

House Brain Trust Probe To Round Out Season

WASHINGTON. —(AP)— Congress will be rounding out an unusually fertile inquiry season when the house probes Dr. William A. Wirt's charges that some of the president's "brain trusters" are aiming at dictatorship and communism.

Bankers and brokers were first on the grid in congressional investigations of recent months; then came ocean mail contractors, airmail operators, army suppliers, aviation manufacturers.

Those congressmen who are not quite friendly to the professional counselors would like to make the house committee's investigation of the Indiana educator's statement a serious man hunt through the ranks of the "brain trust."

That loosely-applied term originated when Mr. Roosevelt, as governor of New York, was advised by several professors. Scores of administration advisers have been lumped at one time or another under the heading.

Possible Diversion
Some members of congress apparently regard the coming investigation as offering diversion after several months of testimony laced with long strings of dollar marks, ciphers and digits. "Trusts" have figured in more than one congressional inquiry, but a "brain trust," never.

So far the investigators have accomplished results along several lines. The senate banking committee started early last year, and up to a few weeks ago it had amassed a record of 5,000,000 words and had painted a detailed picture of frenzied finance in the 1920 and '30s.

Investigators discovered J. P. Morgan paid no income tax in a couple of depression years and they revealed how the Van Sweringen built a railroad empire from a "shoestring" of \$1,000,000.

Wiggin's Wages
They brought to the stand Albert H. Wiggin, former chairman of the board of the Chase National bank, and learned about the \$250,000 annual salary he received in retirement.

They listened to comments of Edsel Ford and others on the Detroit bank failures.

A congressional dragnet brought information that 20 large corporations had pooled \$20,000,000,000 into the stock market as brokers' loans in 1929.

Spurred by such findings, congress passed the securities act of 1933, despite complaints of financiers, framed more drastic banking laws, attacked legislation to plug income tax loopholes and prepared a more rigid law for regulation of the stock market.

With his trunkful of evidence and his slanting questions, Ferdinand Pecora stood out prominently as the committee's counsel.

Missing Records
The senate investigation of ocean and air mail droned along in relative obscurity until the committee headed by Senator Hugo Black learned that certain airmail records in the office of former Postmaster General Walter Brown had been destroyed just before the Roosevelt administration moved in.

Brown, prominent Republican, appeared before the committee, Postmaster General James A. Farley, chairman of the Democratic actions committee, also took the stand and denied that he had called Chairman Black "a publicity hound," as Brown had claimed.

Army Gets the Mail
After several dramatic developments, President Roosevelt abruptly annulled airmail contracts and ordered the army to carry the mail. After 19 days in which 10 army mail fliers lost their lives, the airmail was curtailed.

Famous aviation figures testified in the airmail inquiry: Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, Eddie Rickenbacker, Clarence Chamberlin, Brigadier General William Mitchell and others. New airmail legislation was proposed. The ocean mail investigation drew less attention, although testimony indicated misuse of the indirect shipping subsidies provided by mail contracts. Outright subsidy may result from the findings.

Amazed by allegations of huge profits made by builders of navy planes, a house naval affairs subcommittee started an investigation, but returned a report finding "profits reasonable."

Still Others Proposed
A similar inquiry into army aviation was made by another house committee. It discovered that, although a law of 1906 prescribed competitive bidding, most contracts actually were negotiated through loopholes in the law. Harry Woodring, assistant secretary of war, figured in that inquiry. The committee will review evidence submitted to a District of Columbia grand jury which returned no indictments after investigating stories of attempted influence in the awarding of army contracts for motor trucks and other equipment.

DR. SWEENEY TO TALK ON CANCER

Dr. C. T. Sweeney of this city, a member of the American Committee for the Control of Cancer, will address the medical society of Klamath and Lake counties this evening at Klamath Falls on the subject, "Cancer of the Large Intestines and Its Surgical Treatment." Mrs. Sweeney, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Oregon State Medical Association, will be guest of the Klamath-Lake County Auxiliary at the same time.

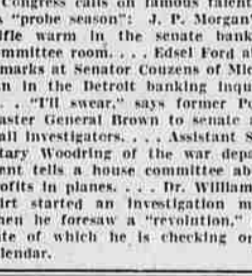
On Thursday evening, Dr. Sweeney will address the Central Willamette Medical Society on the same topic at Eugene, and on Friday evening will address the Benton County Medical Association at Corvallis. Mrs. Sweeney will accompany Dr. Sweeney and be the guest of the Women's Auxiliary of both cities.

