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CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT ENDANGERED

Says "Star Spangled Banner" Descendant — Francis Scott Key-Smith Forecasts Destruction of American Liberty

In an address before members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, at their annual dinner Saturday night, Francis Scott Key-Smith, great grandson of the Marylander who wrote the "Star Spangled Banner," said, "As a people and a nation," he said, "we are between two conflicting and contending forces: costitutional government, guaranteeing individual liberty and protection to private property, the long established and accepted principles for social security and economy, and some communistic, humanitarian, hysterical and abortive theory of each for the whole and the whole for itself as the sine qua non for all the life's hardships and inequalities."

The Forgotten Man

"Speak of the forgotten man," he continued. "Who are more forgotten today than these middle class Americans who, while unorganized, bear the brunt of the warfare now waged by labor with the support of the Government against capital and called a New Deal?"

"The results of this new policy of political thought were radical changes in our organic fundamental constitutional policy, through repeal by amendment of those wise provisions of the original Constitution designed and planned to prevent the destruction of the Government created by it. . . .

"Under two amendments, the Sixteenth and Seventeenth (providing for levying Federal incomes taxes and the direct election of Senators), sponsored and effected by radical thought, it is now possible to secure legislation by a radical popularly-chosen Congress, taxing capital and private property out of existence and centering all power in the Executive, countrary to the entire poicy and purpose of the founders and the Constitution they framed and adopted.

Liberty Seen Destroyed

"This destruction of constitutional policy is now being attempted in the name of constitutional government to the destruction of the liberty of the American people.

"Let us make no mistake, the country has not outgrown its constitutional government but is groaning under the vain struggle to exist half constitutional and half radical."

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NEWS FLASHES

War clouds, heavy and black, hang lower over Europe, and at no time since the end of the world conflict has a war involving Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia been so imminent as today.

Convicted of sabotage, E. I. Strickling, a German engineer, was condemned to death by a Soviet court.

Stalin has ordered all Germans in Russia rounded up by the secret police declaring them to be spies.

Hitler has demanded clemency for Strickland and the German ambassador has officially protested against execution. If this goes unheeded Germany may sever diplomatic relations with Russia, an act usually preceding a war declaration.

Both Hitler of Germany and Mussolini of Italy are determined to defeat the reds of Spain.

An unknown foreign submarine blew up a Spanish Red naval ship to prevent bombardment of advancing insurgents.

Japan is putting final touches to its war plans to invade Mongolia and attack Russia from the East in event of Germany's decision to attack from the North.

The Red Government in Spain claims that German and Italian recognition of Franco, leader of the insurgents, is a war ultimatum.

Russia is reported to be sending warships to Spain. Britain plans to do likewise. Naturally Germany and Italy with latest naval vessels will be on the scene.

A match dropped into this powder keg may provoke the next war.

In the United States the American Federation of Labor in convention at Tampa, Florida, says Civil War not only can happen here, but is imminent.

Hundreds of American merchant ships are still tied up on the Pacific Coast causing a food shortage in Alaska and Hawaii.

PETHESDA C. OF C. FIGHTS SALES TAX

Announced renewal by Governor Nice of Maryland of efforts to have the legislature enacte a sales tax law aroused opposition at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, Monday night.

Members of the legislature from Montgomery County are said to be unanimously against the tax.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Subscriber of Montgomery County, has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Montgomery County, in Maryland, Letters of Administration C. T. A. on the Personal Estate of Carolyn G. Caughey, late of the District of Columbia, deceased. All persons having Claims against the deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof, legally authenticated to the subscraiber on or before the 20th day of May next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said Estate. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Given under my hand this 12th day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

WILLARD G. McGRAW,
Union Trust Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.
Administrator c. t. a.

Thomas M. Anderson, Attorney.

BARBARA DICKINSON WINS CONTEST

Winner of Magee Prize For Best "Boost Bethesda" Slogan Announced at State Theatre

"BETHESDA'S BUYWAY THE CAPITAL HI-WAY"

Announcement of the winner in Bethesda's slogan contest was made last night at the State Theatre, on Wisconsin Avenue.

The prize, a handsome Grunow radio, was donated by Adlai S. Magee, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Bethesda, popularly called "Radio Magee".

The donation was made to arouse interest in Bethesda's gala celebration of the completion of Wisconsin Avenue improvements which will be held for three weeks beginning December 11.

The contest was confined to the pupils of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Senior High School and the Bethesda Junior High School.

More than 200 pupils entered the slogan marathon. There was no restriction on the number of slogans submitted and one prolific contestant submitted more than twenty.

Judges selecting the winning slogan were Thomas E. Hampton, William Buckley and John A. Overholt, of the Chamber of Commerce. After culling the various slogans they finally selected Barbara Dickinson's offer:

"BETHESDA'S BUYWAY
THE CAPITAL HI-WAY"

Miss Dickinson, a student in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Senior High School resides at 6513 Meadow Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland. The name of the successful winner was carefully guarded until Tuesday night, when all contestants and their friends filled the State Theatre. Not even Barbara had an inkling as to the winner. When her name was called she proudly walked upon the stage, and amid loud hand clapping, was acclaimed the slogan winner.

