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Washington Wonders What Trend New Deal Will Take

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(Special to The Press-Maconian)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—With the reelection of President Roosevelt the major question which now interests Washington is whether the New Deal policies will be continued or whether the Administration and the new Congress will take a more conservative attitude in public affairs. The general belief here is that the next four years constituting Mr. Roosevelt's second term, will not be so filled with spectacular experiments in government as the period just passed.

Despite the sweeping victory of the Democrats, it is the belief here that Republican opposition in Congress will be much better organized and led than in the past two Congresses, and that there will be a swing toward the conservative side in the Democratic Congressional leadership.

leadership. An interesting phase of the Congressional situation is the rise to prominence in the Democratic Party councils of the Texas group. Vice-President Garner is the leader of this bloc, which is more powerful than most people realize. Seven other Texans in the Lower House, including Representatives Rayburn, Connolly, Sumners, Marvin Jones, Buchanan, Lanham, and Patman, wield among them a powerful influence. They have a close tie with the Administration through another Texan, Jesse Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, who in many respects is the most powerful figure in the executive department. Texas has six committee chairmen in the House.

On the Republican side the stage is set for an active and aggressive opposition, looking forward to the Congressional elections of 1938 and the Presidential election of 1940. The foremost Republican leaders are Representatives Snell, Wadsworth, Hollister, Bolton, Martin and Treadway. In the Senate, Senator Mc-Nary will continue to be the nominal leader by virtue of seniority, but as he is regarded by his associates as being distinctly pro-Roosevelt, the actual leadership will fall to Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, who seized the reins last Winter and led the only effective opposition which has developed in the past 31/2 years.

All the indications, therefore, point to serious and intense political activity on Capitol Hill for the next two years.

Speaker May Change

There is some doubt whether Representative Bankhead of Alabama, the present Speaker of the House, will be physically able to continue in that office. The principal candidates for the speakership, in the event of Mr. Bankhead's retirement, are Representatives O'Connor of Tammany, Rayburn of Texas and McCormack of Massachusetts. The Tammany influence is expected to be stronger in the new House, and the Tammany bloc will hold the balance of power on many issues.

Another thing which seems certain is that there will be more lobbies and more powerful ones trying to influence Congress on behalf of special groups and minorities than at any previous time. The labor lobby will probably be the most powerful of these, having as its objective the Guffey Coal Bill, the Six-hour Day for railroad workers and the 30-hour week for all employees. Part of the Labor program is to try to build up a strong labor party to play a part

in the campaign of 1940.

The effort of the farm lobby will be to keep what it has got rather than to urge further benefits for farmers. The Veterans' lobby, however, having succeeded in getting the prepayment of the bonus over President Roosevelt's veto, has been encouraged to believe that it can get anything it wants. What it wants now is a general life pensions for veterans and widows

and orphans of veterans.

So far as Washington observers can see, only two or three Cabinet changes are in prospect. It is the general belief that someone will replace Dan Roper as Secretary of Commerce, though there is no agreement as to who is most likely to get this post. There will be a

new Secretary of War to replace Harry Woodring. If Mr. Ickes wants to retain his job as head of the Department of the Interior he can do it. Mr. Ickes has built up a powerful political machine of his own and it would be politically inexpedient for the President to try to replace him if he wants to stay. It is the general belief that very much less will be heard about Tugwell, Frankfurtter, Jerome Frank and other members of the "brain trust" during this second Roosevelt administration.

Washington has it that the man closest to the President now is Donald Richburg, former head of NRA, and that he is likely to receive an important Cabinet portfolio.

Kudzu Keeps Run-Away Farm Land at Home

Kudzu, a vigorous legume vine that came out of Japan-used for some time as a forage crop in the South—is now being used by the Soil Conservation Service in thousands of places to control gullying and soil washing on Soil Conservation Service demonstration projects all through the Southeastern states, according to R. Y. Bailey, in charge of Soil Conservation Service operations in Alabama. While kudzu is a good forage plant, Mr. Bailey is more interested in its soil-binding value. "It literally ropes land down and checks that destructive washing and gully wasting which have ruined so much once rich farm land in the Southern states," he says.



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