

975 Million Fund Asked By President In WPA Message

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt asked Congress to appropriate \$975,000,000 for relief in the 1941 fiscal year with the understanding that the entire sum could be spent in the first eight months of the year.

Mr. Roosevelt's plan would permit the entire fund, if necessary, to be spent by WPA between July 1, 1940, and March 1, 1941. This would hold the immediate appropriation within the present budget limit, and would delay until next year a decision whether the budget has to be exceeded.

WPA this fiscal year is spending \$1,500,000,000. The \$975,000,000, if spent in eight months, would provide about the same monthly amount for WPA.

Expressing the hope that employment conditions in the next fiscal year will be at least as good as during the present year, Mr. Roosevelt said that in the event his hopes fail of materialization, Congress next winter can provide a deficiency appropriation.

His proposal was sent to Congress in the form of a letter to Speaker William B. Bankhead. Discussing the recommendations at a press conference, the President said the letter will be referred to the Appropriations subcommittee which now is drafting a new relief bill.

Explaining the recommendation, he insisted that modification of the present so-called Woodrum clause, requiring the appropriation to be stretched over 12 months, would not necessarily mean that the full appropriation would be expended during the first eight months of the fiscal year.

150,000 PHONE JOBS LOST BY DIAL SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Rose S. Sullivan, representing the Commercial Telegraphers Union, A. F. of L. affiliate, told the Temporary National Economic Committee which is investigating the scope and results of technological improvements that at least 150,000 women's jobs had been lost during the past fifteen years through the installation of the dial system in the telephone industry. In pre-dial days, Miss Sullivan said, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company took into the system from 25,000 to 50,000 girls every year. This avenue of employment for girls has been completely cut off by the wholesale dial development, she declared.

THERE ARE OTHERS

Visitor: "What are you going to do when you grow up?"
 Elsie: "I am going to be a movie censor so I can see all the films that aren't proper for other folks to see."

People of Arigenthum, Sicily, burned petroleum in make-shift lamps 200 B. C.

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CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES

Only one candidate is unopposed in the county primary election contest on May 25th. There are 53 Democratic candidates and 12 Republicans are seeking recognition. The roster of those who would serve the public follows:

- COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
 (Four Places)
 Arnie D. Cashion, incumbent.
 Edgar J. Price, incumbent.
 Dan Hood.
 Trace Henry.
 J. Wilson Alexander.
 D. C. Staton.
 J. Mason Wallace.
 Fred A. Hamilton.
 Baxter J. Hunter.
 Caldwell McDonald.
 W. R. Sadler.
 George E. Golding.
- STATE SENATE**
 Joe L. Blythe, incumbent.
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
 (Three Places)
 J. B. Vogler, incumbent.
 Marvin L. Ritch, incumbent.
 H. J. McDougle.
 John Newitt.
 Ed T. Tonissen.
 Ed McCorkle.
 H. L. Strickland.
 J. Dan Stallings.
- COUNTY TREASURER**
 Mrs. Jessie Caldwell Smith, incumbent.
- Arthur H. Wearn.
 Jonas H. Ervin.
 W. M. "Bud" Moore.
- BOARD OF WEDUCATION**
 (Five Places)
 B. D. Funderburk, incumbent.
 R. G. Eubanks, incumbent.

