

DAVE BLAIR KICKS GOAL AFTER MUCH TALK BY JOHNSON

Winston-Salem Lawyer Successfully Hurdles Various Obstacles in Path

WILL PROBABLY TAKE OVER OFFICE TOMORROW

California Senator Speaks At Length In Opposition To Confirmation But Is Overwhelmingly Snowed Under; Senators Overman and Simmons Speak In Blair's Behalf

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., by EDWARD E. BRITTON, (By Special Lease.)

Washington, May 26.—David H. Blair kicked goal today, and tomorrow the Winston-Salem man will be sworn in as the United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with large duties to perform in the collecting of the taxes of the country, the making of liquor regulations, the direction of a great number of employees who are not under civil service. It has been a long journey that has been made by Mr. Blair to land, Citizen Blair having passed through the various states of Delegate Blair, nominee Blair, "Johnson-cursed" and now Confirmed Nominee Blair. Tomorrow he will be introduced as Commissioner Blair. But of those who will hasten to tender their congratulations there will not be "among those present" Senator Hiram Johnson, of California.

Senator Johnson fought the confirmation of Dave Blair to the last ditch, and his standard of revolt against the choice of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and the nominee of President Harding waved defiantly till it was overtopped by a vote of 59 to 15, eight Republicans and seven Democrats, being all the forces that came to his assistance. As one of the Senators expressed it the Californian's defeat was "overwhelming" and left him high and dry. But Senator Johnson declares now, as he has declared before, that no matter how the vote and the backing of the administration: "I have proven my case."

Johnson Makes Out Case.

And his case he has declared to be that Mr. Blair and the other North Carolina delegates to the Republican National convention, "betrayed" him, and violated the legalized primary law of North Carolina in not voting for him as the choice for nominee of the Republicans for President. And he continued to the end to declare that Mr. Blair should not be confirmed because of the call for tax refunds and tax abatements by his father-in-law, J. W. Cannon, of Concord, and refunds by other members of the Cannon family. These matters he declared should not be in the keeping of the son-in-law, Dave Blair.

It was only an executive session that the Senate had today, for the fight on the Blair nomination. It began at 12 o'clock, and it was not over till some time after 4 o'clock. It began with the consideration of a resolution offered by Senator Johnson that the session be with open doors so that there might be no secrecy about the matter. Senator Pat Harrison and others supported this position, but it was snuffed under by a vote of 50 to 25. Then there was a resolution said to have been offered by Senator Harrison that the vote on the Blair nomination be printed, but unanimous consent could not be secured, so it went into "innocuous desuetude." Then began the debate on the nomination of Mr. Blair, this beginning about ten minutes after 1 o'clock.

Being in executive session the newspaper men, who had been sitting idly by all the afternoon had to depend upon the resources of the "little bird" to let them know what happened in the vote and in the debate. As to the vote against Mr. Blair, the report is that it was:

Republicans—Johnson, Borah, Norris, LaFollette, Kenyon, Ladd, Norbeck, and Jones of Washington—8; Democrats—Ashurst, Harris, Harrison, Watson, of Georgia, Sheppard, Reed and Wolcott—7. Total, 15.

Johnson Drains In Attack

In the debate on the nomination the fight against it was led by Senator Johnson, whose speech was lengthy and drastic. Speaking on his side of the matter were Senators Borah, Norris, and Reed, but none of these spoke at length. On behalf of Mr. Blair the Senate was addressed by Senators Watson, and Smoot, these presenting the reasons for the confirmation, and defending Mr. Blair from the attacks made on him as to the primary vote and the handling of the affairs of the bureau of internal revenue and the matters relating to his father-in-law and other members of the family, including Mrs. Blair. It was stated that these matters had all been passed upon, and that Mr. Blair as commissioner could not pass on the acts of his predecessor, except upon new facts and new evidence. Senators Overman and Simmons spoke briefly in behalf of Blair.

The understanding is that Senator Johnson declared that the men behind Mr. Blair knew just what they want, and hence that in this matter the President, of course, could not investigate all the reasons for and against Mr. Blair, and that hence that he did not hold him at all responsible for the appointment. That in the case the men who put Mr. Blair over were in the position of quashing the indictment by electing the District Attorney is one way that Senator Johnson is understood to have gone after the Blair supporters. Then the Californian is said to have declared that it had been proven that Blair's father-in-law had entered into an agreement with the government for \$850,000 and in preparing for the money, that he sought to evade his taxes by making gifts to his children, one of whom is Mrs. Blair; that the department had made Mr.

