

Truman Asks For Long Term Housing Measure

Washington, D. C. — President Truman appealed to administration leaders in the House for action before adjournment on the Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill providing for a long-term housing program. This measure has been urged vigorously by the AFL.

The Presidential appeal for passage of the bill was contained in separate letters to Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas, Majority Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, and Rep. Brent Spence, chairman of the House Banking Committee.

The legislation was approved by the Senate several weeks ago. Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt told reporters that effective lobbying has kept the bill in the House committee.

President Truman's letter to Speaker Rayburn: "Dear Sam: "Representatives of groups have waited upon me and members of

my Administration endorsing and urging the early passage of S. 1592, the general housing act of 1946, which is essential to provide houses at costs and rental within the reach of the majority of veterans.

"On repeated occasions I have not only expressed myself as favorable to the legislation, but requested its speedy enactment. I have today written Chairman Spence of the House Banking and Currency Committee, urging the earliest practicable consideration of the measure.

"I trust that you will exert your very best efforts in bringing about immediate consideration of this legislation, which is so essential to the welfare of the veteran and housing generally."

To Representative McCormack: "Dear John: "I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have today written to Chairman Spence of the Banking

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THE WAR IS OVER AND MOST OF THE SOLDIERS ARE BACK SOME OF THEM ARE SCARED AT LABOR UNIONS. THEY HEARD LOOSE TALK OVERSEAS ABOUT STRIKES, BIG WAGES, HIGH LIVING. A FEW FELL FOR THE HATE LINE AND JOINED FAKE "VETERANS" GROUPS WHOSE REAL PURPOSE WAS TO SMASH LABOR AND SET RACE AGAINST RACE, RELIGION AGAINST RELIGION.

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Washington, D. C.—Expressing confidence that economic hills and valleys could be avoided by sharp alertness to changing conditions, President Truman appointed Edwin G. Nourse to head a three-man Economic Advisory Council provided by the Employment Act. Nourse is vice-president of the Brookings Institution, a research organization, and has headed its institute of economics since it was established in 1922. He is 63.

Earlier, the President had ap-

pointed as the other members, John D. Clark of the University of Nebraska, and Leon H. Keyserling, general counsel of the National Housing Agency.

Under the Employment Act enacted February 20, the Economic Advisory Council is to recommend long-range policies for Government encouragement of high-level business and purchasing power. Mr. Truman has delayed setting up the council because of difficulty in finding the right men for the three \$15,000-a-year jobs.

Mr. Clark, a native of Colorado with a varied background as a lawyer and in the economic field, has been professor of economics and dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Nebraska since 1941.

Mr. Keyserling, a native of Charleston, S. C., has long experience in Government service. He was deputy administrator and

general counsel of the United States Housing Authority from 1937 through 1942, when he became general counsel of the National Housing Agency.

In announcing the appointment of Nourse, the President said: "Our country is capable of maintaining an economy free from the evils of both inflation and deflation. The Council will be in a position to present to the Nation a clearer and more comprehensive analysis than we have ever had regarding the economic state of the Nation and all factors which tend to retard prosperity."

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STRIKES REACH NEW LOW
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AFL ON AIR IN KENTUCKY
Frankfort, Ky. — A 15-minute weekly radio program at 9 p. m. each Wednesday is being sponsored by the Kentucky State Federation of Labor to give information of value to AFL locals.

and Currency Committee, which I believe is self-explanatory.

"I urge you to exert your best efforts to see that this legislation, vital to the veteran and housing generally, is given the earliest practicable consideration. Time is truly of the essence."

To Chairman Spence: "Dear Mr. Chairman: "I urge upon you and your committee the earliest practicable action on S. 1592, the general housing act of 1946, which is essential to the over-all housing program and particularly necessary at this time to make effective the veterans' emergency housing program.

"The veterans' emergency housing program involves two equally important tasks: (1) to expedite the production of building materials and finished homes, which is being done under the veterans' emergency housing act of 1946, and (2) to make sure that these houses are made available in sufficient volume at sales prices, or rentals which the majority of our veterans and their families can afford, which cannot be achieved without passage of S. 1592.

"It is my considered judgment that S. 1592 is urgently needed. I am confident that if this bill reaches the floor the Congress, recognizing the need and the equity of adequate housing for the veteran, will pass the bill in question.

"Time is of the essence. I therefore urge again the earliest practicable action on this matter by you and your committee."

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