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Johnson Asserts Industry Should Hire More Folks

Says There Are Many That Can and Ought to Meet President's Suggestion

Washington, March 7.—Hugh S. Johnson tonight told the representatives of industries that there were many "That obviously can—and ought to—meet this suggestion" to work on a 10 per cent decrease in hours per week and a ten per cent increase in hourly wages.

The NRA administration, speaking to employers at the conclusion of the general conference on code revision, did not, however, say that this was the administration's plan. Instead, he suggested further conferences with employers to work out this problem and other connected with the recovery unit.

In one pithy paragraph, the administrator summed up his views on the troubled question of wages and hours:

Wages and Hours.
"There are some industries that couldn't do what I tentatively suggested about wages and hours. There are some where business is so little that if they did adopt the rule, it wouldn't make any difference to employment. But there are many that obviously can—and ought to—meet this suggestion to work on a ten per cent decrease in hours per week and a ten per cent increase in hourly wages. The President expressly said that he favored resiliency in any such rule. We all know that some industries cannot do this. We know that in some it would be ineffective. But we know that in many there is no excuse for not doing it."

Earlier, Johnson had told the industrialists that the President did not intend to proclaim any blanket reduction of hours or increase in wages, but he indicated—as he did in his speech tonight—that the subject would be seriously considered at other meetings with selected representatives of the business men.

Johnson said only one thing was "cut and dried" in advance of the meeting, and that he was "prepared to defend that conclusion on purely professional grounds to the discomfort of any opponent—that, in this emergency, and until pay rolls catch up with employment—it is proper to encourage increased wages and reduced hours per week."

Summoning selected groups to continue the conference on code revision, Johnson said: "For the next few weeks we shall be in continuous session."

Partnership Spirit.
"Just as promptly as possible," he said, "we shall make available to you and to the nation the results of our investigations and conclusions. But whatever action is taken, based on these conclusions, will be with due regard to the partnership spirit that has characterized every policy and every action since the inception of NRA."

"Now then, in closing, may I say this: We are going to have no super-government of industry. The balanced scheme of labor—industry—consumer's representation will be maintained. The gold-fish bowl will still be open. Every critic will be invited in the future (as in the past) to come in and tell us how to do it better."

"Nobody has any occasion to worry as long as he is straight. Industry is intrinsically straight. The essence of the New Deal is public knowledge of methods and results. A man may be entitled to a 100 thousand dollar salary from a corporation in which labor, consumers and stockholders are all interested. But he ought not to object to having everybody know about it. That is the only bitter pill to swallow. As far as I am concerned, I am willing to swallow it. I have made more than that in my time and (with my abundant faith in what is being done here) I'll bet I will make it again."

"But in order to accomplish such blessed events, let's get together—let's pull together—let's play the game"

Reviews Meetings.
Reviewing the meetings here this week and the conference last week at which complaints were heard, the administrator said that it was his aim to lighten enforcement to the codes, and also revive sentiment for the Blue Eagle.

"Of Course," he said, "we can't succeed without public support of what we are trying to do, and I want to warn non-compliers that we are not only going out to revive public sentiment for the Blue Eagle, but under specific orders from the President, we are reorganizing to enforce the penal sections of the act. Regardless of publicity, I have been too gentle. We deliberately delayed action because of misunderstandings, but I may leave the remainder to you and your editor."

Johnson noted that a critic said the other day that the Blue Eagle was his personal symbol—and that his faith in it was "pitiful."

He quoted President Roosevelt's words that the Blue Eagle was given as a symbol of co-operation, and said:

"Now, in respect of this 'pitiful' affection of mine for the Blue Eagle, may I say to my good friend—and I hate to say it because he has done so much to carry forward the President's program as any man)—that, if we took away his Blue Eagle for some non-compliance (which would never happen), his great department store would collapse like a row of dominoes in a fortnight for lack of patronage and, dear friend, don't advise anybody to start trifling with that bird."

Several times during the address the business men interrupted with vigorous applause. The general was given a rousing reception when he appeared and also at the conclusion of his address.

Havana Prepares For Revolt as Rumors Fly

Machine Guns Were Placed Atop of Palace Roof; Soldiers and Police Guards Doubled

Havana, Mar. 7.—Machine guns were placed hastily atop the palace roof today and guard were redoubled as new rumors of revolt flew.

