

RAP MONETARY BID TO GREAT BRITAIN

Four Senators Denounce Use of Stabilization Fund to Help 'A Foreign Nation'; Urge Control by Congress, Protest Secrecy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (U. P.).—Four Senators—two of them staunch isolationists—denounced today any use of the Treasury's \$2,000,000,000 currency stabilization fund to aid "a foreign nation."

Their denunciation were directed ostensibly at the Treasury plan to stabilize Argentine currency with a \$50,000,000 loan. But they came as reports circulated that the Treasury could legally lend money to Great Britain from the fund despite the Johnson and the Neutrality Acts.

Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Jesse L. Jones, head of the Federal lending agencies, have both declared that they think Britain is a good credit risk.

Oppose 'Manipulations'

In opposing the Treasury's plans to aid Argentina, Senators Bennett C. Clark (D. Mo.), John A. Danaher (R. Conn.), Alva B. Adams (D. Cal.), and Clyde Herring (D. Ia.), said that they also opposed further "foreign manipulations" with the stabilization fund.

Senators Clark and Adams are isolationists and their views were similar to those expressed by isolationist Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.). Mr. Taft's specific complaint was against the Treasury's \$50,000,000 currency stabilization loan to China. He qualified his opposition by saying that he favored the principle of American aid to China.

The denunciations came while an Argentine mission was completing details of the proposed loan with Treasury officials and a British financial mission prepared an "Empire balance sheet" for Mr. Morgenthau, in order to give him an "accurate picture" of Britain's financial position. If completed in time it will be submitted Monday.

Urge Vote in Congress

It has been reported that the currency stabilization loan to Argentina would indirectly be of benefit to Britain, which is buying huge quantities of beef in the Argentine market. The loan could lessen that drain on British foreign exchange caused by these purchases.

Senator Clark said that while the Argentine loan "may be desirable and necessary," it should be placed before Congress for an opinion. The loan, he said, would violate the spirit of the Stabilization Act.

Senator Danaher complained about secrecy of the fund's operations and said he believed Congress should "find out how it works."

"Competition," Says Herring

Senator Adams said he did not believe "we should take money from the American taxpayer and use it to help somebody else."

Senator Herring, who generally supports Administration policies, said Argentina is a competitor of the United States in several markets and he opposed lending money to competitors.

The head of the British mission, Sir Frederick Phillips, Undersecretary of Treasury, conferred for more than an hour with Secretary Morgenthau and other fiscal experts yesterday in the first of a series of conferences. Merle Cochran, director of the Treasury stabilization fund, was at the meeting.

Congress May Not Be Asked

Some quarters thought the Administration could make a loan to Britain from the stabilization fund without consulting with or obtaining the consent of Congress. Mr. Morgenthau discussed the proposed credit to China with a joint meeting of the Senate Banking and Currency and House Coins, Weights and Measures Committees after it was announced, and obtained unanimous approval.

Meantime, negotiations continued between a British shipping mission and various Government agencies on Britain's plans to have American shipyards build from 60 to 120 standardized 10,000-ton merchant ships. An expansion of present shipyard facilities would be needed, and negotiations were concerned principally with that point.

Circling the City

O. E. S. Chapter 393 to Initiate—Indianapolis Chapter 393, Eastern Star, will initiate members at a stated meeting at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the Masonic Temple, 1522 W. Morris St.

Bazaar Set Next Week—The St. John's Catholic Church will hold a fall bazaar and Christmas party Friday and Saturday afternoons, Dec. 13 and 14 at the church hall, 124 W. Georgia St. The Rev. Richard Grogan is general chairman.

Paper Firm Official to Address Club—Roscoe C. Johnston, treasurer of the Beveridge Paper Co., will speak to Rotarians Tuesday noon on "From Rags and Wastes to Beveridge Cardboard."

I. U. Debate Squad Here—The Indiana University Debate Squad will debate the question: "Resolved, that the powers of the Federal Government should be increased," at the Southwest Social Center at 7:30 p. m. Monday. The debate will be the sixth of a series prepared by I. U. and supervised by Carl L. Chaffin. High school debating and public speaking students have been invited to attend the program.

Silver Star Review Officers Named—New officers of the Silver Star Review 15 of the Women's Benefit Association were announced today. President is Mrs. Bertha Schuck. Other officers are Mrs. Thelma Garlow, vice president; Mrs. Maudie Low, recording secretary; Mrs. Maudie Dwyer, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Buskirk, financial secretary; Mrs. Flora Fawcett, chaplain; Mrs. Eva Fischer, lady-at-arms; Mrs. Dora Hatton, acting past president; Mrs. Iva Wise, musician, and Mrs. Ellen Matwig, ritual captain.

