

ROOSEVELT DENIES HE WAS INFORMED BLACK IN KU KLUX

President Has No Further Comment Until Return of Justice From Europe — Black Remains Silent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has taken note of the flare-up over allegations that Justice Hugo L. Black belongs to the Ku Klux Klan by declaring he received no such information from any source before appointing the Alabama senator to the supreme court.

The president told his press conference late yesterday he did not know whether the justice department had investigated Black's qualifications.

Until the new justice returns from his European vacation, Mr. Roosevelt said, "there is no further comment to be made."

Justice Black himself refused in London to discuss the allegations. He left by auto for a trip into the English countryside after complaining to the manager of his hotel about "lack of privacy."

MONTEPELLIER, Vt., Sept. 15.—(AP)—U. S. Senator Ernest W. Gibson, (R., Vt.), today said he "could not have

Thousands Attend Nazi Picnic in L. A.



More than 10,000 German-Americans gathered at a picnic near Los Angeles and heard speakers deny charges that Nazi representatives were engaged in subversive activities against the United States.

supported" confirmation of Hugo L. Black to the U. S. supreme court "if I had known he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan."

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 15.—(AP)—Senator Van Nuys (D. Ind.), member of the senate judiciary committee which considered Senator Hugo Black's nomination to the supreme court, said today he would not have voted for the Alabama if he had believed Black was a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

"Nor do I believe other members of the committee would have voted for him," Van Nuys added. "There wasn't much time, but we studied all available evidence, including testimony from Alabama Catholic and Jewish leaders that Black was friendly to their interests."

PRESMEN'S HOME, Tenn., Sept. 15.—(AP)—Senator George L. Berry of Tennessee made this statement today in connection with the Ku Klux Klan controversy over Justice Hugo L. Black:

"If all that is being said is true, what are you going to do about it? I have known Justice Black for 20 years and I don't know of a finer character in America. A lot of people have joined an organization in periods of enthusiasm to withdraw later when they knew more about it.

"That is the worst that can be said about Justice Black."

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Charles Schwab, steel magnate, started his career by clerking in a store for two years.

Johann Sebastian Bach is especially noted for his work in counterpoint.

TALK ON CONSTITUTION FEATURES MEETING OF MEDFORD 20-30 CLUB

Knowledge and appreciation of the liberties and privileges enjoyed under the constitution of the United States were urged by Dr. Sherman L. Divine in a talk last night at the regular meeting of Medford 20-30 club at the Jackson hotel. Occasion for the talk was the approaching 150th anniversary of the signing of the constitution, September 17.

Dr. Divine gave the background leading up to the promulgation of the constitution and then compared the liberties and privileges enjoyed under the constitution as compared to life in Soviet Russia, and Nazi and Fascist states.

Interesting reports on the annual convention of the association of 20-30 clubs held last week-end at Reno, Nev., were given by Al DeLara and Harry Pinneo, who represented the Medford club. Pinneo is now district governor for the northwest district of the association.

Plans were outlined for immediate work on the fingerprint project, a project adopted by the national association.

Howard Hamilton won the attendance prize. Guests present at the meeting included Bob Millon, Fred Schmidt, William Meyers, Bob Boyd and Eldon Bedford.

President Herb Brown presided at the meeting.

It is estimated that the people of the United States spend about \$200,000,000 a year in the fight against insects of various kinds.

6 TRAINS TAKING CCC MEN EAST TO DISCHARGE POINTS

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Roy D. Craft will command the train with Capt. Earl V. Andrews as train surgeon.

The fourth train will leave about Sept. 23 from Medford for Bastrop, Texas, with 290 eighth corps area enrollees from Sitkum, McKinley, South Fork and Annie Spring. Capt. R. S. Taylor will command the train with Lieut. Louis Greenfield as mess officer and Capt. Grove Baldwin as train surgeon.

The fifth train will leave about Sept. 24 for Bastrop with 300 eighth corps men from Lava Beds, Silver Lake, and several camps in the Redding district. Lieut. Jack H. Turner will command the train, with Lieut. A. R. Rowe and Dr. C. B. Downing of the Redding district also assigned.

The sixth train will leave Medford for Bastrop with 300 eighth corps area men from Tule Lake, Diamond Lake, Wineglass and Redding district camps. Capt. William H. Driscoll will command the train with Capt. H. T. Gentile as train surgeon and Lieut. Joe B. Odeneal as mess officer.

