



DEMOCRACY FADING
13 DICTATOR-NATIONS
IN CENTRAL AMERICA
ISLAND REPUBLICS
COLOMBIA DEMOCRATIC
SOUTH AMERICA
LAND-OWNERS CONTROL
FUTURE COMPLICATIONS
THE TWO AMERICAS

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While waiting for Congressional action on the major measures now pending before the special session and for business and the Administration to conclude their process of adjusting differences we are going to make a rough survey of the situation in the Western Hemisphere, where more than a score of nations are grappling with serious domestic problems while their foreign relationships become increasingly important.

At the start we are going to write off, so far as this discussion is concerned, all the territory to the north of the United States, including Canada and other British areas. There is, we think, no cause for alarm over the lands that separate the United States and Alaska. Relations have rarely been better and the future outlook is bright for sensible cooperation in the improvement of trade and cultural intercourse. To the south, however, when we cross the Rio Grande, we face a different situation, and it does not change much as we pass through Central America and go into the nations of South America.

Altogether, including the island republics to which we refer later, there are twenty republics in Central and South America. In a vague way the people of the United States think of them as "American" in the sense that they think of the institutions in the United States. There is a general idea that they are developing along the same general lines, that they sympathize with our ideals and that they incline to follow in the footsteps of this country. The idea is that the people of the other republics admire democracy like the United States as a protector, and are doing what they can to make the two Americas shine as an example to a troubled world.

Well, let's see about it. To begin with, out of the twenty republics, only four can be classed as democracies, three would be classed as radical or of the left, and the other thirteen are definitely of the rightist or dictator type, with tendencies toward fascist forms. These classifications are somewhat reasonable approximations. In the thirteen republics now ruled by strong-arm dictators there is practically nothing left of representative government, the opposition is almost universally outlawed and the administration in power is supported by the military. Significantly, the land-owning classes in almost all of these republics are the chief beneficiaries of the conservative governments and the main prop to their support.

Looking at the situation from the standpoint of the number of people involved, we find that the four democratic governments control about 12,000,000 people, the leftist nations about 24,000,000 and the dictators around 34,000,000. When we consider resources it is plain from the alignment of the republics, that the democratic nations are weaker than the other groups.

Beginning at the Rio Grande and continuing to the Panama Canal there are seven republics, starting with leftist Mexico and its 17,000,000 people. The next four nations in order as they come are Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua—ruled by dictators who seized their power by arms, aligned behind an anti-communist past of their own and working together to suppress their political enemies as "communists." The most populous, Guatemala (2,250,000) and El Salvador (1,500,000), under German and Italian influence, respectively, quit the League of Nations and the latter was the first nation in the world to recognize Manchukuo. The other pair, Honduras (900,000) and Nicaragua (800,000) are just as firmly fascist, and now in dispute over a boundary line.

If we look eastward we see the island of Cuba (4,000,000) under a military dictator and the Dominican Republic (1,500,000) where rule by force has been carried to its greatest extent. Between these two, on the same island with the Dominican Republic, lies Haiti (2,500,000), now under a democratic president after long years of dictatorship. The recent killing of a number of

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"A day, an hour of virtuous liberty is worth an eternity of bondage."—Addison.

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Ayres To Probe Cause Of High Cost Of Living

Roosevelt Directs Head Of Trade Commission To Make Investigation; Facts Are To Be Sought

Washington, Dec. 1.—President Roosevelt has directed William A. Ayres, Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, to initiate an inquiry as to how far the rising cost of living is due to monopolistic or unfair trade practices.

This is an important question and the answer which the Trade Commission seeks will be awaited with interest by everybody. For everybody in America is feeling the pinch of rising prices for food, clothing, shelter and the other things which everybody buys. If there is any evidence unearthed by the Commission pointing to conspiracy to raise prices to consumers or any other illegal trade practices the punishment of those concerned should be swift and sure.

