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President Opposes Wage Cuts During Recession of Business

Says Such Reduction of Purchasing Power by Industry Would be 'Suicidal'

Washington, Jan. 25.—President Roosevelt today opposed wage cuts by industry during the business recession as "suicidal" and warned that if salaries are slashed this winter and spring, the government will be forced to consider "other means" of creating purchasing power.

His views were embraced in a formal statement read at a press conference a few hours after John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, had announced that labor would fight to the bitter end against a reduction of wages and prices to offset effects of the trade slump.

Mr. Roosevelt completed his warning with a suggestion that mass production industries cut their prices to meet reduced purchasing power.

He brushed aside inquiries as to what the government would do if salaries are pared further, but it was believed he referred to possible resumption of Federal "pump priming."

The Chief Executive said his statement was prompted by statistics showing that some business men in a few sections of the country already had reduced wages and that similar action is reportedly contemplated by others.

He made it clear that wage reductions thus far have not been widespread.

Mr. Roosevelt said that a group of industrial and labor leaders headed by Lewis, Thomas Lamont, New York banker, and Owen D. Young, head of General Electric Co., assured him at their recent White House conference that there would be no wage reductions during the slump. He added that he hoped to confer on Monday with 10 or 12 representatives of "Little Business" and obtain their advice on how the government can aid them.

"Little Business" He said he expected this delegation to be selected from 500 small business operators who will meet earlier with Secretary of Commerce Daniel Roper and his assistant, Ernest Draper.

Organize, Work And Win

The tide of battle has turned. During 1937, the Wets forced 18 County Elections and lost 10 of them. They called these elections in the Counties where they thought they could win most easily, but they lost in more than 55 per cent of the territory selected by themselves.

Furthermore, these 18 elections were held under the provisions of a statute prepared by the Wets themselves. By legalizing beer up to 24 per cent alcoholic content and permitting transportation of whiskey into Dry Counties, this statute impaired the effectiveness of prohibition in all counties and created a situation that the Wets thought would enable them to carry every county. But they lost in 10 of the 18 elections and they have not been able to set up liquor stores in any county west of Durham.

Now is the time for the friends of temperance to redouble their efforts and wipe out the beer shops and liquor stores that are increasing human slaughter on our highways and disgracing our State with drunkenness, debauchery and crime. This goal can be achieved if those who are opposed to the liquor traffic will work for the nomination and election of Representatives and Senators who will vote against liquor and who will provide an effective plan for law enforcement. A vast majority of our citizens are opposed to this destructive traffic; and we can elect a General Assembly that will give us righteous laws and elect Sheriffs, Solicitors and Judges who will enforce these laws.

Opposition to the liquor traffic is right; and Right will triumph. To doubt this is to lack faith in God. With determination and faith, we must organize, work and win.

We call upon the friends of temperance in every county and in every precinct to meet immediately and organize for the purpose of nominating and electing Legislators and law enforcement officers who will close the beer shops and liquor stores and drive the liquor traffic, both legal and illegal, from the borders of our State.

If we will organize and work, we can win a glorious victory for our homes and our State.

Cale K. Burgess.
January 25, 1938.

Yields of 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of Burley tobacco have been reported by Yancy County growers this season. W. O. Biggs of Jacks Creek sold 1168 pounds of good tobacco produced on seven-tenths of one acre for the sum of \$292.

Gardner Thinks Outlook Bright

Issues Optimistic Statement Following Business Talk With President

Washington, Jan. 25.—Former Governor O. Max Gardner today emerged in a highly optimistic mood from a conference with President Roosevelt on the subject of the business depression.

Mr. Gardner, who is counsel for the Cotton Textile Institute and legal adviser to the Southeastern Governors, is one of a large number who recently have been called by the President for conferences on the business situation. These conferences usually have been held with groups, and Mr. Gardner is one of a comparatively small number who has been asked to meet the President alone.

After his conference, Mr. Gardner issued a statement which indicated that affirmative action of some kind for cooperative steps by the administration and business men is in prospect.

Japan Threatens War Declaration

Shows Concern Over Arms Shipments to China; Fierce Fighting Continues

Tokyo, Jan. 25.—A declaration of war against China was threatened by the Japanese government tonight as a means of bringing "third powers" under the international rules governing a blockade, which permit search and seizure of neutral vessels carrying arms.

