

# 'Dictatorship' For Roosevelt Is Democratic, Says Pepper

Senator Claude Pepper (D.), of Florida, who has proposed that Congress make President Roosevelt a dictator, argued in the Senate yesterday that it would be thoroughly democratic to invest the President with absolute power over the lives and property of all the people of the United States.

The establishment of such a totalitarian regime would be democratic, the Florida New Dealer maintained, because the same Congress which voted to give the President such powers during an "emergency" could rescind them when it deemed the emergency to have passed.

The question of creating a dictatorship was raised during the Senate debate on the Administration's conscription bill, which was denounced by Senator Robert A. Taft (R.), of Ohio, as a long step in the direction of dictatorship. If the present "emergency" is as great as the advocates of peacetime conscription say it is, Senator Taft contended, "then we should adopt a completely socialized state and place ourselves and our property at the disposal of the Government."

"This," said Senator Taft, "is fascism. It could only be justified if it were the only possible alternative to the subjugation of the United States by fascism from without."

Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D.), of Montana, interrupted Senator Taft to read a newspaper account of a radio address by Fulton Lewis Jr. over the Mutual system and Station WOL Tuesday night. Pepper was quoted as frankly advocating totalitarian powers for President Roosevelt.

Talk Not Repudiated  
Wheeler told the Senate that he did not attribute any importance to Pepper's remark. Pepper did not repudiate the radio broadcast in which he was quoted as advocating totalitarian powers for the President. He said he had made similar proposals on the floor of the Senate.

Pepper's insistence that it would be wholly in accord with democratic principles to make the President a dictator occurred during a colloquy with Senator Taft.

"Does not the Senator recall the period of the World War days when Congress conferred upon the President very great powers during the period of the emergency and then when the emergency passed the powers were revoked or rescinded without this country ceasing to be a democracy?" he asked.

Senator Taft replied that "war is such an emergency that as a practical matter the President is nearly always made a dictator in war time."

"But if we begin to do that every time Congress thinks there is an emergency, which is the theory we have pursued for some years, it takes very little, after a while, to make an emergency," Senator Taft added. "In other words, it is claimed now that in time of peace we should confer the power of conscripting men by force, by dragging them from their homes and putting them into the Army. That is a very

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE CARRIER AND DATE OF HEARING THEREON  
As required by Section 3, Chapter 136, Public Laws of 1927, notice is hereby given that application has been made by Hall Hudgins Truck Line, for a Franchise Certificate, authorizing the operation of motor vehicles for transporting freight between North Wilkesboro and High Point over the public highways via the intervening towns of Via Highway 268 to Elkin, via 21 and 67 to Winston-Salem and No. 311 to High Point, and that the Utilities Commission will hold a hearing on the said application in State Depts. Bldg., at Raleigh, on Tuesday, 27th, August 1940, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

N. C. UTILITY COMMISSION  
By R. O. Self, Chief Clerk.  
19-22-26

NOTICE SERVING SUMMONS  
North Carolina—Wilkes County:  
Before C. J. Jones,  
Justice Of The Peace  
Dave Mink and C. G. Glass  
vs.  
Henry C. Holland

The defendant, Henry C. Holland, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced before the undersigned Justice of the Peace of Wilkes County, North Carolina, to recover a certain amount on a note; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the undersigned Justice of the Peace in Reddies River Township, on the 20th day of September, 1940, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M., and answer to the summons issued in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 17th day of August, 1940.  
C. J. JONES,  
Justice of the Peace

different thing to my mind from war times."

"If Congress determines the existence of the emergency it may likewise determine when the emergency ceases to exist," Pepper said.

Quotes General Staff  
Senator Taft referred to the argument of Administration supporters that the draft is necessary because the Army wants 400,000 men by October 1. Yet, the Senator noted, the Army General Staff testified Tuesday that it will be impossible to call up 400,000 conscripts by October 1 and that this number cannot be inducted into service before January 1.

