

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

A Resume of Government Happenings in the National Capital

The agricultural appropriation bill likely will be the last such bill approved by both houses of the congress. In the meantime, in farm circles here there is talk of a farm revolt from the traditional ranks of the GOP. Fact is that the house vote on the appropriation was the closest in this session and at one time only six GOP votes kept the bill from being sent back to the committee. Of the 174 votes for recommitment only 12 were republican and five of those were from the Iowa delegation. So the vote, 180 to 174 against recommitment, was decided almost entirely on party lines.

The only real republican opposition made to the farm cuts was voiced by Representative Clifford Hope of Kansas, chairman of the house agricultural committee. He declared that the appropriations committee by its slashes of some 341 millions of dollars in the department funds was "taking away the initiative of his committee" and partly through Hope's efforts, 40 mil-

lion dollars was returned to the agricultural program. It is expected that the senate, as a result of the vigorous opposition of the farm leadership will restore at least partially some of the funds eliminated by the house, particularly the soil conservation and school lunch appropriations and likely some of the cuts from the rural electrical administration.

As a result of the conference of farm leaders, bankers and others interested in the farm land credit field, held at the instance of President Truman early in June, it is expected that a program, probably voluntary in nature and intended to curb the further increase of farm land prices, will be adopted by lenders. This program is expected to advise customers to hold on to their savings; provide for higher cash payments on sales involving a farm mortgage; hold down GI investment to prevent assumption of over-loaning on farm valuation; provide more lenient methods for acquisition of farm equipment to increase income; discourage pure speculation in farm lands and encourage farmers to buy on valuations based on normal earning power of land and to demand larger installments of payments while farm income is high. It is believed if lenders adopt this program it will tend to tighten credit and pull farm

land prices downward. Fifty-two congressmen have signed a petition to force some action of the joint house-senate economic committee on the President's economic report to the congress, as provided by the full employment act of 1946. The President's report was filed with the congress by the President last January but no action has been taken although the law requires it.

That the power of the house appropriations committee could wreck the foreign policy of the nation is seen in the fact that although both houses of congress have passed, and the president has signed, the 400 million dollar loan to Greece and Turkey which is now a national policy, no appropriation has been made to provide the money. Congressman Taber of New York, chairman of the house appropriations committee says he's going to have a good look at the 400 million dollars to see if it is really needed before the house makes the appropriation. Sen. Carl Hatch of New Mexico recently questioned the right of a house committee to "veto" or nullify an action approved by both houses and the President. At any rate, the Taber committee is assuming the right.

Communism is the big bugaboo here in Washington, both in government and out. Arguments run pro and con over the Truman plan for screening government workers through the FBI at a cost of some 25 million dollars, and other advanced plans which will cost from 37 million dollars up. On the bill to outlaw the communist party, the proponents declare that it promotes the overthrow of our form of government and our way of life and that its primary allegiance is to a foreign power. Those against the bill declare that the American concept of democracy is to allow free choice in the election of officials from any political party and that the best way to outlaw communism is to make democracy work better, here and abroad.

Buying Power Up, Survey Reveals

Chicago—The money Dad has left after he pays the bills is growing less, but it's still more than he had last year.

The Investors Syndicate has decided that buying power is swelling after a consumer survey on how revenue compares with living costs. The money left over is called "real income."

The report said the consumer has \$1.02 for every dollar he had after paying living costs a year ago. However, he had \$1.06 two months ago.

Carrying the comparison further, the syndicate said the average family in March, 1947, had a real income of \$1.24. It had saved \$1.00 a year ago but paid bills averaging 22 cents less than this year.

COINCIDENCE

San Francisco, Calif.—When the loudspeaker at the Rotary International Convention asked Lyle Brown to report at the secretary's office, two men showed up. Both were Lyle Brown, both were with the telephone company. They were Lyle Brown, San Francisco district manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Lyle Brown, Sedalia, Mo., district manager of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

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Food Preservation is Theme of the Week

Home Food Preservation Week will be observed June 22-28, according to an announcement from Miss Ruby Scholz, food conservation specialist for the State College extension service.

This week has been set aside to focus the attention of homemakers on the value of home food preservation and to encourage improvement of the nutritive value and variety of meals they serve.

The present outlook points to an abundant supply of home and commercially grown fruits and vegetables for home and community canning centers. Miss Scholz said, adding that the supplies not needed for present consumption should be preserved for use in the winter months when fresh produce will be less plentiful and normally higher in price.

"This should be an important week to thousands of North Carolina home-makers," the specialist declared, "because food supplies become too low in many homes during the winter months to provide well balanced meals. Preserving food during the time it is plentiful will not only supplement supplies for individual families, but will also conserve food which might otherwise go to waste."

Homemakers who do not have adequate canning facilities in their homes should make use of the community food canning centers; however, arrangements for the use of community centers should be made well in advance of actual canning.

DEATH NO MYSTERY

Seattle, Wash.—The mystery surrounding the death of Roly Poly, the seal at the woodland Park, was cleared up when an autopsy of the seal's stomach revealed more than 100 copper pennies, 3 nickels, 85 aluminum elastic and brass tax tokens, 1 brass lapel insignia of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division, 2 tiny pieces of steel and a miscellaneous collection of metal washers and buttons.

The rate of patient turnover in veterans' hospitals has risen to a monthly average of more than 45 per cent because of improved medical care.

ROME CANDLE MAKERS ARE NEVER IDLE

Vatican City—There's at least one industry in Italy that doesn't know the meaning of the word "depression." It's the candle business.

Candle factories in Rome—most of them hundreds of years old—have been doing a rushing business in connection with the recent series of beatifications and canonizations at the Vatican, where 14,000 candles are burned every time a new saint is elevated.

Candle-makers were compelled to work day and night in preparation for the last Candlemas holiday, when the faithful traditionally present decorated candles to dignitaries of the church. From the Pope himself down to the village priest, all are remembered with candle on Candlemas is a five-pound one which, however, is never used. It is strung up on one side of the papal bedroom. Pope Pius XII has eight candles in his bedroom, one for every year of his pontificate.

At each canonization ceremony the Pontiff receives from the postulators of the new saint cause two huge candles weighing 60 pounds each. These are later donated by the Pontiff to the poorer churches of Rome which, in turn, send them back to the factories which made them. There they are melted down into smaller-sized candles for everyday use.

Candles are in great demand

all the year around for regular ceremonies in St. Peters and Rome's 500 other churches, and for special gifts to the Pope during the year.

In the recent canonization ceremony of the Swiss national hero, Nicholas de Flue, more than \$5,000 was spent for candles.

USES GLOVES FOR BANK

New York—Mrs. Sarah Tenner has found an even safer place for her money than the top of her stocking. She stuffed \$1,410 in bills into the fingers of her black gloves and carried them in her handbag. When three boys snatched the bag, they apparently threw it away after a superficial search. The bag, containing the gloves and the money, was found by police in a park.

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