

New Deal Hindering Bill, Hatch Charges As Fight Continues

Barkley Threatens to Quit Senate Leadership; Foes Seek Delay.

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WASHINGTON, March 9.—Truant after a week of harsh debate, climaxed yesterday by the threatened resignation of Senator Alben Barkley (D. Ky.) as majority leader, the Senate returned today to consideration of the most explosive legislation of the year—the Hatch Bill.

Opponents were driving for a delay which would postpone a final decision until next week, when a crowded program calls for consideration of the Agricultural Appropriation Bill and the trade-agreements extension.

Senator Joseph F. Guffey (D. Pa.) led off in a new attack today. He told the Senate that the pending proposal to extend the Hatch law to state employees "is one of the most destructive pieces of legislation to the two-party system that could ever be put on the statute books of the country."

Minton Continues Attack

Senator Minton referred to Democratic defeat in Pennsylvania and Ohio as proof that political machines are not self-perpetuating.

"Money was not the thing that controlled these elections," he declared, "and money is not the thing that corrupts politics in this country."

Senator Elbert Thomas (D. Utah) replied, citing the 1936 election, when Republicans won only two states. "But the use of money can always be defeated in the United States of America if you can get to the people. The question is the Senator from Indiana raises has no bearing on the merits or demerits of the Hatch bill."

Also replying to Senator Minton, Senator Rush D. Holt (D. W. Va.) commented:

"The Senator from Indiana argues: If there is one thief loose, we ought to open the jails and let all the thieves loose."

Senator Carl Hatch (D. N. M.) expressed a belief—and test roll-calls upheld him—that his bill could be passed if brought to a vote. But in the face of filibuster tactics a vote appeared doubtful. He would make no predictions on whether a vote could be reached by nightfall.

Threat at Height of Fight

The Senator accused New Dealers of "delaying and hindering" final action.

The original Hatch Act of 1930 prohibited Federal employees from participating in political campaigns or political management. The pending bill would expand it to cover state employees paid with Federal funds.

Mr. Barkley's threat to resign came at the height of an intra-party fight which left Senate Democratic tense and angry.

For three successive days a majority of the Democrats, opposing the bill, had been beaten back by a coalition of other Democrats and a solid Republican front. The pro-ponents' margin widened steadily, a crippling amendment by Senator Francis T. Maloney (D. Conn.) losing yesterday by 27 to 49.

After this defeat a group of 15 to 20 Democrats joined in angry conference in the Senate cloakroom. The demand grew among them for a caucus of all Senate Democrats in an attempt to get a unit rule binding all the Democrats against the bill.

Refuses to Call Caucus

Senator Barkley was sent for and a demand was made that he, as majority leader, summon such a caucus. He refused, and, according to some Senators, offered to put his Senate leadership to a test by submitting his resignation. One Senator quoted him as saying:

"If there is a caucus, the Hatch bill will not be the only business on the agenda. I will call for a test of my leadership by offering to resign."

One Senator said this was no more than a "remake made in passing," and that when Mr. Barkley proposed a caucus the matter was dropped.

Later, Mr. Barkley himself said the demand had been made for a caucus, but that he had counseled against it, pointing out that no caucus had been called in all the New Deal's years of major legislation.

Mr. Barkley said he insisted that this was no time to caucus for a unit rule binding all members of the party to oppose a measure "designed to inject a little purity" into the conduct of elections.

He did not comment directly on his reported offer to "test his leadership."

Barkley Challenged

As a weary Senate closed its day, Mr. Barkley, hoping to get a final vote on the bill this afternoon, moved to recess until noon today. Immediately Senator Kenneth McKellar (D. Tenn.), an opponent of the bill, was on his feet with a substitute motion to adjourn until Monday.

Some Senators said they could not recall when a leader's policy had been challenged so openly.

There followed a roll call, extremely rare on a question of recess or adjournment, and the McKellar tactics of delay lost by 30 to 34.

Senator Sherman Minton (D. Ind.), leader of the Democratic bloc which has hammered the Hatch proposals all week, said that he did not expect a vote today, and that this probably would mean putting aside the bill Monday in favor of the agricultural appropriation measure or the trade-agreements bill.

NEW JAPANESE ENVOY TO AMERICA HINTED

TOKYO, March 9 (U. P.)—The newspaper Hoshi reported today that Takeaki Tani, Vice Foreign Minister, would replace Kensei Morimuchi soon as Ambassador at Washington.

Tani has been long slated for an Ambassadorship. The Vice Foreign Minister post is traditionally a step toward the Embassy at Wash-

ington. Well-informed quarters expressed doubt there would be an immediate change in the Ambassadorship.

Indiana Politics—

SENATE BATTLE HAS MACHINE IN STATE SHAKING

Leaders Worried Over Possible Loss of Scores of Campaign Aids.

By NOBLE REED

State Administration leaders have begun to scratch their heads in grave concern over what might happen to their political machine if the Hatch "clean politics" Act should be passed by Congress, extending the ban on party activities to hundreds of state employees.

If the Hatch Law amendment, now being bitterly debated in the U. S. Senate, should become law most employees and officials of the State Highway Department, Health Department, Welfare Division, Unemployment Compensation Division and numerous smaller state units would be barred from participating in the crucial campaign this year.

The amendment would affect all state employees whose salaries are paid partly with some Federal funds. Politicians See Peru

It has been roughly estimated that between 1000 and 2000 officials and employees of the state, some of whom are key party workers, would have to drop out of the campaign picture.

Democratic organization men admit the situation would be "almost disastrous" to the party and that it would be a "severe blow to the two-party system of government."