MONTGOMERY PLANS BOND REFUNDING

Also Want Road Control Returned to County

According to a Rockville dispatch to the Washington Evening Star, authority for refunding approximately $760,000 in bonds maturing during the next two fiscal years will be sought by the Board of Montgomery County commissioners when the State Legislature convenes in January.

The article says: "The commissioners also will request the county's representatives at Annapolis to enact a measure requiring the filing of a certificate showing the exact status of all taxes on property when a deed of transfer is recorded.

It has been decided by the board to loan its support to the drives to be made in behalf of two State-wide measures—return of lateral roads to the counties and a reassessment of all real property in 1937.

The commissioners, who discussed the Legislature proposals at a special meeting yesterday declared they have reached no definite decision as to whether the bonds maturing during the next two years will be refunded or whether they will be paid off.

Authority for any refunding, however, must be obtained at the coming session, for the next regular meeting of the Legislature is scheduled for 1939.

Members of the board pointed out the bonds now bear rates of interest averaging about 4.5 per cent, whereas recent sales of county bonds indicate they could be refinanced at a rate of about 3.5 per cent.

The tax certificate law is sought to set up a system which would simplify the procedure which counsel for prospective purchasers of property are forced to follow to trace the taxes outstanding against the land in question.

Certificates would be provided by the county treasurer at a charge of $2 apiece and would not only show the true condition of the tax account against the property, but also would list all special assessments.

Both the lateral road and reassessment acts have been advocated by the County Commissioners' Association for the Western Shore of Maryland, which feels the road could be maintained more economically by the counties than by the State and that a reassessment would not only equalize valuation through Maryland but would increase the assessible basis of the State.

MARYLAND PLANS AGED PENSIONS

Working under the leadership of the Baltimore office, post offices throughout the state began on Monday the task of conforming to the requirements of the Social Security Program, by distributing throughout the state about 150,000 application blanks to employes. This is in addition to 300,000 to be sent out in the Baltimore City section.

The blanks, known as form No. SS-5, will be delivered to the employers at their places of business, and then will be distributed by them to employes.

Until December 5 and probably later the handling of application blanks will go on, as they are filled out and returned by Maryland's 350,000 employes. Each employe will be assigned a permanent account number by the Postoffice before the records are turned over to the Social Security Board.

The account number will entitle him to participate in the Old Age Benefit Plan for which he and his employer will be taxed beginning January 1. The plan will entitle him to receive a monthly pension upon retirement at the age of 65.

Meanwhile the question of whether Maryland will see a second special legislative session within a few weeks still not settled, a special committee was ready to begin work today drafting a social security law for the State.

Under the present Federal unemployment insurance law, Maryland will not share in such benefits unless it has a State law by December 21. Attorney General Herbert R. O'Conor named the committee yesterday to draft such a law for presentation to the Legislature if a special session is called for next month.

In Annapolis, Gov. Harry W. Nice said he would call a special session "if it is developed that one is absolutely necessary to protect the interests of Maryland." This State had a special session last March to raise revenue for emergency relief and old-age pensions.

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For County People

U. S. BEING DRIVEN TO CIVIL WAR SAYS A. F. OF L. REPORT

Workers Resolved Not to Die Without Defense Are Preparing For Expected Conflict

Tampa, Fla.—A special dispatch to the Press gives the startling information that a report to the American Federation of Labor submitted by its committee on legislation warns of impending armed conflict between workers and industrial concerns.

The report says in part:

"Driven Toward Combat"

"The United States is being driven toward actual internal combat with arms. Employers are not buying guns to store away as curiosities or to have as toys. They are buying them, just as they have done for some time, to use for the sinister purpose of shooting to kill.

"We know that there are armed and drilled battle units, waiting for service in labor disputes. What fills the situation with doubt and danger is the fact that, in some cases, workers, resolved not to die without defense in kind, are themselves preparing for the day which they believe their employers are forcing upon them.

"That is not a nice picture to have before us, but we wonder what employers expect free Americans to do, especially in States where there is no protection by the authorities from a contemplated mass murder.

"Labor is determined to exercise its right under the law to organize. It organizes for the purpose of improving its conditions of life and labor."

BIG CHRISTMAS TRADE EXPECTED

Baltimore Merchants Predict Largest Buying Season in Seven Years

The Department of Commerce reports that signs exist in the Fifth Federal Reserve district including territory contiguous to Washington that retail trade from now to the end of the Christmas holidays will be brisk and at least 10 per cent above the 1935 mark.

Baltimore, Richmond and Norfolk were among the fifth district cities reporting marked trade gains during the week. Baltimore reports state that merchants expect one of the most active holiday seasons in the past seven years, or back to pre-depression days. The same views are being freely expressed by merchants in Washington.

Clearings Show Gains

Washington bank clearings add their proof of the business gains in the Capital. During the past week clearings totaled $25,116,227 in comparison with $20,648,599 in the same week in 1935. This is a gain of 21.6 per cent. Clearings here were also almost 7 per cent above the figure for the previous week.

The value of building permits in the Capital rose sharply, the Commerce report states, standing at $816,600, an increase of 71 per cent over the previous week and 279.5 per cent over the corresponding week a year ago. Tourist activities continued at an accelerated pace.

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