Foreign Minister Koki Hirota, responding to questions from the floor of the Diet, charged that arms shipments were filtering into China through the British port of Hong Kong and other channels and said that a declaration of war was "possible" if other powers continue to supply China with war materials.

Great Britain was the target of a sharp attack on the floor of the Diet by Baron Hakehiko Sonoda, who remarked: "If Britain insults Oriental races and fails to respect Japan's position in the Far East, Japan would be unable to guarantee the existence of Britain's rights and interests in China."

Hirota, replying to the interpellation, said the government had information concerning shipments of arms through the British crown colony of Hong Kong, but added these were "only a small part" of the total British shipments.

In view of the fact that the Japanese government had decided not to deal with the national government (of China), it must seriously consider the position of third powers with relation to the supply of munitions to China.

He was asked if a declaration of war would be necessary to define the status of third powers, and replied: "A declaration of war is possible, but it will depend on future developments."

Baron Sonoda took particular pains to pay a warm tribute to the United States "attitude" concerning the Far Eastern situation. He also remarked that Britain's decision to suspend the plan for sending its fleet to the Far East was "timely."

"Britain should refrain from unnecessarily arousing the Japanese people," he declared.

FIERCE FIGHTING RAGES ON FRONTS IN CHINA
Shanghai, Wednesday, Jan. 26.—Severe fighting raged today on two fronts north of Shanghai, where thousands of Japanese and Chinese regular troops locked in hand-to-hand battles with big swords and bayonets.

The heaviest fighting was reported in the vicinity of Wuhu and Holsien in Anhwei province, where the first pitched battle since the fall of Shanghai carried on through the night with enormous casualties on both sides after three days of deadlock.

Further north, on the Taining front Chinese and Japanese struggled for possession of strong Chinese defense works through which the Japanese armies are attempting to smash their way for a drive southward to cut the important Lunghai railroad. The Japanese are attempting to cut the east-west railroad at Kwetsh.

Along the southern coast, meanwhile, Japan continued her aerial warfare against the Canton area in an effort to slice China's "life line" of communications to the interior and halt foreign arms shipments to the Chinese armies.

Irvin Morgan, Jr. Proposed Candidate

District Governor

Farmville Rotary Club To Present His Name At District Conference In Durham In May

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 18th, 1938, the Farmville Rotary Club unanimously adopted a resolution proclaiming Irvin Morgan, Jr., as a candidate for District Governor of the 189th District of Rotary International; his name will be presented at the District Conference to be held in May at Durham, North Carolina.



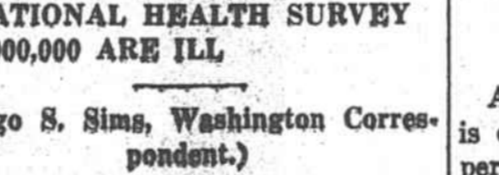
IRVING MORGAN, JR.

The proposed candidate has gained much Rotary experience during the past few months by virtue of his position as President of the Farmville Club and numerous trips that he has made to other clubs in the district as one of the speakers or honored guests; also by his successful efforts in helping the Snow Hill Rotary Club to re-organize and get back into the Rotary fold.

In addition to his attendance upon several recent District Conferences, Irvin attended the International Rotary Convention held at Mexico City in 1934.

Like most small clubs, Farmville has never had a District Governor, and believes that she now is offering the best available man in the whole district for the position.

John Moore, who presided at the meeting, appointed John Lewis, chairman, Dave Clarke and Paul E. Jones as the "Irvin Morgan, Jr., for District Governor" committee.



F. D. R. FREES SECURE LEGAL POWER SHEETS NEW DEAL WINS CASES SEEKS CO-OPERATION HOLDING COMPANIES NAVAL BUSINESS WANTS PLAN ATLANTIC FLEET NATIONAL HEALTH SURVEY 6,000,000 ARE ILL

(Hugo S. Sims, Washington Correspondent.)

The idea is abroad in some quarters that the President feels that his Administration is on much firmer ground since the retirement of two Conservative Supreme Court Justices and their replacement with men of the same political philosophy. While the President, in his battle against what he considers economic privilege, has been able to win elections by enormous majorities, his program has been successfully resisted in the Courts because his opponents felt that the five Conservative Justices would stop the New Deal even when the ballot box failed.

