Social Security Board Survey Is Ordered With Complete Reorganization Possibility

-Paul Hauser's Column

Win Jenks, who is bemoaning that now he has to go back to work after nigh unto a year as an employe of the Oregon exhibit

at the San Francisco fair, was called upon one day to escort a tall and hand-some visitor through the ex-hibit. Win led the affable

stranger to the wild life section of the Oregon show and found that the visitor Paul H. Hauser, jr. had a great interest in hunting and fishing. They inspected all the flora and fauna on display and then chatted for about 20 minutes about angling and hunting and such. The stranger, whose face seemed somewhat familiar to Win, had been on a fishing trip to Odell lake and was greatly enthralled with the country. . Finally the handsome visitor

Win went back to the Oregon "Say," he asked of Barbara Johnson, the official "Miss Oregon" for the fair, "who was that fellow? I'm sure I've seen him before somewhere."

left to join a party of friends and

"Maybe you have," replied the girl. "That was Cary Grant."

New Mortuary Invites Public -Headline in Capital Journal, We'll wait a while, thanks,

The supreme court has ruled "On our side, we can afford to that distribution of handbills is choose our opportunity." illegal. This has heartened From the hour of Fren England's war office no end.

police department has fail to observe stop signs. The British war plans contemplated no other day one of the gendarmerie, sign on Commercial street, saw a car come falteringly up to the sign, plunge into traffic without hesitating, barely missing two pedestrians and a truck. Seeing his duty and doing it the policeman pulled away from the curb, overtook the offending car and sounded his siren. The car

over the car door and fistened momentarily to the guardian of the law's lecture on safe driving. Then she said:

"Listen, Mr. Policeman, I don't see why you have to be so cross. This is the first time I ever drove a car and I just can't watch all these signs and lights and steer too," The cop still has apoplexy,

As far as football teams are concerned two's company and three's Southern California.

Rossi Is Asked To Union Meet

Ship Clerks Want Severe Critic to Sit in

On Sessions SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25-(P)

-The striking CIO Ship Clerks' as-sociation today invited Mayor Angelo J. Rossi to sit as an observer at meetings of the union and employer contract negotiating com-Charles F. Huston, union pres

ident, asked as an alternative that the mayor, who charged "communist" labor leaders were trying to "wipe out private business," to request both sides to continue peace efforts in the 15-day strike by inviting both sides to meet at Rossi's office.

The Clerks' strike in San Franeisco and the CIO Warehousemen's walkout at Oakland municipal piers have nearly paralyzed waterfront activity in the bay

Condemnation of the tleup and labor leaders by the Associated Farmers and other agricultural groups brought denials of radical activities from union officials and a charge by CIO Chieftain Harry Bridges of a "campaign to spread the open shop over the entire

A group of San Francisco pas-tors, headed by the Rev. Herrick Lane of the Olivet Presbyterian church, asked Mayor Rossi, the employers and the union to call a public meeting for discussion of

the tieup.

Leaders of several statewide aggricultural groups were scheduled to meet in San Francisco Monday, summoned by Holmes Bishop, president of the Associated Farmers, to consider future plans for July 1, 1940.

In One Ear. Break Through' Is Nazi Chance Abolition of Group Hinted;

Allies Expect To Depend on Sea Blockade

No Thrust Expected by France, Britain on Western Front

Strength of Fortified Lines Forestalls Open Attacks

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON Associated Press Staff Writer) French and British troops by the million, guarding French frontiers from the North Sea to the Swiss border amid a sea of mud, are on official note that their present mission is one of defense not of attack.

Allied strategy ashore was ersely restated to parliament by the British war minister, Leslie

Germany, to win the war, must 'break through" not only the French Maginot line, but the massed and increasing strength of the Franco-British armies, he said, adding:

drawal from positions on German soil-to which they nibbled their way at the outset of the war-it started a drive on motorists who has been quite clear that Francoattack on the German line this conveniently parked near a stop year, nor even in spring unless conditions warranted so perilous an adventure. It is upon the wearing effect of the allied blockade at sea that the allies count for victory.

