

WOODRUM LEADS ECONOMY TEAM ON CAPITOL HILL

Harrison to Assist Him in Seeking Check on All Federal Spending.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A cloud no larger than a man's hand is beginning to rise in front of the Administration's projected spending program at the next session of Congress.

Everybody agrees that defense appropriations will be as generous as they were last summer, if not more so. But lines are beginning to form for real opposition to other forms of spending. More important, there is going to be determined and effective resistance to even defense spending of the blank check type.

At the moment, this opposition centers in the able person of Congressman Clifton Woodrum of Virginia, one of the most influential members of the Appropriations Committee and a long-standing leader of the economy bloc. Standing with him, in all probability, will be Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi, boss of the Senate Finance Committee. Other important figures in both houses will also be lined up.

Strategy will be to try to get members of the House Appropriations and Ways and Means Committee to agree on a general program for economy. Such a program, as Rep. Woodrum sees it, would have two principal points:

Economy Is Goal

1.—To prevent any unnecessary expansion or extension of regular Government services or New Deal agencies under the guise of defense measures.

2.—To keep appropriations down to budget estimates in all cases, making sure that all moneys appropriated go for specific purposes and are not lumped together to be spent at the Administration's discretion.

If the House leadership could be brought to o. k. a program, a special committee could be set up by vote of the House to scrutinize all appropriation bills and see that they conformed to these two points.

May Form Bloc

If that isn't possible—and it probably won't be, since the administration is already moving to fight the program—interested members probably will rally around Rep. Woodrum in a more or less informal committee or bloc to do the same sort of job.

The point is that if the bulk of the Appropriations and Ways and Means Committee members go along with this idea, as seems likely, such an informal committee would be almost as effective as one set up by action of the whole House.

Rep. Woodrum is especially emphatic about the blank check matter.

Money Available Quickly

"There's no need for that sort of appropriation, with Congress here all the time," he says. "They can get money quickly in any emergency through regular channels. This fall, for example, the defense commission people put in a hurry-up call for money for Defense Housing. They appeared before the Appropriations Committee at 10 one morning and explained that the matter was urgent. That each day counted."

"We took the item they were concerned about out of the deficiency bill and rushed it. By 6 the next evening it had passed both houses and been signed by the President."

Favors Appropriations

Rep. Woodrum doubts any important savings can be made by cutting down on regular appropriations. As long as Congress keeps a given bureau or agency in existence and gives it a job to do, that agency must have money. Small sums may be whittled off here and there, perhaps, but the saving is insignificant.

His big objection to the blank check system is that a comparatively modest sum can be allocated to start a new program which, eventually, will cost a huge total.

MAP I. U. SESSION ON STUDENT HEALTH

The Indiana Student Health Association's annual meeting will be held at Indiana University tomorrow.

Registration will be held at 9:15 a. m. and Dean Herman T. Briscoe, dean of the I. U. faculty, will greet those attending. "Safeguarding the Health of Women Students," by Dr. Elizabeth B. Ward, Butler's dean of women, will be the first address.

Other subjects to be discussed include "Unusual Cases Coming to the College Physician" by Dr. George Davis of Butler; "Student Health Service Plans and System," by Dr. W. D. Gatch of L. U.; and "Case Histories of Individual Students Having Health Handicaps," by Miss Marion Russell, assistant professor of physical education, Purdue University.

Two Butler University men, Theodore Shadinger and Claude Strope, have been accepted by the United Airlines school of instruction.

Figure It Out For Yourself

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 13 (U. P.).—The Greeks have a word for "blitzkrieg," too.

What the Greek Army has been doing to the Italian Army is quite a mouthful and so is the Greek word which describes it.

A Greek scholar here says the word is:

"Kernovolos-epithesis." Translated literally, it means "lightning attack" while German blitzkrieg means "lightning war."

Writer Stands in Trench, Watches Greeks Charge in Mud a Foot Deep to Rout Besieged Italians

By HENRY T. GORRELL
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WITH THE GREEK ARMY IN THE LAKE OCHRIDA VALLEY, Dec. 9 (Delayed).—I stood in a trench today and watched Greek troops charge across a flat no-man's-land and up the side of a hill to rout in hand-to-hand combat what were said to be two of

Italy's crack Bersaglieri regiments from one of the most formidable heights in this sector. The battle will have a place in the history of this war. A hellish artillery barrage was still raging when I left and I had to run through two miles of mud, dropping to my knees and crawling when shells screamed unpleasantly

close to reach my car. After more than 1000 heavy, medium and light shells had been exchanged, the Greek infantry charged. Wave after wave of Greeks rolled at the Italian trenches at the base of the hill. Greek buglers sounded "Advance," and the Greeks spread out

over the plain on the double. Italian shells threw up geysers of mud and shrapnel about them. One shell fell between two mules and when the smoke cleared the mules were still there, uninjured. A grinning soldier in the trench beside me picked up a piece of shrapnel that had glanced off his steel helmet and threw it dis-

dainfully at the Italian line. After the Greek infantry moved up, the Greek cavalry came in, sweeping both flanks. The battle soon moved beyond the Italian trenches and up the side of the hill, through mud a foot deep. Heavy Greek shells, fired from hidden batteries miles behind us,

sounded like squadrons of airplanes as they roared over us into the Italian lines. Closer behind, Greek 75-millimeter guns cracked viciously. When the Greek artillery fire lulled, the Greek bugles sounded new charges. I talked to an Italian prisoner captured in the first half hour of

fighting. He said: "The Greek guns are deadly. Scarcely an Italian machine-gun nest has not been hit. It is hell. We have barely eaten lately. Supply trains were unable to climb the muddy mountain trails." The Italian gunners seemed to be firing wildly. Only about one in five of their shells exploded.

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