

**LETTER BY DODD  
IRKS OPPONENTS  
OF PACKING PLAN**

**Senator Van Nuys Says  
Ambassador Overstepped  
Bounds of Office—Would  
Have Him Sent Home**

WASHINGTON, May 13—(AP)—Two senatorial opponents of the Roosevelt court bill suggested today that Ambassador William E. Dodd return from his Berlin post.

Commenting on Dodd's letter to Senators Glass (D-Va.) and Buckley (D-Ohio), urging support of the court reorganization bill because of a "dictatorship" threat to the United States, Senator Van Nuys (D-Ind.) said:

"The ambassador has overstepped the boundaries of his official position somewhat. His letter was ill-timed, ill-advised, uncollected and out of keeping with his function as ambassador."

**May Ask Hearing.**

If Dodd "continues" to make such charges, Van Nuys added, he will ask through the state department that the ambassador be "invited back here to appear before the senate judiciary, or foreign relations committee."

Senator King (D-Utah) said Dodd's letter indicated that he had become "imbued with fascism" and had demonstrated that he was "not a proper man to represent this country in Germany."

The usual cautious "no comment" was the state department's reply to all inquiries concerning Dodd's letter and its possible effect on his official career.

Dodd, a former professor of history at the University of Chicago, was appointed to the Berlin post in 1933. Opponents of the court bill declared today administration leaders had advised the president senate approval of the measure was extremely doubtful.

**Claim Enough Votes.**

Senate supporters, however, contended they had enough votes to pass it, although some said there would be only a vote or two to spare.

Opponents claimed 32 votes—or three more than a senate majority—against the measure. The declaration against the bill late yesterday by Senator Shipstead (R-Minn.) made 38 publicly committed in opposition.

Both sides awaited the president's return Friday.

No one professed inside information on what he might do. Most discussion revolved about the idea of adding two, instead of six, judges to the supreme court and of submitting a constitutional amendment to force retirement at 75 years.

**MARTIN AND GOSSLIN  
REFUSE TO COMMENT  
ON TEACHER LETTER**

SALEM, May 12—(AP)—Governor Martin said today he would ignore the letter of Monroe Sweetland, secretary of the Oregon Commonwealth federation, in which he demanded a statement whether or not W. L. Gosslin was speaking for the executive in pointing out the activities of school teachers in the federation.

"I will not reply to the letter," was the only comment the governor would make. He would not state whether he dictated the letter Gosslin, his private secretary, in which the attention of the Portland school superintendent was directed to Miss Ruth Stone, Franklin high school teacher, because of her recent participation in the recent commonwealth convention, or whether Gosslin wrote it on his own initiative.

Sweetland said a letter was reported sent also to S. Stephenson Smith, University of Oregon instructor, who is president of the federation. Sweetland charged that if the governor dictated the letter it "constituted malfeasance in office and abuse of executive authority."

Gosslin likewise would not make any comment on the authorship of the letter or letters.

**Restaurant Owners  
Ask Pay Hike Delay**

PORTLAND, May 13. — (AP) — The Portland culinary unions took under consideration today a request from 200 restaurant operators to delay for three months a scheduled 5 percent blanket increase of wages.

The proposal was delivered to the unions with the assertion that many operators had signed the agreement only to find themselves unprepared to assume the increases, scheduled for June 1.

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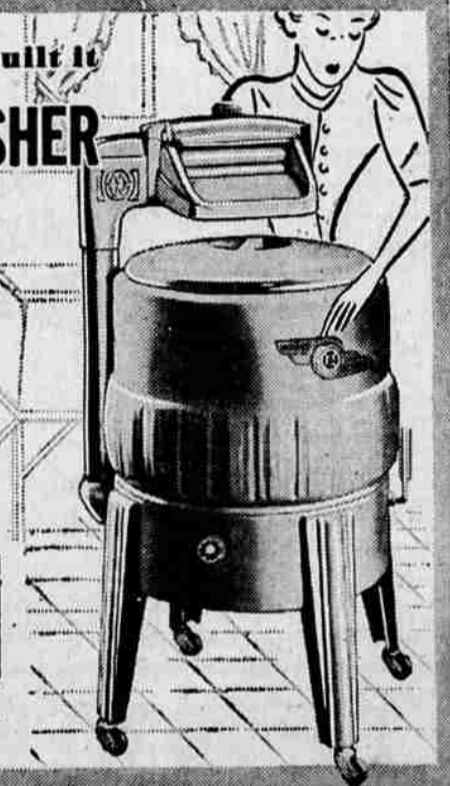
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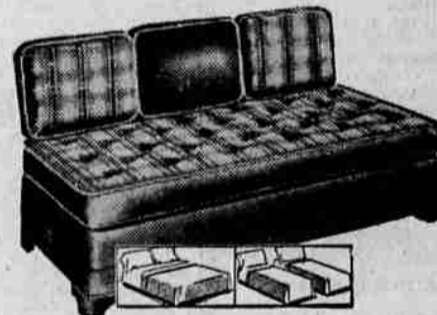
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