> Uncertain Factor The uncertain factor is what desperate move the nazi leadership

blockade begins breaking the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8.) Wallace to Ask

Farm Bill Help Personal Promotion Also

Hinted in Mid-West **Speaking Tour**

By OVID MARTIN
WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.-(P)Secretary Wallace will go into the midwest next week for a se-ries of speeches bidding for farm belt support of the administra-tion's agricultural program and, some politicians predict, support for himself for the 1940 democratic presidential nomination. The new deal's agriculture chief will address a meeting of cotton and wheat farmers at Oklahoma City Friday and before

returning to Washington will speak also at Chicago, St. Paul and Des Moines. Associates declared that Wallace's principal objectives were to nite policies by which the forescounter republican bids for farm support and to seek support for in making expenditures, p legislative "improvements" in the larly as to capital outlays.

Service Ended By Resignation



J. W. FERGUSON

State Forester **Gives Up Post**

Ferguson Gives Expected Resignation to State **Board Saturday**

J. W. Ferguson, appointee o the Governor Charles H. Martin administration four years ago as state forester, submitted his resignation to the state board of forestry here yesterday afternoon. He had been reported for several months as likely to leave the of-

The board immediately accepted the resignation as of January 1 1940. A committee consisting of E. B. Tanner, Portland; Junior may take if the strain of that Daggett, Pineville, and Alfred Powers, Coquille, was appointed to consider selection of a succes

The resignation came after Governor Charles A. Sprague, exofficio chairman of the board, announced that Ferguson had a statement he wished to make with newspaper men absent. The forester did not disclose the contents of the statement and board members said they were not given a

Neither Ferguson for Governor Sprague offered comment on the

As a Martin appointee to the \$4200 a year office, Ferguson succeeded Lynn F. Cronemiller, who had helf the office of state forester for several years and re-mained on with the department in a lesser position. The office is one held at the pleasure of the board of forestry which consists of the governor, George W. Peavy as dean of the school of forestry, Corvallis, and seven other mem-bers representing timber and live-

stock interests. Preceding the closed session, the board talked but took no so tion about establishing more defitry department should be guided in making expenditures, particu-The board authorized Governor

present farm programs. It was said he would renew pleas for some form of processing tax to (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7.)

The board authorized Governor Sprague to consult with officers of the Association of Oregon (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2.)

Congressmen Advocate new Tax for Defense Expenses

(P)-President Roosevelt received tioning. Senator Walter F. George from members of Georgia's dele-gation in congress today an initial report and a favorable one on tried unsuccessfully to "purge"

did not pass up the first oppor-tunity to get some index of congressional opinion on a defense

He asserted at a press conference yesterday that conditions in Europe undoubtedly would mean that \$500,000,000 must be added to this country's expenditures for defense in the year beginning

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL trooped into the white frame cot-warm springs, Ga., Nov. 25 tage where the president is vaca-

the advisability of imposing a special tax to pay mounting costs of arming the nation for defense. Although Mr. Roosevelt had not invited him to the meeting today and that he had not been consult-

lowever, not by the president but by the legislators.

Cox also has opposed a number of administration bills in congress. But of a tax to finance inexpenditures for the most

Vinson said he had been think-ing about that type of tax for some time and had talked it over ers, to consider future plans for moving their produce.

A resolution commending "Mayor and E.E. Cox told newsmen they were favorably impressed with a number of congressmen.

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"It seems to me," he said, "this generation ought to bear the burden of the cost of protection by an analysis of the cost of the cost of protection by an analysis of the cost of the cost of protection by an analysis of the cost of the cost of protection by an analysis of the cost of

Sheets Expected to

Quarters Under new System Instituted This Year by Director Eccles

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER The weekend mails may convince many Oregon state officials that Santa Claus considers they have been bad boys He's sending them the state budget department's annual de-

No Clues Found To Solve Enigma

EUGENE, Nov. 25-(/P)-Au-thorities said today they might never know whether Thorvald Peterson, whose burned body was found in ruins of his chicken-ranch home, died accidental-ly, was slain or committed sui-

R. Joseph Beeman, of the University of Oregon medical school's crime detection labora-tory, said he had been unable of the charred body of the 48year-old rancher.