Let's Get the Facts

The President's request reflects a widespread impression that somewhere in the background there exists hidden and mysterious forces engaged in trying to gouge the public by raising prices of necessities. Whether that is true or not, so long as a considerable number of people believe it to be true, it is the President's duty to start an inquiry into the facts.

Recent studies by the Department of Labor indicate that the rising prices of necessities are not in proportion to the prices received by producers. The price

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Galax Bowlers Take Tues. Game From Sparta Team

The Galax bowling team took revenge on the Sparta representatives at the Galax Bowling alleys Tuesday night with both the girls' and men's teams taking first place in their weekly match. The total for the men of the Galax team was 2,008 points as compared with the visitors' 1,807 total. The Galax ladies' team won over their opponents with a 73-point margin, their total being 1,373 points to the Sparta even 1,300.

Previously, a week ago, on the Sparta team's home alleys, the North Carolina team took the visiting Galax crew over the jumps by a margin larger than the Galax group won by Tuesday night. None of the scores tallied at Sparta are available for publication.

The Sparta men's team took the lead in the first set with 613 points to the locals' 582. But the local crew limbered up in the first game and took the next two sets with enough margin to make up the first game deficit. Galax took the second set, 697 to 633, and pulled into their commanding lead during the final game with 729 points to the visitors' 561.

Johnnie Richardson paced the Galax scoring with a total of 454 points, followed closely by the 406 scored by Floyd W. Williams.

Galax ladies' team took their game with 73 points to spare, totaling highest in the first and third sets to gain a partial revenge on the lassies from the Alleghany county seat for their last week's shellacking. Galax took the first set with 478 points to the Sparta 478, dropped the second 427 to 413 and finished with flying colors with 482 to 426.

The Galax team individual scoring totals follow: Men—Dr. V. O. Choate, 371; Jim Reavis, 381; Al Reavis, 396; Johnnie Richardson 454, and Floyd Williams, 406. Girls—Juanita Anderson, 346; Helen Hampton, 323; Hattie Weatherman, 333, and Nell Jo Anderson, 368.

Sparta ladies' individual score: Yvonne Wagoner (ladies high scorer) 372; Sally Vass, 247, and Sue McMillan, 349. The name of one member of the Sparta ladies' representatives could not be learned.

The names of the Sparta men contestants were not available.

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Alleghany Chapter Of Red Cross To Hold Meet Dec. 10

A meeting of the Red Cross Chapter of Alleghany county will be held on Friday night, December 10, at 7 o'clock, in the courthouse.

Rev. R. L. Berry, chairman of the chapter, made an announcement to this effect recently.

Dalton Warren will make a talk about the work of the Red Cross.

Officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting, and plans will be discussed.

Plan To Reduce Federal Road Aid Sharply Opposed

Washington, Nov. 30.—Although Congress made all preparations today for passing one item of President Roosevelt's program for helping business out of its slump, it found fault with another.

Hardly had he asked a deep cut in road building expenditures than Senators Hayden and August, Arizona Democrats, announced their opposition and Chairman Cartwright (D., Okla.), of the house roads committee issued a sharply critical statement.

All was well, however, with the president's proposal for reducing the cost of home building in the hope of stirring up a construction boom that would have a generally beneficial effect. Hearings were begun, and the legislation was put on the list for enactment at the special session.

The president's anti-depression program, as announced in recent days, consists of five points: housing, government retrenchment (to which the road building cut is related), immediate purchase of some \$245,000,000 worth of government supplies, a revision of taxes and encouragement of public utility programs.

In a special message to congress today on road building expenditures, Mr. Roosevelt objected "strenuously" to the practice of incurring advance obligations for this purpose without reference to the condition of the budget.

The practice has been to make "authorizations" one to two years ahead of time for federal assistance to the states in building secondary roads. At the beginning of each year the sum authorized has been apportioned among the states by the secretary of agriculture, to be followed by actual appropriations.