AGRICULTURAL "BLOC" ORGANIZED IN SENATE

Senators From Western and Southern States Endorse Farm Legislation

Washington, May 26.—A series of measures pending before Congress were unanimously indorsed today by 23 members of the Senate from Southern and Western states, who have organized an agricultural "bloc."

Among the bills to which support was pledged were those for freeing associations of agricultural producers from restrictions of anti-trust laws in marketing their products, for regulating grain and cotton exchanges, for requiring alleged wool fabrics sold in interstate commerce to bear marks indicating the percentage of wool and shoddy content, for similar branding of paints, and for regulation of cold storage. Regulation of cotton futures sales, as proposed by Senator Dial, Democrat, South Carolina, was also included in the list.

Chairman Kenyon, of Iowa, announced at the close of the session that the "bloc" would meet again June 5, and consider only action its members might desire to take in supporting measures designed to promote the financial welfare of farming sections. Bills and resolutions taken up today, he said, were of a general nature, but extension of agricultural credits, and possible improvement and enlargement of the farm bank system, was given attention at the next session.

WHITES INCREASE IN NUMBERS HERE

Census Figures Show More Than Double Per Cent Of Gain Over Negroes

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Washington, May 26.—With the white population of North Carolina showing more than double the per cent of the increase of the colored population in the last ten years, or a white increase of 283,208 as against a colored increase of 65,564, the bureau of the census today issued a preliminary statement showing the composition of the population of North Carolina according to sex, color or race, and nativity, as shown by the census taken on January 1, 1920.

The total population of the State, 2,559,123, comprises 1,279,062 males and 1,280,061 females. The corresponding figures for 1910 were as follows: Total 2,306,287; males, 1,095,476; females, 1,210,811.

During the decade the total population increased by 26 per cent, the male population by 16.8 per cent, and the female population by 15.5 per cent. The ratio of males to females in 1920 was 99.9 to 100, as against 99.2 to 100 in 1910.

The distribution of the population according to color or race in 1920, was as follows: White, 1,783,779; negro, 763,407; Indian, 11,824; Chinese, 28; Japanese, 24; Hindu, 1. The corresponding figures for 1910 were white, 1,500,511; negro, 997,943; Indian, 7,851; Chinese, 30; Japanese, 2. During the decade white population increased by 18.9 per cent, while the negro population increased by 8.4 per cent.

The foreign born white population numbered 7,099 in 1920, as against 5,942 in 1910. This element constituted three-tenths of 1 per cent of the total population in both 1920 and 1910.

The North Carolina Society of Washington, at its recent meeting voted unanimously to endorse the proposition now being undertaken to have in Washington permanent exhibition buildings for the various States and placed itself to do all that is possible to have North Carolina take part and erect one of the buildings. The governors of sixteen states have already endorsed the plan, which calls for an appropriation by Congress for as it of some two hundred acres, the States themselves either by appropriation or by individual effort to erect State buildings in which there will be State exhibits, with rooms for State officers, reception rooms and halls for visitors from the States and gathering places for State organizations on all occasions. Backing the project are people from all sections of the country and North Carolinians here hope that North Carolina will be one of the earlier States to take hold of the matter.

William O. Smith, whose critical illness was reported yesterday, passed away last night. Mr. Smith was a native of Raleigh, about 50 years of age, his last illness coming from a nervous breakdown and the bursting of some blood vessels in the head. He had been ill for about three weeks when the end came. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence on East Capitol street, and interment will be in Glenwood cemetery here. Mr. Smith a number of years ago was one of the force of the News and Observer and came to Washington in 1911 as an employee of the government printing office, his family joining him later. His widow was formerly Miss Helen Burge, of Raleigh, and besides her three survives him five children.

At the commencement exercises of Martha Washington seminary of Washington this week there were four young North Carolina women in the graduating class, Misses Dorothy Ambler, of Asheville, a daughter of Dr. C. P. H. Roy; Dorothy June Cotton, of Asheville; Mary Will Daughtridge, of Rocky Mount, a daughter of former Lieutenant-Governor Daughtridge; and Edith Bisette, of Nashville. Miss Ambler was the president of her class, had charge of the class tree planting exercises, and as the president placed the class wreath on the tomb of Martha Washington, one of the regular events of the seminary's commencement exercises.