Part of the army and Communists rumors ran planned to join followers of former President Ramon Graa San Martin in an attack on the palace.

Soldiers and police guards were doubled throughout the city.

Automobiles loaded with sailors and soldiers moved through the streets. Autoists and pedestrians were searched. Seven men were arrested during the night in suburban Mariannao. All were charged with conspiring against the government of President Carlos Mendieta.

It was two o'clock this morning before the weary Mendieta cabinet which sat up most of Monday night ended a session in which stringent measures to meet growing unrest taken by the president late yesterday were approved.

Facing perhaps the most critical situation since he came to power, President Mendieta assumed wide powers by suspending ten of the most important personal guarantees in the provisional constitution.

He also signed the "law of national defense" which an aide said would "divide and break up Communist activity." In addition the president ordered the immediate deportation of all alien agitators.

BILL CARE HOST
Bill Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Carr, entertained thirty-five of his friends at a delightful birthday party on Thursday afternoon in celebration of his ninth anniversary. Games and contests were played on the lawn and refreshments, consisting of Dixie cups and the gleaming birthday cake were served from a table placed there. Easter eggs and candies were given as favors.

The largest acreage yet seeded to Jespedeza is being planted in Lincoln County this season for both soil improvement and hay.

Hudson & Terraplanes Now on Display By the Farmville Motor Co.

The New 1934 Models Not Only Lead in Style and Beauty, But Stand Out in Performance and Economical Operation

The new 1934 Terraplanes and Hudsons have arrived in this city and are on display announces the Farmville Motor Co., Inc., Terraplane and Hudson distributors for this territory. This new line of cars, which are said to be the finest in the history of this company, may now be seen by the public.

Larger and more luxurious bodies of ultra modern type are mounted on chassis designed on the basic principle of unit-engineering which characterized the Terraplane for 1933. It is this principle which was responsible for the unprecedented record of performance and ruggedness established by this car. The Terraplane Six is made on a wheelbase of 112" and 116". The Hudson Eight is made in two wheelbase lengths, 116" and 128".

The exceptional smoothness for which Hudson-built engines have been famous since the introduction of the Super Six, is even further accentuated this year. The six-cylinder Terraplane which takes the place of last year's model will have a larger motor, the displacement being increased from 193 to 212 cubic inches due to an increase in the bore of the engine from 2-15/16" to 3", and the stroke from

Roosevelt Pushes Plan

Efforts Made To Have Industrial Sceptics Join In Own Way

Washington, March 8.—Once Congress votes tariff bargaining powers to the President, winds up the appropriating to run the government next year and enacts the \$2,580,000,000 tax bill, the administration will be ready for adjournment.

This developed today in conference between Mr. Roosevelt and Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, with the first two weeks in May the announced time for seeking to close the session.

In trip-hammer fashion, the administration pressed its program at one point after another today while attempting at the same time to have industrial "skeptics" join in their own way.

For President Roosevelt, the immediate objective was softening in the House the Senate's blow at the budget through its votes to liberalize veterans' compensation and restore the cut federal pay.

Leaders of the larger branch, now having the big money bill in custody, were called to the White House prior to the Democratic caucus on the question this evening.

For Hugh S. Johnson, spokesman for heavy industries—opposed to his suggestion for cutting code hours—gathered in committee to devise methods by which they believe employment an business activity can be stimulated.

Long term credit stimulation and release of investment capital were principal subjects of interest to this group.

Of the many other diverse affairs that took the minds of the national legislators away from the show and rain that drenched the Capitol grounds were the following:

To a House Committee Secretary Morgenthau favored amendment of the constitution to let the government tax income from future issues of federal, state and municipal securities. He also advocated giving the states the right to tax income from federal securities.

Secretary Hull at opening of hearings on the bill to empower the President to make tariff deals, testified to another committee that such legislation is imperative if the United States is to get back any large portion of its lost foreign trade.

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CONTRACT CLUB
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First Lady in Virgin Islands

Mrs. Roosevelt Goes To St. Croix Aboard Air-liner

St. Croix, Virgin Islands, March 8.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor Paul Pearson, and a party aboard the airliner American Clipper came here today in 28 minutes from St. Thomas.

