

IRE OF CONGRESS STARTS TO COOL

More Legislators Now Ready to Accept the Need of Assuming Responsibility; Senator Brown Readies Bill for Farm, Wage Ceilings.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Congress got right mad at President Roosevelt for his mandate to bring farm prices into line, because of his fixing a date, Oct. 1, and saying in effect: "If you don't, I will."

Some members were still grumbling today. But there were evidences that sober second thought was taking command on Capitol hill, and that congress would seize this opportunity to reassess itself, to re-establish its prestige, and would not only take Mr. Roosevelt at his word but would go him one better.

He asked congress to abolish its present price ceiling of 110 per cent of parity for agricultural commodities, so that prices could be fixed at parity, and he said he himself would then stabilize wages.

But a survey at the capitol indicates that congress will go the whole route—by writing some sort of formula for stabilizing wages, as well as taking care of the agricultural ceilings.

President Roosevelt met his congressional leaders this morning and presumably told them steps he will take if congress doesn't act.

Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas, House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts and Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky were to arrive in Washington for the conference. Vice President Henry W. Wallace is already here.

Speaker Rayburn advised Mr. Roosevelt that he favors a brief congressional resolution authorizing the chief executive to stabilize all prices and wages "notwithstanding any provision of existing law."

For picking up the ball tossed by the president, congress has the stocky, amiable and sensible Senator Prentiss Brown (D. Mich.) to thank. While others were still blowing off their lids, fuming and fussing, Senator Brown got down to business, which is his responsibility, as the man who steered the original price-control bill through the senate.

He got in touch with OPA Administrator Leon Henderson and called in legislative drafting clerks. He told them to get together with experts of OPA, the war labor board and the agriculture department and draft a bill, which he expects to be ready for introduction tomorrow when the senate meets so that the banking committee, on which he serves, can begin work on it Monday.

100 Per Cent Party Asked

The bill will substitute a flat 100 per cent of parity for the levels below which farm prices now may be controlled—110 per cent of parity, the 1919-1923 average, the levels of Oct. 1 or Dec. 15, whichever of the four is highest. Balancing that provision will be one providing for a floor of 85 per cent of parity.

The proposed measure also will specifically authorize the president to control wages, possibly placing a floor on them as well as a ceiling.

Senator Brown was like a refuge from the storm that was blowing about him as members, publicly and privately, struck back at President Roosevelt for attempting to take over what congress considers its rights.

He was a stabilizing force. He pointed the way by his acts, rather than words, to a course which will give congress a chance to show that it can act—a chance that it needs because of recent criticisms, much of it unjustified and unfair.

Some members were still in the sulking mood of passing the buck, saying in effect of the president: "He says he has the power to do all these things. Then why doesn't he go ahead and do them?"

Not All Fault in Congress

In this way, of course—and this is beginning to be realized—congress would prove what some of its critics are saying. It would give up, without a fight, the very rights which it says belong exclusively to it as the legislative body.

Congress has a case, in this instance, which a number of members pointed out.

They noted, for example, that Leon Henderson, the administration spokesman on price control, resisted any ceiling on wages when congress was considering the price-control bill, and that the president himself has consistently hesitated to do anything about stabilizing wages and, even now, reserves this right to himself.

As to blame for failure to pass a tax bill, they pointed out that Treasury Secretary Morgenthau and his aids are still unable to make up their minds about a tax program, having submitted new proposals only a few days ago, and that this was the same procedure followed by the treasury while the house was trying to write the measure it passed weeks ago.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau
(Central Time)

Sunrise 6:30 Sunset 7:04

TEMPERATURE
8 a.m. 72° 72° 90

Speeding 9:30 22.50

Excess since Jan. 1 5.19

The following table shows temperatures in other cities:

High Low

Atlanta 72 70

Boston 72 60

Chicago 75 71

Cincinnati 70 65

Cleveland 70 65

Denver 65 55

Fort Worth 77 65

Indianapolis, Ind. 70 65

Miami, Fla. 80 71

Minneapolis-St. Paul 60 54

New Orleans 74 63

New York 74 62

Oklahoma City, Okla. 63 60

Portland, Ore. 62 52

Pittsburgh 62 52

San Antonio, Tex. 70 51

IN INDIANAPOLIS—VITAL STATISTICS

Here Is the Traffic Record

FATALITIES

County City Total

1941 45 52 97

1942 27 58 85

Sept. 8—

Accidents 21 Arrests 214

Injured 4 Dead 0

TUESDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convict-Fines

Tried 127 77 \$890

Reckless driving 9 6 76

Failure to stop at through street 0 0 0

Failure to stop at signal 1 1 0

Drunken driving 4 3 165

All others 30 21 89

Total 171 106 \$1151

METINGS TOMORROW

Ohio Valley Transportation Advisory

board, meeting, Hotel Lincoln, all day.

Market Research club, dinner, Hotel

Windsor, 7:30 p. m.

Lake-Harbor Corp., meeting, Hotel

Washington, 8 p. m.

Phi Gamma Sigma, meeting, Hotel Washington, 8 p. m.

Board of Church Extension, luncheon, Hotel Sevierin, noon.

Alpha Delta Tau, meeting, Hotel Sevierin, 8 p. m.

Fundus Alumni association, luncheon, Hotel Sevierin, noon.

Indiana Motor Truck association, luncheon, Hotel Indiana, noon.

Leias club, luncheon, Claypool hotel, noon.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, luncheon, Hotel Indiana, noon.

Alpha Theta Tau, luncheon, Seville restaurant, noon.

Co-Ed Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, Columbia club, noon.

Junior Chamber of Commerce, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, Hotel Indiana, 7:30 p. m.

Knight of Columbus, luncheon, 1905 N. Delaware street, noon.

Delta Sigma Theta, luncheon, Hotel Sevierin, noon.

Beta Theta Pi, luncheon, Canary cottage, noon.

Alpha Chi Alpha, alumni, luncheon, August cafeteria, noon.

Indianapolis Motor Transportation club, luncheon, Fox Steak house, noon.

Sigma Nu, luncheon, Columbia club, noon.

Donald E. Collins, 46, at Veterans, coronary occlusion.

BIRTHS

Girls

David, Olive Harrison, at St. Francis.

Samuel, Thelma Ratcliff, at Vincent's.

Aloysius, Frances Krebs, at St. Vincent's.

John, Barbara, at St. Vincent's.

Louis, Cordelia Fullen, at St. Vincent's.

James, Juanita Wilson, at Coleman.

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