Miss Cotton was a member of the Glee club of the seminary and took part in the pageant. There were seven graduates, four from North Carolina; two from New York, and one each from Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia.

The War Department announces that in line with the decision made by it to do everything possible for the veterans of the world war that it has practi-

GO INTO POLITICS JOSEPHUS DANIELS URGES COLLEGIANS

Summons Wake Forest Graduates To Battle With Vicious Political Combine

DELIVERS ADDRESS BEFORE CLASS OF GRADUATES

Admiral W. O. Braisted Speaks For Christian Faith and Dr. Hubert Royster Presents Royster Medal; Class Day Exercises In Afternoon, Baccalaureate Sermon At Night

By FRANK SMITHURST, (Staff Correspondent.)

Wake Forest, May 26.—"Go into politics, red-headed and heels over head," Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy told the graduates of Wake Forest College in the annual commencement address when he summoned them to battle against the twin foes of popular rights, machine politics combined with grasping greed of Public Service Corporations.

"The only tool you have to make the world better, from a civic point of view is the political tool," he told the graduates and student body assembled in Wingate Memorial Hall.

"And if you won't use it," he added, "be well assured that it will be used by men who will make our government a shambles and a shame. What we need in the government of our State is young men with character and ambition who wish to serve and will seek to make it so that no corrupt political machine can lead in county, State or nation. And you can't do it as long as you draw the cloak of self righteousness around you and say 'The political game is too crooked for me.'"

The speaker did not deny that there may be crookedness in politics but there is a reason and he gave it.

"When there is crookedness," he said, "it is because the people back home lack the moral courage to elect good men to office."

No Bed of Roses

"When you enter this holy war as the foe of the political machine combined with the public service corporation bent on converting water into gold, a combination that in Washington, has destroyed the kind of government our Fathers died to give us, you will have no bed of roses, and you will need as much courage and stuff as your brothers when they went up against the Hun."

The speaker was cheered frequently during the address and as he neared his conclusion he turned to Dr. W. L. Poter, president of the college, sitting near-by and asked:

"How much time do you allow a speaker."

"Indefinitely, as long as it is as good as that," was the quick response.

Thursday's Events

The exercises this morning followed the alumni day events of Wednesday and were in turn followed by class day exercises in the afternoon the baccalaureate sermon at night by Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, editor of the Watchman-Examiner New York. Tomorrow morning, the finals will take place with the presentation of diplomas, the conferring of degrees and the baccalaureate address of President Poter.

In addition to the address of Mr. Daniels this morning, Admiral W. C. Braisted, surgeon general of the Navy during the world war, spoke briefly; Dr. Hubert A. Royster, donor of the Royster Athletic Scholarship medal presented the medal to the winner, C. F. Gaddy, of Union county; and Dr. Poter gave the various other medals to their winners.

The Euzelian Society Freshman medal went to L. E. Andrews, of Edingham, Ga.; Sophomore medal, to P. O. Purser, Union county; Junior medal to H. E. Montalith; Senior medal to F. T. Woodward, Iredell. The Dion medal to C. F. Gaddy, Union.

The Philomathean Freshman medal went to J. R. Proctor, Edgecombe; Sophomore medal to P. C. West, Currituck; Junior medal to C. B. Howard, Sampson; Senior medal to A. D. Kinnett, Spartanburg, S. C.; E. H. Bowling medal to S. E. Ayers, Shantung, China.

The Student fiction medal went to L. C. Peil, Bladen; "The Student" essay medal to Lex Marshall, Mecklenburg; and the MacBroom prize to W. M. Neal, Halifax, Va.

Call in For Faith

Coming out of college at a time when the aftermath of a Great War has left the world staggering and shambling in doubt with the spirit of pessimism and national greed taking the place of the larger vision, Josephus Daniels beginning his address before the graduates, declared that the call to them is one for learning, power and faith.

"The college education is on trial," he said, reminding his hearers that in spite of the fact that institutions of higher learning are being crowded everywhere and in spite of the fact that great advances have been made in the realm of education, yet when a Senator sneers at a scholar in politics at a library bespeaks their preferences for the practically trained man, and when Edison charges that college men are amazingly ignorant, the question is raised.

"It behooves us not to declare that those who call college men ignorant are themselves ignorant," he went on, "but to examine their arguments and see if by the only test that is worth while, by the test of product, these institutions are right or if the larger vision that bulidied colleges and called for the sacrifices of education, is right."

