

Probe Impends Of Board Named On Subversives

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The administration appeared headed for trouble today with the new Congress over the five persons named by President Truman to the subversives activities control board.

Chairman McCarran (D-Nev.) of the senate judiciary committee said he had heard "some rather serious comments about some of them."

"I think there will be a demand for hearings," he told reporters, adding that the committee probably would start looking into the appointments soon after the new Congress organizes next Monday.

He did not elaborate on what he had heard.

The five-member board, named by President Truman last November 27 and now serving under recess appointments, is composed of Seth W. Richardson of Washington, chairman; Peter Campbell Brown of New York; Charles M. LaFollette of Virginia; David J. Coddaira of Massachusetts and Miss Kathryn McHale of Indiana.

No action has been taken on the nominations by the Senate. This means that Mr. Truman probably have to re-submit the names for confirmation after the new Congress convenes next week.

This fall there has been little public criticism of the appointments. But some lawmakers have said privately they intend to question particularly the qualifications of LaFollette and Miss McHale for the posts.

Richardson, the head of the government's loyalty review board, has come in for sharp congressional criticism in the past, and appears headed for more.

Act Passed Over Veto

The board was set up under the so-called McCarran anti-subversives act which Congress passed over President Truman's veto at the last session.

Its job primarily is to administer the section of the law dealing with the registration of communist and communist front organizations. The board, acting upon a complaint from the attorney general, decides what is a Communist, or communist front organization, which are required to register under the law. Its decision is subject to review by the courts.

Meanwhile, formation of a committee to work for repeal of the McCarran act was announced. The group includes educators, writers, clergymen, scientists and a labor leader.

The committee said it wants the act wiped off the books because it menaces civil rights.

The founders include nobel prize winners Emily Greene Balch and Thomas Mann; Frank Rosenblum, secretary-treasurer of the CIO Amalgamated clothing workers; Dr. John A. Mackey, president of Princeton Theological seminary, and Pierre Van Paasen, Unitarian clergyman and author.

**Plans For Fresh
Boost In Taxes
Still In Making**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Truman administration apparently has not completed its plans for seeking heavier taxes from the new 82nd Congress.

The President has said further taxes will be needed for defense, but after Mr. Truman met Tuesday with four of his top advisers, a White House aide told reporters: "I doubt very much if there will be a request for new taxes in January."

The aide was Joseph Short, the White House press secretary, who attended the conference.

In the absence of official interpretation, Short's statement is being taken in some circles as a hint that the new tax bill is not yet ready, and may be deferred to a later date than the opening of the session.

There have already been two big tax bills since the Korean war began last June.

One was a \$4,700,000,000 boost of income taxes—personal and corporate — which became law Sept. 22.

The other is an excess profits tax of about \$3,000,000,000, which is practically through Congress. The only step remaining is expected to be taken Jan. 1, just before the 81st Congress adjourns, when the House votes on a house-senate compromise version of the bill.

In Congress there is some talk of another hike in personal income taxes. Another suggestion is to put heavy new excise taxes on manufacturers of certain goods.

TO REPRESENT SCOUTS

LEWISTON, Idaho — (AP) — Matthew Brislawn, 16, of Pullman, Wash. will represent Boy Scouts of the Pacific Northwest at scouting's anniversary week celebrations in Washington, D. C., Feb. 5-10.

He was chosen on a basis of character and scouting work.

Washing, Dec. 28, 1950

He is a member of the Boy Scouts of America and has been a scoutmaster for several years.

Fourfold Power Air Force's Goal

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The air force is gearing its emergency mobilization program to a strength four times as powerful as that on hand before Korea.

Undersecretary John A. McConne said today that this applies clear across the board — to aircraft production, training of men, and bases for men and equipment.

The four-fold size goal could be reached by late 1953 if ordered.

The immediate program, to be completed in two years, calls for roughly doubling the number of air force groups, the number of men, and the number of bases in the United States.