The camel, though related to deer and cattle, has no horns, no second and fifth toes, and three stomachs instead of four.

Scleritis is a form of neuralgia which affects the sciatic nerve. Sir Walter Scott, Scotch poet and novelist, died in 1832.

FRENCH PEOPLE FEAR RUNAWAY OF HIGH PRICES

Mounting Living Costs Wipe Out Increases In Wages — Crisis Seen As Capital Flees From Country.

By Peter C. Rhodes
Staff Correspondent

PARIS (UP)—Foreign countries have become aware of France's financial plight through the two sharp falls of the franc on the international market in the last month and a half, but the average Frenchman is much more aware of it through the sudden rise in the cost of living.

According to statistics compiled after one year of Blum's popular front government, the majority of French workers who benefited from wage rises and shortening of working hours of the late summer of 1936, now face a decrease in real wages. The cost of living has mounted so sharply in recent months that the gains registered a year ago have been more than wiped out.

A glance at several essential products which figure on every Frenchman's living budget reveals that foodstuffs have risen on an average of 25 per cent while wage increases average only 21 per cent. And the average Frenchman feels a natural fear that the cost of living hasn't stopped mounting.

No More Nickel Bread
Comparing prices between June, 1936, and June, 1937, gives a better idea of what this means to the average housewife when she goes to market. Bread has risen from 1.60 francs to 2.35; milk per liter from 1.20 to 1.60; eggs per dozen from 6.80 to 8.55; sugar per kilo from 3.25 to 4.45; butter per kilo from 16.40 to 20.40; beefsteak per kilo from 23.30 to 31.10; pork per kilo from 16.35 to 17.45; coal per 50 kilos from 17.00 to 23.35; gas per cubic meter from .95 to 1.20; and electricity per kilowatt from 1.55 to 1.85. (The franc at current exchange rates is 375 cents.)

Many other items which touch every Frenchman's pocketbook also have gone up an average of 25 per cent. When the financial crisis which brought Blum to resign posed the question of filling a depleted treasury before Camille Chautemps, his successor, the first step that the new

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government took was to pass slashing decrees for all items which the state controls for internal taxation. Railway, bus, metro and transport fares in general rose on an average of 30 per cent; cigarettes, stamps, telephone and telegraph rates 25 per cent; while rentals were permitted to rise in equal proportion.

Indirect Taxation Used
Up to now the new popular front government of the radicals has resorted exclusively to indirect taxation in its attempt to fill the coffers of the treasury. Indications that this will not be sufficient to fill the void created in large part by a mass exodus of capital to foreign countries, came in the middle of July when the franc took a further fall of 5 per cent on the international exchange market.

Other disquieting signs have come with a slackening of the public works program inaugurated by Blum to reduce unemployment. One of the biggest items in this program was the building of the international exposition at Paris, which absorbed about 25,000 direct workers and provided work for hundreds of thousands who supplied materials to them for the building of its pavilions.

Slum Clearance Delayed
It was proposed to launch a large slum clearance scheme in Paris and a highway construction program in the country to reabsorb these workers when the exposition building was ended, in case general business had not increased sufficiently to need them.

Neither of these things has happened, and it has been largely due to this fear of future unemployment

that many Frenchmen have found the reason for the slowness and delay in completing the exposition itself. Leon Jouhaux, leader of more than 5,000,000 organized workers in France, has expressed the fear of what lies ahead in a trenchant article in the C. G. T. newspaper "Le Peuple," in which he warns the government that something must be done quickly to prevent hundreds of thousands of workers from becoming idle.

Small Merchant Suffers
Not only the workers and small peasant farmers have been hit by the price rises, but the small shopkeeper as well has felt the brunt. While wholesale prices have risen from an index of 372 in June, 1936, to 538 in June, 1937, (taking prices in 1914 as a basic index of 100), retail prices have risen only from 461 to 590 in the same period. Such a situation is extremely dangerous at a moment when business stimulation is severely needed throughout France.

On the whole, recent statistics show that all the gains which were won by the collective wage contracts following the Matignon accord of last year have been wiped out. Large business profits which carried the weight of increased salaries at that time, while no longer burdened by them, have not found the stimulus of a growing market which would have changed the unfavorable conditions of 1935-36. France has not yet emerged from its chronic depression.

In a country such as France, where the ministerial type of government permits a quick political reaction to all social and economic conditions, changes are bound to follow. What

trend will become dominant is not yet clear.

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