

Washington, D. C., June 19.—At long last the administration is giving its active support to purge organized labor groups of the subversive elements which have caused so much trouble and delay in the national defense program. There has been unusual tolerance of the communists, left-wingers and "fellow travelers," from before the sit-down strikes and anyone who directed attention to the activities of these un-American groups was promptly branded as a "red baiter." From now on things will be different, if spokesmen at the White House know what is in the wind.

Practically every strike on the west coast, and other threatened but not called, is known to have been instigated by communists who had wormed their way into the unions. Three years ago the Dies committee seized literature from the communists directing what should be done to cause a strike in national defense; how to cause trouble and delay in production in aircraft factories, in shipyards, in the lumber industry, etc. The committee even found the names of communists who were sent to the Pacific coast to start the trouble. These discoveries were laughed at; the Dies committee was ridiculed from the White House down through the cabinet chiefs of division. Not a finger was lifted by the administration to assist the committee in uncovering the termites gnawing at the fabric of government.

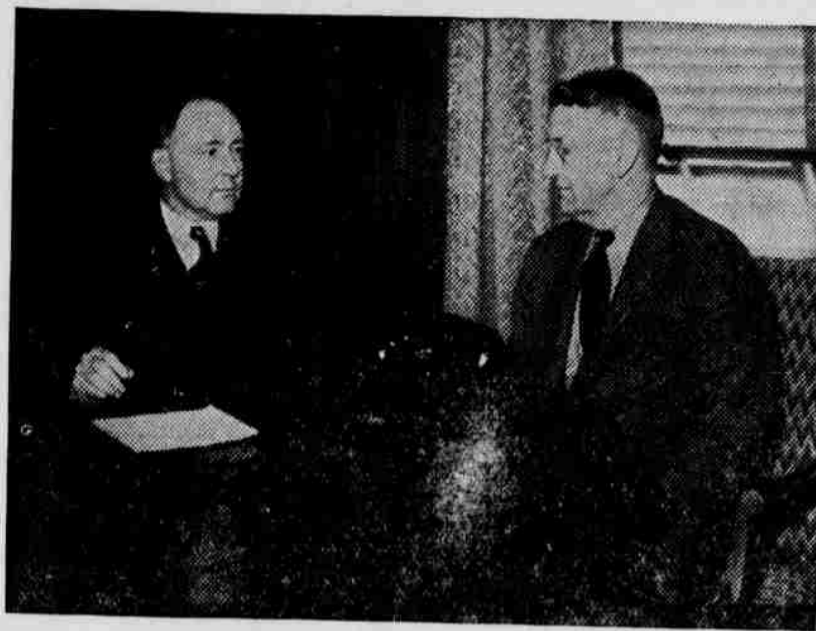
The Dies committee made other discoveries. It learned that some high placed federal officials, some holding very important positions, were playing with the communists. The committee published a list of some 600 names of men and women on the federal payroll in the national capital who were members of the League for Peace and Democracy, a front organization. Instead of being praised, the committee was condemned for attempting to besmirch these government uppercase officers, stenographers, lawyers and file clerks. But the expose caused the league to fold up. Later most of the 600 were found on the membership rolls of other organizations which were under suspicion.

The National Labor Relations board, which notified sawmill operators and other employers of the Pacific northwest that they were violating the Wagner act if they mentioned that a union was under the control of communists (even if true), or discharged a worker known to be a communist. The secretary, who almost ruled the employers of the country by his instructions to field agents, is now out, but he is demanding that the radio be given to Harry Bridges in order to offset the newspaper accounts of the trial of the alien labor leader. Congress had to specifically provide that no funds of NLRB should be used to pay another radical in the organization.

A former candidate for governor on the communist ticket is drawing \$3,200 a year in a government agency. Others invested their funds in the bonds of Soviet Russia but not in United States securities. When it was suggested these and others on the government payroll be discharged, they have asserted that their civil liberties were being violated. The navy yard in Washington, D. C., contains a group of communists who publish their own paper and scatter copies around the plant. The navy yards, from Bremerton to Philadelphia, still contain reds, working on government ships. Two new cruisers were damaged on their trial trips when someone drove phonograph needles into the electric cables; by leaving a tool in the gears which ground them to bits.

These matters were called "accidents," but the intelligence service

Sprague Urges Forest Defense



Governor Charles A. Sprague hands statement designating June 30 to July 6 as Keep Oregon Green Week to Nelson S. Rogers, state forester. A statewide mobilization is planned.

Salem, June 18.—Urging the people of Oregon to keep forest fires from the state, as a vital step in national defense, Governor Charles A. Sprague has designated a Keep Oregon Green Week for statewide observance. He made this statement:

Asks Mobilization

"Believing that defense of Oregon's forests is vital to the continued prosperity and happiness of our people and constitutes a very important phase of national defense, I hereby designate the week of June 30 to July 6, 1941, as 'Keep Oregon Green Week'. It is my earnest hope that every adult and child in Oregon may be impressed with his or her responsibility in guarding our magnificent trees from forest fires and wastage of every kind. I call every Oregonian to arms against our forest foes. Let this special week be a time of mobilization in a great cause. Keep Oregon Green!"