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SCHERMERHORN GRANTED ADDED TIME ON BRIEF

Gordon L. Schermerhorn, former sheriff, under a three-year state prison sentence for vote-stealing conspiracy, has been granted an extension of time until April 20 in which to file his brief in the appeal to the state supreme court. Tomorrow, April 5, was originally named as the time limit.

Schermerhorn has been the beneficiary of half a dozen extensions of time granted by the court, principally because of delay in preparation of the transcript of the evidence. He was sentenced August 8 last, and has been at liberty since on \$7500 bond.

Arguments on legal points involved in the appeal of L. A. Banks, local agitator, from his conviction and sentence to life imprisonment for second degree murder, will be held before the state supreme court at Salem tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. The argument is allotted 30 minutes.

The state will be represented by the attorney general's office and District Attorney George A. Coddling. The defense will be represented by Attorney Frank J. Lonergan of Portland, a Republican candidate for governor, and Charles E. Hardy of Eugene.

The arguments will concern the legal points raised by the defense in contest of court rulings in the admission of evidence, and his instructions to the jury. One of the points concerns the denial of the court to admit certain expert testimony banking upon the mentality of Banks, who plead "transitory mania."

Whitman's Spine Break Will Mend
O. T. Whitman, long-time resident of this city, who lies in Sacred Heart hospital with his spine broken in two places, will be removed from the severe injury but will lie in a plaster cast for many weeks. According to Dr. L. D. Inskip, no paralysis of the lower limbs resulted, as first feared.

Whitman was working on the new Appleate bridge when the accident occurred ten days ago. While a girder was being hoisted, Whitman's foot became entangled in a rope and he was lifted into the air. He fell about 30 feet, striking the base of his spine on a rock in the river bed.

Whitman can now move all his limbs freely, but will have to remain in a cast for three months, according to Dr. Inskip, while the spinal hurts are healing.

Whitman, well known in this city, where he has lived practically all his life, has a wife and two daughters. He is an expert fruit packer and orchard worker and has been identified with that industry for years.

Free Methodist Meetings Aimed Interest Young

Of interest to the young people will be the coming of Rev. Rozella Douglas of Salem, Oregon, to hold a series of meetings at the Free Methodist church.

The first meeting will be held Wednesday evening, April 4, at 7:30 p. m., and each evening of the week over Sunday.

Saturday at 10 a. m. and 2:00 p. m. there will be a Sunday school convention at which time problems and helps in Sunday school work will be discussed.

Some of the subjects discussed will be: "Child and Youth Evangelism," "Making the Most of Young Life," "Following the Clean," and other important subjects. Young people are being urged to hear these messages.

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Society and Clubs Edited by Eva Nealon Hamilton

The Rev. and Mrs. Bartlam Honored at Reception.
An abundance of fragrant lilacs in baskets and window boxes, Persian rugs on the floors, and other home furnishings, transported to St. Mark's Guild hall for the occasion, created a beautiful setting last night for the reception, honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Ernest B. Bartlam.

Guests called from 8 to 10 o'clock to greet the new rector and his wife. Among them were Father H. H. Mitchell and daughter of Grants Pass. On the receiving committee were Mrs. Charles Strang, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wait, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Frame, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stennett and Mrs. Lydia Andrews.

Mrs. J. C. Mann and Mrs. Andrews presided at the beautifully appointed tea table. The program for the evening included two solos by Mrs. Elsie Cartier Strang, a group of songs by the boys' trio, directed by Miss Harriet Baldwin, and a recitation by Miss Susan Stennett.

Mrs. Harry Hinman was chairman of the decorations committee, which created the lovely setting for the reception, and Mrs. C. C. Murray was chairman of the refreshments committee, which decorated the attractive table.

Mrs. McClain Hostess at Birthday Party.
Mrs. George McClain of Phoenix entertained last week at a birthday party, honoring her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Watkins. Dinner was served at 5:30 o'clock with covers arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Watkins, Mrs. Noble Wilcox, Miss Anita McAdams, Miss Lula Roberts of Phoenix, Evelyn Gene Watkins, Dr. Frank Roberts of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClain and Mr. and Mrs. George McClain.

Many lovely birthday gifts were received by the honor guest. Garden Club Meets Thursday Evening.
The Medford Garden club will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the court house auditorium. Mrs. Leland Mentzer will review the book, "Do It With a Garden."

