

Draft Plan to Censor Press in an Emergency

Senator Clark, Democrat, Missouri, Will Move for Quick Discussion of Plans for Censorship.

Washington, Dec. 19. — Senator Clark (D.), Missouri, said Wednesday he would move for quick discussion in congress on army plans which, he asserted, would authorize the president to license all business in wartime and permit complete censorship of the press and radio.

As soon as congress convenes, he said, he will introduce legislation already prepared by the War department which planned to send the bills to Capitol Hill only in event of actual war. The bills are being studied by the senate munitions committee, of which Clark is a member.

The Missouri senator said he was not offering them to congress because he favored them, but to provide a chance for thorough study instead of having them passed "under whip and spur" after a declaration of war.

Clark called particular attention to one bill, designed to mobilize all material resources. It contains the following provision:

"That from time to time whenever the president shall find

it essential to license the production, manufacture, sale, storage, distribution, or transportation of any product, foodstuff, material or commodity, in order to carry into effect any of the purposes of this act and shall publicly so announce, it shall be unlawful for any person after a date fixed in the announcement, to engage in or carry on any such business enumerated in this section, unless he shall secure and hold a license issued pursuant to this section."

Clark expressed the opinion that congress would not approve such broad language as the bill contains if it had time to study the measure.

CORN-HOG PROGRAM CHANGE

Kansas City.—Further discussion of changes in the 1935 corn-hog program are scheduled here Tuesday at the closing sessions of the two day regional school conducted for extension workers, college of agriculture instructors and allotment committees of seven middle western states by AAA officials. Next year's plan has been revealed to permit larger production allowances and modification of the benefit payment plan, said Reuben Brigham, chief of regional contact section of the AAA. Production bases on which allotments are computed are unchanged. Those attending the school will conduct similar meetings in their respective communities before the work of signing new producers' contracts is begun sometime in January, Brigham said.

Twelve Citizens of Nebraska Sued on an RFC Loan

Lincoln People Are Among the Stockholders in a Chicago Trust Company.

Omaha.—A suit to recover \$74,480 from twelve Nebraskans on an \$80,000,000 loan made in 1932 by the Reconstruction Finance corporation was filed in federal court by Francis P. Matthews, attorney here. The petition asserts the twelve are stockholders of the Central Republic Trust company of Chicago, of which Charles Gates Dawes, former vice president and former chairman of the RFC, was chairman of the board. Matthews said under the laws of Illinois, the stockholders are liable for 100 percent of the par value of their stock.

The largest amount sought is \$32,900 from Mark W. Woods of Lincoln. H. W. Potter of Lincoln is sued for \$21,800 and Mary J. K. Lyon of Nelson for \$2,600. Others named are Hugh J. Birmingham of O'Neill, for \$2,500, Edward J. McCarthy of Omaha for \$1,900, and Hastings college for \$1,800. Smaller amounts are sought from Wilbert F. Neukirch, Henry W. Koehler and Harry P. Whitmore of Omaha, John C. Clark and Mrs. Isabella Clark of Lincoln and

SOYBEAN HAY INTO FEED

L. W. Chase, feed supervisor of the Nebraska FERA, Saturday announced between 5 and 6 thousand tons of surplus soybean hay has been purchased by the government in Illinois for mixing with molasses and sale to Nebraska farmers as livestock feed.

Chase said the soybean hay would be shipped to Omaha for grinding and mixing with molasses. The mixture will have a feeding value equivalent to ground alfalfa and corn, he declared. The feed will be sold at cost to farmers on drouth relief lists and other small needy farmers to be selected by county agents, Chase said. More than eighty commissaries have been set up to handle this and other feeds to be distributed under the federal drouth relief program.

The price has not been determined, but Chase said it would be much lower than ground alfalfa and corn.

NOT WRECK OF ULM PLANE

Honolulu.—Parts of an airplane found on Nihoa island belonged to a scrapped naval seaplane, navy officers reported, thus ending hope that traces had been found of Lieut. Charles Ulm and two other Australian flier missing since Dec. 4. Intensive search of Hawaiian waters by naval air and surface craft, army airplanes and scores of fishing boats has been futile for Ulm and his com-

Omaha Site of New NRA Domain for Eight States

Labor and Industry Represented on Board; Cook Is Director; Decentralization Planned.

A regional national recovery administration domain, with Omaha as a headquarters for NRA business of eight middle western states, was announced Wednesday night following an all-day meeting of state administrators at NRA headquarters at Omaha.

A. F. Cook, already in the city, was appointed director of the new office with the stipulation he is to be aided by a regional compliance board made up of one representative of labor, one of industry and an impartial chairman.

The new plan, which results from NRA's nation-wide efforts toward decentralization of authority, brings under the direction jurisdiction of the Omaha office Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming.

State directors and their staff members will be unaffected by the change except that cases brought to the attention of the state director will be referred directly to the regional office for solution instead of to the national director in Washington.

In a statement issued following Wednesday afternoon's session, officials declared, of the decision to establish headquarters at Omaha, that:

Insure Quicker Action.
"The establishment of the regional council will insure quicker action in cases of non-compliance and obviate the necessity for respondents to travel to Washington for a hearing before the national council."

The regional office, it was pointed out, will take no hand in original investigations of complaints, but will possess the "full and final authority" to rescind the Blue Eagles of firms violating the codes. A regional "litigation division" then is empowered to prosecute violators.

Regional authorities also will function in a supervisory capacity over the state offices in their territories, it was said.

Stronger Compliance.
The new arrangement, officials averred "will result in a more universal compliance with the codes of fair competition."

