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PURGE RELIEF ROLLS, WPA DEMANDED

The Capital Parade

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WASHINGTON—It is a well known fact that the moderates of the Supreme Court greatly cherish the prestige of the judiciary, where Justice McReynolds follows a "rule or ruin" policy, and Justice Black holds that the courts have far too much prestige already, the chief justice and Justice Roberts work without ceasing to throw an aura of power and dignity around the federal bench. Strong circumstantial evidence indicates that their labors recently took an extraordinary form.

The story begins with Mayor Hague's appeal of Judge William Clark's famous decision holding that the bill of rights is as good in Jersey City as elsewhere. The appeal took the case to the third circuit court in Philadelphia, the character of which was later changed by the retirement of two elderly judges. Formerly the third circuit was known as one of the most conservative in the country. The presiding judge, J. Warren Davis, is a relic of the old regime.

For reasons best known to himself, presiding Judge Davis recalled to the bench his two retired colleagues, Judges Joseph Buffington and J. Whitaker Thompson, to hear the Hague case. The recall was made possible by the judiciary retirement law passed during the court fight. Judge Buffington and Judge Thompson are jointly celebrated for their strong anti-labor records. Morris L. Ernst and Spaulding Frazer, the lawyers representing the city of Philadelphia, and the CIO in the result on Hague, were somewhat naturally alarmed. They promptly asked the supreme court to forbid the enlarged court from sitting in the case. On November 21, Chief Justice Hughes handed down a technical ruling refusing Ernst's and Frazer's petition.

Judge Buffington immediately issued a statement comparing favorably, as a judicial utterance, with the blast against the Jeffersonians which brought the rest of the Federalist, Justice Chase, near to impeachment. Although the CIO was one of the parties at issue in the case on which he was to sit, Judge Buffington declared that "all right-thinking Philadelphians" would be rejoiced that the supreme court "had put the stamp of disapproval on the tactics of the CIO." He went on to accuse the CIO of "outrage" in the sit-down strikes, and to denounce it for "attempting to smudge" presiding Judge Davis' character.

Judge Buffington's remarks seemed to prove the reasonableness of the request of lawyers Ernst and Frazer. They seemed to indicate an unshakable intention to sit in the disputed case. But days later on November 25, Justice Roberts went to Atlantic City to discuss budget problems with the judges of the third circuit, which is in his domain. What he may have said between balance sheets, with whom he may have talked, whether he talked at all—these are unknown matters.

At any rate, after the elapse of five days more, on December 1, Judge Buffington and Judge Thompson suddenly decided not to hear the Hague case after all. Their decision was announced by presiding Judge Davis, who read from them, referring to "certain statements and contentions" which might "prejudice" the case.

So far as the ordinary eye can see, Justice Roberts' visit to Atlantic City is the only influence which might have transformed the angry determination of Judge Buffington's statement to the capitulative mood expressed in his letter. Certainly, the legal fraternity, among whose members the Buffington statement was a cause celebre, now credits Justice Roberts with the exceedingly tactful intervention in their circuit affairs. Certainly, also, the prestige of the courts which Justice Roberts has so much at heart will be saved from serious damage by the Buffington-Thompson withdrawal.

SEN. BYRD CALLS FOR ECONOMY TO CHECK NEW DEAL

'Fiscal Insanity' Scored And Leadership Urged—Brain Trusters Assailed For Ideas.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—Senator Byrd, Virginia Democrat, today demanded an end to "nine years of fiscal insanity" and declared he was convinced the Roosevelt administration could not be looked to for leadership toward economy despite the "fiscal failure" of its spending program. Just before outlining a fixed point retrenchment program, which would include a thorough going government reorganization and a "purge" of the relief rolls, Byrd declared in a nationwide radio address delivered before the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers Associations.

"We are facing a perilous situation and what can be done about it?" "Can we expect any leadership from the present administration for economy and retrenchment? As one who has fought for five years for prudent spending at Washington, I say NO.

"As a Democrat I say it with sorrow, as my party is in power, but the Republican party cannot escape responsibility for their share in the present orgy of spending. Mr. Hoover added the first five billions to the public debt, and a majority of the Republican members in the senate have voted for the huge appropriation bills."