The rock garden, pool and rose garden at the Scout headquarters are nearly completed. Mrs. Goff announces that a few more rock plants are needed and should be planted at once. Shrubs are also needed for the background.

David Wilcox to Return to Medford Soon.
Members of the young married set are welcoming the news this week that Mr. and Mrs. David Wilcox are returning from Portland to make their home here. Mr. Wilcox having been transferred to Medford by the Standard Oil company.

During the short time they previously resided in Medford, the Wilcoxs made many friends and were participants in much entertaining in the younger set. Mr. Wilcox is a nephew of Mrs. C. S. Butterfield.

Last of Series Parties This Week.
Ladies' Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct the last of the series of card parties Thursday afternoon in the armory at 2:00 o'clock. Bridge and five hundred will be in play.

Loyalty Circle to Meet Thursday.
The Loyalty circle of the First M. E. church will meet tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. Sam Bateman, 715 West Jackson street.

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Bridge Party Enjoyed at D. K. Wood Home.
Mrs. D. B. Wood and daughter, Helen, were hostesses last night to the latter's bridge club, at their home on North Orange. There were three tables of contract in play during the evening and refreshments were served following games.

Present were: Misses Helen Noyes, Bernice Gill, Joyce Gage, Elizabeth Watson, Thelma Moore and Marjorie Lindley and Mrs. D. D. Huntress, Mrs. Weidon McCre, Mrs. Grace Voss, Mrs. Rena Collier, Mrs. Orville Shores and the hostesses.

Legion Auxiliary to Meet Thursday.
A special meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary has been called for tomorrow evening at the club rooms in the Medford National Bank building, the time to be devoted to sewing. Members are asked to come to the rooms at 7:30 and a large attendance is urged as there are a number of things to be completed tomorrow.

Invitations Out for Catholic Ball Tuesday.
The invitations are in the mail today, inviting dance lovers of the valley to the annual spring party of the Associated Catholic societies, to be held Tuesday evening, April 10, in the Knights of Pythias hall, Fifth and Grape streets.

Music for dancing will be played by Al Stewart's orchestra from 9 until 12 o'clock.

Paul-Hellenic Luncheon to Be Held Saturday.
Members of the Paul-Hellenic are invited to luncheon at the Colonial club Saturday at 1 o'clock, the regular meeting of the organization to be followed by an afternoon at contract bridge. Hostesses for the occasion will be Mrs. O. B. Morrow and Mrs. Henry Pringle.

Mrs. Hittson Hostess to Nurses Thursday.
Members of district No. 4, Oregon State Graduate Nurses association, will meet with Mrs. W. E. Hittson at her home, 1326 Beady avenue, Thursday evening, April 5, at 7:30 o'clock.

A good program has been arranged for the evening.

Badminton Tournament for Tonight Postponed.
The supper and badminton tournament, anticipated by a number of society folk for this evening, has been postponed, it was announced this morning.

W. R. C. Meeting Tomorrow Afternoon.
A meeting of the Women's Relief corps has been called for tomorrow afternoon at the Armory clubrooms. Members are asked to meet there at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Fletcher and Daughter, Visitors.
Mrs. John A. Fletcher and small daughter, Beaul Adol, arrived here yesterday by plane from Oakland to be guests of Mrs. Fletcher's mother, Mrs. A. L. Armstrong. Lieut. and Mrs. Fletcher are moving to the coast to make their home, he having been transferred to Oakland after a long period in New York.

Local Women Guests at Grants Pass Party.
Several women from Medford were among guests this afternoon at the luncheon and card party, sponsored by the Episcopal Guild in that city. Motoring there for the event were Mrs. Hal Platt, Mrs. G. R. Hatchwell, Mrs. M. M. Herman and Mrs. A. P. Stennett.

Mrs. Gates Entertains Contract Club Thursday.
Mrs. W. A. Gates will be hostess tomorrow afternoon at her home to members of the Thursday Contract club at 1 o'clock desert. There will be two tables of cards in play during the afternoon.

Mrs. Huber Leaves for Visit in South.
Mrs. George C. Huber of East Main street, left Tuesday evening for Los Angeles to visit her son, George, Jr., and daughter, Mrs. Meredith Watts, of Palo Verde, Cal.

Mrs. Huber intends to spend three weeks in southern California.

Oregon Weather.
Fair tonight and Thursday but overcast with fog on the coast; local light frosts east; portion tonight; moderate northwest wind offshore.

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