

# News Review of Current Events the World Over

## President Reveals Plans for Work Relief Program—Frank Walker His Chief Aid—Auto Workers Strike in Toledo.

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PLANS for spending the \$4,880,000,000 work relief fund are being made rapidly, parts of the general scheme being revealed to the public almost every day. The President will be the final arbiter but practically all the federal agencies will participate and three new ones have been announced by Mr. Roosevelt. These will handle rural rehabilitation, rural electrification and grade crossing elimination.



**Frank Walker** President's right hand is Frank C. Walker, former treasurer of the Democratic party. He has replaced Donald Richberg as chairman of the National Emergency council and is the head of a new division in that body known as the division of application and information. Under his direction all proposals will be sorted out and data on them from various government units will be co-ordinated. Then they will be handed on, with Mr. Walker's recommendations, to a new works allotment board which is headed by Secretary Harold Ickes. These two additions to the alphabet groups in Washington are known as DAI and WAB.

The Toledo strike might spread to other automotive plants. Leo C. Wollman, chairman of the National Automobile Labor board, reported that that body had completed a canvass of 163,150 workers in American automobile plants and found that 68.6 per cent of them showed no affiliation with any labor organization. The various employees' associations grouped together ranked second with 21,774 members, equal to 13.3 per cent of the total. The American Federation of Labor was third with 14,057, or 8.6 per cent, while the Associated Automobile Workers of America were fourth with 6,083, or 3.7 per cent. The remainder of the vote was split between the Mechanics Educational society and ten other unions.

WITHOUT benefit of gag rule but with perfect party discipline, the administration's social security bill was jammed through the house substantially as President Roosevelt wants it. The final vote was 372 to 33. It may be some weeks before it is passed by the senate, for the senate finance committee, to which it was referred, is busy just now with NRA extension and veterans' bonus payment. Leading features of the measure as passed by the house are:

1. Highways, roads, streets, grade crossing elimination, and express highways, \$800,000,000.
  2. Rural rehabilitation, relief in stricken agricultural areas, water conservation, water diversion, irrigation, reclamation, rural industrial communities, and subsistence homesteads, \$500,000,000.
  3. Rural electrification, \$100,000,000.
  4. Housing, low cost housing in rural and urban areas, reconditioning, and remodeling, \$450,000,000.
  5. Assistance for educational, professional, and clerical persons and other "white collar" unemployed, \$300,000,000.
  6. Citizen Conservation corps, \$600,000,000.
  7. Sanitation, soil erosion, stream pollution, reforestation, flood control, rivers and harbors, \$350,000,000.
  8. Loans, grants, or both, to cities, counties, states, and other political subdivisions for public works, \$900,000,000.
- The rural rehabilitation work will be directed by Rexford G. Tugwell, under-secretary of agriculture, and he will not be responsible to Secretary Wallace but will have a free hand to carry out his schemes for moving families from marginal lands, shifting stranded industrial workers to new, planned rural communities and building cities outside of large urban centers to relieve slum congestion.
- Asked as to how much was ready to be spent the President recalled that \$600,000,000 already had been put forward for the CCC and that Public Works Administrator Harold L. Ickes had applications totaling more than \$1,000,000,000.
- In conclusion, the Chief Executive said that there was a tendency to make loans instead of grants wherever possible, the loans to be long-term ones at low interest rates.
- Appointment of Mr. Walker leaves Mr. Richberg free, as the President said, to devote his time to the NRA during the period of pending legislation in congress and litigation in the Supreme court.

ORGANIZED labor opened its attempt to obtain recognition in the automobile industry with a strike of workers in the Toledo plant of the Chevrolet Motor company. The factory was closed down immediately, though only a part of the force joined in the strike. Union pickets were placed about it, but city police and deputy sheriffs were on hand to see that there was no disorder.

President Sloan of General Motors corporation issued this statement in New York.

"The vital question involved is whether General Motors corporation is willing to sign an agreement for a closed shop recognizing the local union as the exclusive representative of all the employees of the Toledo plant. This General Motors will not do."

The union, in a lengthy statement, said its committee "has done everything in its power to meet with the management and to secure an amicable and fair adjustment of the matter of wages, hours and union recognition and various other grievances."

MORE than three thousand persons lost their lives in a series of earthquake shocks that occurred in the most thickly populated section of Formosa, the island off the Chinese coast which Japan acquired in 1895. It was the worst disaster of the kind in the Orient since the Tokyo-Yokohama quake of 1923. The number of injured was estimated at fully 12,000, and a quarter of a million were rendered homeless. Property damage was placed at \$28,000,000. Half a dozen sizable towns and many villages were completely destroyed, and fires and heavy rain added to the dangers and distress of the afflicted people.

