

# TAXI WAR THREAT SPEEDS NEW LAW

Council Schedules Special Session After Report of Phone Dismantling; E. 10th St. Trolley Approved; Poultry Action Delayed.

City Councilmen have decided to speed their efforts to tighten the City's control over taxi-cab operations on reports that warfare between two major cab concerns is threatening.

Council President Joseph G. Wood said last night he has been informed that one cab company has dismantled another concern's telephone boxes. Safety Board President Leroy J. Keach and Police Chief Michael F. Morrissey confirmed the report and the chief added no arrests have been made.

The report, received midway in a Councilmanic investigation of cab regulations, led members to schedule a special session Nov. 26 to complete the investigation and to draft a new ordinance.

#### Closer Control Expected

The new ordinance is expected to give the City closer control over cabs. The investigation is the result of the Council's dissatisfaction with the present ordinance, which most members feel is too lax.

Meanwhile, Councilmen approved the extension of trackless trolley service on E. 10th St., after the first bi-partisan caucus in the present Council's history. Republicans and Democrats gathered in the "back room" before the meeting opened and agreed to the extension.

Passage of the trackless trolley ordinance climaxed a two-months' struggle between Republicans and Democrats to extend the railroads. The proposed extension of the trolley from its present terminus at Olney Ave. to Arlington Ave.

At present, E. 10th St. between Olney and Arlington, is served by a motor bus. Proponents of the railway's plan pointed to a 3-cent saving in fare by the substitution of the 7-cent trolley for the 10-cent bus.

#### Claims It Would Hurt Property

Opponents asserted operation of a trolley would deteriorate property on E. 10th St. and provide no service between E. 10th and E. New Sts.

In explaining his vote, Mr. Wood said he believed the trolley would serve the growing E. 10th St. neighbor-

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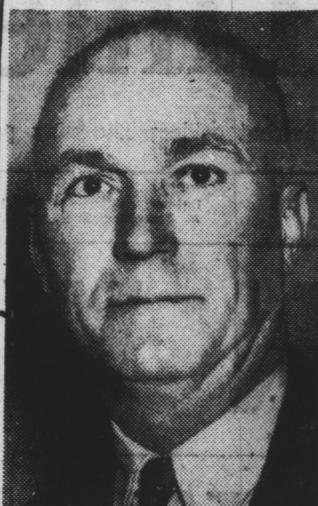
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James L. McCann ... He's a Realist

## HERE'S REASON: HE'S GOING BACK

So James McCann Talks of Anything Except French Situation.

This will give you some idea of how "the other half of the world" lives and operates.

James L. McCann, Paris, France, is in Indianapolis today for the annual session of officers of the American Legion. He is former commander of the Department of Indiana. He is well known to most of the national officers and is a friendly and jovial person.

For two or three days he will circulate among the department commanders and adjutants who are his friends and listen to their talk about how things are in California, Utah, Florida and where not.

But James L. McCann will say no word about Paris and will discuss nothing of what he has seen, what he has heard or what he thinks.

He's going back to Paris now under German control. And when he gets there, he doesn't want any unpleasantness.

It's not that he thinks he would be betrayed by his fellow Legionnaires if he should open up some information. Not at all.

It's just that he's realistic enough to know that they can't understand what has become the Paris way of life, and couldn't be expected to realize what would and what would not possibly get him into trouble.

See That of Retaliation

"If this ordinance is continued and enforcement continues there will be retaliatory measures. They would be a nuisance and breed bad feeling. I know we have a world of trouble and a world of bad feeling ahead if this ordinance is not repealed."

Mr. West's plea was supported by J. J. Kintner, product manager of Kingman & Co.; Al Feist of Wadley & Co., poultry dealers; R. C. Davis, local manager of the Omar Baking Co.; G. C. Gandy, manager of Purity Bakery; A. K. Gross, Polk Milk Co. attorney; and Walter R. Freeman, secretary of the Indiana Milk and Cream Improvement Association, Inc.

Councilmen agreed to withhold action, pending further hearings on the ordinance.

Also held for further consideration was the Safety Board's proposal to install a blanket 30-minute parking limit in the central traffic district downtown. Members agreed to the proposal, taking into account preference on advice from Chief Morrissey and Mr. Keach that such a measure would create confusion and hazard.