The move toward the doubled air force already is obvious in plane orders; in putting World War II plane plants back into production; in reopening 25 bases since June, and disclosure that air force personnel soon will be more than dou-

ble the pre-Korea strength of 412,000.

Output of air force combat type planes already has risen to a rate of more than 150 a month from the pre-Korea rate of 110 a month and will be doubled by next December.

When the North Korean Reds invaded last June, the air force had 48 groups. The program has already been increased to 84 groups.

And there are indications the air force sights have been raised to about 100 groups within two years to keep the air balance under a total of 3,500,000 Americans under arms.

The planning framework on which the air force is working goes even further — to permit nearly doubling that number, or almost 200 groups, by the end of 1955.

That's the air force concept of its role in a balanced overall military establishment of 5,000,000 men.

Errol Flynn's Residence Wrecked By Irate Woman

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — A woman forced her way into the home of Errol Flynn, chased a maid, hurled barbecue furniture into a swimming pool and generally upset the place, police reported.

The maid, Mrs. Julie Miller, telephoned police last night and said the actor was in Europe, stormed into the house, opened drawers and doors and smashed pots in the patio.

Officers who hurried to the scene said that when they arrived at the mansion, the woman charged them with a hoe but tripped and fell.

They said her cryptic explanation was "Flynn has been bothering me and my daughter for three years."

She carried no cards of identification and the officers booked her on suspicion of burglary under the name of Jane Doe.

Family Solvency In America High

WASHINGTON — (AP) — About one half of the nation's 50,000,000 "consumer spending units" owed no debts at all early this year, a federal reserve board survey shows.

Consumer spending units are families living together and pooling incomes—and some individuals living alone.

The board's survey is packed with statistics which show, among other things, that:

1. Four out of ten American families were worth \$5,000 or more, counting all outstanding debts.
 2. About one in 10 had a net worth of \$25,000 and up.
 3. Families with the biggest assets owed the most money. The tenth of the population with high incomes owed one fourth of the \$85,000,000,000 consumer debt.
 4. Some 21,000,000 non-farm families owned their own homes, but nearly half of these were still mortgaged.
- A bit more than half of all families owned cars, while two or more cars were owned by one out of every 25 families.
- The reserve board said its figures on family solvency were cheery. Some time ago it reported that one-third of all the nation's families had spent more than they took in during 1949, when prices were lower than they are today.

PAINTING BRINGS \$100,000

LONDON — (AP) — Martin B. Ascher, a London art dealer, has disclosed he was the seller of the famous Rubens "Prometheus Bound" to the Philadelphia museum of art.

The price was reliably reported to be about \$100,000.

The painting was owned by the family of the Duke of Manchester for more than 300 years.

Christmas Card Flood Cheers Bed-Ridden Child

UTICA, N. Y. — Bundles of Christmas cards are stacked all about little Donna Prouto's bedroom.

There were 10,000 greetings for the bed-ridden child who wanted cards for Christmas.

Donna is given one bundle a day. So far she has opened more than 4,000.

"She still is happier with them than anything else," Mrs. Charles Prouto Jr. said.

Donna, who is five and one-half, has suffered all her life from a spinal ailment that usually is fatal. She shares the bedroom with an 18-month-old brother, Karl, who has the same disease—spina bifida.

Mrs. Prouto made a public appeal for Christmas cards for her daughter. Soon trucks were delivering huge bundles of greetings.

some from as far away as Florida, California and Mexico.

Stories of Donna's illness and her wish for cards also brought her many gifts. Among them were a television set, a doll and money.

Boys Drown Companion, Murder Charge Faced

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo. — (AP) — She laces bound the hands and legs of Paul Lee Nicholson, 8, when the eight-year-old boy's body was recovered from the Mississippi river.

Three youthful companions, who admitted they tied Nicholson and pitched him into the river face first degree murder charges. They offered no motive for the act.

They are Walter Herrin, 11, his brother Raymond, 9, and Harvey Neal Journey, 11.



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