State directors here, meanwhile, gave no indications that they anticipated letting NRA "die" next June, as the chamber of commerce directors recommended Tuesday at Omaha.

Instead, the spread of NRA policies into state law as well as the national law was one of the chief topics at the NRA conference.

Col. R. S. Beach, NRA's deputy administrator, from Washington, said the government isn't trying to influence the states to pass NRA laws, but is giving advice when asked on legislative programs which will coordinate with the national industrial recovery act.

FARM CENSUS IN NEBRASKA

Washington.—The office of Senator-elect Burke of Nebraska announced three assistant supervisors of the farm census in Nebraska have been appointed. They are Fonda Brown of Scottsbluff, first district; Charles A. Prizer of Papillion, third, and R. C. Vance of Milford, fifth district. The office said also that Helen Stuart of Lexington has been recommended for appointment as assistant supervisor in the second district. The enumeration will begin Jan. 2, 1935, and an effort will be made to complete it within a month. The bureau said district headquarters and application for appointment would be opened immediately as enumerators should be addressed to the district supervisors. The appointments since Nov. 14 included: Nebraska, district 5, Lincoln, Charles M. Haller.

JOINS CHRISTMAS PARTY

New York.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt came here on what her secretary said was a "purely personal" visit, but she got in a Christmas party on the way.

Some 600 east side boys from six to twelve years old cheered wildly when the first lady suddenly appeared at their Christmas party at the Tompkins Square clubhouse of the Boys' Club of New York.

"I am very glad that I am able to stop for a few minutes to see what a grand party you are having," she said. "I wish you and all the boys all over the country a very, very happy Christmas."

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Latter Group, However to Go Ahead in Efforts at Recovery—To "Point Direction."

Washington.—American business leaders determined to proceed with development of their platform for economic recovery despite a shower of criticism by Washington and other officials. The platform itemized Wednesday at a "joint business conference for recovery" at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.—some of it implying criticism of present administration trends—was received during the day at the white house without any marked enthusiasm.

But those who delivered it dropped word that they were going ahead, and that plans were in formulation for a meeting between business and farm leaders in January, with a labor conference scheduled for later. The leaders did not confer with the president. One of his secretaries accepted the written program, explaining that Mr. Roosevelt was engaged. The word forthcoming was that the proposal would be examined "on its merits."

Sharp criticism keyed the reception of the "recovery platform" in other government quarters and on Capitol Hill. Particularly under fire was the proposal that the administration should turn at least in part away from work relief. Harry L. Hopkins, the relief administrator, declaring himself "100 percent" for work relief, suggested that the business leaders wrap up their proposal "in a Christmas package and send it to the unemployed." More seriously he declared he did not believe there would be "anything worse for America and the 22 millions on relief than what these fellows suggest. I don't like direct relief," Hopkins added. "The unemployed don't like it either, don't forget that."

Delegates to the industry conference who were asked to interpret the critical reaction refused to be quoted until, they said, the public has had a better opportunity to analyze the conference's work.

The platform, one of them said, was to "point the direction" business believed recovery should take, and it was not a flat and entirely final statement.

C. B. Ames, chairman of the conference, said before the criticisms were published that the members wished to be moderate, and that they had no illusions about the perfection of the ideas of theirs or any other group.—State Journal.

LOANS ANNOUNCED BY PWA

Washington.—The PWA Thursday made loans and grants totaling \$2,418,160 for twenty-two non-federal construction projects. Officials estimated the funds would bring 15,532

man months of direct employment in eleven states and a greater amount of indirect employment where materials will be produced. The allotments, subject to the condition that the recipients would promptly execute and return the bond contract and grant agreement, included: Nebraska: Valley, sewer system, grant of \$17,000.

Labor Attacks Gain in Soviet Activity in U. S.

Woll and Green Ask for an End of Russian Recognition Unless Agitation Halts.

Washington.—A demand that recognition of the soviet union be withdrawn unless purported connecting links between Russian and American communistic organizations are broken was made before the house committee investigating un-American activities.

Matthew Woll, a vice president of the American Federation of Labor, appearing as acting president of the National Civic federation, made the demand. He agreed with an earlier statement by President Green that communistic activities in the United States had increased since America recognized the soviet republics.

"This situation calls for an immediate remedy," Woll testified. "The citizens of the United States are in duty bound to insist that our national government request the soviet regime to fulfill its pledge... by the immediate suppression of the communist internationale on its territory so far as the United States is concerned."

"If the soviet union fails to comply with this request, we should demand that our government break off diplomatic relations with it."

"I can readily understand why soviet Russia can laugh at its pledge when the United States government itself does not insist that it be enforced." The "pledge" to which Woll referred was to the effect that the soviet would not permit any organization within its boundaries to advocate overthrow of the American government.

Woll, tracing what he called the spread of communism in this country, said even emergency educational projects paid for by the federal relief administration were encouraging the study of communism.

The relief administration, Woll testified, recommended four publications for consideration by unemployed teachers who were federally hired to give instruction to unemployed workers. The publications, he said were "New Leader," "Labor Action," "Workers' Age," and "The Daily Worker."

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Hands are coming out of pockets and the halls are again resounding

to backslapping—the handshake is more heartfelt, and the spirit of good fellowship once more appears where it was thought it would never come again.

So, let us all look up to that face formed from the curling tendrils of smoke that were long idle. A face emotionalized by the hum of machinery and spiritualized by the happiness that rises from mouths that no longer wait in vain for food, and bodies that once more know the blessings of warmth and contentment.—A. Allen Goldfin.