Thus, Mr. Roosevelt said, a total of \$238,000,000 was authorized for 1938 and the same amount for 1939. Of those sums \$38,000,000 has been appropriated for 1938, but no appropriations have been made for 1939. Instead of the \$200,000,000 remaining for 1938, he said he would include \$100,000,000 in the budget now in preparation—the balance to be provided for 1940.

Existing law says that on January 1, next, Secretary Wallace must apportion to the states \$214,000,000 of the 1939 authorization. The president asked that before that date, congress cancel the authorization. He added a request that congress limit to \$12,000,000 all such authorizations for the fiscal year 1940 and succeeding years.

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Capus M. Waynick Resigns Position As State Official

Raleigh, Nov. 30.—Capus M. Waynick resigned Friday as director of the state division of purchase and contract, and immediately Capitol Hill began speculating on his successor.

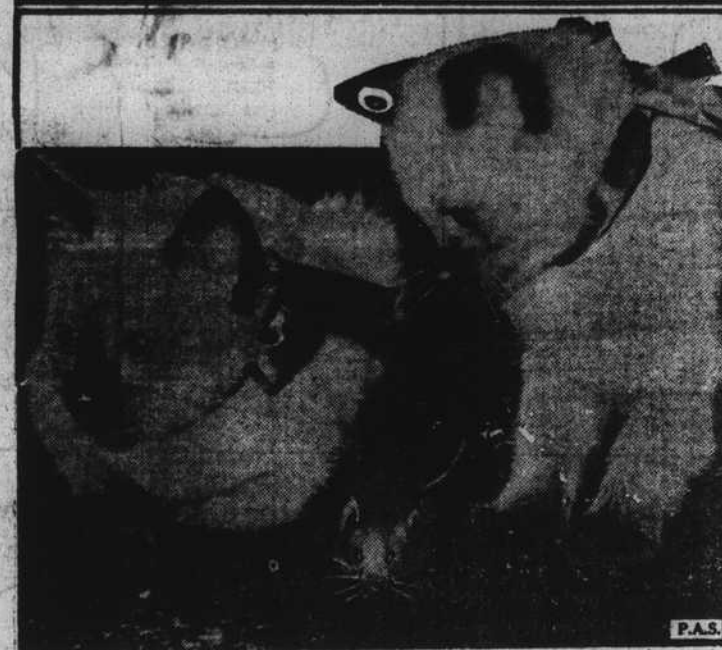
Prominently mentioned to succeed Waynick was W. Z. Betts, who has been in the division since 1920.

Waynick's resignation is to become effective December 15. He will return to his home at High Point to become editor of the Enterprise.

LABOR PEACE SOUGHT

John L. Lewis and William Green were to talk labor peace Thursday.

Seeing Is Believing



Being true bluebloods of the feline and rodent world, this well-bred Siamese cat and red mouse appeared together in a New York pet show along with other equally good-mannered cats and mice, with no casualties reported on either side of the erstwhile mortal enemies.

Many Alleghanians Join Red Cross Or Contribute To It

Following is a list of the names of those responding, up to the present time, to the annual Red Cross roll call in Alleghany county.

Those contributing as much as one dollar are enrolled as members.

They are:

Albert Richardson, Mrs. Albert Richardson, A. O. Joines, G. L. Duncan, Miss Jean Hawthorne, T. R. Burgess, Miss Elma Waddell, Mrs. Haswell Rector, Mrs. A. C. McMillan, Mrs. Sam Richardson, Miss Nellie Ruth Kreger, B. F. McCann, Miss Gertrude Andrews, G. Arnold Jones, Mrs. A. V. Choate, Mrs. C. R. Roe, C. R. Roe, F. H. Jackson, Byrdia Kilpatrick, Betty Jones, Hazel Burchett, Thelma Osborne, G. P. Crutchfield, J. T. Inskeep, Mrs. J. T. Inskeep, Johnnie Dale Taylor, Mrs. Grayson, Dr. L. L. Long, Mrs. F. Miller, Edward J. Pugh, Mrs. Hazel Taylor, Nancy Miller, Fred T. Hart, Mrs. Carrie Fender, Marie Perry, Blanche Pugh, Mrs. Ola P. Osborne, Ralph Evans, Mrs. Bruce Wagoner, Donna C. Jones, Mrs. Page Thompson, Mrs. Rush Thompson, Mrs. Clay Thompson, Mrs. Wayne Thompson, Mrs. John Guerrant, Annie Carey, E. B. Eldridge, Lillian Cooper, Clay Thompson, Lillie Ervin, Nora Helen Doughton, Mrs. Dwight Greene, Mrs. Robert M. Gambill, R. F. Crouse, W. M. Irwin, Izabelle Taylor, Mrs. T. J. Carson, Rev. R. L. Berry, Mrs. R. L. Berry, Mrs. James Toms, James Toms, Rev. Howard J. Ford, Alleghany Motor company, Mrs. George Cheek, George Reeves, Charles Myers, Alton Thompson, Mrs. E. F. Chester, Wayne Waddell, W. V. Blevins, E. F. Chester, J. D. Higgins, Ben Reeves, Jay Hardin, Glenn Nichols, Oder Joines, Ralph Cheek, Dr. C. A. Reeves, Mrs. Bert Choate, Mrs. Joseph Barnwell, Pearl Fields, D. F. Sturdivant and Mrs. C. A. Thompson.

The following schools have enrolled all the teachers as adult members, and each room in the school has given fifty cents or more which enrolls them as Junior Red Cross members: Laurel Springs, \$9.00; New Hope school, \$1.50; Turkey Knob, \$1.50; Glade Valley Elementary school \$1.50; Whitehead school, \$3.00; Pine Swamp school, \$2.00, and Stratford school, \$1.50. Other schools are yet to report.

J. K. Wagoner contributed \$0.50 and R. L. Nichols and Crockett Duncan contributed \$0.25 each.

ALLEGHANY MAN HAS DRIVER'S PERMIT REVOKED

According to a bulletin issued by the State of North Carolina, H. Lester Jones, Furches had his driver's permit revoked on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating beverages.

The permit was revoked October 18. The number of the permit, according to the bulletin, was 275768.

BOILEAU SCORES FARM BILL

Washington, Nov. 30.—With brandished fists and choked expletives, Representative Boileau (Prog., Wis.), fought in the House today against farm bill provisions which he said would "subsidize" the South's entrance into the dairy business.

To Probe H. C. L.



William A. Ayres (above), who has been directed by President Roosevelt to initiate an inquiry into the rising cost of living.

Township Farm Meetings To Be Held In Alleghany

Soil Conservation Program For 1938 To Be Subject For Discussion; Program Praised By Black

For the purpose of giving farmers an opportunity to discuss details of the 1938 Soil Conservation program that have been released recently from Washington, D. C., a series of township meetings will be held in Alleghany county during the next few days.

The program, according to information given out recently by R. E. Black, Alleghany county farm agent, is similar to the 1937 program and, in his opinion, is a better program than that for 1937 for small farmers and for Alleghany county.

Farmers will be paid for the use of lime and phosphate, and seeding of grasses and legumes, turning under of green manure crops and planting of forest trees. However, soil-building goals will be set for each farmer and failure to meet these goals will result in deduction in maximum payment.

Farmers who are informed concerning the schedule of these meetings are requested to pass on the information to their neighbors who may not know about them.

December 3, Piney Creek high school, at 7 p. m.; Monday, December 6, Sparta, in the court house, at 7 p. m.; Tuesday, December 7, New Hope, at 9 a. m.; Tuesday, December 7, Laurel Springs school, at 7 p. m.; Wednesday, December 8, Whitehead, at 9 a. m.; Wednesday, December 8, Blevins Cross Roads, at 7 p. m. and Thursday, December 9, Glade Valley, at 7 p. m.

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Unification Of Three Major Units Of Methodism Now Seems To Be Certain

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 30.—Final tabulation Friday of the vote of all the annual conferences in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in this country showed that the various conferences had voted for unification with the other two major branches of Methodism as follows: For, 7,577; Against, 1,247.