Senator Walsh (D-Mass.), who demanded "tax reduction in every field of government," told newspapermen just before he addressed the Taxpayers' Federation he was convinced President Roosevelt would not seek a third term despite pressure by his supporters.

Walsh asserted it was highly important for both the president and the next congress to "install popular confidence that our economic system will be permitted untrammelled operation."

Senator Byrd was caustic in a lengthy attack upon the Roosevelt administration. Good government, he said, would be "vastly promoted if the brain-trusters from Tuwagel to Corcoran would go home, and if congress resumed its constitutional duty."

"A modern liberal," he asserted, "is tested and judged in proportion as to how liberal he is willing to be with other people's money." Verbally flaying the "economic philosophy" of Marriner S. Eccles, chairman of the federal reserve board, Byrd said his speech in New York last week on "promoting prosperity by spending borrowed money" indicated "to what depths in the reasoning we have sunk in the crackpot legislative ideas of those holding important public positions."

Confesses Murder



Rodney Greig (above), 21-year-old Berkeley, Cal. youth, had, according to Oakland police, confessed the fatal stabbing of beautiful Leona Viught, 19-year-old Oakland beauty parlor operator, whose body was found in the hills above Oakland by a mushroom picker, who at first believed the body to be that of a wax model.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Rodney Greig, young railway clerk, is holding back vital information concerning the slaying of 19-year-old Leona Viught, assistant district attorney Frank Coakley of Alameda county said today.

He asserted the youth's story that he stabbed the girl to death at 2 a. m. last Wednesday because of an irresistible "impulse" was not the true story of the killing and declared: "When we have found out the true reason, it will resolve into a simple, reasonable motive."

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Viught buried their daughter yesterday afternoon after Greig had been arraigned on charge of murder and had his preliminary hearing set for December 20. He was returned to his county jail cell.

Coakley declared he believed the girl's killing was a simple crime of passion, committed because the girl resisted Greig's advances.

RAILROADS FIGHT BILL FOR LONGER, HEAVIER TRUCKS

SALEM, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Hareld Turner, representing the Association of Oregon Railroads, conferred today with the Marion county court in opposition to a bill he said would appear in the Oregon legislature to increase the length, height and load limit of trucks carrying for hire.

COMMON DEFENSE FRONT URGED FOR WESTERN NATIONS

Americas Must Be Safe From Invasion, Stressed By Secretary Hull At Lima.

(By The Associated Press) The Pan-American conference heard declarations yesterday (Saturday) by Secretary Hull and the foreign ministers of Argentina and Peru that the western hemisphere must be secure from invasion—military or political. The firm assertions by the three keynote speakers before representatives of 21 nations gathered at Lima, Peru, brought prolonged applause which pointed increasingly to the possibility of a common defense front among the Americas.

Secretary Hull coupled his declaration with a warning that defense against outside invasion constituted the new world's immediate and paramount problem.

Speaking for the United States, the secretary of state said that so long as the possibility of armed challenge existed, his government would maintain adequate defensive military, naval and air establishments. His stand for unity among the Americas was strongly echoed by Dr. Jose Maria Cantillo and Dr. Carlos Concha, Argentine and Peruvian foreign ministers.

Despotic governments came in particularly for a scathing denunciation from Hull, who declared that for centuries they had kept mankind in slavery and degradation and now cast "an ominous shadow athwart our own hemisphere."

He spoke against a background of political unrest extending from the Baltic to the Black sea in eastern Europe and down into Africa—all under some form of Nazi or Fascist inspiration.

WHEAT BURNS IN PORTLAND BLAZE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Fire whipped through a warehouse and four tubular storage towers of Kerr Gifford and company, tonight, burning and otherwise damaging 500,000 bushels of wheat.

SENATE FOES SEE DEFEAT FOR F.D.R. REVAMPING BILL

McNary For Veto Power By Congress Over Arbitrary Decisions By President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Some of the senators who opposed the administration's reorganization bill in the last congress predicted today the defeat of any new proposal to give President Roosevelt a free hand to reshuffle federal bureaus.

