

This Week in Washington

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Chicago, Nov. 16.—In the discussions of the ever enlarging activities of the federal government, embracing almost every field of endeavor, with an increasing number of bureaus and agencies, one legislative proposal during the last session of Congress goes unmentioned. It has received very little public attention, doubtless because there have been no definite indications that it would be adopted. I refer to the resolution introduced by Representative William L. Sirovich, Democrat, of New York, "for the establishment of an executive department to be known as the Department of Science, Art and Literature," with a secretary who shall have a seat in the cabinet of the President.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Patents, of which Representative Sirovich is chairman and of which I chance to be a member. During the months of April and May public hearings were held by the committee and a number of well-known authors, sculptors, painters, musicians and scientists presented their views on the proposal, including representatives of such organizations as the Federation of Music Clubs and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. Communications were received by the committee from many of the leading educators.

Most of them seemed to believe, in no uncertain terms, that the establishment of such a department would mean a great deal in the cultural advancement of the nation. They drew upon their own personal experience to explain to the committee the practical difficulties confronting those who engage in pure, as well as applied, arts and sciences.

To substantiate the claim that the United States government should establish a Department of Science, Art and Literature, for the purpose of coordinating and enlarging its present activities in these fields and to encourage and stimulate cultural pursuits, it was pointed out during the course of the hearings that the leading literary and musical nations of Europe have some such department in their national government. In France, for example, there is a Ministry of Public Instruction and Fine Arts; in Italy, the Ministry of Public Instruction; in Belgium, a Ministry of Sciences and Arts; and in Holland, a Ministry of Education, Arts and Sciences.

Lawrence Tibbett, probably America's foremost opera singer, stated to the committee that in the United States there is only one opera company that can be said to be on a permanent basis. It was his opinion that if the nation is to occupy its rightful place as a musically cultured nation there should be at least fifty opera houses. And, Mrs. Edgar Stillman-Kelley, past president of the Federated Music Clubs of America, presented detailed testimony as to what the other nations of the world were doing by way of subsidy for theaters and operas, whereas to a large extent America relies on private patronage.

On the other hand, Mr. Alexander Wetmore, assistant secretary of Smithsonian Institution, which has under its jurisdiction the National Museum, the National Gallery of Art, the Bureau of American Ethnology, the Bureau of International Exchanges, the National Zoological Park, the astrophysical observatory and a library consisting of about 800,000 volumes, told of the work of that institution in promoting research and development of art. He stated that its development was made possible by private gifts, with certain appropriations by Congress largely for maintenance. He expressed the opinion that if the Smithsonian Institution should lose its independent status by becoming a governmental bureau the valuable gifts of private individuals would stop and that there is strong probability that there would be a demand for the return of collections and endowment.

Moreover, there were those who expressed fears that the establishment of the proposed department would inject politics into a field of activity which must, above all else, if it is wholesomely to develop, be free to do so without public direction and administrative interference. Many of the scientists advised the committee that the work of such divisions of the federal government as the Bureau of Standards, the Bureau of Mines, Weather Bureau, Geological Survey, Bureau of Public Health, Bureau of Chemistry and Soils and several others engaged in scientific research would be seriously hindered by the creation of a new department, striving toward administrative perfection.

There is no one who will deny that "man shall not live by bread alone" and that the general welfare of a people is to be measured in terms of their intellectual and cultural development as well as in economic terms. Thoughts, visions and ideals expressed in literature, architecture and drama are expressive of the life of the nation. But the question is as to what part the federal government should play, if any, as an administrative function in the

field of art, science and literature. The matter warrants considerable thought, particularly in view of the fact that at one of the meetings of the Committee on Patents the chairman stated that he was requested to visit the President after the adjournment of Congress to discuss the proposed new department and that the President had said he would give "his unqualified support in January when Congress reconvenes next year, for the establishment of such a Department" as Science, Art and Literature. One cannot anticipate the possible developments but there is always the possibility that this subject may be one for lively discussion when Congress meets a few months from now.

The Frazier-Lemke act has been declared unconstitutional again, this time by a Federal court in Illinois. Maxie Baer could have told 'em they rarely come back once they have been knocked out.

Old Age Pensions Secured Through Dept. of Public Welfare

Individuals wishing to make application for old age pensions in Illinois must make applications through the state department of public welfare. Sveinbjorn Johnson, director of the National Emergency Council of Illinois, said this week.

A large part of the emergency council's activities is the giving of information to the public regarding activities of the various federal agencies and the passage of the federal social security act and the more recent state pension bill has brought about a demand for information on pension applications, Johnson said. Information is collected for the national emergency council through its division of applications and information, and is available to the public through the various state councils. The Illinois office is in Chicago.

The social security act does not make provision for the federal government to pay old age pensions directly to the individual, but provides that the federal government shall aid the states in paying such pensions by meeting half the cost.

Mrs. Ginter Heads Deerfield Red Cross

The annual Red Cross Roll Call is now in progress in Deerfield, sponsored by the Deerfield Woman's club with Mrs. E. J. Ginter as chairman.

Members of her committee who are making the house to house canvass are Mrs. George Meyer, Mrs. Frank D. Burroughs, Mrs. W. W. Clark, Mrs. Dwight Merrell, Mrs. Harry Baum, Mrs. David Derby, Mrs. Melvin Rugen and Miss Margaret Galoway.

This drive began November 11 and will be concluded on Thanksgiving Day.

Richard S. Amis Appointed To Post with N. S. Line

Announcement was made Tuesday of the appointment of Richard S. Amis as general traffic manager of the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad, succeeding L. E. Butler who leaves the company to become affiliated with the Central Freight Association. In his new capacity, Mr. Amis is in charge of both freight and passenger traffic departments of North Shore Line.

Mr. Amis first joined the North Shore Line on Nov. 1, 1925, as general agent in Chicago, following ten years of service with the Chicago and Northwestern Railway. In September, 1926, he was appointed assistant general passenger agent at Milwaukee and shortly thereafter returned to Chicago as general passenger agent. For the past several years he has served as passenger

traffic manager. Mr. Amis is a member of the Chicago Traffic Club and is active in a number of other railroad and fraternal organizations. He will have his offices at 79 West Monroe Street in Chicago.

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- Centrella Sliced Pineapple, No. 2 1/2... 25c
Rapinwax, wax paper, 40 ft. roll... 2 for 22c
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