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 Forecast: Unsettled with rain tonight and Saturday; cooler tonight.  
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# POST FAILS IN "STRAFO" FLIGHT



**News Behind The News**  
 By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The president's NRA message seemed to hand congress some primary points and tell the legislators to make their own future picture of the NRA. That is what congress thinks.

Clerical legislators are actually themselves that they are going to compose some important legislation for the first time since the new deal started. They really believe President Roosevelt failed to send up a draft of an administration bill because he was moved by all the talk about congress becoming just a rubber stamp.

If that were true, everyone might as well dig in here and prepare to remain indefinitely. If congress is going to have a free hand in remaking the NRA, it probably will take years.

There is no need for any such preparations just yet. There are facts beneath the surface which indicate that Mr. Roosevelt has previously arranged to keep the situation well in hand.

In about three weeks, you probably will see Chairman Pat Harrison of the senate finance committee shake from his sleeve the draft of an administration NRA bill. It may not be called that, but that it will be.

There are several reasons why it was inadvisable for Mr. Roosevelt to offer a bill now.

Presidential strategists agree it would be foolish because of the internal situation in the senate, for one thing. Senators are all excited, clamoring for an investigation of this or that phase of NRA. They would surely tear any administration proposal to shreds in a moment.

After the administration gets through presenting all its facts to the senate investigators, the internal situation may clear. The new deal may safely go, at least, they can expect to have a better chance. And all the time the senators will be thinking they have written the legislation themselves.

So the underlying fact seems to be that all Mr. Roosevelt really did in his NRA message was to develop a new way to make congress take had medicine, without knowing it.

The strategy seems to represent a studied variation rather than an actual change in the White House method of handling congress. For which, all may be grateful.

If you think this plan is slightly too smart to be true, consider what has already been done in the matter of the senate investigation of the NRA. No more delicate inside job was ever attempted than the one by which the new dealers are trying to keep the investigation out of unsympathetic hands.

The inquiry was demanded by Nye and McCarron. They could hardly be called new deal leaders. They wanted the investigation conducted by the commerce committee. In charge of that committee is Senator Copeland, whom the White House also has failed to enumerate among its leaders.

Word was spread among the new deal faithful that they could not afford to let the NRA investigation fall into any such hands. The administration already had made one mistake like that when it let Nye conduct the munitions investigation.

The first thing it knew Nye was investigating all the democrats in a most unsympathetic way.

Rather openly, they arranged to send the investigation to the finance committee. A stretch of the imagination was needed to believe that the NRA had anything to do with finance. The stretch was accomplished by the bright idea that down deep in NRA somewhere there is something about tariffs, and of course, the finance committee handles all tariff legislation.

But if the investigation finally goes there, it will be reasonably safe and constructive. It will most assuredly be handled with sympathy.

An added complication made the greasing of the NRA investigation slides even more difficult. It was offered by Senator Borah, who has been the new deal's severest NRA critic. Borah stimulated a desire within the senate judiciary committee to have the investigation conducted by that body, of which he is a member. He is as bad as Nye, from an NRA standpoint, and, of course, much worse than Copeland or McCarron.

Of course, these personal difficulties were mentioned only in innermost senatorial circles. The new dealers managed to put a good front for the finance committee by having their front on the fact that the original

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Post, who had gone only 125 miles when he saw his oil gauge had dropped and realized he would have to land, said he believed he had "lost" his weather, and that conditions would not be right tomorrow or the next day.

To Try Again Soon  
 "But I hope to get going again very soon, possibly in a few days," the flier said.

"I got away fine," Post said, "and climbed rapidly to 24,500 feet, where I leveled off. I think I was about 35 minutes from Los Angeles at that altitude. Everything was running fine. Compasses and radio were operating perfectly."

"Then I noticed my oil pressure dropping. I found out in a few minutes I had a leaky oil line and decided to turn back."

Trucks were sent to the dry lake, situated in the central part of the Mojave desert, and mechanics were installing a new propeller, one blade of which was damaged when Post brought the high winged monoplane to landing on its wooden skids.

Asked how fast he was going after the takeoff, Post said:  
 "Well,—it was plenty fast. Boy, how I was travelling. I'm going to make it next time, too."

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Realizing his leaking oil line meant the end of his high altitude flight from Los Angeles to New York.

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## HOLIDAY SLOWS CITY'S ACTIVITY

With banks, city, county and government offices closed, the city took on a quiet air today in the observance of Washington's birthday, although many social and civic events were scheduled for this afternoon and evening.

Among the largest gatherings for the observance of the holiday is the Colonial party being held at the parish hall, sponsored by members of St. Mark's Guild. George and Martha Washington will be impersonated in a program including colonial music and cards.

Tonight other social events will be held and towns-people will probably turn out in large numbers for the annual Ashland-Medford basketball game.

