

VINSON'S JOB AS NO. 1 "NO MAN" IS HARDEST HE'S HAD

Economic Stabilization Director Says All For Stabilizing the Other Fellow.

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Washington, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—A self-satisfied "country boy" from Kentucky sat back in his leather upholstered chair and allowed as how being the nation's foremost "no-man" is a pretty tough job.

As a matter of fact, said Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson, his present job is tougher than any he has had in the 53 years of his life—yes, a lot tougher than practicing law back in Louisville, Ky., his home town, or serving as a member of congress for 12 years. He has to say "no" to a lot of things—especially wage increases and price increases.

He's still "Judge" Vinson—his friends still call him that although he resigned as an associate justice of the U. S. court of appeals for the District of Columbia five months ago for his present post—discussed some of his problems with the United Press. The interview was granted with the understanding that he was not to be directly quoted. He permitted one deviation to explain his aversion to quotation:

"I proceed on the theory that the job I do speaks for itself." Vinson had just come from one of the many conferences he attends during a normal day. His desk was piled with papers. He extended a big hand in firm grip to his interviewer.

He stared out the window of his moderate-sized office in the Federal Reserve building as he spoke in a rich, deep voice. His speech had a homespun flavor, punctuated with an occasional anecdote to illustrate a point.

Pressure Always
His job, he said, is to see to it that the nation's economy is kept stable so that inflation, dangerous runaway inflation, doesn't take root. One of the things that Vinson has to contend with is the pressure groups. Pressure from all segments of the economy—industry, labor and agriculture—is ever present. Everybody, he explained with

Dramatic Role



Intrigue and mystery mark the story of "Headin' for God's Country" which opens tomorrow at the Rialto, starring William Lundigan in the leading role. Another adventurous full length feature scheduled for the same program is "Adventure in Iraq."

A wry smile, is against inflation. And they're for stabilization—but for the other fellow.

Some folks, he continued, would like to have more dollars, even if they're cheaper dollars, so long as they have a bulge in their pockets. It reminded him of the story of Bob Taylor, a Tennessee and a great orator, who ran for congress in 1896 when the paramount issue of the day was money. When Taylor was asked by the gold standard advocates about his position, he said with a great show of sincerity that he was "fer it." When the silver proponents sought his views, he said with an equal display of sincerity that he was for the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

"And confidentially," Taylor added, "I'm also for a little grain of counterfeitin'."

Playing With Fire
Vinson observed that some folks today favored a little grain of inflation and they're playing with fire.

Did he think he was doing the job the president appointed him to do? The judge thought about that a moment. Finally, he said that the real job of preventing inflation was done before he took over. Back in 1939, he continued, President Roosevelt had visions of the coming war and envisioned inflation. Executive controls were first set up and Vinson said a real job was done under them. All you had to do, he went on, was to look at the record and compare it with the last war. Steel hasn't gone up one cent. And sugar? Well, that was selling for about 25 cents a pound in the last war.

Vinson made it clear that he isn't sitting back and letting things ride along in the groove cut by others. He sees some difficult problems ahead. There is already visible for the next calendar year an inflationary gap of \$20,000,000,000, he said. And by George, he declared, these dollars are going to have to be immobilized. That means? Well, he thought it might be done with taxes, increased sale of war bonds, controlling black markets and so forth.

How does he operate? First, get saturated with the facts and then apply common sense economic laws within the existing legal framework.

Philadelphia, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—Terming John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, the "Judas of American labor" committing "the greatest treason against America," Frederick Myers, vice-president of the National Maritime union, told the sixth annual convention of the Congress of Industrial Organizations today that Lewis "must be driven from the American labor scene."

Myers termed the current work stoppage of Lewis' United Mine Workers the "greatest blow against the nation and the greatest treason against America."

"We must expose Lewis," Myers said. "He is the Judas of American labor and we must drive him from the labor scene. It's about time the absentee landlord be driven from the palace. He is not a miner."

A general attack on Lewis, former president of the CIO, was given by R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers.

White Peak in Lassen Volcanic National Park has been renamed Reading Peak, in honor of Major P. B. Reading, first white man to visit the area.

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HEARINGS SOUGHT ON OPENING O-C LAND TO MINERS

Rep. Ellsworth and Sen. McNary Seek to Aid Miners of S. Oregon Section.

Possibility that a congressional subcommittee of the public lands committee of the house of representatives will hold hearings in southern Oregon this fall on a bill introduced by Congressman Harris Ellsworth to provide that certain lands in Oregon be opened for location and entry under the mining laws was seen in a letter from Ellsworth received recently by Wade Crawford of 707 South Oakdale avenue.

A companion bill was introduced in the senate by Senator Charles McNary following complaints by Crawford that a federal act passed in 1937 provided that mineral rights on O and C grant lands in Oregon were reserved by the government and that certain minerals could not be taken off the land by citizens.

Hearings Urged
Ellsworth, writing that his bill as written apparently did not meet with the interior department's approval, said in his letter:

"Anticipating their objection, I have repeatedly urged upon the Honorable Hardin Peterson, chairman of the public lands committee, that hearings should be held on this bill in southern Oregon by a subcommittee. He told me he had in mind sending a subcommittee to Washington this fall for some further hearings on the tax bill, and I am hopeful that the same subcommittee can be routed through southern Oregon."