Townsend Mass Meeting Tomorrow—A Townsend mass meeting will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at Castle Hall, Charles A. Mitchell will speak.

Credit Union League to Meet—The regular monthly meeting of the local chapter of the Indiana Credit Union League will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 at Mutual Life Insurance Building, 518 N. Delaware St.

Stated Meeting Monday—Monument Chapter 549, Eastern Star, will hold a stated meeting at 8 p. m. Monday at the Masonic Temple, N. Illinois St. A social hour will follow conferring of degrees. Mrs. Goldie Freeman is worthy matron and Judge Wilfred Bradshaw is worthy patron.

Magnesium Alloys Topic for Talk—W. G. Garvey, a past president of the Electro-Chemical Society, will speak on "Properties and Uses of Present Day Magnesium Alloys" at the dinner meeting of the Indiana Section, Society of Automotive Engineers, Friday night at the Hotel Antlers. Mr. Garvey is sales manager of the American Magnesium Corp. George L. Brinkworth, vice chairman of the section, will show two sound films, "Aluminum—Mine to Metal," and "Aluminum Fabricating Processes," at the meeting.

D. U. V. to Meet Monday—The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will elect officers at a meeting at 2 p. m. Monday at Ft. Friendly, Mrs. Pearl Keaton will preside.

AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT CATHOLIC FORUM

The Rev. Gerald Ellard, author and lecturer, will speak on "Unemployment in Catholic Worship and Its Cure" before the Catholic Forum at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the World War Memorial Auditorium. It will be the second lecture in a series of five for the 1940-41 Catholic Forum. Joseph P. Sexton, Indianapolis attorney, will preside.

Children's Museum 15 Years Old. . . . Johnson Presides at Luncheon. . . .



The 15th anniversary of the Indianapolis Children's Museum was celebrated yesterday at a luncheon at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. More than 300 persons interested in the Museum's success heard a tribute paid by J. K. Lilly to the late Mrs. John N. Carey, a founder of the Museum. Ann Lindstedt cuts the birthday cake as Dr. E. Burdette Backus (left) and Kelly G. Adams look on.

500 SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS MEET

John M. Doan of Decatur Is Named President of Parent Group.

By HARRY MORRISON

A group of 500 school bus drivers was all that remained today of the more than 3000 delegates to the Indiana County and Township Officials Association at the Claypool Hotel.

The convention, which opened Wednesday, all but closed yesterday with the election of John M. Doan of Decatur as president to succeed Charles R. Eittinger, Marion County Clerk.

Others elected were Donald D. O'Neill of Logansport, William A. Brown of Indianapolis and John P. Ballard of Princeton, vice presidents of north, central and south districts respectively, and Mark Gray of Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer.

The bus drivers, who could not attend the daily meetings because they were driving children to and from school, were to discuss impending legislation, just as other affiliated groups did throughout the week.

Legislation Discussed

The drivers were expected to outline legislation to reduce the cost of their bus licenses by limiting it to a pro rata basis for the time during the year the buses are in service.

They also were expected to ask that they be paid on the basis of days contracted for and not just for the days the buses work during the year.

Township trustees yesterday elected Mr. Doan president of their association. Other officers are Mrs. Frankie Helman, Gary, and Fred Wisman, New Haven, vice presidents for the northern district; Charles Devlin, Brazil, and J. E. Smith, Sullivan, vice presidents for the southern district, and Otto Walls, Knightstown, secretary-treasurer.

Brown Is Re-Elected

County commissioners re-elected Ralph Biery of Lafayette, president, and Mr. Brown secretary-treasurer. The commissioners also appointed a committee to work for legislation in the 1941 Legislature. Members are William Ayers of Indianapolis, William Wise of Logansport, William Dorsey of Warsaw, William Beck of Terre Haute, George Davis of Richmond.

Harry Patti of Richmond, Walter Wrightman of Mooreland, Victor Eulius of Danville, John Grimm of Newburg, Lawrence Price of Rushville, Ray Smith of Tipton, Raymond Whitman of Evanson, Walter Ragsdale of Franklin, Clarence Ray of Ft. Wayne, Earl Hunter of Bedford and LeRoy Yoder of Goshen.

Mr. Biery and Mr. Brown are ex-officio members of the committee.

PRINCETON RESIDENT GUILTY IN MURDER

PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 7 (U. P.).—A Gibson Circuit Court jury found Walter Galloway, 52, guilty of second degree murder last night in connection with the death of Admiral Straughn, 69.

The court did not indicate when sentence would be pronounced.

According to testimony, Galloway came home drunk Oct. 5 and started an argument with his wife, who left with their children for the Straughn home, where her mother, Mrs. Ida Reel, was housekeeper.