Membership Invited

John B. Woods, executive secretary of the Keep Oregon Green association, reports that plans are complete for a statewide enrollment of active members of the association during the special week designated by the governor. Enrollment places will be established in every community where membership cards

and pins will be issued, upon payment of the annual 25-cent dues. Every cent of proceeds from membership enrollment goes for educational and publicity purposes, Mr. Woods said.

Permanent Set-up

The Keep Oregon Green association is an outgrowth of the statewide committee appointed by Governor Sprague to organize the state for forest protection. Dean Johnson of Toledo is chairman and Edmund Hayes of Portland is chairman of the executive committee.

What Forests Mean

In summarizing the values of Oregon's green forests, the association has issued the following statement "What Keep Oregon Green means to YOU":

Scenic beauty which each year attracts hundreds of thousands of tourists.

Shelter for wildlife which makes Oregon world famous as a fishing and hunting state.

The source of 12 cents of every dollar paid in taxes by all the people to the counties and state.

Steady work and high wages to 60 percent of all persons gainfully employed in Oregon manufacturing.

Sixty-four per cent of the value of goods exported from Oregon, goods which pay for the things that Oregonians buy in other states and foreign countries.

In short, a raw material crop that assures permanent growing industries and a pleasant healthful place in which to live, work and play.

knew better, just as they knew that the scattering of communist leaflets on navy craft in San Pedro, Los Angeles, Puget Sound and Panama was no accident.

From the Pacific northwest the Dies committee assembled data on many reds who were in important union positions and that there was no doubt of their party connection; two had run for public office on the communist ticket; some were on WPA rolls; others in the lumber industry. They were fairly well placed to spread their party line.

When the president requested strikers to return to work, and they defied him, patience ceased to be a virtue and troops were moved in and took over the Inglewood aircraft plant. This defiance was the last straw. It appears that the administration imagined that the radicals could be controlled when the president spoke, but they had grown so self-important that the admonition of the president of the United States was ignored. Then came the time to act.

In piece with the new attitude, the president has ordered every person in civil service to be fingerprinted and these prints will be examined by FBI to learn whether there is any prison record. For the first time the administration is planning a systematic investigation of government workers. Hereafter things probably will be different.

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Agricultural Law Changes in Effect

Along with the many new Oregon laws that went into effect the middle of June are a number affecting the regulatory work of the state department of agriculture. Most important of these from the standpoint of Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public is the 1941 Oregon food act. In this, all old food laws were dumped by the wayside and an entirely new law written to bring Oregon practices in line with the federal laws. This statute is directed against adulteration, misbranding and false advertising of foods. It provides against deceptive pack and sack fill, also.

The only other entirely new laws which the department is to enforce are those regulating and licensing rendering plant. The latter is the result of the separation of the old garbage feeding and rendering plant law into a separate one for each subject. The garbage feeding license is \$10 annually; the rendering plant, \$50 with \$10 for each conveyer or assembly plant.

Amendments were made to some 25 agricultural laws, some changes being very minor. Among the amended laws is that permitting one of three methods, including calfhood vaccination for control of Bang's disease. Another clarifies the statute relating to marketing of horticultural products and permits use of clean used containers as long as old markings are removed or defaced. Also the department may now approve non-standard containers for fruits or vegetables packed in gift packages. Still another major amendment adds a license feature to the sales stable act.

Important to the nursery industry is the revised nursery stock growing and marketing law. In amended form, the old fee system is discarded and a flat license of \$10 for all dealers on each sales yard, branch store, market stall, sales location or peddling vehicle is substituted. Growers' licenses remain the same except that the \$5 fee now covers one-half acre or more instead of less than a half acre.

Another amended law provides for department investigation upon complaint that canneries or other receiving plants are not giving proper grade to fruits or vegetables being delivered there by a grower. Upon such complaint, the department may station an inspector at such plant and assess costs of inspection against the purchaser of the fruits or vegetables or determination that the grade is being misrepresented. Cooperative associations are exempt from this law.

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Flares for Stalled Cars Are Protection

Warning flares, placed on the highway to mark the presence of a stalled motor vehicle, are highly important to the safety of other motorists and should never be disturbed by unauthorized persons, according to a statement from the office of the Traffic Safety division.

The statement was released following reports of the theft of several of these torch flares, placed on the highway in front and to the rear of stalled vehicles.

"Without the warning conveyed by these flares, drivers may crash into such stalled vehicles, causing death or serious injury," the safety division's statement said. "The importance of these flares as a warning to others should be kept in mind and under no circumstances should they be disturbed by unauthorized persons."

PEST CONCERNS STOCKMEN

Klamath Falls—Reports that screw worms affecting cattle are moving north from California have led stockmen to request that the origin and condition of all cattle shipped into Klamath county from the south be checked this year. Screw worms are the maggots of a fly which deposits its eggs wherever the animal's hide is broken. Effective control has been obtained with chloroform, gasoline or kerosene applied to the wound where worms have entered, and pine tar applied to an abrasion or available commercial sprays are good preventatives, says C. A. Henderson, county agent. The screw-worm fly also attacks sheep, horses, dogs and man.

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