"I feel that we will be at a disadvantage in protecting yours, and other local interests, if hearings on the bill are held only here in Washington, because the arguments presented by attorneys from the interior department will unquestionably outweigh the limited amount of testimony that can be presented in favor of the bill as written. I doubt very much that we shall be able to pass this bill through the house this fall, but I am going to do everything I possibly can to get it passed soon."

Adverse Report
Crawford also received a letter from Senator McNary in which he said the department of the interior had given an adverse report on his companion bill, and that Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior, had offered a substitute bill.

Ickes' bill, consisting of 10 pages, was sent to the Honorable Carl A. Hatch, chairman of the senate committee on public lands and surveys and this bill, along with Senator McNary's, will be studied by Hatch's committee.

The Ickes bill would authorize the leasing of certain O and C grant lands for the removal of minerals under a competitive bidding plan to be under the sole direction of the department of the interior. A copy of the proposed bill was sent Crawford by McNary.

Amendment Sought
The bill introduced by McNary and Ellsworth would amend a section of the act passed in 1937 by adding the following paragraph:

"Any of the revested or conveyed lands to which this act applies may be classified by the secretary of the interior as mineral lands if the secretary finds, upon application or otherwise, that such lands are more valuable or suitable for mining purposes than for use as agricultural or timber lands. Any

lands so classified as mineral lands may be restored to the public domain and may be opened to location and entry under the mining laws of the United States."

Crawford, who was formerly superintendent of the Klamath Agency, contends that the 1937 act involving the O and C grant lands takes away the rights of American citizens, and that Ickes' substitute bill would place complete domination of the mining rights in the hands of Ickes.

Public Uninformed
He claimed there were about 1,000,000 acres of O and C grant land in Oregon now closed to mining, but that the public had never been informed minerals could not be removed therefrom. He said the county clerk's office here knew nothing about the restrictions and had, recorded many mining claims on O and C land.

Crawford said he owned 140 acres of cinnabar mining property on Squaw creek in the Applegate, 120 of them on O and C land, and that the first he knew of the 1937 act was when he prepared to remove the mineral from the O and C land. He said he spent a considerable amount of money on the land before he found he could not take any of the mineral off.

RUSSIAN PAPERS HAIL CONFERENCE AS BLOW TO AXIS

Moscow, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—The Communist party organ Pravda said today that the Moscow conference successfully decided several urgent questions regarding the conduct of the war.

"The consequences of the close solidarity established between the allied nations will be felt soon," Pravda said. "The decisions will deal heavy blows to the plans of the Hitlerite strategists, where the principal hope is based on protracting the war."

Izvestia, the government organ, hailed the results of the conference as "a new and substantial success in the development of Allied collaboration." The conference abundantly demonstrated the determination of the three great powers to carry the struggle against the Nazis to a conclusion, speed up the defeat of the enemy, and hasten the hour of victory, Izvestia said editorially.

YANKEE BOMBERS RUN UP BIG SCORE

London, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—British-based American Flying Fortresses and Liberators dropped 4,698 tons of bombs on Germany and occupied territory last month and their gunners destroyed or damaged 1,261 German planes, the Eighth Air Force announced today.

The Americans lost 176 bombers while shooting down 783 planes, probably destroying 130 and damaging 347 in October, the headquarters announcement revealed.

American fighters ran up a combat score of better than 15 to 1, knocking down 77 German planes against the loss of five Thunderbolts in about 3,000 sorties during the month.

First fight engagement of ironclad naval ships was between the Confederate Merrimack and the Union Monitor in 1862.

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LT. GEO. ROHRER MISSING AFTER BOMBER MISSION

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Lt. Rohrer has been in the army for about three years and was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, at the time of the Japanese surprise bombing. He was in Schofield barracks when that building was bombed. Shortly after the Pearl Harbor incident Lt. Rohrer returned to this country and joined the air corps, graduating as a Fortress pilot from the field at Roswell, N. M. He sailed for overseas duty last May 1.

The young man graduated from Medford senior high school with the class of 1939 and enlisted in an engineer's division soon after. He and Mrs. Rohrer were married last January. Lt. Rohrer's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Rohrer of 214 West Jackson Blvd.

The first petroleum well in the U. S. was opened at Titusville, Pa., in 1859.

Lake Champlain was discovered by the French explorer, Champlain.

The first American performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pinafore" took place in San Francisco on New Year's Day, 1879.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify. 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

GIRL SCOUT WEEK IS OBSERVED BY MEDFORD TROOPS

As a part of National Girl Scout week, being observed this week by Medford troops, the Medford Salvation Army USO is sponsoring an open house program Wednesday night from 7 until 9 p. m. The special week opened Sunday with a "Scouts Own" ceremony held at the Riverside USO which commemorated the birthday anniversary of the founder of Girl Scout, Juliette Low.

In addition to Girl Scouts of all ages from all parts of the county, parents and friends have been invited to the open house and several members of the Women's Army corps stationed at Camp White, who are former Girl Scouts, will be guests. Informal singing will make up the program, which is being planned by Adjutant Charles K. Cox, director of the USO center.

If troops attend as a unit, they are invited to present a program number or to bring craft displays.

It is expected that several hundred visitors will attend the open house during the evening and it is stated that a check count will be made at the door.

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