Testimony showed that Galloway went there and tried to persuade the children to go with him and then departed. Witnesses said he returned with a knife and inflicted fatal wounds on Straughn.

GROCERS TO ADOPT STATE PROGRAM

A legislative program will be formulated at a meeting of the Indiana Retail Grocers and Meat Dealers Association at 11 a. m. tomorrow in the Claypool Hotel, B. L. Tharp, secretary, announced today.

Two of the points expected to be included in the program are revision of the Gross Income Tax to reduce the tax on retailers, and enactment of a state fair practices law. The latter probably will include the suggestion for setting minimum retail prices at not less than 6 per cent above cost.

USE U. S. SHIPS, 4 IN 10 ADVISE

Approve Sending Supplies To England After Change in Act.

By DR. GEORGE GALLUP

Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 7.—With Washington officials canvassing ways and means of increasing U. S. aid to Britain, a new survey of public opinion indicates that a substantial number of Americans—but less than a majority—would favor changing the present Neutrality Act to allow American ships to carry goods to Europe.

Under the Neutrality Act in effect at the beginning of the war, American ships are banned from entering certain prescribed zones of war, including waters around the British Isles. Not only must the British pay cash for what they buy, but they must carry it away in their own vessels.

The survey, which was conducted by the American Institute of Public Opinion, has asked voters in all parts of the United States:

"Should the Neutrality Law be changed so that American ships can carry war supplies to England?"

One voter in seven (14%) said he was undecided on the question, but among those with definite opinions the vote was:

YES, CHANGE ACT.....40%
NO, DON'T CHANGE.....60%

While the present British effort seems to be the purchase of idle American shipping, which can then operate under the British flag, watchful observers in Washington think the question of using ships flying the American flag may blow up into a first-class issue in the months ahead.

The current survey is significant in that it reveals a growing disposition among rank-and-file Americans to consider such a move even in principle.

In a comparable survey reported shortly after the outbreak of the war in 1939, the Institute found 84 per cent opposed to permitting U. S. ships to continue in the trade with Europe, as contrasted with 60 per cent today.

It's All in the Family, Sheriff

NEW CASTLE, Ind., Dec. 7 (U. P.).—Sheriff Cash Robinson's face still was faintly red today.

Yesterday he saw a strange car parked in his private zone in front of the Court House and sent an officer to put a sticker on it.

An hour later his son, Charles, entered the office and meekly presented the ticket.

"How was I to know you were driving a borrowed car?" Robinson sputtered.

ZONING BOARD'S POWER STUDIED

Plea to Extend Control Over Developments Due Monday.

By RICHARD LEWIS

Proposals to extend municipal control over new residential developments will be submitted to the Zoning Board Monday.

The Board will be asked to sponsor amendments to building statutes giving City Hall authority to require the installation of streets and sewers in new residential developments. At present, the City's jurisdiction over these installations is limited.

By joint agreement, the Zoning Board and Works Boards can now require streets and sewers where ground is not platted. Both agencies can refuse to accept plat unless these improvements are provided.

But where ground is already platted, the City's jurisdiction ends. The plan is to acquire authority to make the issuance of a building permit dependent on installation of improvements.

In asking for these powers, officials claim they are trying to end the "wildcat" building of low cost homes which are sold minus improvements. Buyers eventually are saddled with improvement costs, the officials contend.

Frequently, the buyer cannot afford the improvements.

Unpaved streets need constant attention and septic tanks may become a health hazard.

It is the belief of officials that the low cost residential developments of today without streets or sewers become the "blighted areas" of tomorrow.

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DONOVAN'S TRIP STARTS RUMORS

Leaves by Clipper While Capital Wonders Where He Is Bound.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (U. P.).—Mystery today surrounded the exact status of Col. William J. Donovan, who apparently was en route either to England or some British Near-Eastern possession.

Col. Donovan, who recently performed a confidential mission in England and Europe for Navy Secretary Frank Knox, left Baltimore last night for Bermuda aboard the Bermuda Clipper. That much was known. The rest was conjecture.

Best guess was that he would board another Clipper plane at Bermuda for an Atlantic crossing.

Some of the unconfirmed reports circulating in the capital were that Col. Donovan is:

1. Going to England as an unofficial emissary of the Administration, seeking to counteract "unfavorable" impressions created there by statements recently attributed to Joseph P. Kennedy, who last month submitted his resignation as Ambassador to Great Britain.

2. En route to the Near East to inspect British forces for Col. Knox and possibly to visit Gen. Maxime Weygand, commander of the French African forces who has been reported as considering advisability of disavowing the French Government at Vichy.

3. Going to England and the Near East, as a sort of unofficial envoy to carry out certain highly-confidential missions.

The Navy and State Departments both professed ignorance of any official connection with Col. Donovan's trip. Col. Knox is presently inspecting defense facilities in the Caribbean.

