

# Johnson — A Busy David Battling His Goliath

## Energy Crackles From General Directing War Against Depression

By SIGRID ARSE

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Never in the memories of the newspaper corps here "has there been such a man in Washington" as Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, industrial recovery administrator.

Energy seems to crackle from him like a live wire. He knows the seriousness of his job in getting the wheels of industry humming again. And yet, he works easily, never seems flustered, even has time for a smile and a quip. Newspapers surround him as he approaches his office in the morning. He smiles.

"Not a thing now," he says. "Give you a wad later. Busy as all get-out."

All in a Day's Work. He swings into his desk. Secretaries surround him. There are telegrams to answer, letters to dictate, long distance calls to pick up. He takes it in a deliberate, rhythmic stride.

He has time pared to a bone. Not a move or a word seems wasted. He knows the boundaries of his job to a hair-line, and he refuses to waste time outside.

"What are you doing about general wage scales?" he was asked.

"That's not my baby," he barked genially. And the questioner left willingly to find out what he should have known. The general has imbued the halls of the department of commerce with such wholesome respect that his word is law.

That does not mean he scatters terror. He is no czar. He is a government mediator. He never forgets it. But as such he wants to know everything definitely and completely.

Attends Code Hearings. He sits in on all code hearings at some time. Huge auditoriums of business executives and labor representatives wait for him. On the stage are his deputies and advisers. The general comes in. He slumps in his chair, but his eyes dart here and there. He even seems to know that he can save time by relaxing physically while his mind races.

His picturesque phrases delight those around him. But he uses them in no childish attempt to draw a laugh. He utters them with a serious, flashing look, using them for his one purpose — speed. The picture phrases save time.

Particular on Personnel. He was asked about the personnel he was choosing. He explained his need for men he knows well.

"We can't put in men who'll get their pants traded off," he said.

His face is deeply lined, his large eyes alert, intelligent. His broad shoulders speak of strength. He walks briskly. His manner would make friends in a mine or a drawing room.

He gets less pay than some of his aides. His own business is forgotten. Hired An Objector.

Recently a well known executive approached him full of protest. His industry was going to fight.

"Maybe," smiled Johnson slowly. "But you're going to stay here and fight for me." And the man stayed. He is working harder now than he ever has before.

The sides—and all Washington—are set to the tempo of his new "commander-in-chief," who gets up at 5, digests the newspapers, holds a breakfast conference of deputies, and then arrives at his office before 9 o'clock.

He is bound to his desk until a luncheon conference, which is an informal affair. He and then men he has summoned rush across the street to eat and talk. He takes out two hours for dinner and a brief walk with his little fox-terrier, "Toughy." Then he is back at his desk at 10 to work past midnight. He usually gets four hours sleep, and he says that is all he needs.

The next day is just the same. There is no rest for this David as long as the Goliath of the depression still breathes.

### WHOOPING COUGH WARNING ISSUED

Urging parents to protect their children under school age, who have not had whooping cough, from playing with children, who have colds or other indications of the disease, the weekly bulletin of the Oregon State Board of Health has been received by local



About the dynamic General Hugh S. Johnson, director of the National Recovery administration, center activities electric with his energy. When he arrives at his desk before 9 a. m. daily, already he has concluded a session with his deputies. Soon comes a press conference illuminated by some of the general's crisp, picturesque phrases. There is a vast volume of mail regarding the N. R. A. campaign for higher wages and increased employment that the general goes over—in the picture shown, assisted by his secretary, Miss Frances Robinson, and Marvin McIntyre, one of President Roosevelt's secretaries. Perhaps a busy day's schedule may find Johnson hopping a plane for a quick trip to tie up some loose ends to his campaign. All in all, there's little rest on the Johnson calendar.

physicians, who are anxious to pass along the warning, they stated today. "This is the season of the year when whooping cough is most prevalent. This disease is altogether too lightly regarded by people in general," the bulletin announces, adding, "It is extremely dangerous to small children, particularly under a year or two of age. Whooping cough is frequently a forerunner of serious complications such as pneumonia and tuberculosis. Over 90 per cent of all deaths from whooping cough occur in children under five years of age. Only a short exposure is required to contract the infection. The communicable stage must be considered to extend from seven days after exposure to an individual infected with whooping cough to three weeks after the development of the characteristic whoop." Children in the neighborhood, suspected of having whooping cough, the bulletin advises, should be reported to the local health officer.

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shade purchases, "all shades are accounted for." In answer to the question regarding use of janitorial substitutes or failure to use them in place of athletes absent from the campus, Jensen declared that "the rules followed for many years in the superintendent of buildings' office require every regular or substitute worker in janitorial service to sign up for whatever work he does."

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In reply to Kubin's contention that the college investigation of the auditor's report was "one-sided," Jensen declared that the original auditor's report was made without the knowledge of the college executive officers, and that the auditor did not invite any college officials to the hearing.

## WINNER AT WATER KENT AUDITION TO RESIDE HERE

Miss Grace Burnett, soprano, has recently come to Medford, where she



Grace Burnett, will teach voice at the Baldwin Piano shop and at her residence. She comes

here from Eugene, where she has taught for the past two years.

Miss Burnett has just completed a year of graduate work in voice at the university, under Miss Rose McGrew. While at the university she sang the leading soprano roles in Handel's "The Messiah," Haydn's "The Creation," Mendelssohn's "Elijah," and the two Mendelssohn cantatas, "Hear My Prayer" and "Hymn of Praise." She sang the leading role in the University Faculty club's production of "The Beggar's Opera." She has been heard frequently over radio

stations KOW KORE and KOAC and has appeared in concert with the University band. Last year she was winner of the Atwater-Kent audition from her district.

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