

WASHINGTON

Calling

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names figured in the news together, story had to do with Ickes-Corcoran scheme to nominate Douglas for vice president, instead of Wallace.

Third possibility: Ickes himself.

George bill presents this strange situation:

Senator George believes federal loan agency is still in existence; that if his bill, as reported by commerce committee, becomes law, Jesse Jones would be federal loan administrator, if he hasn't resigned.

And the only resignation in existence, apparently, is Jones' letter to the President acceding to Roosevelt's request that he quit as secretary of commerce.

This fine point undoubtedly will get much senate attention.

General opinion is that Jones, after his tart letter to F. D. R., is through.

If he is, senate will have to confirm another federal loan administrator, if and when the George bill becomes law.

DON'T COUNT on Russians having trapped any large number of German soldiers in East Prussia. Signals indicate Germans evacuated large numbers by sea.

NAVY WANTS aircraft carriers fast. It's putting on pressure to speed the carrier construction program—in preparation for closer and closer approach to land-based planes of the Japanese.

Program hasn't been enlarged, but dates are being moved forward. Indications are navy will take over some private yards or build its own additions to these yards.

Work-or-Go-to-Jail Bill

KNOCK-DOWN, drag-out fight is ahead next week when Bailey's man-work-or-go-to-jail bill reaches house floor.

Flood of amendments is likely and whether legislation squeaks through in the end depends on direction these take.

Bill could be "amended to death," because unacceptable to virtually all groups.

Two amendments accepted in committee, then thrown out, will be offered on the floor—one providing workers forced into war plants can stay out of unions, the other a no-racial-discrimination provision along FEPC lines.

Labor will oppose the first, much of the South is against the second.

Some sentiment develops for milder legislation—to get fuller manpower utilization by authorizing draft boards and war manpower commission men to investigate actual manpower use in plants, draft only where necessary.

Management and labor both pot-shotted the legislation, hope to make "involuntary servitude" the rallying cry against it.

NEXT BYRNEs move will crack down on cost-plus-fixed-fee contracts as wastes of manpower.

He's been convinced that contractors have no incentive for keeping costs down, utilizing manpower efficiently under this type of contract.

It was just two years ago that a few scattered congressmen began saying this.

Byrnes' control over home front continues to grow. His aids are handling production, agriculture, manpower, outbacks, rubber, planning, slowly take over authority from alphabetical agencies set up in those fields.

Power he yields now under war mobilization and reconversion act is greater than he'd have had if his ambition to be vice president had been realized.

Transportation Crisis

TRANSPORTATION is now at most critical point since world war I, says Col. J. Monroe Johnson, ODT head.

Extension of this week's embargo on movement of all but government freight in north-eastern section of U. S. is apparently only forerunner of more drastic action to keep army supplies moving.

War effort is now using up twice as many tires as are being produced, and Johnson sees little hope for improvement before June.

Unless lead production can be increased, battery production will be down 25 per cent or more by the end of this year.

Meanwhile, cities in all parts of the country cry for new busses to transport workers to war plants.

Bus breakdowns in northern New York-Ohio industrial areas have been making workers late on the job, cutting war production.

One bright note: All statistics at start of war indicated there'd be less than 20,000,000 automobile running by this time.

Instead there are from 23,000,000 to 24,000,000. Old cars have been put up better than was thought possible.

PROPOSAL OF Lewis Douglas, former deputy war shipping administrator, for post-war sale of cargo ships to Britain is being supported by influential shipping men.

They say U. S. would benefit as much as Britain, perhaps more, because it would encourage new building of faster vessels, avert a repetition of glut after world war I. (Some of the carryover was still being used when world war II began.)

Shipping men emphasize difficulty of competing in 17-knot trade with 10-12-knot Liberties or 15-knot Victories.

But some foreign governments soon purchase of wartime ships, discuss buying American shipyards, building here even at higher costs, to get fast vessels quickly for post-war trade.

BIG QUESTION remaining after merchants' conference with OPA is how absorption of higher manufacturing costs is to be divided between retailers and wholesalers.

OPA will invite them back, meanwhile calling for suggestions. Administrator Bowles took "tough" stand, asserting profits

FINALE IS TONIGHT IN POLIO CAMPAIGN

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Grotto, Wayne post of the American Legion, 6566 W. Washington st. and the Negro organization.

Opening the Cadle tabernacle show will be a color guard repre-

sentatives of the armed forces.