Five other buildings, widely separated on the half-acre ranch plot, were destroyed in the Thanksgiving blaze. District Attorney's Deputy John Pen-nington said further mystery was added to the case by the fact that a pistol was found underneath the dead man's

Strike Averted In Movie Colony

Acquiescence of Producers Forestalls Walkout By Technicians

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 25.-(AP)-A strike of 35,000 motion picture technicians which threatened to olunge the nation's theaters, into darkness along with the studios, was averted today when producers agreed to a 10 per cent wage in-

A stipulation that the increase would remain effective only until next Feb. 15, when the wage question would be reopened for consideration, was accepted by offi-cers of 24 AFL unions of studio

"On or about Feb. 15, 1940, you will give us an opprtunity to show you that the condition of this industry makes a continuance of wage increases impossible, and further to show you that we have taken every possible step within our power to readjust our business so as to make it possible to continue without recalling these wage increases," the producers stipulated.

Should the operators be able to demonstrate their inability to pay the higher scale, they specified the unions would surrender the 10 per cent wage increase, which is to be effective as of last Oct. 10 and affect 23,000 studio employe es, together with increases grant-ed 12,000 other craft union mem-bers since last Aug. 15.

Clearing of Line Right-of-Way OK'd been shut down for 51 days because of a dispute over terms of

PORTLAND, Nov. 25-(A)-Presidential approval of a \$578,909 WPA non-federal project for learing Bonneville transmission line rights-of-way was received to-

fund was a reapportionment of a previous project to meet require-ments of expenditure between labor and non-labor items.

Sprague to Make **Dedicatory Talk**

CORVALLIS, Nov. 25.-(R)-A full program of scientific meetings will mark the formal opening of the new \$425,000 Oregon State college Chemistry building December 2.

Simplified Estimate Ease Budget Making Intense Fight

Forecast of Expenditures to Be Required in

mand for forecasts of the next year's expenditures.

But Budget Director David Eccles believes their frowns

will turn to smiles when they see how his department has simplified its requirements, he indicated yesterday. In contrast with demands of the last administration that department estimates be itemized down to minute details, and those by months Of Eugene Fire for the year in advance, the new for forecasts of expenditures by quarters only and those in only hree lump sum classifications.

> The budget control system Eccles is discarding as of Jnauary 1, 1940, required department esimates—by months—under more than 100 headings; the one he is ters—, salaries and wages, general operations and maintenance, and capital outlays.

Since salary and wage estimates other controls and capital outlays are restricted to expenditures approved in advance, department heads' principal worries will be restricted to predicting their quarterly expenditures in lump sum for operations and maintenance. The old system required approximately 80 separate tem estimates under this heading

The new system also includes the virtue, Eccles said, of supplying in a new, simplified form of monthly expenditure report exact statements of unexpended balances. These statements will be kept in such form that the next legislature will have before it when it meets a full report of balances left over from the last biennium's appropriations, a help the 1939 session sadly lacked, he

The new budget director said establishment of his system had been delayed so long because he wanted to set up the best system possible and to do so first obtained data on systems in use by more than 25 states, made personal inspections of control operations at the Washington and California state capitals and mulled over a large volume of textual matter on the subject.

Almost half a million dollars will be saved the state in the current biennium through agreement by department and institution heads to shave their budgets, Eccles also reported yesterday. State institutions have agreed to spend \$353,779 less than their appropriations and all other of-(Turn to Page 2, Col. 4.)

