

Nebraskans Tell Why They Oppose Ford Shoals Bill

Congressmen Simmons and Sears Reply to Critics— Favor Public Operation of Plant.

Special to The Omaha Bee. Washington, March 27.—Public criticism of Congressmen Bob Simmons and Willis G. Sears by C. B. Steward, secretary of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, for their failure to vote in favor of Henry Ford's Muscle Shoals bill drew quick retorts here this week from both men.

"If every other congressman in the country had voted for that bill I wouldn't have cast my ballot, that way," Sears said. "I favor the government handling such a valuable property, but do not favor turning it over to Ford. It would be like turning the Panama canal over to a private individual."

Simmons, in an open letter to Steward, goes into detail in describing the bill and his reasons for voting against it. He said, in part: "My vote is very much interested in your statement that 'we,' referring to the farmers of Nebraska, are interested in development of hydro-electric power and in preservation of those natural resources from selfish private interests."

"With that statement I am in full accord, and at the same time I am unable to understand how anyone holding that opinion can support the Ford offer. Mr. Ford's expectancy in life is 11 years.

"This bill proposes to turn over to a corporation to be organized by him one of the greatest power resources in the United States, if not the greatest. The corporation that gets it will have the greatest monopoly of power of any corporation in the United States, and there is absolutely no restriction in the bill to prevent the corporation, either during Ford's lifetime or after his death, from passing into the hands of the 'selfish private interests' of the United States, assuming, of course, that Mr. Ford is not in that class, an assumption which I think is unreasonable. My vote against the bill was a vote to retain ownership and possession of this power in the hands of the people of the United States and to prevent its passage to the hands of 'selfish private interests.'"

"You did not write me about this either before the bill came up for passage or since. Mr. Keefe of Wall-hill, president of your organization, very courteously wrote me regarding this bill before it came up for passage, and I replied, in part, as follows:

"I favor passage of such a bill as Senator Norris has introduced in the senate, providing for ownership, operation and control of Muscle Shoals by the government."

"That is exactly the same as I stand today."

Men Who Are Making Omaha

MAJ. GEN. GEORGE B. DUNCAN, U. S. army, was born in Lexington, Ky., on October 10, 1861. He was graduated from the



Major General George B. Duncan

United States Military academy at West Point, in 1886, and was assigned to the infantry. He served in that arm through the various grades from second lieutenant to colonel, and won distinction as a commander of troops in the Spanish-American war and the Philippine insurrection.

He was graduated from the army war college in 1912. The world war found him on the general staff in Washington. He was selected to command the Twenty-sixth infantry, First division, and landed in France with the first troops of the American army.

General Duncan was among the first to receive the distinguished service medal, and the following citation summarizes his service:

"George B. Duncan, major general, United States army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. Arriving in France with the first contingent of American troops, he commanded in turn a regiment, brigade and division with conspicuous success. In the command of the Seventy-seventh division, in the Beaumont sector, his sound military judgment, energy and resolution were important factors in the successes gained. Later, in command of the Eighty-second division, in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, he proved himself a brilliant leader, with great force and energy."

In 1919 he was assigned to Camp Lewis, Wash., from where he was ordered to Omaha and assumed command of the Seventh corps area December 19, 1922.

As corps area commander he is responsible for military activities in Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. These include training of the regular army, National guard, organized reserves, reserve officers' training corps and conduct of citizens' military training camps.

To meet these responsibilities, he has familiarized himself with conditions in each state included in his

command. His grasp of problems, both civic and military, his adaptability and genial manner make him a welcome visitor wherever he goes. He is in constant demand as a speaker. He makes no apology for his profession. Having gone through the horrors of war, no one wishes more devoutly than he that there may never be another one, but at no one realizes more fully than he at weakness invites attack.

General Duncan has encouraged all officers in the corps area to take an active interest in the affairs of the community in which they live. As a citizen of Omaha, he has taken keen interest in civic activities. During Ak-Sar-Ben week, troops from all over the corps area figured prominently in the pageant and staged an exhibition and polo tournament at Ak-Sar-Ben field. General Duncan plans to enlarge next fall the military features of the annual carnival.

Omaha hopes to have him long. In any event, Omaha will remember him as a kindly, courteous gentleman, fostering the best traditions of the army among its people and will recall with pleasure that the country has so signally approved him. "For 'Distinguished Service.'"

Freight Rate Cut on Farm Products Will Be Ordered

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No Specific Rates.

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"Congress having delegated to the Interstate Commerce commission the power to make rates, it was thought unwise to attempt to dictate any specific rate, but to direct the commission that in the exercise of its rate making power that the products of agriculture should carry the lowest rate in the rate structure."

"This is because the products of

School Voters Put in Question

Opinion of Attorney General Would Require Children or Property.

Will voters at school elections in Nebraska be required hereafter to qualify by possessing either real or personal property or have children of school age? This is a moot question raised by an opinion given by Attorney General Spillman.

The question probably will be taken to the courts for an answer. If this opinion should be enforced it would mean that none could vote at elections where school questions are up for consideration unless he owned property or had children between 5 and 21 years of age. The opinion refers to school election for the election of board members, fixing of levies or authorizing bond issues.

There is a question in the minds of lawyers and school officials whether the statutes provide for a "practical" interpretation of the election laws, or whether the right to vote is "sacred" and cannot be qualified as outlined by the attorney general.

D. C. Eldredge and Dr. Jennie Callias of the Omaha board of education are opposed to the opinion of Mr. Spillman. Mr. Eldredge fails to see the logic in requiring a property ownership qualification to vote at a school election and not at other elections. Dr. Callias believes that if a voter is qualified to vote for the president of the United States he is qualified to vote on school questions.

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Edgar Howard Reception Feature of Columbus Show

Columbus, Neb., March 27.—A burlesque home-coming reception for Congressman Edgar Howard will feature the musical comedy second part of the spring amateur theatrical production staged by Hartman post, No. 84, of the American Legion the week following Easter.

The play is written and directed by "Buck" Unrath, Columbus vaudeville man, who has been spending the winter in Columbus, while recuperating from a severe illness.

Comedians in the show are Rick Purnell and Dr. Carroll D. Evans, Jr. The straight dramatic lead in the role of Edgar Howard will be played by Luther L. Heller.

Legion Decorates Beatrice

Beatrice, March 27.—Two hundred and fifty flags have been received here by the American Legion post and were placed about the business part of the city temporarily. The flags are to be used only on holidays in decorating the city.

Harry Bartick was unanimously chosen post adjutant of Bitting-Norman post, American Legion, to succeed McKinley Clark, who soon leaves for Texas to join his family.

Railroad on Block

By Associated Press. Wichita, Kan., March 27.—Confronted by one reversal after another in its fight for financial rehabilitation, the uncompleted Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad, dreamed of by Arthur E. Stillwell as the shortest low grade transcontinental trunk line between Kansas City and the Pacific coast, will be offered to the highest bidder here today.

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