

HOLT DECRIES PARTY LABELS FOR NEBRASKA UNDER ATTACK

Chapel Hill, N. C.—Sen. Rush Holt, Democratic Senator from West Virginia, accused the administration of cracking the party whip and starting fires back home under those who disagree with the President's proposals for judicial reorganization, in a speech delivered to the University of North Carolina's law students today.

Holt contended that the judiciary controversy was not a party question. The young Senator said he favored a constitutional amendment to attain the social objectives and pointed out that the last three amendments added to the Supreme court took an average of only even months. He said the program would place too much power in the President's hands.

Unicameral House Studying Non-Political Ballot.

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Lincoln, Neb. — A movement to elect all public officers except U. S. senators, congressmen, the governor and the lieutenant governor on a non-political basis has gained considerable headway in Nebraska's non-partisan legislature.

This plan may become an actuality by the end of the first session of the only one-house legislative assembly in the United States.

The legislature, fathered by Sen. George W. Norris, administered its first slap at political parties when it rejected, by a sizeable majority, a plan offered by a committee of Republican and Democratic party leaders to "reform" the primary election system.

Party leaders wanted a greater voice in the selection of candidates. They proposed that candidates who received the first and second choice endorsements of party conventions be given the top places on the ballot and that the endorsed candidates be so designated on the ballot.

Judges Among Elected Officers—
Within 24 hours after it had rejected that scheme, the legislature advanced almost unanimously a bill providing for the non-political election of all county and precinct officers. Nebraska has for many years elected its judges, state superintendent of schools, county school superintendents and members of the board of regents of the University of Nebraska on a non-political basis.

John N. Norton of Polk, a former congressman, who first proposed the unicameral system more than two decades ago, at the present session introduced a bill to shorten the state ticket so that only candidates for governor and lieutenant governor would bear party designations. A third elected state officer, the comptroller, would be elected on the political ballot.

24 Bills Passed in 30 Days
During the first two months of the unicameral session, the legislature made more progress on proposals for fundamental changes in government than in its immediate pressing problems. Of the 552 bills introduced during the first 30 legislative days, only 24 had been passed, all except two of which had been signed by the governor.

SITUATION IN DETROIT EASES

Detroit.—A conciliatory statement by Mayor Frank Cozens lessened fear of a general automotive strike in this industrial area today, but United Automobile Workers union officials were non-committal.

Cozens announced, after a conference with union leaders, that police would not interfere in "peaceful so-called sit-down strikes." Police evictions of sit-downers in small factories had led Homer Martin, United Automobile Workers president, to threaten a general strike of Detroit automobile workers.

Martin went ahead with plans for a mass meeting of union sympathizers in Cadillac Square tonight. He said it would equal the demonstration in the square for President Roosevelt during the election campaign.

HOME TEACHERS ARE ENDORSED

Squire John Robertson of the Seventh District, Claiborne county, announced today that sixteen of the twenty-three magistrates of the county had signed a statement endorsing a policy to hire only Claiborne county teachers for the county schools when they were available and to end the hiring of outside teachers while there were teachers residing in the county working employment. Mr. Robertson stated that he had been unable to see the other seven magistrates of the county as yet but that he felt that they would be in accord with the idea.

Supt. J. Odus Sharp of the county schools stated that he was in full agreement with the effort of the magistrates. At present, he said, the Claiborne county school system employs 179 teachers, approximately 10 per cent of whom are from out of the county. He estimated that there are at least 250 qualified teachers in the county and he fully endorsed the proposal of the magistrates.

The county court meets in July to elect a board of education, and the move was seen as a preliminary to naming at the meeting a board which will follow such a policy.

COAL ROASTING ON BOOM AGAIN

Connellsville, Pa. — Connellsville's famous "beehive" coke-ovens are spouting flame again as the center of the world's coke industry marks a 150 per cent gain in production for the past year.

Offices of the state mine inspector announced that coke production during 1936 was 235,025 tons greater than in the previous year for the district.

Coal production in the region, according to the same report, increased 155,224 tons, or 60 per cent, during the period.

Production of the "beehive" ovens dwindled to virtually nothing during the depression, as the steel industry, principal consumer of the "roasted bituminous coal," curtailed operations.

The Connellsville Courier, official newspaper reporter of coke operations, discontinued compiling reports because of the virtual standstill in operations.

What coke was needed was supplied by the by-product accumulation of gas reduction and similar furnaces.

But today, with the steel industry forging toward new production highs, operations in the coke industry have skyrocketed.

MAY IN FAVOR HARLAN UNION

Washington — Representative A. J. May, of Prestonburg, Ky., said he believed unionization of Harlan county miners would solve the labor problems in that coal field.

"I understand the United Mine Workers of America have been trying for several years to organize the Harlan county miners," May said in an interview. "In my judgment, if the mine operators would accept that organization and permit the mine workers to organize, and union would help business and the whole community.

