. O. P. Congressmen from Indiana sitting in.

"I understand now why Indiana is noted for hot politics," Rep. Hope said. "Every farmer that talked was a first-class orator and so filled up with his subject he seemed ready to fight for his viewpoint."

Came in Fighting Spirit

It is this fighting spirit among the Hoosier farmers that the Republicans are counting on to carry the state.

"One of the things the farmers want changed is the reciprocal trade agreements which permit importation of those products of which our farms already are producing a surplus," Rep. George W. Gillette (R. Ind.) said.

"We Republicans are sure to recommend such a change in our party platform."

Rep. Gerald W. Landis (R. Ind.), who also is a member of the Hope committee, favors a cost of production guarantee plan, just as he favors the Townsend old-age pension plan.

Rep. Landis, as chairman of the subcommittee on agriculture, also is working on a scheme to advertise agricultural surpluses and thus improve the market by increasing sales, he said.

Maine Did It'

His plan is to have the Federal Government underwrite the ads to be used in newspapers and over the radio.

"The State of Maine did that with potatoes and got rid of its surplus," Rep. Landis explained. "Advertising has brought prosperity to the citrus fruit co-operatives. There is no reason why it couldn't be used to boost corn, tomatoes, pork, anything else the farmers produce."

"Advertising pays bigger dividends for each dollar invested than anything the Government has done to date."

CHALLENGES RIGHT TO FIX MINE PRICE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (U. P.)—The Federal Consumers' Counsel posed for three trial examiners today a legal challenge to the Bituminous Coal Division's authority to fix higher minimum prices for soft coal sold at the mine when it is to move by water or truck instead of by rail-road.

The examiners will recommend new price schedules to Bituminous Coal Division Director Harold Gray who will manipulate prices. Coal men believe that prices may be made effective about April 1.

In the brief, Consumers' Counsel suggested proposed price reductions totaling approximately \$6,000,000. It also suggested important price changes for Indiana coal operators where reductions have been urged by the Indiana operators themselves and estimated that \$1,285,000 could be saved in this manner.

Launching the 'Sell Indiana' Drive



"Indiana in the center of everything." . . . J. H. Albershardt (kneeling) and (left to right) Earl Oliphant, Vincennes; Paul R. Fetus, Bloomington; Arthur H. Sapp, Huntington, and George Leist, Columbus.

5-Man Committee to Aid State's Publicity Division

The Division of State Publicity will appoint in the next day or two, a five-man committee to meet with it and solve the division's ills.

Created in the last Legislature, the division's duty is to sell Indiana to the nation.

At the invitation of the publicity group, 50 prominent men from throughout the state gathered at the Columbus Club yesterday and heard division representatives outline their program and the obstacles which lie ahead.

When the act which created the commission was first introduced in the Legislature it had a proviso allocating \$150,000 annually for two years to finance the "sell Indiana" division. When the bill finally was enacted into law that sum had been reduced to \$25,000.

This is not sufficient, according to J. H. Albershardt, division director.

There is, however, a clause in the law which "provides that the money appropriated may be augmented, the division being authorized to accept gifts and contributions for this purpose."

The act creating the Division specified it as members the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the chief administrative officer of the Department of Public Works, and a representative to be chosen by seven specified, state-wide organizations.

Division members are: Carl J. Siedhoff, Ft. Wayne; Andrew L. Feltus, Indianapolis; Wm. E. Fleming, Indianapolis; Associated Railways of Indiana; Wm. E. Fleming, Indianapolis; Hoosier Press Association; Henry T. Davis, Indianapolis; Indiana Hotel Association; G. Ross Coe, Hematock, Hammond, Indiana; Real Estate Association; W. H. Arnett, Indianapolis; State Chamber of Commerce; Harry G. Templeton, Indianapolis; State Board of Agriculture; Governor M. Clifford Townsend, Indianapolis; Lt. Gov. Henry S. Schricker, Indianapolis and Virgil M. Simmons, the Department of Public Works, Indianapolis.

In comparing Indiana with other states which have publicity commissions, division officials pointed out that Pennsylvania has currently invested \$48,000 in advertising in a single magazine for 21 weeks.

It is now investing a total of \$2,500,000 annually in advertising of their farm products alone," the division inates.

Among those who spoke in endorsement of the motion to select the five-man committee to confer

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