

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Sept. 28. — One of the first items to which the Senate will give attention when it meets again in January is the President's plan for a complete

reorganization of the administrative machinery of the Federal government. This bill, if passed, will go a long way toward simplifying the task of the Executive. It embodies reforms which every President in recent years has urged upon Congress. But it contains so many other provisions, especially conferring permanent added authority upon the President, that there is a good deal of doubt whether it will be adopted.

The reorganization plan, as it stands, would give the President authority to shift and consolidate

the hundreds of bureaus, "administrations," commissions and independent offices of the Government, putting them, with few exceptions, into the various cabinet departments, consolidating their financial and accounting systems and curtailing the authority of many of them. It creates a new Cabinet department, the Department of Welfare, and changes the name of the Interior Department to Department of Conservation. The President asked for still another new department, of Public Works, but this was stricken out by the Senate committee.

The proposal of the President includes the enlargement of his White House staff by giving him six more assistants, whose job would be to keep track of what the different departments are doing and report directly and secretly to the President. These men were described in the report of a commission which worked out the plan for the President, as persons with "a passion for anonymity." Nobody but the President would even know who they were.

What is sticking in the craw of many Senators is that part of the proposal which would deprive Congress of its present power to control the expenditure of public funds through the General Accounting Office, which now reports directly to Congress. The General Accounting Office must pass on every voucher for the payment of Federal money to anybody. If it cannot find explicit authority in law for the payment, the voucher is not approved, and neither the President nor anyone else has power to force its payment. This office was created in 1921, under the direction of the Comptroller-General, who is appointed by the President for a fifteen year term, but cannot be removed by him, and is accountable directly to Congress. Only one man, John A. McCarl, has ever held the post of Comptroller-General. His term expired on June 30, 1936, and President Roosevelt has not named a successor. The effect of the authority of the Comptroller-General

and the General Accounting Office has been to prevent money appropriated for one purpose from being used for any other purpose.

The President's proposal is to substitute an Auditor-General, who instead of checking expenditures before they are made, will audit all payments after they have been made, under the control of the Secretary of the Treasury. This is the point upon which the opponents of the whole plan of reorganization will make their strongest fight.

How far the President will go in exerting pressure on Congress for his reorganization plan, and in renewing his attempt to reorganize the Supreme Court, remains to be seen. There was a very "cocky" feeling among Senators and Representatives when Congress adjourned, a feeling that they had stood out against the President and won, in the Court fight. Many felt that this was a demonstration of the independence of the Legislative Department of the Federal system, and that it would be followed by further demonstrations that the Executive could no longer dictate to them. That feeling has been strengthened, rather than otherwise, by the recent charges against Senator Hugo Black of Alabama, recently named to the Supreme Court bench.

The allegation, after Congress had adjourned and Justice Black had taken the oath of his new office as a full-pledged member of the Supreme Court, that he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan, came as a surprise and shock both to the President and to the Senate. A similar charge was made when the confirmation was pending, but was denied in his behalf by Senatorial friends, who blocked all efforts to have a committee of investigation look into the accusation. At that time, and since, many Senators who voted for his confirmation have said they would not have done so had they suspected that the Senator was a member of the Klan. Many others who would not have objected to his appointment on that ground, are perturbed because of the alleged lack of frankness on Mr. Black's part in not disclosing the facts, and the apparent failure of the President to inform himself fully about Mr. Black's antecedents before naming him to the irrevocable office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Even those who recognize that an ambitious politician is hardly to be criticized if he seeks and accepts Klan support, deplore the failure to bring all the facts into the open.

The situation does not tend to strengthen the President's influence with the Senate, and it may encourage further resistance to his requests for more power, when Congress meets again.

A 350-foot chain was carved from a single plank, 18 feet long and 22 inches wide, by R. T. Stewart, Chicago.

NOTICE OF SALE
State of North Carolina
County of Surry.
The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, Plaintiff,
Vs.
P. G. Scott and Others,
Defendants.

Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Land

Pursuant to a judgment entered in above entitled civil action on the 20th day of September, 1937, in the Superior Court of said County by the Clerk, I will on the 15th day of November, 1937, at 12 o'clock M., at the County Courthouse door in said County sell at public auction to the highest bidder therefor the following described lands, bounded and described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land containing one hundred and ninety-nine (199) acres, more or less, situate, lying and being in the County of Surry, Shoals Township and State of North Carolina. This tract of land is made up of ten different tracts adjoining each other. The whole tract of one hundred and ninety-nine acres having such shape, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof made by S. R. Harbour, Surveyor and being bounded on the north by the lands of T. H. Scott and H. E. Spainhour; on the east by the lands of G. W. Scott; on the south by the lands of J. N. Owen, L. E. Brown and G. W. Scott, and on the west by the lands of W. H. Houser and S. W. Scott. This being the same tract of land heretofore conveyed to P. G. Scott in ten different tracts by deeds as follows: FIRST TRACT, containing 16.21 acres deeded to P. G. Scott by Germain Bernard, Trustee of T. H. Gilliam and heirs, by deed dated November 30, 1892, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County in Book 35, page 85; SECOND TRACT, containing 7 acres, more or less, deeded to F. G. Scott by L. S. Scott and wife, M. F. Scott by deed dated February 2, 1892 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry Coun-

