

This Week in Washington

by Ralph E. Church

Washington, D.C., Jan. 26—The two major items before Congress in the past week have been the World Court and the House Joint Resolution making an appropriation of \$4,880,000,000 to the Executive.

Treaty-making powers lie with the President and the Senate. It is not the privilege of a Member of Congress to vote on such matters as the entrance of the United States into the League of Nations or World Court. The general procedure is for the President, through the Department of State, to enter into negotiations with foreign countries and to submit his proposal to the Senate for ratification.

Senate galleries were filled, with many waiting in line, in the hope to hear Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, take the floor to renew his fight against the United States joining the World Court. Borah has served in the Senate since 1907 and is ranking minority member of the Foreign Relations Committee. He first began his fight against entrance into the World Court in 1920, when the proposal was first presented to the Senate. His 70 years have not weakened his oratorical powers and vigor. Borah's fight against the Court and the League is a historic event repeated.

Last Friday the House passed a Resolution making a blank check appropriation of \$4,880,000,000 to the President, with virtually no strings attached. It would be the power of the President under the provisions of this resolution to spend this large sum practically as he sees fit, to promulgate the rules and regulations for its administration and to consolidate or create whatever agencies or corporations he may desire. The resolution confers on the Executive large legislative powers, the constitutionality of which is questionable, inasmuch as it allows the Executive to act as the legislature by the means of Executive Orders. It was on this phase of the matter of the appropriation that the debate took place.

When the measure was before the Committee on Appropriations only three witnesses testified, all of whom represented the Administration: Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau, Director of the Budget Bell, and Admiral Peoples, director of the Procurement Division. The Secretary of the Treasury and Director of the Budget testified as to the general financing of this amount, and Admiral Peoples testified in general terms as to the administration. From reliable sources I understand it was anything but a thorough presentation of the intentions and possible program in the administering of the funds.

In order that our people may have the needed relief and at the same time reserve for Congress its right to legislate, to protect business, industry, commerce and the private individuals from the dangers of Executive Orders, I proposed a motion that this particular bill be killed and that another relief bill be presented to the House which would not destroy the Congress' right to legislate. The matter of proper relief for our people and its proper supervision by Congress prompted me to address the House on the inadvisability of passing this particular bill.

Ravinia Garden Club To Meet February 8

An outstanding program has been arranged for the February meeting of the Ravinia Garden Club, which will be held at the home of Mrs. Henry Dubin, 363 Cedar Avenue, Friday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Mildred Norton Andrews will be guest speaker and will speak on "Wild Flowers of Forest, Field and Prairie."

Mrs. Andrews, whose home is at White Cloud, Mich., is very well known to garden lovers and others, as an authority on terrariums. She will be remembered by Ravinia Garden Club members for her talk to the club about two years ago, and for her articles on various garden subjects in "Horticulture," "Garden Chronicle," "Better Homes and Gardens" and other garden magazines.

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JIM MOONEY TO INSTRUCT IN NATURE LORE

Announcement is made by the North Shore Area Council that Jim Mooney, naturalist, will be available to any Scout troop desiring his services for a troop meeting in an evening or for a hike.

Jim Mooney has done considerable research work for the Chicago museums and was employed on the staff at Camp Ma Ka Ja Wan during the summer of 1934 where Scouts became well acquainted with his pleasing personality and his unusual ability. Mr. Mooney, in his research studies and collection, has recorded many animals which had not been recorded for many years, and in some cases, never in this area.

His knowledge is always inexhaustible and his method of presentation most intimate and interesting. Troops desiring Mr. Mooney's services are urged to get in touch with Scout headquarters very soon as his work is popular and his time will be booked very soon.

ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1935

Fifty members of the MaKaJaWan Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, the national brotherhood of Honor Boy Scout Campers, in its annual meeting elected officers for the year 1935 and conducted other business. The election resulted in the following selection for lodge officers for the coming year: Chief, George Hinn of Troop 33, Highland Park; vice-chief, James Lytle of Troop 33,

Highland Park; secretary, Bob Brown of Troop 20, Winnetka; treasurer, Bob Ehrler of Troop 18, Winnetka; and medicine man, Don Taoppan, Troop 2, of Winnetka.

The retiring officers were: Dick Wichman, chief; Milton Kerners, vice-chief; John Jackson, secretary; Ed Koebelin, treasurer; and George Hinn, medicine man.

A word of greeting and challenge from the former chief, Dick Wichman, who is away at school in California, was read to the lodge. Everyone pledged a fuller, busier and more worthwhile activity for the year 1935, and committees were named to carry out certain definite functions of the Order.

CUB LEADER CONFERENCE OVER CUBBING PROGRAM

A group of Cub Leaders of the North Shore Area Council gathered at Scout headquarters last Friday evening to talk over Cubbing program and engaged in a round table discussion which was helpful to all who attended. It was the first such gathering in this council and all those present requested that more be held. Dr. Stewart Matthews of the Libertyville district, is chairman of the Council Cub Committee and Cubmaster of Cub Pack 41 of Libertyville. The Cub Program is for boys of 9, 10, and 11 years of age, and is a preparatory program to the Boy Scout Program although different in methods and content.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO OPEN SCOUT CELEBRATION

President Roosevelt will open the celebration of the Boy Scout Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Year with a nation-wide broadcast in the White House at Washington, D.C., on the evening of Feb. 8, Anniversary Day, between 8:45 and 9 p.m. E.S.T.

The message is to be broadcast over both national chains. It will be heard in Chicago between 7:45 and 8 p.m. President Roosevelt is an ardent Scouter, and has taken an active interest in the movement for years. He is president of the Greater Foundation in New York and Honorary President of the National Council. He always has a

measure of good cheer and challenge to the movement in which he has such a vital interest.

SCOUTING ANNIVERSARY COMMENCES FEBRUARY 8

Boy Scout Anniversary Week, which begins on Feb. 8, and is the anniversary date of the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America, will commence the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the movement.

Various types of activity are being planned in various districts of this council and also of the Council as a whole, to celebrate this anniversary year. The climax nationally of the anniversary year celebration will be the national Boy Scout Jamboree, to be held in Washington, D.C., to which a large delegation of North Shore Scouts will go. Featured also in the celebration of the Boy Scout Anniversary Year will be special attractions at Camp Ma Ka Ja Wan. Another feature of the anniversary will be the Scoutmasters' Appreciation Dinner to be held Feb. 20 at the Ravinia School. The speaker on that evening will be Ray O. Wyland, the national director of educational service of the Boy Scouts of America.

MODEL MAKERS SHOW CREATES INTEREST

Of interest to Scouts is the Model Makers Show an Exhibition on the 26th floor of the Civic Opera Building in the rooms of the Chicago Lighting Institute.

Many interesting models which include boats, steam engines, locomotives, airplanes, etc., are on exhibition there, all having been made by amateur model makers. Delegates of Scouts have gone down to see the show and recommend it highly as a thing, not only very worthwhile, but also entertaining and instructive. The show will continue for the rest of this week and other Scout groups are urged to attend.

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