The president told a press conference yesterday he would recommend to the new congress enactment of a reorganization bill, but said he had no idea whether there would be any fundamental changes from the measure which evoked a heated controversy last session.

In that connection Mr. Roosevelt commented that everyone agrees the government's administrative machinery should be made more efficient. Senator McNary (R., Ore.), the minority leader, echoed this view, but added: "Everyone is for reorganization if it will promote the efficiency of government and reduce the cost thereof. Everyone is willing to give a president power to abolish offices and bureaus and transfer and amalgamate the functions of bureaus."

COMMENT SLIGHT ON EDEN SPEECH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Anthony Eden's plea for the preservation of democracy before the National Association of Manufacturers in New York last night created little stir in the capital today.

KIDNAPERS FREE POLICE CAPTAIN

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Sheriff's Deputy Daniel Imboden said tonight he had received word that Police Captain Stowell of Santa Maria, reported in a state-wide police teletype as kidnapped by three youths, had been thrown from the kidnappers' automobile at Maricopa, Kern county, 79 miles east of Santa Maria. No other details were available immediately.

BULLETIN

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—The University of Oregon whipped through a pre-season basketball game here tonight, dumping the Pacific Packard squad 34 to 39.

Demonstrators Seeth Through Tunis



Thousands of Italians, French and Arabs seethed through the streets of Tunis, Tunisia, in demonstrations fired by the fascist clamor over Tunisia and as far as police quelled one demonstration another broke out. Rioting bands clashed intermittently with police but few were arrested and no major damage reported. Concern spread in France over uncontrolled rioting Italian troops in Spain were being concentrated below the French border.

ARIZONA CHURCHES PRAY FOR RAINS TO END SHORTAGE

Drouth Cuts Water Supply, Menacing Crops—Situation Critical, As Dam Dries.

SAFFORD, Ariz., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Whites and Indians, their difference in color and race discarded in the common fear of unprecedented drought conditions, prepared for a season of supplication today in the hope of bringing snow and rain to fill depleted reservoirs.

Officials of the Latter Day Saints churches in this area ordered a day of prayer for December 18. H. A. Ireland, extension agent for the Pima Indian reservation at Safford, disclosed "a very critical situation" has resulted because of the virtual drying up of San Carlos lake behind Coolidge dam.

MR. HOLMAN SAYS LAND IN BAD WAY

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—(AP)—America is nearer the conditions that caused the French revolution "than most people realize," Rufus Holman, U. S. senator-elect, told a conference of Oregon's district attorneys today.

BEND AREA SEES BIG RED METEOR

BEND, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—W. A. Rahn, a resident of Milifoon, 25 miles east of here on the central Oregon highway, reported he saw a huge, red meteor drift slowly toward the north-eastern horizon and disappear in the direction of Prineville at 9:45 p. m. today.

ITALIANS CLAIM RIGHT TO SHARE IN SUEZ CONTROL

Mute Clamor Over Tunisia For New Objective—France Strengthens Defenses.

ROME, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Fascists muted their clamor over French Tunisia today while raising demands for a share in the control of the Suez canal.

The authoritative editor, virging Gayda, complained in Il Giornale D'Italia about the \$9,210,000 Italy had to pay in Suez canal tolls during 1937.

"Italy's work of colonization and civilization in the territories of East Africa certainly could have been more extensive if this burden had been less oppressive," he asserted. Gayda, declaring that Italian traffic through the canal was four times that of France, said Italy should have a proportionate voice in the operation of the canal.

(The Suez canal, the northern entrance to the Red sea, is ruled by 32 directors, 21 of whom are French, ten English, representing the British government, and the other is a Netherlander. For all practical purposes the administrative control is French.)

ARIZONA CHURCHES SOCIAL SECURITY LAW CHANGE UP TO NEXT SESSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The social security advisory council considered today proposing that congress write three new principles into the federal social security program.

Three New Principles Urged By Advisory Board To Liberalize Present Act.

These are: 1. Acceptance of responsibility for the economic welfare of wives and children of workers covered by the social security act.

CLEARER LAW ON RIOTING SOUGHT

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—(AP)—A conference of Oregon's district attorneys sought today for an amendment to existing laws providing a clearer definition of riots so peace officers could act more surely in making arrests.

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