Denied Here Going Back to Europe

William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan, when in Indianapolis for a lecture Tuesday, called "ridiculous" press association reports that he was to go to Europe soon.

He told local reporters that he expected to go to New York City to try a lawsuit there.

STORE GUTTED BY FIRE HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 7 (U. P.).—Fire of undetermined origin last night gutted the basement and two floors of the newly remodeled Morris 5-and-10-cent store.



Fred Bates Johnson presided and Mr. Adams was toastmaster. Ann, School 45 pupil, told of the Museum's function from the pupil's viewpoint, and Kurt Vonnegut, a charter member of the board, paid tribute to Miss Faye Henley, a co-founder and presented her a scroll. Dr. Backus gave the address and Mrs. Eli Lilly was general chairman. Left to right: Mr. J. K. Lilly, Mrs. George Clark and Mr. Johnson.

War Moves Today

By J. W. T. MASON

United Press War Editor

Reports from London and Belgrade of German efforts to end the Italian-Greek war through Turkish mediation indicate disturbed conditions within Italy. Presuming that the London and Belgrade reports have some basis in fact, Mussolini must have consented to the peace feelers, for which domestic uncertainties concerning the war provide the most reasonable explanation.

There has been evidence from that start of the Italian adventure in Greece that Hitler has been uneasy concerning the outcome and the possible needless spread of the conflict in Southeastern Europe. That attitude is justifiable from both military and political standpoints.

Even if Italy were to defeat the Greeks overwhelmingly, the advantage to the Axis would be meager compared to the great gain to Britain in the event of a complete Italian defeat. The gamble, from Germany's standpoint has not been worth the stakes.

It is difficult to dissociate the reports of Franz von Papen's peace explorations at Ankara from yesterday's resignation of Marshal Badoglio, followed today by the voluntary retirement of Gen. de Yechi as governor of the Dodecanese Islands. The two leaders have different classes of followers in Italy, but both now seem to be out of sympathy with the trend of events in Rome.

The appointment of Gen. Cavallero to succeed Marshal Badoglio as chief of staff, too, may have its explanation in the peace movement, since he is more skilled in diplomatic and political negotiations than in military strategy. Gen. Cavallero's strong pro-German inclinations, too, would make him an appropriate head of the Italian Army if Hitler has persuaded Mussolini that peace with Greece is considered by Germany to be necessary for the higher interests of the Axis.

Germany has shown much shrewdness by inviting the Turks to carry a peace proposal to Greece. It would be advantageous to the Turks if the Greek war were to end because

its continuation makes possible a turn of events that would involve Turkey.

British war interests should favor continuation of the Greek war with the eventual objective of increasing whatever discord there may be in Italy and so trying to drive Italy out of the war as Germany drove France to defeat.

The Greek policy is complicated. Theoretically, it might be to the advantage of Greece to make peace at this time on favorable terms, if there were no ulterior considerations.

But, Belgrade reports imply that Germany wants the Greeks to join the Axis economic confederation, which would make the Athens Government subservient to Berlin. Whatever be the other peace terms, any such agreement would really mean Greece had lost the war instead of having carried the conflict into Albanian territory.

SORORITY ELECTIONS

Miss Ruth Recktenwall, Westville student at Butler University, today assumed her duties as president of Kappa Beta, religious sorority. Miss Doris Brabender is the new vice president; Miss Ruth Shelton, secretary; Miss Eloise Christman, treasurer, and Miss Wilma Ambuhl is social chairman.

EIGHT NEW WPA PROJECTS O.K.'D

Include \$27,000 Plan for Marking Historical Sites in Marion County.

Eight new WPA projects, including a \$27,000 historical project for Marion County, have been approved by State WPA Administrator John K. Jennings. The expenditures total \$1,300,000.

The Marion County project consists of placing markers on historical sites and is sponsored by the Indiana Historical Bureau. Other projects throughout the state are:

DeKalb County, \$111,404; improvement of roads. Sullivan County, \$14,029; card index deeds and mortgages recorded from 1850 to date of initiation of project. Clay County, Brazil, \$155,104; improvement of sewage disposal plant and new outfall sewer.

Wells County, Bluffton, \$25,084; improvement to public streets. Vigo County; near Terre Haute, \$85,347; construct and improve utilities and facilities and improve grounds of the U. S. Penitentiary.

Delaware County, Muncie, \$957,485; street and alley improvement. Fulton County, Rochester, \$7607; extend and improve water distribution system.

PYTHIAN SISTERS TO ELECT Banner Temple, Pythian Sisters, will elect new officers at 8 p. m. Monday at 230 E. Ohio St.

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