The recent elevation of Stanley Reed to the High Tribunal ends the domination of the Conservative group and is a shift in the balance of governmental power, which is far-reaching. Consequently, business men now realize that they must make terms with the President or else seek to thwart him by arraying Congress against him. This may be accomplished temporarily but, in the long run, there can be little hope that the people of the country will turn conservative in their attitude toward big finance and big business.

The President's trouble in the Court began with his early legislative measures but since last February, when Mr. Roosevelt opened his attack on the Supreme Court Conservatives, the opposition has lost one

Pitt Accidents Fatal to Three

Two More Deaths Raise Total For Week-End; Charges To Be Made.

Greenville, Jan. 26.—Three highway fatalities in as many days in this area was the mark reached today, when one man died of injuries received in an accident near Greenville Saturday night, and a Negro youth succumbed to injuries after being struck on the Ayden-Kinston highway last night.

Alfred Simmons died in Pitt General Hospital today as an outgrowth of injuries sustained Saturday night when struck by an automobile driven by J. G. Blow of Vanceboro while he and three companions were walking on the Greenville-Falkland highway about one mile from this city. All except one of the group received painful injuries.

Highway Patrolman C. R. Williams said today that charges of hit and run are being brought against Fountain Worthington of Winterville, who failed to stop after the automobile he was driving struck and caused the death of Eugene Forbes, 16-year-old Ayden Negro, who was skating on the Ayden-Kinston highway last night.

The youth was brought to Pitt General Hospital, but died about 3 hours later. Partolman Williams said that both legs of the youth were broken and his skull fractured. Worthington was not apprehended by members of the highway patrol until three hours after the accident occurred.

Corporal L. L. Jackson of the Highway Patrol said today that charges of manslaughter are being brought against Joe Cannon, Ayden Negro, as a result of the death of Herman Wood, Negro, who was killed after the car driven by Cannon skidded on the Greenville-Ayden highway late Saturday night and struck a bridge abutment at a swamp near Ayden. Four other Negroes were injured seriously.

Hubert Roberts, Fred Carrico and William Taylor, all Greenville High School students, barely escaped possible serious injury late last night when the car driven by Roberts swerved to prevent striking another motor vehicle and overturned. Although the car was badly damaged, its occupants escaped unhurt.

Funeral services for Simmons, 42, will be conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by the Rev. Clarence W. Patrick, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, and burial will follow in Ashbury Church Cemetery near Cove City in Craven county. He moved to Pitt county from Craven county about ten years ago, and for the last six years had been farming on the Greenville-Falkland highway about two miles from this city.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Dina Parrott Simmons, surviving are one son, Mercer Ward Simmons; two daughters, Miss Frances and Miss Elizabeth Simmons, all of the home; one brother, G. H. Simmons of Kinston, and two sisters, Mrs. Julia Simmons of near Kinston and Mrs. J. A. Ippock of Cove City.

More Libraries For Rural Communities

A love of books and good literature is one of the marks of an educated person, said Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent at State College.

"Many of our home demonstration club women over the State like good books," she continued, "but often they don't have a chance to get the books they would like to read."

"For this reason, we are trying to establish home demonstration club libraries in the different counties. Some have been established already, but many more are needed."

Date Set For The President's Birthday Ball

Soil Program Aids In Diversification

(Note.—This is the seventh in a series of articles in which two farmers discuss the agricultural conservation program.)

John Brown: "The 1938 program will also help you balance your farming operations."

Bill Smith: "I need to balance my income with my expenses. I've been running behind for so long that I'd about given up hope."

Brown: "It'll help you do that too. It's the best all-around farm program I've ever heard of."

"The committeemen will tell you how many acres you should plant to the different cash crops. And by limiting your acreage of cash or soil-depleting crops, you will have other land available for growing legumes and grasses."

"With this, you can start farming on a good crop rotation system instead of keeping a field in the same crop year after year."

"The program also encourages us to grow pastures and hay crops to feed livestock. This cuts down on the expense of feed. With a well balanced farming program, many other expenses will be kept down too."

"And when you start growing more feed, you can have more livestock. You know, livestock are needed to balance out your farm enterprise."

Smith: "Yeah. I think most all of us around here could do better if we had a few more cows and hogs."

Brown: "That's right, Bill. I think we could have some more beef cattle, sheep, and work stock too. They're good money-makers. And it's a lot cheaper to raise your work stock than to buy it."