- W. B. McClintock, incumbent.
 W. E. Potts, incumbent.
 E. M. Neal.
 Charles L. Barnett.
- CONSTABLES**
 Charlotte Township—Dan B. Bradley, incumbent; R. A. Carter.
 Mallard Creek—G. P. Freeman.
 Pineville—O. F. Furr.
 Berryhill—R. C. McNeely.
 Clear Creek—DeWitt C. Biggers.
 Sharon—F. G. Chipley.
 Morning Star—J. Reid Newell.
 Paw Creek—Evans B. Johnston.
- COUNTY CHAIRMAN**
 Henry W. Harkey, incumbent.
 Harvey Morris.
 S. W. McAden.
 H. G. Ashcraft.
- COUNTY RECORDER**
 W. V. Howard, incumbent.
 Mercer J. Blankenship.
- COUNTY SOLICITOR**
 Hugh M. McAulay, incumbent.
 Enos T. Edwards.
- COUNTY SURVEYOR**
 J. W. Spratt, incumbent.
 George M. Meyer, Jr.
- REGISTER OF DEEDS**
 John A. Renfrow, incumbent.
 Lloyd Ranson.
- REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES**
 County Commissioners—William T. Alexander, chairman; George Shelton, W. A. McFarland, Louis F. Snyder and F. C. Howard.
 Legislature—Brock Matthews; P. S. Vann, L. J. Howard and W. P. Walther, representatives.
 Register of Deeds—Mrs. Florence S. Ireland.
 County Judge—M. K. Harrill.
 County Solicitor—J. Cliff Newell.

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DIES ADVISES LEWIS TO KICK "REDS" OUT CIO

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Representative Dies, Democrat, Texas, called on the CIO today to "clean house" by expelling any Communist members.

Dies, chairman of the House Committee Investigating un-American Activities, declared that John L. Lewis' organization owed a duty to the country "to quit side-stepping and ducking this issue."

"It is now no longer a matter of speculation," he told reporters after the committee had received testimony from Thomas Humphrey O'Shea, former president of the Transport Workers Union, that Communists were in a position to paralyze the transportation system of New York and Alaska.

A. F. of L. Unions Are Certified As Bargaining Agencies

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Following National Labor Relations Board elections won by the American Federation of Labor the Board announced the certifications of these A. F. of L. unions as collective bargaining representatives:

The International Brotherhood of Firemen & Oilers, No. 320 (AFL), as the sole collective bargaining agency selected by a majority of the power-plant employees of National Distillers Products Corporation at its Louisville, Ky., plants.

The International Jewelry Workers' Union Local 11, (AFL), as the sole collective bargaining agency selected and designated by a majority of the production and maintenance employees of General Time Instruments Corporation, Thomaston, Conn., following a secret ballot election held March 1, resulting in a 355 to 119 count in favor of the AFL union.

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New York Fair Pay Dispute Has Been Settled

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The wage dispute between the Actors Equity Association and the World's Fair Corporation in connection with the "American Jubilee" show was settled following the intervention of Mayor La Guardia and rehearsals for the \$500,000 spectacle were resumed, insuring a summer's work for more than 350 persons.

The settlement provided that choral singers, ballet dancers and show girls receive \$40 weekly for 23 performances with \$1 for each additional performance. The general manager for "American Jubilee" said 96 ballet dancers, 96 choral singers and 24 show girls would be affected directly.

A sequel to the settlement of the "American Jubilee" dispute was the conclusion of a basic agreement between the World's Fair Corporation and the nineteen unions affiliated in

the Theatrical Federation Alliance providing for an American Federation of Labor closed shop with a stipulation that "there shall be no strike or lockouts or other stoppages of work by parties to the agreement so long as they live up to the contract."

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Rights-Of-Labor Bill Is Backed By Green Industrialists Urges

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President William Green announced he would write to Senator Alben W. Barkley, Democratic floor leader, urging that the La Follette-Thomas Bill be placed on the Senate calendar for quick action. He described the measure as essential to protect labor's rights against ruthless bosses.

The bill would forbid the hiring of labor spies, strikebreakers and strike-breaking agencies; prohibit employers from sending their armed guards off company property, and outlaw private industrial arsenals of machine guns, shotguns, bombs and other munitions.

News of Labor Is Asked of Charlotte A. F. of L. Locals

Labor publications rely on news matter primarily from all Labor Officials and Representatives. If this news matter is not forthcoming from some of them, the Labor Press fails in its duty to friends and members of organized labor.

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