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SAVING HUMANITY FROM WAR

New Deal's Foes Seek To Control Committee Jobs

Dies and Cox Angry For Support of Conservative Democrats

Washington, Dec. 29. — A group of conservative Southern Democrats led by Representative Martin Dies of Texas and E. Eugene Cox of Georgia, are seeking supporters in a drive to deliver important House committee posts to anti-New Deal Democrats. It was learned today that Dies and Cox were in the city for the purpose of securing support for their plan, which is at present in the hands of the Senate.

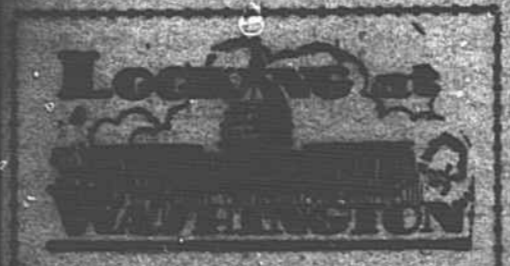
ly, in effect, the President's party purge in which he ousted Representative John J. O'Connor, conservative New York Democrat and former chairman of the committee. O'Connor was the only one of the several Democrats to fall under the Roosevelt axe, but if committee membership is reduced, the net effect of his defeat is zero. Dies and Cox are members of the committee, which has no legislative status, and both opposed passage of the wage-hour bill to reach the Senate. It later arrived there by a circuitous route and was enacted.

Roosevelt Tells Of Plan To Train Young Air Pilots

Program for Civilian Students Would Be Nation Formidable Reserve; First Course Begin in Coming Semester

Washington, D. C. — President Roosevelt disclosed today that his government soon will begin a program for training 28,000 college students as expert pilots, giving the United States one of the most formidable social reserves in the world. He said at his press conference that preliminary plans call for the program in several hundred colleges during the school year 1939-40, under supervision of the Civilian Youth Administration. Details worked out by the Civilian Youth Administration, he said.

DING-DONG, DING-DONG. . . The New Year Bells are ringing. . . While they happily ring in the New Year 1939 we join you in its merry welcome and extend our sincere wishes that it brings you the best of everything.



(Huge S. Sims, Washington Correspondent.)

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Our Father Who art in heaven, as we stand before the open door of the New Year, 1939, we pause to take our knees and to thank Thee for a journey thru the perils of 1938. As a year of much hate, greed and strife. Out of men's hate wars raged, killing and maiming Thy children; out of our haste we have slain many and brought sorrow to thousands and distraction to ourselves. Forgive us, Father, and restore to us a saner balance. These are not all the acts of 1938; Thy church has been militant, too, and many have sought the Lord; for the progress of Thy kingdom we greatly rejoice.

As we begin our journey into the mysteries of the New Year, we ask Thy presence all the way. We know not what lies ahead, whether health or sickness, joy or sorrow, gain or loss, or if we shall fall on sleep eternal ere the year journeys to its end. Here our presence fails us, but thru faith in Thee, we begin, assured that all will be well with us whether in life or in death. Only Thy presence can prevent failure in us.

FLEET IN ATLANTIC PRACTICE WAR GAME

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. — The U. S. Fleet will move from the Pacific to the Atlantic next week through the Panama Canal for its annual fleet maneuvers. For the first time since 1934, these will be held in Atlantic waters in an area including Cuban and Brazilian waters. Engaged in "fleet problem 20," will be 16 battleships, 17 heavy cruisers, 13 6 1/2-inch gun type cruisers, 5 aircraft carriers, from 60 to 70 destroyers and several squadrons of submarines of the most recent construction. The combatant ships will be accompanied by a number of fleet auxiliaries. Altogether, in numbers of ships and men, the armada will be the second greatest fleet ever assembled at one time under the American flag.

Dictators Facing Firmer Attitude

London, Dec. 28. — There are many indications that at least Europe has reached a turning point in the relations between the totalitarians (especially Nazism) and the democracies—a decided hardening of democratic sentiment against further concessions to threats. The last few weeks have seen a reversion of feeling in both Britain and France towards more surrenders. This feeling applies both to governments and general public. The change is impelled by the conclusion that further bargaining is futile.

Jackson Day Dinner To Be Held On Jan. 7

Dr. Paul E. Jones, of Farmville, Appointed Chairman of Pitt County Committee

Raleigh, December 29. — The appointment of Dr. Paul Jones as chairman of the annual Jackson Day Dinner Committee in Pitt County was announced here by State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., of Jones County, State Chairman of the Jackson Day Committee, planning for the annual Jackson Day Dinner to be held in Raleigh on the night of January 7th at eight o'clock at the Sir Walter Hotel.

"As the Democratic Chairman in Pitt County, Dr. Jones has been very helpful in the past and we are counting on him and other good Democrats in the county to help us raise our part to help wipe out the deficit incurred by the National Democratic Executive Committee in the recent campaign," said Chairman Larkins.

Pitt County has been asked to raise \$300 as its part in the State-wide campaign that will culminate with the annual Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh, where a Democratic speaker of National reputation will deliver an address that will leave no doubt in the minds of those who hear him that there is a Democratic Administration in Washington as well as one in Raleigh," Chairman Larkins said.