They went ashore at 10 a. m., E. S. T., at the place where Christopher Columbus is reputed to have landed after his first crossing of the Atlantic.

From the plane Mrs. Roosevelt went ashore in a rowboat. She jumped from the boat to the dock and there she was presented by a Negro child with a huge bouquet of flowers.

Another present was given her there—a bottle of a 45-year-old St. Croix rum "to take to the President."

She walked up the street to the bandstand under an arch of sugar canes, held triumphantly aloft by native girls.

At the bandstand she made a short speech saying:

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Dr. Wynekoop Is Sent to Prison

Woman Physician Is Sentenced to 25 Years in Slaying of Daughter-in-Law

Chicago, Mar. 7.—Only a higher court or death itself can save Dr. Alice Wynekoop from the penitentiary now.

A jury convicted her last night of the slaying of her daughter-in-law, Rheta, in the operating table murder that horrified the nation.

It fixed a sentence of 25 years in state penitentiary. Only two ballots were taken.

The murder drama that began when Rheta's body was found with a bullet in the back on Dr. Wynekoop's operating table last November 21 kept its interest in a rushing crescendo until the last.

With the jury in its place ready to report its verdict, Judge Harry B. Miller summoned the jail physician to stand by the 63-year-old woman and be ready to administer to her a strong heart stimulant less the shock of the verdict strike her dead.

She did not need his ministrations. She heard the verdict as she sat in her wheel chair without the sign of a quiver. She turned to her children, Walker and Dr. Catherine Wynekoop, and said:

"Go home now, children, and sleep, your mother is not guilty. No, no."

Youth Stages Hold-Up

Don Taylor, 14, son of Luby Taylor, tenant farmer of this vicinity, was turned over to juvenile court authorities in Greenville, Monday afternoon, by Chief J. L. Taylor of the Farmville police department, to await trial for a hold-up involving Howard Moyer, son of M. L. Moyer, prominent farmer, who lives two miles east of town, on the Farmville-Greenville highway.

The holdup occurred just after Moyer started his motor in front of his home early Sunday evening, the boy, who was hidden in the rear of the car pointing a pistol at his head and forcing him to turn about and drive in the direction of Greenville for some distance until ordered to get out.

Taylor choked the engine at Ballards Cross Roads and several men at a filling station nearby, when called upon for assistance, became suspicious of his actions and started to question him, whereupon the youth drew his pistol and backed away, later being captured in a tobacco barn.

Young Moyer, said to have acquired a reputation as one of the swiftest and bravest of students while at State College, never had a chance to put up a fight as Taylor, seized in a desperate mood, and is reported as snapping the pistol at one time.

Waters Lap At Homes

Scores of Deserted Farm Homes in Kansas As River Rises

Atchison, Kan., Mar. 7.—Menacing muddy waters lapped at the doorsteps of scores of deserted farm homes today for 45 miles along the ice-jammed Missouri river.

Caught by such a sudden flood, farmers, their wives and children escaped with only a few possessions and spent the night huddled in country stores or in private homes where accommodations were taxed to the limit.

Thousands of fertile tobacco, wheat and corn bottomland acres were inundated over an area extending from a point 16 miles north of St. Joseph, Mo., to another 10 miles south of Atchison. Livestock was drowned.

Here and there, families were unaccounted for, but no loss of human life from drowning was reported.

Fermentation of another ice jam above St. Joseph late last night increased the gravity of the situation.

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Stranger—Why not?

Merchant—I tried it once and it nearly ruined me. People come down miles away an' they bought thru the stuff I had.—Pathfinder.

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BOY SHOTS STEPFATHER

Haywood Jones, Negro youth, 14, is being held by juvenile court authorities in Greenville, pending outcome of pistol wounds inflicted by him, on Thursday morning, on his stepfather, Sam Dixon, who is in a critical condition in a Washington hospital, the bullet taking a course near the small of the back in the vicinity of the kidneys.

Jones was taken into custody by Chief Taylor and Officer Smith in the late afternoon, following the shooting at a lumber mill, where the boy had hid himself throughout the day. He claims to have shot to protect his mother, who was being cruelly beaten by his stepfather.