"The mines in my district have been organized, and everybody seems to be well satisfied with the situation."

Representative John M. Robison, of Barbourville, whose district includes Harlan county, was in Kentucky and not available for comment.

CIO Drive On Textiles

Athens, Ga. — Labor leaders representing the Committee for Industrial Organization today began a drive to organize the south's 1,000,000 textile workers, scattered over a wide area in 1,332 miles.

The drive, coming at a time when southern mills are turning out goods on a boom-time basis, will be a "sincere effort to advance standards of the workers in the industry and to cooperate with the management in stabilizing both production and costs," said A. Steve Nance, regional director.

NEW PHOTO OF CABLE—IN JAIL



Dubeer S. Cable, Canton, O., contractor, is shown as he entered police station where he was quizzed in connection with the shotgun slaying of his wife. Cable was subjected to the lie detector test and then held by police. The contractor was in Cleveland at the time of the slaying. —Central Press

CIVIC PROGRAM FOR 2 MONTHS IS DISCUSSED

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present time, and explained that City Treasurer R. K. Judy and City Clerk Edward L. Johnson were about ready with detailed information concerning expenditures for all items and departments during the past three years, and that the committee would meet soon to discuss the question of recommending a budget of operation for the city for the coming year.

Howard J. Douglass, secretary, reported on the plan to have an extensive city-wide clean-up and beautification campaign sometime in April, in which the cooperation of all citizens would be sought. Guy Suong, C. Y. Blakeman, and George Callison were appointed as a committee to work up the details of the city-wide organization for this program.

Mr. Douglass also reported in detail the plans for the Fox Hunters Convention to be held here in April, the survey which the Chamber of Commerce has made with reference to the desirability of a radio broadcast station which Lincoln Memorial University is seeking, and the preparations for the Southeastern Kentucky band festival to be held in Middlesboro on Saturday, May 15.

All of these matters will be pushed actively by the Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Merchants Association, and the calendar of civic activity during the next two months is now heavily crowded.

OFFICERS SLAY MAN IN KNOTT

Hindman, Ky. — Claude Huff, about 27, paroled convict, was wounded fatally early Monday in a shooting affray at a roadhouse six miles from here in Knott county. No other persons were hurt.

Sheriff Henry Struffell of Knott county said Huff was hit six times by bullets from guns in the hands of Deputy Sheriffs Chett Messer and Marion Martin and T. H. "Slim" Manns, proprietor of the tavern.

The two officers, Manns and Harry Huff, brother of the slain man, all were arrested in connection with the killing and placed under \$2,000 bonds pending appearance Wednesday before the Knott county judge for examining trial.

A Louisville bartender gets nine days in jail and a fine of nineteen dollars for driving when drunk; a second-repeat eagle whose plume feathered the arrow that found in him its mark.

Liquor Destroyed

Wise, Va. — Fifty gallons of moonshine liquor was poured into the gutter at Norton Saturday afternoon. The liquor was captured in a raid in the upper Pound section by Deputy Sheriff Bill Willis and State Enforcement Officer J. Preston Adams.

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WPA NEAR END OF 30 MILLION AIRPORT WORK

Remaining Projects Likely to Be Completed by July 1.

Washington. — The Works Progress Administration's \$80,000,000 program to bring airport development to half of the nation's "minimum requirements" has been 60 per cent completed.

At 534 airport sites, 794 projects had been finished or were about to be completed on Dec. 31, WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins disclosed in a quarterly progress report. He hoped that all useful units of the program would be completed by July 1.

The program was designed to bring airport facilities to a level with modern flying equipment, with especial emphasis on construction where air traffic is heaviest. Work has been given to 45,000 newly employable men.

Military Aspects Considered
Airport and airway construction by WPA was regarded by government officials as of great importance to civil, commercial and military aviation and as the beginning of a national plan to assure orderly development of aviation ground facilities, the report said.

"The American public has ever been ready to adopt more rapid means of transportation and while past airport expenditures may have appeared large in comparison with air traffic of a few years ago, the rising curve of that traffic more than justifies this conservative airport program of the Works Progress Administration," Hopkins said.

Listed still under construction were the \$1,645,783 Philadelphia Airport development, the \$5,560,360 Floyd Bennett Field project in New York, a \$2,264,796 project at Newark Airport and a \$1,174,940 project at Chicago. A \$3,341,499 project at Cleveland Airport was described as completed.

Many Low Cost Projects
Other projects in the active and complete categories include scores of city, county and township improvements, many of them for only a few hundred dollars.

Leading all states in expenditures for WPA airport projects was Pennsylvania with \$12,906,396. New York followed with \$11,133,050, of which \$6,147,760 was in New York City. California's total was \$8,097,218 and Ohio's \$6,896,057.

Local governments provided part of the money and supplied sites. All in all, 2,239 airway and airport projects have been submitted to WPA and 1,963 with an estimated cost of \$139,238,109 have been approved. Selection from those by state WPA administrators reduced the cost of the program to an estimated \$80,416,795.