Strike Called at Main Dodge Plant

Chrysler Company Denies 'Forced Back-to-Work Movement' Aided

DETROIT, Nov. 25-(AP)-R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers' union (CIO), today ordered a strike at the main Dodge plant of the Chrysler corporation, which has been shut down for 51 days beworking contract with the un-

The Dodge plant, a key unit of the Chrysler corporation, was one of the first to close in the controbut the corporation and the union have differed over whether "strike" or a "lockout" pre-

In calling the strike, "effective at once," Thomas charged the Chrysler corporation with having fostered a "forced back-to-work movement." He asserted the atempt Friday of a group of foundry workers to enter the Dodge plant had been inspired by the corporation, contrary to promises that any settlement of the dispute would be reached over the con terence table."

Chrysler officials said 57 gained admittance to the Dodge plant Friday, but denied the corporation had organized any back-to-work

'Economy' Given as Reason For Study Asked by McNutt

Nazi Raiders

Of Damage to Four

Naval Vessels

By ROBERT E. BUNNELLE

air raiders twice attacked British

warships in the North sea and

feinted at important naval points

The British admiralty an

The British gave no details

val base where a "large concen-

tration" of planes was heard dur-

ing the day, expressed belief the

nazi airmen were on a mine-lay-

Charges have been made in

Britain that some of the mines,

which have virtually disrupted all

(Turn to Page 2, Col. 1.)

Japanese of the strategic city of Nanning asserted the Japanese al-

tenance of use to the invaders had

been withdrawn.

The statement reiterated the basic Chinese war policy of not attempting to hold fixed positions and of using time and space to ad-

China Minimizes

ing expedition.

LONDON, Nov. 25-(AP)-German

Defense, Tariff Likely to Provoke Heated Arguments

Democrats Want Short, Snappy Session for Party's Good-

By RICHARD L. TURNER WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 .- (A)-Developments indicate that there will be some intense battling in the next session of congress. But looking the issues over, administration supporters see reason to expect that the warfare will not adopting requires three—by quar- find democrat fighting democrat

to any great extent. They earnestly hope that this may be the case. They frankly want a session notable for its British Deny German Claim shortness and its sweetness, so far as the members of the party are concerned. That, they think would help produce a united de mocracy to meet the republican

foe in the campaign of 1940. So obviously brittle is the pres ent calm surface of the party that the chance of this hope being realized is widely questioned. But, if and when the break between democratic anti-new dealers and the Roosevelt forces comes, it seems that it will be caused by other things than the controversies now foreseen for congress.

Disputes Likely On Defense and Tariff

As they shape up now, these disputes are principally two-national defense and the question of continuing the Roosevelt reciprocal tariff program beyond its present expiration date, next June 12. Each of these issues is of a character which on its past record seems more likely to pull the discordant factions of the party together than to divide them. That is, they are issues on which, in the past, the anti-new deal democrats have generally seen fit to support the president's position. Beyond them lies the issues of providing special taxes to cover the increased cost of national defense, and of confirming whomever the president appoints to

sociate Justice Butler. President Asks Thought On Problems Either of these questions could cause trouble. The first, however, in a highly tentative stage Mr. Roosevelt mentioned it Friday as something to think about.
Its trouble-making possibilities
might develop if Mr. Roosevelt
proposed and insisted upon a tax of a controversial nature. His present disposition, however, is obviously to leave such things to the determination of congress. The appointment of an extreme new dealer to the court could open wide the party wounds. There are no indications of who will get the job, beyond a gen(Turn to Page 2, Col. 5.)

the supreme court vacancy cre-

ated by the recent death of As-

'Red Tape' Removal Predicted for Is Chief Objective Next Congress Of Bureau Inquiry

Task to Be Completed Before Next Congress Convenes; Increased **Pension Demands Likely**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Paul V. McNutt has ordered a survey of the administrative costs and efficiency of his federal security agency with a view to its possible reor-

Now one of the major enterprises, the agency has 21,000 employes and an annual budget of about \$800,000,000.