Members of the military guard of honor will be S. Sgt. June Leary and Sgt. Norman Smith of the marines, Sgt. Dale of the army, Cpl. Louise May of the WAC, Lt. Russell Roache, a wounded veteran; Seaman 2-c Stephan Kimball, navy; Storekeeper 3-c Dorothy Thew WAVES, Miss Julia Farnham, Red Cross; Lt. Mary Roberts, the nurse corps, and Sgt. Matty Bres- cia, air forces.

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reading of the decision, said Judge Sullivan's ruling "undoubtedly will be appealed."

After a brief recess, Judge Sullivan granted a stay of proceedings after the judgment, intended to maintain the status quo of the army's occupation of the Ward properties until after the government's plea is appealed.

The judge denied Wol's request for a new trial, but in granting the district attorney's request for a stay, he said:

"The situation will not be disturbed. There is a possibility my decision can be wrong."

Wol said the appeal would be taken first to the circuit court of appeals and then to the supreme court if necessary.

Appeal to President

Stuart Ball, attorney for the company, said "We cannot physically eject the army." He said, however, he might appeal to the President to order the army operators from the plants.

The judge said he arrived at his conclusion with "considerable reluctance" since loyalty to "our country and our fighting forces should influence disputants in such labor controversies," but he added:

"If the disputants are not willing to obey the recommendations of the War Labor Board, which are admittedly only advisory, then gross alone is the only branch of the government which can compel them to do so."

It is the duty of congress to enact the laws, and the duty of the courts to interpret them."

Agencies Centralized

Centralization of the several trade and semi-official agencies attempting to solve the shortage was announced by Mr. Green. The groups will be directed from the Red Cross chapter house from which investigations are being conducted as to the urgency of the coal needs of householders.

Virgil Sheppard, executive secretary of the Red Cross, pleaded with householders who need coal to follow three steps:

1. Call the Red Cross only at Riley 3401.

2. Stay at home so that investigators can check on the urgency of the order and stay at home so delivery of the coal can be made.

3. Have the money ready to pay for the coal.

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Decision Quoted

Declaring this reluctance to make his decision, Judge Sullivan said:

"Our nation is engaged in a global war, and it is imperative that we contribute everything we have to insure its speedy and successful conclusion."

"Selfishness, arrogance, intolerance of the rights of others, self-interest and unwillingness to compromise should, during this emergency be all subordinated for the common good."

"It may well be that an interruption at this time in the flow of any goods may directly or indirectly affect our armed forces, thereby resulting in added loss of life or in prolonging the war."

"As good American citizens none of us want that to happen. The peace-time privilege of engaging in prolonged labor disputes should be voluntarily suspended for the duration."

Judge Sullivan concluded, however, that the decisions of the WLB were merely advisory.

Terms Are Defined

In touching upon one of the most salient points in the government's argument that the President had the power to take over Wards, Judge Sullivan found that "production" and "distribution" are not synonymous terms. The government had argued that Wards came under the war labor disputes act because as a distributor of war goods it also was a producer.

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Personal Appeal



In a poll of dog judges by the Gaines Dog Research center, New York City, Personal Appeal of Kelkerry owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kelly, Carmel, was placed eighth among show dogs of all breeds in the nation. A Kerry Blue terrier, she won best in show awards at Toledo, Treaty City Kennel club, Boston, and Chicago.

The Rev. Merrill McFall of Bloomington will conduct services at 11 a. m. Monday in the Kregel & Bailey mortuary for Dr. Edward C. Tinsley, who died yesterday in his home, 1326 N. Delaware st.

A graduate of Louisville Medical school and the Purdue university school of Pharmacy, he practiced medicine in Indianapolis about 12 years and was 77. He moved to San Diego, Cal., in 1909 to operate a drugstore and returned 16 months ago.

Survivors are a brother, Dr. Frank C. Tinsley; a sister, Miss Lue B. Tinsley, both of Indianapolis; five nephews and five nieces.

WILLIAM N. VAN CLEAVE

Rites for William N. Van Cleave, 3711 E. Michigan st., who died Thursday in St. Vincent's hospital, will be held at 1 p. m. Monday in the Harry W. Moore Peace chapel.

The Rev. Glen A. O'Dell, pastor of the Brookside Park church, will officiate and burial will be in Washington Park cemetery.

Mr. Van Cleave, who was 87, died 11 days after the death of his wife, Mrs. Melvina J. Van Cleave.

On his retirement 10 years ago, he operated a grocery store at Kealing ave. and Michigan st. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brookside Park United Brethren church.