Persons contributing \$25.00 or more will be invited to attend the State-wide dinner in Raleigh and Chairman Larkins announced a three-way plan for those planning to attend the event. Plan One calls for the payment of \$25.00 at the time of reservation; Plan Two calls for the payment of \$12.50 at the time of reservation and the balance on March 1st; and Plan Three calls for the payment of \$15.00 at the time reservation, with \$5.00 on March 15th and \$5.00 on April 15th.

Franco Hammers Two Vital Towns

Hendaye, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Dec. 28. — Generalissimo Francisco Franco's bombing planes and siege guns tonight poured tons of explosives into two fortified towns where Loyalist resistance blocked the converging paths of a double-pronged insurgent drive on Barcelona.

Insurgents Seek To Break Backbone of Catalonian Defenses

A fleet of 300 warships boomed and machine-gunned the Loyalist base of Arenas de Ebro, 45 miles northwest of Barcelona, while Navy amphibious troops landed to block the land route to the north and west.

Insurgent units in the north, Franco's main and planned blasted Hendaye, along the main highway of Hendaye from Lerdic southward to the Mediterranean coast.

Loss of the two gateway towns which Franco is attempting to sweep in preparation for a junction of his air and sea forces with the Spanish army or General Franco's troops, would have been a disaster.

Yuletide Decorations Here Again Bore Evidence To City's Spirit and Pride

Twelve Prizes Awarded By Chamber of Commerce For Beautiful Displays In Stores and Homes

48 miles away, might be a knockout blow to the whole Catalonian defense system of the Loyalists. Both Artess and Borjas Blancas are control points of rear-line communications for Generalissimo Rojo, Loyalist commander-in-chief.

Franco's headquarters reported hard-won, but steady progress upon the two highway towns, but it was evident that the Loyalist, with 20 divisions in action, were putting up a grim defense on the sixth day of Franco's offensive.

The town authorities, merchants and home owners cooperated in a creditable manner in providing a cherry atmosphere for the Christmas celebration, and have again demonstrated the fine community spirit and pride for which it is famous all over the State.

Cash prizes, offered by the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association were awarded as follows: The first prize of \$10, offered for the best store window was won by the Farmville Building and Loan, the office of which is located in the Board Printery. The prize window showed the interior of a house almost the size of the window itself, containing six rooms, illuminated and furnished completely. Many gifts had been left under the miniature tree and in stockings but the most desirable was a Building and Loan certificate for a share, left in the library by old Santa, who was climbing from the chimney to resume his ride over the snow.

The second show window prize of \$5 was won by Turnage Company's dry goods window of blankets and other gift suggestions, which were attractively arranged on a bank of snow and with a snow storm overhead effect.

The first prize of \$7.50 for the best store interior was won by the Farmville Furniture Co., for its beautiful arrangement of household furnishings. The second prize of \$3.50 was won by the Western Auto Associate store, which had a splendid display of its large stock.

The best outdoor tree prize of \$2.50 was won by Mrs. Fred Smith, who had effectively lighted a towering spruce pine with bulbs of varied colors. A tree of the same kind, but decorated with blue lights only, won second prize of \$1 for Mrs. E. C. Deaman.

For the best outdoor lighting display Mrs. J. W. Parker received a prize of \$7.50. Blue candlelights graced the front windows up and down stairs and were used on two spruce pines outside. A large blue star on the front porch, shone above a manger scene visible from the street. Mrs. Daisy H. Smith received the second prize of \$2.50 for a very similar display of blue illumination.

Mrs. A. C. Monk, Jr., received \$2.50 for the best interior tree, which blue lights, ornaments and angel hair were used with artistic effect.

The gay setting of laurel festoons, lights and Christmas tree for Farmville's Yuletide festivities, has been removed, the holiday parties and dances are over; the cats and even the turkey hash have given out; the fire crackers have ceased to disturb the peace and Farmville citizens are bracing themselves for the inevitable notices of damages which will be forthcoming with the New Year mail.

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Mrs. D. E. Olesby received the second prize in this classification with a huge tree displaying large ornaments in vivid colors, and a manger scene underneath, in which many tiny lighted houses were used. Mrs. Olesby said that some of the ornaments were placed on the first tree of her street on David Erwin, twenty-two years before and had been used every year since.

re-election of Speaker William B. Bankhead, D. Ala., and Majority Leader Sam Rayburn, D. Tex., is a foregone conclusion. The struggle for control will center around the makeup of the Ways and Means group, which this year will consist of 15 Democrats and 10 Republicans. Last session there were 13 Democrats and seven Republicans, but the latter's all-year gains will increase membership in the group.

Under the circumstances, Dies and Cox are said to feel that objective Democrats need but a small membership to obtain their objective, and they can work in concert with Republicans to assure anti-administration action.

Outcome of the drive, however, depends almost entirely on support from their Northern colleagues and unity of the Southern delegation.

Many veteran politicians would be probable that Dies and Cox will have their objective, since they seek New Deal strength with Southern bloc and the Northern bloc generally is solidly Republican.

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Drivers Warned To Secure Tags

McLaughlin Says No Extension of Time To Be Granted to Buy 1939 Licenses

Dec. 29. — No extension of time will be granted motorists to buy their 1939 licenses before January 1, R. B. McLaughlin, director of the State Highway Department, said yesterday.

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