Test of a College

"The test of a college is not its buildings, its great scientific laboratories or its distinguished professors, or the number of young men it sends out into the world. Here is the test: What does the college education contain to enrich the mind, the thought, the moral

BANKERS TO STUDY MARKETING PLANS FOR THE FARMERS

Resolution Of Endorsement Gets Through After Being Carefully Amended

WASHINGTON BANKER IS ELECTED TO PRESIDENCY

Several Cities Put In Strong Bids For Next Convention, But Association Leaves Choice To Committee; Col. James R. Young Talks On Insurance

Greensboro, May 26.—Election of officers, the passage of a resolution accepting the invitation of the co-operative marketing associations now in process of formation in this State, for conferring and co-operating, and two speeches, treating of the relation of banking to economic readjustment and to insurance were the chief activities of the concluding day's meeting of the convention of the North Carolina Bankers' Association. The convention, which began Tuesday night, adjourned late this afternoon.

A. M. Dumay, of Washington, N. C., was elected president of the organization for the ensuing year, being advanced from the post of first vice-president; C. E. Brooks, of Hendersonville, was advanced from second to first vice-president; John D. Biggs, of Williamsport, from the post of third vice-president; J. C. Hubbard, of Asheville, was elected third vice-president, and T. A. Ussell of New Bern, re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The only contest of the day developed over the third vice-presidency; Henry A. Page, Jr., of Aberdeen, and Graham Andrews, of Raleigh, were also placed in nomination for the place. Voting by ballot, the convention gave Mr. Hubbard 56 votes, Mr. Page 33, Mr. Andrews 17.

Executive committees elected today are: First district, D. E. Oglesby, Farmville; third, H. M. Cox, Mount Olive; fifth, F. O. Boyles, Greensboro; seventh, B. L. Phillips, Rockingham; ninth, E. J. Jones, Charlotte; tenth, J. H. Kirkpatrick, Canton. Executive committees in the other congressional districts hold over another year. The election of Mr. Kirkpatrick in the tenth district was necessary because of the election of Mr. Hubbard, who was executive committee man, as third vice-president.

Endorse Co-operative Marketing

An attempt was made this morning to pass the co-operative association with its paraphrase, such that the bankers would have endorsed, without reservation, the co-operative marketing plan, as based upon the successful experience of such associations elsewhere. Some of the bankers thought that they would be committing themselves a little too far, so the resolution was turned over to a committee which left out a phrase and brought in the following resolution, which passed unanimously.

"Whereas, the bankers of North Carolina wish with interest and satisfaction all measures for the development of the State's agricultural interests, realizing that the prosperity of the banker and all other business men depends in large measure upon the prosperity of our farmers.

"Therefore, be it resolved that we recognize that the present methods of marketing our chief agricultural products is out of date and that we heartily favor a more intelligent and businesslike method of marketing."

Resolved further, that the committee on agriculture accept the invitation of the co-operative marketing associations now in process of organization in this State to confer and co-operate with them.

The new President will appoint the bankers committee on agriculture after careful consideration of the membership. The hope was expressed on the floor of the convention that he would name men in thorough sympathy with the farmers of the State.

Moore Makes Strong Appeal

The introduction of the resolution following a strong appeal, delivered by L. E. Moore, of New Bern, that the bankers of the State do something to revive agriculture and help the farmer. "Now prostrate, bankrupt or nearly bankrupt with apparently none to help him to his feet," Mr. Moore spoke on the relation of the bank to the processes of readjustment. He is a former solicitor and he argued to the financiers like an advocate before a jury.

He told his audience that the prosperity of the bankers and the prosperity of the whole State depends upon the prosperity of the farmer. Unless the bankers put themselves to the business of reviving agriculture there is nothing in sight for agriculture but destruction, he declared. He talked of readjustment from the "local" angle; he believed that more important than discussion of national or international economic problems.

"Build a temporary structure to bridge the chasm," he urged, "while you are erecting the permanent structure."

He complained of the vast sum lost through the differential established in the grading of cotton, a difference that

ADMIRAL BRAISTED DELIVERS ADDRESS TO REX GRADUATES

No Other Profession Holds Such Opportunities Of Service As Nursing, He Says

DIPLOMAS AND PINS PRESENTED TO SIX

Former Surgeon General Of Navy Presented By Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Newest Member Of Board Of Trustees; Dr. Hubert Royster Gives Pins To Class

Admiral W. C. Braisted, Surgeon General of the United States Navy, during the world war, delivered the commencement address before the graduates of the Rex Hospital Training School for Nurses last night at the Woman's Club introducing six young women into a "life spent in highest endeavors in the relief of humanity in its tenderest and most delicate associations."