FATHER COUGHLIN, the "radio priest" of Detroit, staged the first state meeting of his National Union for Social Justice in Olympia stadium in his home town, and more than 150,000 enthusiastic supporters crowded into the edifice to hear him tell how he proposed to right the wrongs of the people. On the platform with the crusading cleric were Senators Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma and Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, and Representatives William Connery of Massachusetts, Martin E. Sweeney of Ohio, Thomas O'Malley of Wisconsin and William Lemke of North Dakota.

The priest put forward the National union as a definite political weapon aimed at the money power and at standpat partyism.

Father Coughlin has been endorsed by the bishop of Detroit, Rt. Rev. Michael Gallagher.

"I pronounce Father Coughlin sound in doctrine, able in its application and interpretation," the bishop said. "Freely I give him my imprimatur on his written word and freely I give my approval on the spoken word. May both be circulated without objection throughout the land. Under my jurisdiction he preaches the just codes of the old law and its commandments. Until a lawful superior rules otherwise, I stand steadfastly behind this priest, Father Coughlin, encouraging him to do the will of God as he sees it and I see it."

GOVERNOR TALMADGE of Georgia, one of the most vociferous Democratic denouncers of President Roosevelt and the New Deal, has a strong supporter in Tom Linder, the Georgia commissioner of agriculture. In the department's official farm bulletin, that gentleman sent to the farmers of the state a message that "we still have the right to secede" from the Union.

The statement was carried in a footnote to a long article written by Linder in which he drew a comparison between the Democratic administration in Washington and the Russian government.

The secession reference was in the nature of a protest against a recent ruling by the United States Supreme court reversing Alabama courts in the Scottsboro case on the ground colored citizens were excluded from juries.

SENATOR HUEY LONG delivered his much advertised attack on the President and the administration before a crowd that jammed the senate chamber. He was limited to 40 minutes, but in that time he used a lot of language. After describing Ickes, Farley, Wallace and General Johnson in terms not very funny, the "Kingfish" assailed Mr. Roosevelt as personally responsible for what he called a plan to force the state of Louisiana to yield to corruption and debauchery. He threatened a tax rebellion in his realm if there were further federal encroachments in the matter of controlling the expenditure of federal loans for state projects.

Huey charged that the administration was concerned solely with controlling the expenditures in Louisiana in such manner as to insure winning the election in 1936.

"They could go down there and spend the whole five billion and they could not win that election," he said.

Senator Long now indicates that he has no desire to head a third party next year unless that should be necessary to bring about the defeat of President Roosevelt. He says he would gladly join with the Republicans if they would nominate Senator Borah.

UNDER a new law the German Nazis are suppressing the entire church press of the country, Catholic and Protestant, and also all Jewish organs, either religious or racial. The edict, signed by Max Amann, president of the reich press chamber and manager of the Nazi party's publishing organization, is designed to monopolize the reich's publications for Nazi ideas and make them legally subject to Nazi dictatorship.

The law provides that "church or professional newspapers as well as papers intended for groups of subscribers with certain interests, henceforth are forbidden." The Nazi party and its organizations are not subject to the new law.

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## HAWAIIANS TURN TO PRESERVATION OF RACIAL GROUP

Not that the Hawaiian race is dying out—far from it—though it is certainly spreading out, by intermixture. But it is at the same time experiencing today a fresh grounding in its own subsoil through an increased "inmarrying"—that is, the tendency of part-Hawaiians to marry back into the Hawaiian group rather than to continue outward toward a further dilution of blood.

The Hawaiian people are a vigorous and prolific people, and their women are instinctive and devoted mothers. The race is experiencing now a period of recrudescence in numbers as well as in racial self-consciousness.

Curiously enough, this new racial self-consciousness is one quite unmistakable symptom of the changing cultural life in the islands. It is a symptom not to be overlooked—this swing from an earlier enthusiasm for the "melting pot ideal," on the part of almost all elements in society, to the tendency to draw apart into self-conscious racial groups with cordial relations but a

distinct feeling of difference in interests and background. This finds its most practical expression in separate civic clubs and chambers of commerce. It is accentuated by the cultural clubs drawn along racial lines at the university and by the growing emphasis upon the study of racial heritage in the schools.—Elizabeth Green, in Asia Magazine.



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