ty in Book 33, page 569. THIRD TRACT, containing 6.50 acres deeded to P. G. Scott by Samuel Scott and wife, Mary Scott by deed dated January 19, 1884, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County in Book 33, page 573. FOURTH TRACT, containing five acres and FIFTH TRACT, containing 1.50 acres and SIXTH TRACT, containing one acre, deeded to P. G. Scott by Samuel Scott and wife, deed dated January 17, 1899, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County in Book 35, page 86. SEVENTH TRACT, containing 34.50 acres, deeded to P. G. Scott by W. E. Scott and wife, Julia Scott by deed dated December 18, 1909, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County in Book 54, page 116. EIGHTH TRACT, containing 35 acres deeded to P. G. Scott by Annie T. Boyd, Executrix of McD. Boyd and Annie T. Boyd, individually, deed dated August 1, 1916 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County in Book 70, page 263, less 11.25 acres which was sold off this tract by P. G. Scott and is not included in this description. NINTH TRACT, containing 82 acres and TENTH TRACT, containing 21.80 acres deeded to P. G. Scott by R. M. Cox and others, heirs at law of Chas. P. Cox, by deed dated April 27, 1912, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County in Book 60, page 214. Also, all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land containing 220 acres, more or less, situate, lying and being in Shoals Township, County of Surry and State of North Carolina, on the Yadkin River, Grassy Creek and the Southern Railway Right-of-way having such shape, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof, made by E. L. Gaither, Surveyor on the 8th day of June, 1914, a copy of which is attached to the abstract now on file with The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, and being bounded on the North by the lands of J. W. Barber, Ernest Barber and J. Y. Phillips, on the East by the lands of J. Y. Phillips and Grassy Creek and Miss C. V. S. Boyden, on the south by the lands of Robert Houser, Hubert Houser and J. W. Barber.

The terms of sale are as follows: CASH. All bids will be received subject to rejection or confirmation by the Clerk of the said Superior Court and no bid will be accepted or reported unless its maker shall deposit with said Clerk at the close of the bidding the sum of Two Hundred (200.00) Dollars, as a forfeit and guaranty of compliance with his bid, the same to be credited on his bid when accepted. Notice is now given that said lands will be sold at the same place and upon the same terms at 2 o'clock P. M., of the same day unless said deposit is sooner made. Every deposit not forfeited or accepted will be promptly returned to the maker.

This the 20th day of September, 1937.
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ROBT. A. FREEMAN,
Commissioner.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

WHEREAS, on the 19th day of April, 1935, W. J. Lawrence and Katie Lawrence executed and delivered unto W. O. McGibony, Trustee for The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, a certain deed of trust which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County, North Carolina, in Book 132, at page 29; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured as therein provided, and the trustee has been requested by the owner and holder thereof to exercise the power of sale therein contained:

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of the authority conferred by the said deed of trust the undersigned Trustee will on the 22nd day of October, 1937, at the Court House Door of Surry County, North Carolina, at twelve o'clock noon offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following real estate:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land known as the former D. J. Melton farm and containing One Hundred Twenty and one-half (120.50) acres, more or less, situate, lying and being in Bryan Township, County of Surry and State of North Carolina, having such shape, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof made by C. F. Fields, Surveyor, on the 9th day of June, 1923, a copy of which is now on file with The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, and being bounded on the North by the lands of E. W. Hanes; on the East by the lands of J. M. Bates and J. F. Fields; on the South by the lands of W. T. Snow; and on the West by the lands of M. A. Dockery and W. T. Snow.

This the 21st day of September, 1937.
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10-14 and Attorney for Trustee.

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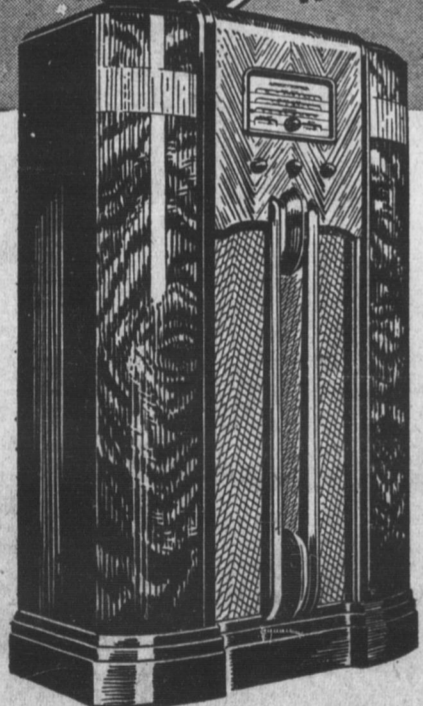
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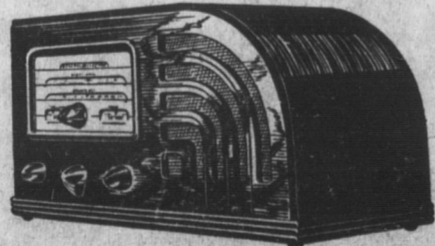
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