In spite of a dreaching downpour of rain, the auditorium was well filled for the exercises and many following it repaired to the Hospital where a reception was held. The diplomas were received last night from the hands of W. A. Cooper, President of the Board of Trustees, and the pins from Dr. Hubert A. Royster, member of the faculty of the training school and the staff of the hospital.

The graduates were Misses Nellie White Bishop, Chapel Hill; Mary Alma Kermon, Wilmington; Gladys Lee Taylor, McCullers; Martha Alma Scoggins, Gibsonville; Alma Gordon Clark, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Sara Ethel Williams, Cleveland.

Dr. W. McCl. White, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church offered the invocation and a musical program immediately preceded the exercises and musical numbers were interspersed between the events. Miss Ethel Ferrell and Miss Highsmith sang solos, Miss Highsmith and Miss Crawford a duet, while a quartet, composed of Messrs. Harry Howell, W. C. Phillips, Harry Adams, and Archie Horton sang two numbers.

Mrs. Josephus Daniels, presented by Mr. Cooper as the newest member of the board of trustees of Rex Hospital, introduced Admiral Braisted, as "a pride to his profession, a pride to America, and a pride to the world."

Admiral Braisted Speaks

Congratulating the young women of the training school upon the completion of their preparation for life work, Admiral Braisted welcomed them into the field of medical activity with an expression of appreciation for the standards of the Rex Hospital institution.

"During the years in which I was connected with the Navy Department as surgeon general," he said, "I became deeply interested in the standards of the training schools throughout the Navy corps, as you all know, are graduate nurses and when papers of candidates for this service are reviewed by the examining board, the standard of the training school from which the candidate graduated is one of the chief points noted in the examination. I remember, therefore, how well the standards established in the Rex Hospital of Raleigh met our requirements; and I consider it a subject for congratulation that the responsibility of the school is so definitely recognized that the employment of two full time instructors is accepted as an obligation which the hospital must assume toward the pupils."

None More Worthy

"I believe," Dr. Braisted continued, "of all vocations open to women, and in these days there are many, none in my mind is more worthy of your attention than that of nurse for which by nature and instinct you are better qualified. None professes greater reward in the satisfaction that comes from a life spent in doing for one's fellowmen and the feeling that one has lived to some purpose and that one's existence on this earth has not been simply a time of waiting and abiding, but that we have each made some useful contribution for good; that we have been helpful, uplifting and sustaining factors in the great drama of life."

"To my mind, and to those of most of us, no fairer picture is presented to our field of vision that that of a trained nurse in her active work. She is the embodiment of purity, of strength, of courage of fidelity, of charity, of patience, of long suffering, of angelic mercy to the afflicted, and a source of help to the weak; an example of all that is highest and best in life for one who seeks to personify the noblest in our ideals."

Fits For Any Career.

"No other field of development," he went on, "for women gives her so much, or fits her so well for any position in life, be it in the continued line of institutional work or in the various phases of so-called private nursing, or in any active business career where resourcefulness, strength and character are needed; and last, and perhaps highest, nothing so fits a woman for the position of wife and mother as a course such as you are completing now. Nothing, to my mind, so prepares a woman for life as this profession of trained nursing. Any man who is so fortunate as to secure a wife with the proper training in this work is indeed to be envied; any child who can have the mother care of such a woman will be blessed beyond all expression. Such a preparation for life work in a helpmate is much more to be desired than position, or riches, or any other possible asset."

Special Training New Thing.

The special training of nurses, Admiral Braisted pointed out is a thing of comparatively recent development, but without going into technical details of the schedule, he touched on the various fields of nursing open today and the new fields in prospect. Private nursing

SIMS PAYS TRIBUTE TO BRITISH GRAND FLEET

Admiral Lauds England's Navy and Deprecates America's In London Speech

London, May 26.—(By the Associated Press).—Rear Admiral W. S. Sims told Admiral Beatty, commander of the British grand fleet, and a distinguished assemblage of British and American naval men today that the British had been disposed to give the American navy too much credit for the part it played in the allied victory.

In an address at a luncheon given by the Pilgrim Society in his honor, Admiral Sims said:

"The British grand fleet was the key stone in the allied arch, without which you in this country would today be speaking German with a very strong English accent."