Senator Bennett Champ Clark (D.), of Missouri, interrupting Senator Taft, inquired:

"Did the Senator ever hear a more outrageous proposition advanced in the history of this country than that advanced by General Shedd yesterday, that the War Department's plans were being held up by an apparently endless delay in Congress, when the Senate of the United States indulged in a three-day debate so far on a plan radically to change the whole policy of the United States from the foundation of the Government down?"

"As a matter of fact," Clark continued, "everyone knows, and everyone has known all the time, that some excuse would be found for postponing the operation of the draft because, as many inept things as this Administration has done, nothing in the whole history of it would indicate that they were going to be so inept as to have hundreds of thousands of mothers going down to the stations kissing their boys good-bye to go off to the Army in time of peace, within three or four weeks before an election."

Equipment Held Lacking  
Senator Taft agreed with Clark's statement that General Shedd's testimony was "outrageous." Another reason for postponing the proposed drafting of the first 400,000 men, he said, is that the Army has neither the equipment or the housing facilities to put that many men in training.

Senator Taft recalled that Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, testified that the objective of the Army high command is to have 900,000 men under arms by next April.

## Legumes Hold Key To Soil Fertility

C. B. Williams, head of the N. C. State College Agronomy Department, says legumes plus proper fertilization hold the key to fertile, productive soils.

The most practical method in building up the productive power of soils, he explained, calls for the proper growth and handling of suitable legume crops in rotation with properly fertilized major crops.

The mere growing of legumes does not assure added fertility unless these crops are handled properly. If the legumes are removed from the field, leaving on the land only the stubble and roots, their use in this manner alone will prove a delusion so far as being an effective means of increasing the producing power of the soil in a permanent way is concerned.

Effective methods of increasing the fertility of soils, Williams explained, must be those that will leave the soil at the end of each year fairly well supplied with thoroughly decomposed organic matter and an increasing amount of readily available plant foods. This will be the effect which the proper growth and handling of legumes will have on the land.

"Anyone at all familiar with the simple principles of soil management," Williams said, "knows that fertility cannot be maintained when the crops removed take off the land more plant foods than are returned to it. That's why it's so important to turn under some of the legumes."

The State College agronomist urged that every farmer adopt a good legume program on his farm. County farm agents of the Extension Service will aid in building such a program.

Question: When should the most rigid culling be practiced in the poultry flock?

Answer: Culling is a year-around job, but the flock should be watched most carefully during July and August. This is the time for the early molters and as soon as molt appears or the hens stop laying they should be taken from the flock and sold or used at home. September and October is another favorable time to handle the old flock as most of the mediocre birds stop producing in late August or September. These birds also should be removed from the flock and disposed of in some way.

## 33-Pound Tuber Discovered Here

A. B. Chambers, resident of this city, is exhibiting a sweet potato which has a weight of 33 pounds.

The giant tuber, of a wild variety, was found near Reddies River here after the flood waters receded. Mr. Chambers is going to make an effort to preserve the tuber and keep it alive and growing.

## Drinking Water Should Be Boiled

### Water Systems In Operation But Health Precautions Should Be Taken

The warning issued by the health department and the Wilkes medical society last week that ALL WATER SHOULD BE BOILED BEFORE DRINKING was renewed today notwithstanding the fact that water systems of both towns are now in operation.

Water supplies have been so polluted by the flood that as a precaution all drinking water should be boiled during the next few days to avoid danger of contracting disease.

It is also asked that all persons who have not been immunized against typhoid within the past two years secure the vaccination, which may be obtained from the health department or any physician. On Thursday and Friday an emergency health station was set up at the city hall here and 1,802 were vaccinated.

Wilkesboro's new water system was put into operation Thursday and North Wilkesboro secured water Friday from the Wilkesboro system. On Saturday the North Wilkesboro water plant, which was badly damaged by flood waters Wednesday morning had been repaired and was placed in operation.

