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Curb on Private Business Power Roosevelt's Aim

Supporters Claim Monopoly Inquiry Message of Wide Significance

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Decentralization of the business structure became a broad new Administration objective today. This goal was set by President Roosevelt in a militant anti-monopoly message to Congress asking a \$500,000 appropriation for studies of virtually all fundamental aspects of the nation's business life preliminary to Congressional action to break up "a concentration of private power without equal in history."

The Chief Executive sent the message to Congress late yesterday. Some Administration supporters said that because of its possible effect on business, the extensiveness of the program of study and legislation outlined and the political potentialities, it was the most important document that had gone from the White House to the Capitol in many months. The President assailed "industrial empire building" and "banker control of industry."

See Competition Throttled Monopolistic throttling of price competition, he said, was "one of the primary causes" of present economic difficulties, and he declared that "the small business man is unfortunately being driven into a less and less independent position in American life."

"The first truth is that the liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it becomes stronger than their democratic state itself. That, in its essence, is Fascism—ownership of Government by an individual, by a group or by any other controlled private power."

The President urged Congress to act on three things at this session: 1. A bill to prevent any further growth of bank holding companies and eventually to abolish them.

2. A \$500,000 appropriation for studies by the Federal Trade Commission, the Justice Department and the Securities Commission of "the concentration of economic power in American industry" and all aspects of the effect of that concentration on the nation's economic life.

3. A \$200,000 appropriation for the Justice Department to use in addition to its other funds in "the proper and fair enforcement of the existing anti-trust laws."

Weather Prolongs Spanish Stalemate HENDAYE, April 30.—Bad weather prolonged the stalemate on eastern Spanish battlefronts today, limiting operations to sporadic encounters.

For several days the front running from the Tercel sector eastward to the Mediterranean has touched the following points: Aliga, Castelosa, Morelia, Casti, Tirig, Vinromas and thence to the coast east of Alcala de Chivert.

Dispatches from the opposing armies disagreed as to the point where the line reaches the Mediterranean.

Move Is on Foot to Cancel 'Blank Checks' for Roosevelt A movement developed today in a House appropriations subcommittee to appropriate relief funds directly to agencies rather than to the President.

That would end a system under which relief money has been handed over to Mr. Roosevelt, who in turn has redistributed it to the Works Progress Administration and other Government bodies.

Some critics of this method have contended that Congress thereby abdicated its control over spending and gave the President "blank checks."

Police Report Second Arrest In Death Case

WPA Carpenter in Custody as Alloway Probe Is Pushed

MOUNT HOLLY, April 30.—Arthur B. Hammell, 43, of Walnut Street, Bordentown, a carpenter employed by the WPA, was arrested yesterday by County Detective Clinton Zeller in connection with the strange case of Isaac Alloway, found dead last Saturday in a ditch near his boarding house.

Zeller's charge reads, "that on or about the 14th day of April, Arthur B. Hammell, of the city of Bordentown, did receive from one Cecil J. Myers of Bordentown, one hundred-dollar bill, knowing the same to have been stolen from one Isaac Alloway, of the city of Bordentown."

Cecil Myers, 35, another Bordentown WPA worker, was arrested Wednesday. He is being held in connection with the same case. Alloway was 78 years old and a former laundry owner.

The officers still insist that the aged Bordentown man was not murdered, but are not giving out any more information until the investigation is completed.

Market Trading Near Standstill Tendency to Remain on Sidelines and Await Developments

NEW YORK, April 30.—Trading on the stock exchange came to almost a standstill today. Price movements were narrow.

The tendency was to remain on the sidelines awaiting further developments. There was nothing in the news to sway the market.

For a time the airplane division provided a feature, but failed to attract a following and prices slipped off. In a few instances thin markets developed and a few transactions brought rather wide price changes.

Examples were Union Pacific which sold at 67 1/2 up 2 1/2 and General Mills preferred at 122 up 4. Mullins Manufacturing lost 2 1/2 points.

Otherwise net changes were fractional, with gains and losses balancing each other. Bonds were quiet with prices steady. Wheat eased slightly, while cotton futures were steady.

Steel shares were quiet and steady in the face of indications of another decline in the operating rate next week. U. S. Steel ranged over an area of only 1/2 point.

Dog Owners Warned It's Time for New Licenses

It's dog license time at City Hall. The annual headache for City Clerk John L. Haney and his staff probably will begin next week, with the current licenses expiring today.

During 1937, Haney's office issued 5,735 licenses and up to today only 325 of the 52 permits had been handed out for 1938. Police will begin their systematic check-up on dog licenses within the next few days to determine if owners have taken out licenses.

Morton Sees Spoils System In WPA Setup

Declares Needy Deprived Of Aid by Political Favoritism

City Manager Morton today charged that "political spoils" are preventing needy persons, "able, willing and ready to work" from exercise of this privilege.

In a statement pointing out his motive for stirring up the current WPA controversy is to see that eligible persons receive jobs, Morton charged: "There are men on WPA who draw comfortable pensions occupying positions of the needy. There are men on WPA who operate businesses who do likewise. There are men on WPA who through political efficiency only, have been selected."