Admiral Sims waved aside personal tributes from Admiral Beatty and Lord Desborough, asserting that had the command of the American naval forces in Europe been entrusted to one of the forty or fifty other American officers eligible in rank the result would virtually have been the same.

Lord Desborough referred to Admiral Sims as having "braved his enemies, if he has any—and he certainly has none on this side of the Atlantic—by publishing his book."

Admiral Sims said he regarded the American forces "as reserves coming up from the rear." He paid a tribute to England as a land of personal liberty, where he knew he could get a drink of any kind he wanted if he came to England fifty years hence.

PRESIDENT STARTS CONFERENCES WITH BUSINESS LEADERS

Inaugurates "Meeting Of Best Financial Minds" To Revive Business

FOUNDATION LAID AT DINNER AT WHITE HOUSE

Initial Steps Looking Toward Revival Of Foreign Trade Taken At Meeting Of President With J. P. Morgan, Paul M. Warburg and Others; Loans Chief Question

Washington, May 26.—A "meeting of best financial minds" has been inaugurated by President Harding and his advisers as a means of considering the nation's industrial outlook, with particular reference to the question of extending further loans of American capital to foreign governments.

Some of the most prominent figures in American finance and industry already have given the President the benefit of their judgment on specific problems affecting the financial world, and others are to be called to the White House to consult on ways and means to stabilize conditions and hasten "the return to normalcy."

The foundation for a series of discussions on these subjects was laid at a White House dinner last night, the significance and detail of which became known today for the first time.

With Secretary Mellon, of the Treasury, and Secretary Herbert Hoover, of the Commerce Department, the President had as his guests for the occasion J. P. Morgan, Paul Warburg, and a half dozen other men of great influence and power in financial circles.

Loans Chief Question

Whether to encourage further loans of private American capital to foreign governments was one of the questions most seriously considered, with most of the financiers arguing that such extensions of credit presented the most practicable means to place foreign business on a sound basis once more, and thus to improve the field for American exports. This question already has received much attention by the cabinet.

Some of the visiting bankers, it was said, expressed concern over the possibility of funds raised in this country for foreign loans being used to buy the products of other foreign countries. The belief was advanced that use of American money in such a manner would result unfavorably to domestic industry, especially farming.

Another Viewpoint

On the other hand, it was pointed out in some administrative quarters today that purchase of Argentine wheat by foreign buyers with money borrowed in this country, for example, would assist that country's business and the money would eventually find its way back into the United States in trade between these nations.

Administration officials, however, discounted reports that American money was to be used to any extent in foreign markets by foreign borrowers. Most of the funds to be raised here, it was asserted, would be to retire or fund existing government indebtedness here.

For luncheon today, Mr. Harding had as his guest Charles M. Schwab, who advised particularly regarding the shipping problem. The names of those to be summoned to the White House later were not revealed.

PRESBYTERIANS PLAN EUROPEAN RELIEF FUND

Would Raise \$75,000 To Be Spent In France, Belgium, and Czech-Slovakia

St. Louis, May 26.—A campaign for a relief fund of \$75,000 to be spent in France, Belgium, and Czech-Slovakia in the next year, was indorsed at the closing session of the sixty-first assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church here this afternoon. The recommendation came from the committee on Protestant relief in Europe.

France and Belgium receive \$65,000 under the proposed plan for apportionment, and the remaining \$10,000 will go to Czech-Slovakia.

The assembly also forwarded to its various synods a recommendation that October 31, which has been designated as "Reformation Day" be set aside for a collection for relief work among the Protestant forces of Europe. The American Relief Fund also was endorsed.

Another financial proposition endorsed by the assembly was an appropriation to supplement the salaries of each of the denomination's army and navy chaplains, \$300 in the next year.

The assembly adopted a resolution commending the Boy Scout movement as a useful organization for training boys when under the control of the churches. Opposition to the proposal developed from the assertion of commissioners that scouts occasionally conducted their activities on Sunday.

The assembly reaffirmed the endorsement given by the sixteenth general assembly to Southern Inter-Racial Commission, and recommended co-operation between white and negro pastors to promote harmony between the races.

After approving a report to enlarge the duties of women in assisting deacons, the assembly tabled a resolution providing for the appointment of women to act in an advisory capacity on the executives' committees.

It was indicated the main objection to considering the proposal arose because it was presented near the close of the assembly when many of the commissioners had gone home, opponents arguing fuller representation was desirable in handling the matter.

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