## Revival At Cub Creek Baptist Church

Rev. L. T. Younger, pastor, has announced that a revival at Cub Creek Baptist church will begin on the fourth Sunday night in August. Rev. Grady Hamby, of Boone, will assist in the revival and all ministers and the public has a cordial invitation to attend.

## Executives Of International Shoe Co. Here

Executives of the International Shoe company, which lost a large tannery plant here by fire and flood Wednesday, are in North Wilkesboro surveying the losses and making plans for future procedure.

The company officials here are: Fred Hume, chief engineer, of the home office in St. Louis; R. C. Monig, auditor, of St. Louis; William F. Herring, power engineer, of St. Louis; H. R. Green, general manager of the sole leather manufacturing department; and T. W. Green, assistant to H. R. Green, both of St. Marys, Pa.

Officials contacted here today said they had no statement to make or estimate of losses by destruction of the plant here. They declined comment relative to future plans here but indicated that some statement may be made this week.

The main plant of the tannery was burned in the midst of the high flood of the Yadkin Wednesday and other portions of the property were badly damaged by high waters. Much material was washed away.

## Questions Answered By State College

Question: Are green tobacco stalks beneficial to the soil when plowed under?

Answer: The green stalks are beneficial to a certain degree, but the greatest benefit comes from the destruction of insect pests. Suckers which grow upon stalks left standing furnish a breeding and feeding ground for millions of insect pests which attack the crop the next season. For this reason alone all stalks should be cut and plowed under immediately after harvest. The stalks, however, do furnish a small amount of plant food, but this is negligible when compared with the benefits from insect control.

### REAL WRECK

A celebrated violinist was in a motor car accident. A paper, after reporting the accident, added, "We are happy to state that he was able to appear the following evening in three pieces."

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## Farmers Organized In Defense Program

Farmers of North Carolina are organized for any emergency, says Dr. E. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service. They are ready to meet any call for contributions to National defense in the form of food, feed and the materials for clothing. They have been preparing for such a call in recent years. They have experienced leadership to do the job, he declared.

Dr. Schaub said that the National Farm Program has enabled farmers to become better organized and more ready to work together than at any time in history. He also pointed out that through the Agricultural Conservation Program, the fertility of the soil has been built up to where the necessities of war could be produced in greater quantities, with less time and expense.

"Our Extension organization was only three years old when the United States entered the first World War in 1917," Dr. Schaub continued. "Yet, with limited personnel and experience, the farm and home agents and subject matter specialists provided efficient leadership in that great crisis. Farm and home demonstra-

tion work is now 26 years old, and we have an organization of trained agents, specialists and administrators. Every county in the State is organized for Extension work."

"Many of the farm and home agents, specialists and others who directed emergency activities of rural people in 1917 and 1918, and again during the depression years, are still with the organization. They did their jobs efficiently. They have the confidence of the farm people, and are ready to lead again."

"It will not be necessary to set up new services, or new organizations of farmers to carry on agriculture's part of the National defense program."

### SPONGE CAKE

After being served sponge cake at a friend's home, a little girl in an appreciative mood went over to the hostess and said, "I could tell it was sponge 'cake, it's so nice and rubbery."

### HOW TRUE

The pupils were asked to construct a sentence containing the word "amphibious." As quick as a flash the son of a fisherman gave out the following: "Most fish stories am fibious?"

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Question: What causes the milk from our cow to separate into three parts after it is changed—the curd at the bottom, the water in the middle, and the cream on top with so much butter at all?

Answer: Such difficulty in handling milk often happens in extremely hot weather. It is usually no fault of the cow or her feed. If you will place the milk immediately after milking in the coldest water available and keep the milk and cream cold by changing the water occasionally, it should help to remedy this trouble. It is best not to place it in a refrigerator or ice box until after cooling the milk in water. It is also important to give the milk utensils an extra good scalding, using baking soda in the hot water, to kill bacteria in warm weather.

### BRINGS OUT BEAST

Playfoot—So you are the kind of girl who brings out the beast when a young man calls?

Harriet—Certainly; I always make my boy friend take little Fifi for a walk.



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