#### DIES TO SPEAK AT MARION TOMORROW

MARION, Ind., Nov. 19.—Efforts of his Congressional Committee to combat Un-American activities will be described tomorrow evening by Rep. Martin Dies (D. Tex.), at a public meeting here in the Memorial Coliseum.

More than 7000 persons are expected to hear the talk, sponsored by the American Women of Marion, non-partisan organization.

## AWAIT TEST ON ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to Pass "Enough Democrats Here," Rayburn Says.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (U. P.)—Speaker Sam Rayburn said today a resolution for sine die adjournment of Congress probably would be placed before the House this afternoon and passed "if we have enough Democrats here."

He said that Democratic leaders had not yet been able to check on the number of Democrats who returned from their homes, in response to telegraphic summons, to vote for adjournment.

"If there are not more than 200 of them here, we can't pass it," he said of the resolution.

Roosevelt Talks to Hatch

President Roosevelt, meantime, summoned to the White House Senator Carl A. Hatch (D. N. M.), a supporter of the Logan-Walter Bill, one of the keys to adjournment efforts in the Senate. Mr. Hatch left the White House hurriedly, explaining he was rushing to the Senate to attempt to call up the House-approved measure for passage.

"I would not say that the President is in full accord with calling the bill up," Mr. Hatch said. "But he certainly is not opposed to its general objectives."

House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack will offer the sine die adjournment resolution which will go to the Senate if passed by the House.

Test for Republicans

The vote will be a first test of Democratic authority since Mr. Roosevelt's re-election. In a measure it will sample the substance of the "loyal opposition" which Wendell Willkie seeks to raise against the New Deal. Congressional Republicans committed themselves before the election to keep Congress in emergency session. They are expected to do the same.

Among the proposals which might come up if Congress remained in session during the remainder of the year are revisions of the National Labor Relations Act and of the Wage-Hour Act.

The Senate also must confirm Dr. Harry A. Miller, as chairman of the National Labor Relations Board and former Chairman J. Warren Maden, from the U. S. Court of Claims if they are to exercise their new duties during and ensuing adjournment period.

## War Moves Today

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United Press War Expert

Complications seem to be appearing in Herr Hitler's plans for post-war domination of continental Europe, which are making necessary the numerous diplomatic conferences now being held under the Fuehrer's direction.

Juggling the countries of Europe is not easy, even for Germany's strong man; while it would seem to be somewhat premature to arrange so far in advance of the war's end for each nation's place of subservience to the Nazi dictator. Hitler's "diplomatic offensive" now continuing in Europe has entered its third month. It may be said to have begun on Sept. 17, when Ramon Serrano Suner, the Spanish spokesman, conferred in Berlin with the Fuehrer and Ribbentrop. Nine weeks is a long time for any German to be insensitive to be under way without results becoming obvious to the world.

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Berlin, nor do Russia and Japan seem prepared to form a permanent partnership.

A realistic view of the situation would seem to show that the blitzkrieg is not working in the battlefield. Thus Suner had to be called back to Germany for yesterday's second series of conferences with Hitler and Ribbentrop after an interval of more than two months.

It would be quite natural if Suner's return were due primarily to Hitler's new efforts to bring Russia closer to Germany. The

Franco Government of Spain cannot forget that Russia was the arch-enemy in the Spanish civil war, so recently ended.

Russian communism still is Spain's major potential foe. How to keep Spain allied to the Axis while at the same time binding new ties of Russo-German friendship is a difficult matter for the Fuehrer. This fact is well known to Suner's trip to Berchtesgaden.

In the midst of the Nazi "diplomatic offensive" Italy has become involved in the war with Greece, resulting in the unexpected success of Greek resistance during the present initial phase of the conflict. It is natural that the Greek fighting spirit in defining one member of the Axis should cause some degree of restlessness among other small nations in southeastern Europe.

When General Antonescu, the Romanian Premier, visited Rome last week he was quoted as saying that the Romanians did not regard as permanent the present shrunken area of their country.

Whether King Boris got full information, however, is problematical, for the "diplomatic offensive" still seems to face various uncertainties and more may be in the making.

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