"I have read with deliberation and an open mind editorial comment concerning the most undesirable and unfortunate controversy existing pertaining to WPA.

Hits at "Abuses" "I desire to commend the principle in substance of these editorials, but I plead it is not fair to describe this matter as hickering. No red-blooded American citizen, who believes in the fundamentals of the Bill of Rights and the principles upon which this government is founded, would tolerate indefinitely abuses which are so generally recognized."

"Since August, 1936, by communication to local, regional and national authority, I have pleaded that WPA be operated in accordance with the rules. Why? Because as hungry men starve, who are able, willing and ready to work, political spoils prevent them from the exercise of this privilege."

To Insist On Reforms "The motive behind this undesirable controversy is exclusively that the game may be played according to the rules and men who are eligible and in need, as well as qualified by experience, may be given work through this medium. Just so long as these rules are violated and just so long as these abuses continue I propose to exercise the authority of this office in straining every effort to my command to correct these abuses."

"I, too, deplore controversies and long letters. Action is what is needed especially when hungry men starve. There are men on WPA who draw comfortable pensions occupying positions of the needy. There are men on WPA who, through political efficiency only, have been selected and yet men with large families, years of experience and in several instances technically trained and experienced, must remain on the dole."

"No government in this great country of ours will tolerate indefinitely this abuse. This is the principle over which the controversy is being fought and I am ready, willing and anxious to cooperate just so long as this principle is not violated."

Park at Crossing Will Be Improved

Expenditure of \$102,648 for improvements at Washington Crossing State Park is included in a list of WPA projects approved by Washington authorities.

The grant will be used, State Forester C. P. Wilber said today, for expansion of recreational facilities at the park, such as pavilions, fireplaces and benches; construction of a garage and workshop replacing a barn destroyed by fire five months ago and further landscaping work.

Several hundred large evergreen trees were transplanted last year to form beauty spots at the park and this work, too, will be continued. When the program is completed the park will be one of the most attractive of the State system.

FLASHES

CHINESE UPSETS AUSTIN BOURNEMOUTH, Eng., April 30.—Kuo Sun Kie, Chinese Davis Cup player, defeated Henry Hines (Britain) in a match today at British hard court tennis championship play in an upset, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

EDWARD TUCK DIES MONTE CARLO, April 30.—Edward Tuck, who served Abraham Lincoln sent to Paris 75 years ago as vice consul, died today. He was 95 years old. Dean of the American colony in France, one of the greatest of foreign benefactors of Austin, he had been accorded more honors by the French people than any American who ever lived.

AMNESTY FOR NAZIS BERLIN, April 30.—Reichsleiter Adolf Hitler today proclaimed amnesty for Nazi party members charged with offenses committed prior to April 10, 1938. The amnesty commemorated the "anniversary" of Germany and Austria. Neither the number of adherents nor the nature of their offenses was disclosed.

It Looks Like a Tough Day for the Fish—



1,500 Children Scramble For Trout Honors

Judges Swamped Ten Seconds After Starting Signal

Eager young faces, a forest of bamboo, a shower of worms—such was the trout-view this morning as the Mercer County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs staged its annual kiddies' fishing contest.

Nothing like this show was ever presented on or off the screen, ladies and gentlemen! There was, of course, no official count of the young anglers, but it was apparent at a glance along the banks of the Assunpink Creek at Lawrence Station that the number went beyond 1,500 boys—and girls.

They Arrive Early The first contingent of automobiles began drawing into the fishing zone at the old Bahrenburg bridge before 8 A. M. By 8:30, scheduled time of the start, there were at least 100 cars in the provided parking areas. Kids lined the creek by the hundreds, their tackle baited and poised. But there was a delay—buses and cars due from Hamilton Township and the outskirts of Trenton failed to arrive on time.

At about 9:15, two large buses, a 15-ton truck and a caravan of about 20 cars pulled up along the dusty road. They poured another several hundred young anglers into the fray. The original transportation facilities had proved insufficient, so the truck and the private cars were pressed into service. Hence the delay.

Real Sportsmen The children who had waited from 8 o'clock took the delay like sportsmen. They changed their wilted worms, put on fresh bait, and drew their elbows in another notch to make squeeze-in room for the latecomers at the best holes.

Nurse Killed, Four Hurt in Auto Crash MIDDLESEX BORO., N. J., April 30.—A young graduate nurse was killed and four persons injured in a crash today between two automobiles on Route 28.

The dead woman was Mary Romano, 22, of Bound Brook, a nurse at St. Peter's Hospital, New Brunswick. Two men riding with her, Dr. Jacob De Vita, 28, of Brooklyn, N. Y., an interne at the hospital, and George Boyle, 24, of New Brunswick, were reported in fair condition at Mountbarn Hospital, Plainfield.

The other injured were Nicholas Jeannetti, 28, and Edward Kulpach, 22, both of Middlesex Boro. They were taken to Bound Brook Hospital where their conditions were described as "fair."