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MARTINEZ, Calif., Feb. 22.—(AP)—A jury last night acquitted Mrs. Minnie Zimmerman, 34, of El Cerrito, of murder charges connected with the death of her husband February 22.

The jury had deliberated seven hours.

Mrs. Zimmerman, answering the murder charge, claimed that she shot her husband, Wesley, 34, "accidentally" while in the act of defending herself. She claimed that he frequently had beaten her, and that she had seized a gun in their home to protect herself from his attacks. The gun was discharged accidentally when he started toward her from a chair, she claimed.

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European markets were open as usual.

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 CROCKETT, Cal., Feb. 22.—(AP)—The California Hawaiian Sugar Refining corporation last night closed its plant here for an indefinite period, showing 1300 employees out of work following difficulties with union representatives.

## FREE BRIDGES ON COAST ROAD AIM

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Federal funds for construction of the Tillamook-Cascades road, free tolls for the Oregon Coast highway bridges, and a saving in interest by immediate issuance of bonds to pay the federal bridge loan was the plan announced by the state highway commission and Governor Charles H. Martin here yesterday.

The compromise plan for solution of the controversial question of removing tolls from the Coast highway bridges, now under construction with PWA funds, which has threatened to resolve itself into a legislative battle, was worked out today in a conference between Governor Martin and members of the highway commission.

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## \$200 Age Pension or Else—Townsend Informs Congress

DAYTON, O., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Dr. F. E. Townsend, sponsor of a congressional pension bill, said today: "We will not temporize for less than \$200 a month—give us the Townsend plan for old age pensions or we will get a new congress."

"For an era of good government and permanent prosperity we must free the old people from want. Meager pensions mean meager spending. We won't have a pauper's dole in this country any more."

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Choking dust, whipped by a 56 mile gale, descended on the afflicted sections yesterday afternoon to virtually halt all outdoor activity. Black dust clouds shrouded the sun until street lights were turned on in the middle of the afternoon and motor traffic moved at a creeping pace.

At Dodge City, Kan., and Sidney, Scottsbluff and Big Springs, Neb., Airport broadcasts reported "no ceiling and no visibility" at Sidney, where two small buildings were blown down by the gale.

Wyoming's part in the storm was a light, squally snow storm at Cheyenne and some dust at Pine Bluffs. The storm touched other states in varying intensities, reaching down to the Texas Panhandle where, however, the dust was high and caused little inconvenience.

Many telephone lines were leveled and scores of windows blown out in the Sidney area. An automobile was overturned by the wind on a highway west of Sidney, and two automobile accidents in Sidney were blamed on the gale and poor visibility. Business men locked their shops hours before closing time.

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Dr. Edward Schumann, of the medical faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, said he had been informed of the birth of six children to a negro woman on the African gold coast.

Speaking at a medical meeting last night, Dr. Schumann exhibited a picture of the asserted sextuplets which he said was sent to him by a medical missionary.

He said he was informed by one he considered a reliable authority that the infants were eight days old and still living when the picture was taken.

## FIRST LADY QUOTED AS GLAD SHE WASN'T ON HAUPTMANN JURY

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 22.—(AP)—The Atlantic City Evening Union quoted Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt today as saying in an interview that she would not have cared to serve on the jury which convicted Bruno Richard Hauptmann of the Lindbergh kidnap-murder.

The president's wife came here to address the American Council of Guidance and Personal Association, and expressed her opinions on the Hauptmann trial before attending a luncheon.

"I would not have cared to be on that jury," she said. "While I have no sympathy for Hauptmann, I wonder what would happen to an innocent person under the same circumstances."

She explained that she considered her opinions in the trial were "of little value" because she did not attend court and knew only what she read in the newspapers. She said she was not in favor of capital punishment, but believed it should be enforced where it was on the statute books.

## SEWAGE ENGINEER HERE TO CONFER

Samuel A. Greeley of Greeley & Hansen, Chicago engineers for Medford's new sewage disposal plant, arrived this morning to spend Friday and Saturday here with local officials completing plans and specifications.

During the day Mr. Greeley has made inspection of preliminary work at the plant site north of town and will meet tonight with the members of the city council, who last Tuesday passed an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of \$78,000 in bonds for the project.

Mr. Greeley is going over the plans submitted by his firm with Fred Scheffel, city superintendent, having previously conferred with C. C. Hockley, state PWA engineer, and with Fred Stricker, state health officer.

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Captain Lee M. Brown of the Oregon state police headquarters here, today announced that state police officer Harry Minto has resigned his position, and has gone to Salem to accept a position in the state house.

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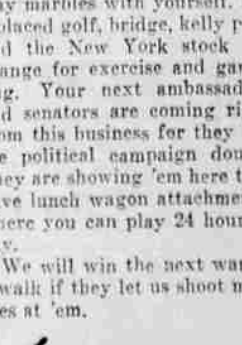
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