

SOCIAL SECURITY EXTENSION PLEA PLANNED BY F. R.

President Will Send Special Message to Congress Early in January—Extension, Strengthening, Aim

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt intends to ask congress early in January to extend and strengthen the social security act.

White House officials said today the chief executive intended to send a special message "relative to the extension of coverage and strengthening of provision of the social security act."

Presumably the message will transmit to congress a copy of the report carrying recommendations of the social advisory council.

The council made public Saturday recommendations the insurance coverage be widely extended.

Defense Discussed

White House officials said possibly national defense also would be the subject for a special message, but that has not yet been determined.

Mr. Roosevelt called in a group of government officials today to discuss defense problems. Those on the list were Chairman Edward J. Noble and Robert Hinkley of the civil aeronautics authority; Louis Johnson, assistant secretary of war, and Aubrey Williams, deputy WPA administrator.

There were indications President Roosevelt would embrace railroad recommendations in his general message. The railroad situation also engaged his attention today in a conference with Carl Gray and George Harrison, members of a special board which is attempting to find some solution for the plight of the carriers.

The social security board was described by officials today as ready to parallel—at least in fundamentals—the recommendations of its advisory council for broad extension of the federal old age insurance system.

Detailed Plan Drawn

The board will submit to President Roosevelt next month a detailed program for expansion of the social security act. Its details have not been disclosed.

The advisory council proposed last night insurance coverage be extended by 1940 to about 8,600,000 workers now excluded and later to "the largest possible proportion of our gainfully employed population," including business and professional men, farmers and mechanics.

Advocating the principle of protection for "the family unit," it proposed benefits for the wives, widows and children of insured workers and also creation of a disability insurance system to protect insured workers deprived of their earning power before retirement age.

Contingency Fund Urged

With these expansion proposals the council made a third major recommendation—that present plans for a \$47,000,000,000 old age reserve fund by 1980 be scrapped in favor of a contingency fund, set up as a trust and bolstered by federal subsidy. All revenue from social security taxes would be earmarked for this fund.

Under the plan the government would pay one-third of the cost of the old age insurance program; one-third would come from the payroll tax on employees, and one-third would come from the payroll tax on employers. This tax, now one per cent each on employers and workers, is scheduled to go up to 1½ per cent in 1940.

Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.), a sponsor of the advisory council, hailed its report as an "expert, unpartisan clarification of a complex problem." He predicted Republicans in congress would cooperate in enacting the changes it recommended.

Clubs Too Rough

CAIRO.—(AP)—Tear gas bombs will be used in future for subduing mobs and demonstrators, because of complaints that truncheons and clubs cause too many injuries. The city police has created a special tear gas section, and men are being trained under the supervision of their Commandant Sir Thomas Russel Pasha.

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PERRY WILL TAKE SEAT IN CO. COURT ON JANUARY THIRD

William Perry of Eagle Point, elected county commissioner in November on the Republican ticket, will take office January 3. He succeeds County Commissioner Otto Caster of Phoenix. It will be the only change in the official family of Jackson county. Sheriff Syd I. Brown, Justice of the Peace W. R. Coleman and Surveyor Paul B. Byrning were re-elected, the latter without opposition; no other county officials were up for election.

Under Oregon law, newly elected officials assume their office on the first Monday of the new year, or the next judicial day, thereafter.

This year starts on Sunday, the following Monday is a legal holiday, making Tuesday, January 3, the first judicial day, according to County Clerk George R. Carter.

Perry, under this ruling will see his first official duty at the meeting of the county court January 4.

Officials who continue, are the district attorney, treasurer, assessor, county judge, one county commissioner, and the circuit judge. Next election for the above officials will be in 1940.

BIRTHS

Born at Osteopathic clinic Sunday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Van Auadal of 338 West Holly street, a baby boy weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Claus of route 1 at Osteopathic clinic this morning, a baby girl weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Mother and daughter are reported as progressing splendidly.

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MEDIATION PLAN FOR SPANISH WAR LOSES AT LIMA

Pan-American Conference Steering Committee Kills Cuban Proposal—Solidarity, Defense Issue Near

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The eighth Pan-American conference steering committee today killed a Cuban proposal for mediation by American republics in the Spanish civil war by a vote of 18 to 3.

The Cuban project would have sought an immediate armistice after which American nations, chiefly the

Spanish-speaking states, would have offered mediation.

Chief objection was that the plan constituted an attempt to involve the western hemisphere in the affairs of Europe at a time when the conference was seeking means of keeping European hands off purely American problems. Only Haiti and Mexico voted with Cuba for the proposal.

Solidarity Issue Near

The conference moved nearer action on the issue of continental solidarity and defense when it was announced the Brazilian delegation, headed by ex-Foreign Minister, Afranio Mello Franco, had completed its formula for such action.

Informed persons said Mello Franco's draft included a declaration that the signatories would hold themselves ready to defend the American continent against expansionist designs of non-American powers and proclaimed again the American doctrine that lack of raw materials, excess population or other such pretexts do not confer rights on nations to acquire the territory of others.

In case of any aggression against an American state the signatories would agree to combine immediately in a common defense.

Argentine Displeased

Delegates expressed the belief today Air M. Landon's speech emphasizing the Monroe doctrine was highly distasteful to Argentina, which already had differences with the United States on the question of continental solidarity and defense.

A few hours after the speech, however, Isidoro Ruiz Moreno, chairman of the Argentine delegation, declared "we already have smoothed out some differences and I am sure a complete accord will be reached."

Argentina has been fighting the United States on the matter of continental solidarity ever since the conference opened.

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REACTOMETER TO TEST PUPILS AT SR. HIGH SCHOOL

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The machine, obtained through efforts of the Medford Traffic Safety Council and George Henselman, local agent of the Aetna Life Insurance company, will be used in tests of students who are licensed automobile drivers and also all members of the physical education departments. Physical education instructors, Sue Moshberger and Ed Kirtley, were to direct testing of the students today and Tuesday.

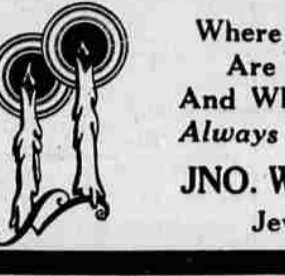
The instructors announced the reactometer will give a check on the number of seconds required for a student to shift his foot from the gas to the brake when a signal warns to stop the car. The results will be divided into three classifications, rapid, good and slow. By this means the Medford Traffic Safety Council hopes to impress upon the young people the necessity of driving slowly and carefully.

Anyone interested is invited to see the machine in action at the high school.

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