Passage of the amendment would mean that the Democratic organization would have to make a last-minute re-alignment of its entire campaign set up, and replace many key workers with inexperienced politicians, party leaders said.

Several months ago the State Democratic Committee went on record officially as being opposed to the Hatch Law in its present scope, including only Federal employees.

The incorporation of a club here this week to help "draft" President Roosevelt to run for a third term, has caused a stir in Hoosier political circles.

Democratic party leaders, especially those who have been plugging the candidacy of Paul V. McNutt for the Presidential nomination, have begun an inquiry to determine what groups, if any, are behind the club.

It was incorporated at the Secretary of State's office last Tuesday by Orvel O. and Robert G. Carter, of 909 N. Temple Ave., and Mrs. Georgia Herold, of R. R. 12, none of whom is known to have any political connections.

A Democratic party leader this week explained why the merry-go-round of rumors on politics keeps whirling.

"We can't turn a wheel until we know whether President Roosevelt is going to be a candidate for a third term," he said.

"With our Paul McNutt one of the top-ranking candidates for the Presidential nomination, we can't plan anything definite so long as we don't know where Mr. McNutt is going to land."

"Also some of the candidates are waiting until after the May 7 primary election to study the list of State convention delegates. They don't want to start their campaign until they know something about the delegate list."

The fate of candidates for Governor and the U. S. Senatorhip hangs upon the control of a majority of delegates who are elected in the primary.

WELFARE SOCIETY'S AID GREETS BOARD

The co-operation of social agencies and industries is a major aid to the Family Welfare Society in solving the problems of its clients, Robert F. Nelson, new general secretary, told the board of directors yesterday.

Mr. Nelson appeared before the board at its meeting in the Columbia Club for the first time since his arrival here yesterday.

The value of the work of volunteer workers was explained by Miss Marion Emery, society supervisor.

Those attending the meeting were Luther L. Dickerson, Elias C. Atkins, George Buck, Dr. E. Vernon Hahn, Mrs. John MacDonald, Rabbi Morris M. Feuerlicht, Leo M. Rapaport, L. R. Ruddell, William E. Schlegel, Warrack Wallace, Mrs. L. R. White, Dr. F. S. C. Wickes, Mrs. Frank W. Woodard. Mr. Dickerson, president.

Court adjourned for the week-end with Harker still on the stand. He will resume his testimony Monday.

I. U. EXTENSION CLASS TO HEAR T. R. HUTSON

Thomas R. Hutson, State Labor Commissioner, will discuss "Labor Relations and Problems" before the Introduction to Business class at Indiana University Extension Center here at 5:45 p. m. Tuesday.

During the semester lectures are being given by businessmen specializing in various branches of business activity. Richard C. Murray, assistant dean of the I. U. school of business, said.

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Map Training School



These men were in Indianapolis yesterday making arrangements for the census training school which will begin here next week. Left to right, sitting, are John D. Council, Terre Haute district supervisor, Graydon O. Herod, Terre Haute district assistant supervisor, and W. A. Knight, 22d area manager here. Standing are Jerry A. Melcher, Anderson, assistant 11th district supervisor (left) and Edward C. Burkett of Indianapolis, 12th district supervisor.

Time Photo.

Because of the dry fall, followed by the heavy winter complicated with sudden freezes and thaws, the climbing roses of Indianapolis probably will not bloom this year.

For the same reason, the California privet hedge undoubtedly will have to be cut back to the ground, and the tea roses will have to be cut back to green but will bloom, all other things being equal.

This was the decision of Homer L. Wiegand, Indianapolis nurseryman, and Frank N. Wallace, State entomologist, after their first inspection trip of the season.

Nearly all the tea rose bushes they tested were dead almost to the ground, and they will have to be cut back to the green parts either now or after the growing season starts.

Cutting Back Can Wait

To discover how far to cut them back, one tests them by silversing off bits with a knife until the plant shows green under the outer cover instead of a dull brown. This cutting back can wait, however, until the growing season starts when the gardener should cut out the dead wood. A large number of the evergreens have been damaged by the winter and show brown burned patches. Some of the more exposed plants show burn all over.

Other members named are Elbert Gilliom, Paul Summers, Shewell Wood, Robert L. Brockenburr, Clyde Carter, George Eggleson, James E. Lesh and John Rocap.

"These persons will be examined by a committee as to their qualifications to serve," Mr. Vandiver said. An instructions sent precinct committeemen to name three eligible: "Therefore do not harass the committee or yourself by submitting the names of any man or woman about whom you have the slightest doubt as to qualifications."

Precinct committeemen, Election Board workers and relatives of candidates are not eligible to serve as counters.

HURT AS TAXI, TRAIN COLLIDE

Cab Driver Taken to Hospital; 2 Injured in Second Crossing Crash.

Crashing into a southbound Balmire & Ohio freight train at W. Washington St. and the Belt Railroad tracks today, Carl Matheis, 23, of 134 S. Arsenal Ave., driver for the Red Cab Co., Inc., received possible internal injuries.

He was taken to the Methodist Hospital.

Police said the warning bells and flashing signals at the crossing were working when the accident occurred.

Two persons escaped serious injury last night when the car in which they were riding was struck by an eastbound New York Central Railroad engine at S. Harris St. and W. Long, Democrat, Bartholomew County Prosecutor; Merle F. Coons, Democrat, Montgomery County Representative; George E. Mountz, Republican, DeKalb County Prosecutor, and Ernest E. Chenoweth, Republican, Jay Circuit Court Judge.

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Sulphate Spray Urged

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