Sites, plans and specifications were approved by the bureau of air commerce of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

Honored



Richmond, Ky.—Thomas E. McDonough, head of the health and physical education department at Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College, has been elected president of the Southern Section of the American Physical Education Association for 1937, according to information received at the college today. He was elected during the Southern sectional convention which was held at Houston, Texas, March 17 to 19.

During the past year Mr. McDonough has been president of the Kentucky Physical Education Association. He attended the convention at Houston as state consultant from Kentucky.

You and Your Nation's Affairs

Ruinous Labor Dictatorship

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General industrial progress in this country within the past fifty years is so far ahead of that of any other country in the world that we stand in a class by ourselves. That labor has had a large share in this progress and has been given a standard of living beyond the dream of optimistic prophets of the past, are demonstrated by the facts of our industrial life.

In 1899, the value added to the manufacturing process annually was \$1,929,09 per worker. In 1929, the value added was \$9,005.00 per worker. In 1930, the average annual output of factories was \$426,000. In 1929, the average annual wage was \$1,216.00. Notwithstanding the enormous increase in capital cost, machinery, equipment, overhead, taxes, etc., wages were more than three times larger in 1929 than they were in 1900, and the hours of work had been greatly reduced.

Anything that obstructs efficiency in business and industrial progress cuts the income of wage earners. Highly developed business today has all of the essential characteristics of a complex science. This means that business is driven by natural forces, and the laws of business mark its course. Hence, two things are absolutely essential to successful business direction. First, a comprehensive and intensive knowledge of the natural forces and natural laws of business success, and second, the freedom of the business director from interference in his direction. Directive ability in business is as highly specialized as directive ability in surgery or medicine.

The most important factor in the productive process, by far, is selecting workers, and directing their activities. No two workers are alike. A worker may be effective in one place and a failure in another. A worker may succeed at one time, and fail at another in the same job. A worker in a minor position may give evidences of decided capacity for a much larger position. Efficiency may demand that many workers change their jobs, and take up new activities. Demands on a highly dynamic successful business are constantly changing, and readjustment of activities must be quickly made to meet them.

For the masses of the employes to take over the function of fixing hours, wages, the speed of work, the particular sphere and activity of each worker, the conditions of employment, dismissal, and promotion of employes, is, necessarily, antagonistic to the essential conditions of efficiency and of industrial progress. It means the substitution of irresponsible ignorance for highly specialized, highly trained directive ability.

Such a wild revolt against reason, common sense and experience, would, of necessity, destroy a very large proportion of the industries, and send others back to Middle Age conditions. Employes would be the chief sufferers from such a communistic experiment. Many of them would never recover.

It is interesting to consider Australia in this connection. The experience of mass direction of business in Australia is a little different in form from the type we are here contemplating. The principle, however, is the same.

Australia has been prominently the government-ownership country of the world. This means wage-earner dictation in the field of the productive process. The results of Australia's experience were given in an editorial in the Los Angeles News in 1931.

"Australia," says the editorial, "is the champion of bi-ridden country in the world. Recent statistics reveal that ninety-five percent of all publicly-owned enterprises are losing money, and annually increasing their indebtedness. Victoria needed more locomotives than its government-owned plant could turn out in time. Victoria ordered a number of locomotives from the Baldwin Works near Philadelphia. Including the cost of shipping these locomotives half way around the world, Victoria paid over \$8,000 less each for the locomotives made in Philadelphia than the cost of making the same type of locomotive in her own government-owned plants, and wages in the Baldwin works were forty percent higher than they were in the Australian plant."

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THRIFT EFFORT CAUSES BLAST

New London, Tex. — An effort by the New London school board to save about \$300 a month by using waste gas for fuel, was blamed today for the explosion that killed 42 children and teachers.

A military court of inquiry established that the gas accumulated in a cloud in the basement and was discharged last Thursday afternoon in some manner unknown, possibly when the manual training teacher threw an electrical switch to start his machinery. Schoolhouse janitors tapped a line of "wet" gas belonging to the Parade Gasoline Company on orders of School Superintendent W. C. Shaw, who had only a verbal agreement with the oil company and had been warned that the gas might be dangerous.

Pyorrhea Held To Be Curable By Professor

Minneapolis — Pyorrhea is curable, in the opinion of Dr. Samuel C. Miller, associate professor in the New York University College of Dentistry.

Dr. Miller presented his "minority opinion" to Minnesota dentists assembled in convention.

The New Yorker detailed his observations, based on 7,000 cases over a 10-year period. He attacked the general belief in the incurability of pyorrhea, as well as the idea that this disease confines itself to older people. It has been noticed in children as young as 6, he said, and a large proportion of the cases occur in late adolescence.

"Five years before the patient himself realizes he has the ailment," Dr. Miller said, "the dentist can detect it by X-Ray. The X-Ray will show a thickening of the membranes."

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