Roosevelt Asks For Lower Costs Of Home Building

Washington, Nov. 30.—Yesterday President Roosevelt asked Congress to cut the cost of home building as an anti-depression measure—and Congress quickly showed a liking for the proposal.

In a special message, the chief executive suggested amendments to the Federal housing act which, he said, would halve the down payment on small houses and reduce the financing charges on them, as well as on more ambitious structures.

He proposed, also, changes in the law to stimulate large scale construction of houses for sale and houses for rent, with a \$50,000,000 allocation from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to give the movement impetus.

As a supplementary project, Mr. Roosevelt announced he would hold conferences with industry, union officials and finance directed at reducing the cost of labor and of building materials. He blamed the high cost of these items for the continuing lag in construction and called the latter "one of the principal reasons" for the current business recession.

He said he hoped the total effect of this program, one of several methods he has chosen for combating the slump, would be a boom in residential construction spreading economic benefits in many directions.

"The long continued lag in building is a drag on all industry and trade," the message said. "This presents an urgent problem which is the common concern of industry, labor and government. All business needs the infusion of orders and the diffusion of purchasing power that come when building is thriving.

Much encouraged by the reaction to the president's message, Senator Wagner (D., N. Y.), promptly introduced a bill to carry his proposals into effect, and arranged for the banking committee, of which he is chairman, to begin hearings tomorrow. Enactment at some interval in the special session was regarded as probable.

While some skeptically warned the public against expecting miracles to flow from the housing plan, virtually all congressional elements from such administration dependables as Senator Barkley, the majority leader, to such anti-Rooseveltians as Senators Copeland (D., N. Y.), and Vandenberg (R., Mich.), expressed approval.

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Office Of Park Service To Be Moved From Galax

From a letter written recently from Congressman Robert L. Doughton to S. V. Tomlinson, chairman of the public affairs committee of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, it was learned that the National Park service office, in charge of the Blue Ridge parkway, now located in Galax, Va., will be moved to North Wilkesboro.

Agitation to have the park service office moved was begun several months ago when efforts were made to speed up payment for about 7,000 acres of land in Wilkes and Alleghany counties for park service use. This land is being developed into the Bluff park, outstanding wayside recreational grounds along a 100-mile section of the scenic boulevard.

Representative Doughton said: "Referring to the interest expressed by the Kiwanis Club of North Wilkesboro in having the National Park Service office, now located at Galax, Va., transferred to North Wilkesboro, N. C., I am glad to be able to advise you that an order has just been issued by the Secretary of Interior directing that this change be made."

It is understood that the change will become effective January 1.

Roosevelt Visits First "Alcatraz" On His Vacation

Miami, Fla., Nov. 30.—President Roosevelt and his vacation guests aboard the U. S. S. Potomac turned back the pages of time today and visited Dry Tortugas Island, America's first Alcatraz, in the Gulf of Mexico near Key West.

A message to temporary White House headquarters here said the yacht anchored off the island at breakfast time.

It added the President, who had an abscessed tooth extracted November 18 in Washington, still was feeling the effects of the infection "but showing satisfactory improvement." The tooth pocket was draining some when the President left Washington.

Some members of the President's party went ashore on Dry Tortugas and inspected Old Fort Jefferson, built at great expense back in the days of the Seminole Indian wars but hardly ever used except as a Civil War prison.

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Woman's Club Has Enjoyable Meeting At Public Library

The November meeting of the Woman's club was held on Friday, November 26, in the Sparta Public library with a large number of members and visitors present.

Mayor R. F. Crouse addressed the club, complimenting it highly on its achievements during the past year, and suggesting many lines of endeavor for the coming year.

Four new members were added to the club, Mrs. Haswell Rector, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. A. C. McMillan and Mrs. Ted Hayes.

Following the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed by Mrs. James Toms and Mrs. C. A. Thompson.

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