

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. Col.), 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.

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 sub-

stantial number of Americans—but

less than a majority—would favor

changing the present Neutrality Act

to the extent of allowing American

ships to carry goods to Europe.

Under the Neutrality Act in-

voked at the be-

ginning of the

war, American

ships are banned

from entering cer-

tain prescribed zones of war, in-

cluding 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.

To see how the American public

stands on the general principle of

relaxing this neutrality provision,

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 Eng-

land?"

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

ACT.....60%

While the present British effort

seems to be the purchase of idle

American shipping, which can be

operated 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 disposi-

tion 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.

MINTON CAMPAIGN

EXPENSES \$7245

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Dec. 7 (U. P.)—Campaign expenditures of Senator Sherman Minton (D. Ind.) in his unsuccessful campaign for reelection totaled \$7245, a report filed in the Floyd County Clerk's office showed today. Disbursements exceeded contributions by \$582.32.

The statement listed \$2700 paid to the Democratic State Committee.

The remainder was for traveling expenses, advertising and miscellaneous items. Mr. Minton listed his own contribution at \$1000.

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 Beverage Paper Co., will speak to Rotarian Tuesday noon on "From Rags and Wasps to Beverage 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. Chastin. 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 Garton, vice president; Mrs. Minnie Lowden, recording secretary; Mrs. Maude Dwyer, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Buskirk, financial secretary; Mrs. Flora Fawcett, chaplain; Mrs. Eva Fischer, lady-at-arms; Mrs. Dura Hatton, acting past president; Mrs. Eva Wise, musician, and Mrs. Ellen Mattwig, ritual captain.

Townsend Mass Meeting Tomorrow—A Townsend mass meeting will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Casper Hall. Charles A. Mitchell 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 F. Sexton, president; 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 Lindstaedt 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. Ettinger, 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 did 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 busses 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 busses work during the year.

Township trustees yesterday elected Mr. Doan president of their association. Other officers are Mrs. Frankie Helman, Gary, and Fred Wissman, 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.

County commissioners re-elected

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Walter 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 Wrightsman of Mooreland, Victor Ellis of Danville, John Grimes of Newburg, Lawrence Price of Rushville, Ray Smith of Tipton, Raymon Whitman of Evanston, 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 Grand Jury found Walter Galloway, 32, guilty of sec-

ond degree murder last night in

connection with the death of Ad-

miral Sturgis, 69.

The couple 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 Reed, 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 for-

mulated 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 sug-

gestion for setting minimum retail

prices at not less than 6 per cent

above cost.

D. U. V. to Elect Monday—The