Smith: "I could use some manure on my place. I've been wishing I had enough to spread on my land regularly."

Brown: "Yes. There you have still another advantage from the program. More feed, more livestock, more manure. I tell you, it's hard to beat."

SAVES BANK \$30,000

Cleveland.—Last spring during a holdup in which the robbers got \$18,866, Miss Mary Prohala, 28, ran into a washroom of the Lorain Street Bank and stayed. Recently, when three robbers entered the bank, she followed her original impulse, ran into the washroom in which a burglar alarm had been installed, sounded it and saved the bank \$30,000. The men obtained only \$4,000 on the counter and fled.

Funds Sought To Aid Chinese

Acting in accordance with the expressed wishes of President Roosevelt, the Pitt county chapter of the Red Cross has decided to accept voluntary contributions to aid war-ravaged Chinese citizens.

Annual Event To Be Held Jan. 31st In The Robert H. Wright Memorial Hall, Greenville

Greenville, Jan. 26.—Chairman W. W. Lee of the Roosevelt Birthday Ball today sent a telegram to each mayor of the various towns in the county urging them to support the dance to be held here January 31.

The ball will be held in the Robert H. Wright Memorial auditorium original plans to hold it in the armory having been abandoned.

The telegrams were signed by Birthday Ball Committee, W. W. Lee chairman. They were sent to mayors of Ayden, Bethel, Farmville, Fountain, Falkland, Gritton, Winterville, Grimesland and Stokes.

In addition to dancing, the celebration will include a floor show and other entertaining features for those in attendance.

Jimmy Livingston's orchestra will furnish music for the occasion and the floor show will be under the direction of Miss Ramona Staples, head of the Ramona School of Dancing.

This year the fight against infantile paralysis is being unified under the National Foundation and in addition to the sale of dance tickets, the local sponsors will endeavor to secure founders for the national organization. All persons who desire to aid in the fight against infantile paralysis, but who do not desire to take part in the dance will be issued founders' certificates in lieu of dance tickets.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, himself, became founder number one of the newly-formed national foundation. The founders' certificates range in price from one dollar for a founder, two dollars for sustaining founder, five dollars for a family founder.

Your Support Urged
Mr. W. W. Lee, Chairman, President's Birthday Ball.
My Dear Mr. Lee:

I noted in the daily papers a few days ago that you are again Chairman of the President's Birthday Ball Committee and that you are making plans for this important event.

As Health Officer of Pitt County and having under my supervision the State-Pitt County Orthopedic Clinic, which serves not only Pitt, but Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, and Carteret counties as well, and which is sponsored by the Greenville Rotary Club, I am thoroughly familiar with the service rendered by this clinic to the citizens of Pitt County.

You will be interested to know, I am sure, that since the establishment of this clinic in July of 1935, it has treated 197 individual patients. It not only cares for the victim of infantile paralysis, but also treats such cases as broken limbs, bow-legs, club-foot, etc. The funds raised through the President's Ball have been used for the care of such cripples who were unable to provide special shoes, braces, crutches, etc., for themselves.

Since the funds raised through this Ball serves every town and hamlet of Pitt County, I trust that every citizen, able to do so, will give his support to you in your efforts to make the Ball a worthy tribute to our great President, himself a victim of infantile paralysis.

Very truly yours,
N. Thomas Ennett, M. D.,
Health Officer.

ONE BID

Washington.—Pan-American Airways submitted the only bid for airmail service from Baltimore to Hamilton, Bermuda to the Post office Department recently. Its bid was \$4000 per pound for a specified load up to 800 pounds per trip and a rate of \$40000 per pound for loads more than 800 pounds. Under such a bid, if the Airways handle 100,000 pounds of mail per year, the revenue will be only \$1.

PITT STUDENTS MAKE HONOR ROLL AT U. N. C.
Chapel Hill, Jan. 17.—A total of 336 students at the University of North Carolina made the scholastic roll of honor for the fall quarter, 216 of them being from this state. It was announced today by I. C. Griffin, Jr., of the Central Records office.

To be placed on the honor roll a student must make an average grade of B (80-85 per cent) in all studies. Among students on the list are: J. B. Owen, Fountain; J. P. Dean, Greenville; E. A. Aycock, Farmville.