Fair Tomorrow Lowered temperatures today broke the pre-season heat wave which had gripped Trenton for several days. The mercury slumped to 52 degrees this morning and should not get above 70 degrees. Cloudy and slightly cooler tonight is the forecast of the United States Weather Bureau here. Tomorrow will be fair.

Snow in Maine CARIBOL, Me., April 30.—Northern Arrowscook County, seat of Maine's potato empire, shivered in unseasonable cold today under a two-inch blanket of snow.

Italy and the U. S. By Oswald Garrison Villard In reviewing the credits to Mr. Mussolini's policy, it is reasonable to write the best forecast.

The more one studies the much-heralded and widely praised pact just concluded between England and Italy, the more one is puzzled by the enthusiasm with which it has been greeted. President Roosevelt, for example, has smashed all precedents by personally giving to the press a statement that "this Government has seen the conclusion of the agreement with sympathetic interest because it is proof of the value of peaceful negotiation."

What was the game of the President? Was it the game of jumping to conclusions. We shall not have proof that the treaty is of any value whatever for some time to come. Evidently the President overlooked the fact that Italy even going into effect would not have taken her troops out of Spain, and there is no promise in the treaty as to when that will be. Mr. Roosevelt might have asked himself whether any treaty founded upon two such grossly immoral acts as the approval of the rape of Ethiopia and the destruction of the promising democracy of Spain could possibly endure. He might even have recalled that Mussolini has given his word to England on several previous occasions and then forgotten to keep it, which has led Robert Dell, the famous English correspondent, to the conclusion. We shall

Building Trades Wage Increases Lead to Conflict

Fight Fascism, Moscow Bids World's Labor Aggression of Japan And Nazis Cited In May Day Manifesto

MOSCOW, April 30.—The Communist International, in a violent attack today on moderate labor leaders in Democratic countries, called on Socialist and trade union internationalists "to form a united front against Japanese, German and Italian aggression."

A May Day manifesto issued by the executive committee of the Communist International urged that Fascism be curbed by application of "economic, political and other sanctions."

The manifesto asked workers to try to obtain the withdrawal of Germans from Austria, Japanese from China and Germans and Italians from Spain.

It warned "those who allow Spain and China to be strangled that they would prepare a 'Fascist yoke' for themselves and 'strengthen the chains of their own capitalist slavery.'"

The manifesto went on to appeal to Socialist and trade union internationalists for unity with Soviet workers in a "common front."

Sir Walter M. Citrine, British Labor leader, was bitterly criticized for blocking previous efforts at such unity.

Czech Solution Will Be Sought

London-Paris Influence Backed by Joint Military Accord

LONDON, April 30.—The London-Paris axis, strengthened by a newly coordinated land, air and sea force, prepared today to exert its powerful leverage to bring about a peaceful solution of the Sudeten German problem in Czechoslovakia.

At conclusion of the two-day conference at which British and French ministers discussed world problems, from China to Spain and Central Europe, it was said the two powers planned these immediate steps:

1. A British approach to Berlin to seek a modification of the program of Germans subscribing to Nazi principles who are making autonomy and other demands of the Czechoslovak Government.

2. A conference by Britain and France with the Czechoslovak Government at Praha, also for the purpose of bringing about a compromise with the Sudeten Germans led by Konrad Henlein.

3. If the dangerous Czechoslovak situation was settled, it was said British Foreign Minister Viscount Halifax would seek the cooperation of German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop in opening long-deferred discussions toward a general Anglo-German settlement.

U. S. Plans to Deport Daughter of Rasputin NEW YORK, April 30.—Maria Rasputin Saloveff, adventurous refugee daughter of the Russian Czarist monk, Rasputin, was sought today by immigration authorities for deportation.

Rudolph Reimer, commissioner of immigration, who issued a deportation warrant, said her leave in this country had expired April 1.

Mrs. Saloveff, an attractive blonde, fled a Russian jail in 1922 at the age of 16 and joined a circus several years ago as an animal trainer.

Twice Saved by 'Act of God,' Vaughn Finally Dies in Chair

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., April 30.—Calmly smoking a cigar, John W. Vaughn stood in State prison death house for the second time today, recited the Lord's Prayer, bitterly indicted society for condemning him, then went to the electric chair proclaiming his innocence.

He died at 12:33 A. M. for the slaying of a San Antonio policeman.

The execution climaxed a spectacular series of delays that began eight days ago when the electric chair generator broke down.

Vaughn called that an "act of God." The execution was reset for Friday morning, but Vaughn's attorney obtained a last-minute injunction on a plea for "sanity hearing."

The attorney said Vaughn had been driven insane by three hours of listening to workmen attempting to repair the generator.

The injunction was dissolved yesterday.

Vaughn entered the death chamber smoking his cigar and clasping a Bible and three roses—"My funeral bouquet."

"Gentlemen," he said, "I'd like to say the Lord's Prayer."

Warden W. W. Wain nodded assent. Vaughn bowed his head and repeated the prayer.

Then he straightened and went to the chair.