Fowler Harper, FSA general counsel, said the object of the study was to bring about "efficiency, economy and consolida-tions," and to eliminate "excessive red tape." Attack Twice whether the present three-mem-One of the questions involved is

ber social security board should be replaced by a single director. Abolition of the board, Harper said, is within "the realm of pos-

He emphasized, however, that the survey was being made "without any preconceptions of what should be done." "It might turn out," he said.

"that a board is or is not the best way to administer the social seeurity act." Best Administrative Practices Sought

in the Orkney and the Shetland The study was begun, he said, islands today in a dramatic clio determine whether the operamax to the war's worst week for tions of the five agencies President Roosevelt grouped under the FSA in his first reorganization order, conformed to the best adminnouncement, issued after the Geristrative practices. mans published their claim that The agencies are the social se-

nazi bombers scored direct hits on curity board, National Youth Adfour ships in the North sea atministration, Civilian Conservatacks, said that "although many tion Corps, Public Health and the Office of Education. The social bombs were dropped no hits were made and there were no casualsecurity setup is the only one of the five administered by a board. The chairman of this board is Arthur J. Altmeyer and other members are George E. Bigge and Ellen S. Woodward. Each receives Residents of the Orkneys, site of Britain's great Scapa Flow na-

\$10,000 a year. Economy was one of the objectives of the president's reorganization order, but budget experts at the federal security agency said they were uncertain whether much could be lopped from the present cost of the agency.

Out of the \$800,000,000 aggregate budget, only about \$50,000,-000 goes for strictly administrative expenses. The remainder is distributed in grants to states for Loss of Nanning ucation and public health.
The survey, directed by 3. unemployment compensation, ed-. The survey, directed by J. Alton

Burdine, a public administration specialist, Frank Coe, an econo-HONGKONG, Nov. 25.-(P)
Kwangsi army headquarters tonight in minimizing the loss to the expert, is expected to be com-pleted before congress convenes. The findings thus will be availready are dependent upon air-planes for their applies because every human being animal or susable when congress considers exthe social security law.

There have been indications that a senate group will press for enactment of an amendment providing for increased federal con-tributions toward old age assistance payments in low-incom

Chairman Harrison (D-Miss) of the senate finance committee said he thought such a change would Charges of Auditor's Report have strong support. It was preposed last session by Senator Connally (D-Tex) and approved by the senate, but was rejected by a joint senate-house committee.

The government now contrib utes one dollar for each state dol-lar expended for old age as-sistance up to a total payment of total will be increased to \$46. Connally's amendment would have required the federal government to contribute two dollars for each dollar put up by the state in paying the first \$15 a month to indigent needy.

Masked Klansmen Storm Newspaper

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 25.-(A)-About 600 men masked is regalia of the Ku Klux Klan paraded once around the Atlanta Constitution building tonight bearing signs expressing criticism of editorial policy.

Ralph T. Jones, associate editor, was, named in two of the

Whatever county court mem-bill ever came before the county ers had to say—and it was as-court it might be contested. bers had to say—and it was assumed that they had a good deal —about the grand jury report issued Friday which scolded them

Court Is Silent Concerning

for laxity in connection with audit of county books, was purposely wasted on the desert air yester-day. No official reports were available as to the court's reaction

to the jury investigation.

It was understood, however, in courthouse circles that the investigation was not entirely completed and that Special Prosecutor Mark V. Weatherford of Albany would return to direct the grand jury into further investigations of the fiscal policy of the district attor-ney's office, with especial refer-ence to fee collections.

Lacking more specific evidence as to the subject of a continued investigation, speculation coutinned as to the payment of Special Prosecutor Weatherford for services rendered since his appointing the country in its preliminary in addition to the statutory amount.

The question also arose on con-clusion of the report as to the propriety of the county continuing payments to the district attorney for stenographer hire and office rent. The grand jury's report singled these out for censure, and strongly implied that the justification for them in previous opinions by the attorney general was not necessarily sufficient.

It was noted, however, that the report failed to mention a circuit court decision handed down by

Judge Arlie Walker several years ago which upheld the opinion of the attorney general in allowing necessary payments by the county court to the district attorney in