

**This Week in Washington**

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Chicago, Dec. 7.—With the resignation of George N. Peek, foreign trade adviser to the President and Director of the Export-Import Bank, the Roosevelt administration is without the services of another of its "high-ranking" officials who finds himself in disagreement with some phase of the New Deal policies. He joins the ranks of General Hugh Johnson, Professor Raymond Moley and Lewis W. Douglas.

Like Mr. Douglas, who assigned as Director of the Budget because he could not approve the administration's "spending policy," himself an advocate of the "pay-as-you-go" principle, Mr. Peek resigned because of his disagreement with the administration's reciprocal trade agreements, of which the recent Canadian treaty is the outstanding example. In the discharge of his official duties it appears he conflicted with Secretary of State Cordell Hull of Tennessee, who, true to the historic traditions of the South, is an advocate of tariff reduction and a proponent of more free trade.

Mr. Peek is a native of our State of Illinois, formerly a plow manufacturer at Moline and for many years a close student of the farm problem. Judging from his record as an official of the Roosevelt administration, he has never been a very sympathetic New Dealer. It will be recalled that he was formerly head of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, but in that capacity he clashed with Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace and Under-Secretary Rexford G. Tugwell. The conflict resulted in his transfer to the position of Director of the Export-Import Bank.

If I interpret the writings and speeches of Mr. Peek correctly, he cannot be said to be an uncompromising protectionist, a high tariff advocate of the "nth" degree who sees no value whatsoever in any foreign trade. He is certainly not a "free trader" of the Cordell Hull stripe. Rather he seems to advocate adequate protection for American industrial and agricultural producers, coupled with co-ordinated efforts for developing foreign trade whereby the United States can market its surpluses and receive in return those products we cannot produce here and which will not do violence to our domestic economy. Perhaps his principles or policies can best be summarized in his own words, taken from a speech delivered in New York City last October.

"The function of foreign trade policy is to provide a means of obtaining materials and commodities which we do not produce but which are needed or are desirable for the efficient operation of our social and economic organization and for the maintenance of high standards of living. I have referred to this policy on other occasions as a policy of selective exports and imports, the purpose of which would be to send abroad . . . those products we can best produce . . . taking in return those raw materials which we need for industry and for the maintenance of our standard of living. In a sense, our tariff legislation already operates to control imports upon a selective basis, raw materials which we need and do not produce being for the most part upon the free list, while other articles which we do not produce enjoy varying degrees of protection."

At another place in this same address he stated, "Certainly this is no time for general tariff reductions when we are increasing costs of production through social legislation and in many other ways. As we have seen, a mere increase in imports, whether effected through tariff reductions or otherwise, does not necessarily lead to increased exports. However, as in the case of foreign loans, it is entirely possible that certain genuinely reciprocal tariff reductions as between the United States and an individual foreign nation may lead to an improvement of trade between the two."

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the question may well be asked as to where there is a conflict between the recently resigned Director of the Export-Import Bank with the Administration's policy as advanced by the President through the Secretary of State. In the first place, it will be noted that Mr. Peek seems to believe that such trade agreements as we may make should be made with an individual country and applicable to that country alone, whereas the reciprocal trade agreements of Mr. Hull represent tariff reduction concessions to virtually all the nations of the world. The tariff reduction concessions to Canada, for example, under the "most-favored-nation" principle followed by the Department of State, automatically represent reduction concessions to every principal nation of the world, except Germany. In other words, Mr. Peek would have tariff reductions of a specialized individual character rather than of the Administration's general character. In view of the Administration's domestic policy and the increased costs of production, he does not approve of the administration policy of general tariff reductions.

In the second place, rather than vest such broad authority in the resident for concluding trade agreements, Mr. Peek has advocated the

establishment of a Foreign Trade Board by which "we could deal not only with normal commercial intercourse with other nations but also with the abnormal trade conditions," which would be an important adjunct to the neutrality policy of the United States.

Thus in general it would appear that the resignation of Mr. Peek was prompted largely because he found it impossible to agree with the apparent policy of the Roosevelt administration to bring about a general reduction in our tariff without affording our own producers the reasonable protection they should have, particularly in view of the domestic policy of the administration which has tended to increase the cost of production in the United States.

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by Peter B. Biggins, C.S.B., of Seattle, Washington  
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Christian Science, as discovered, taught, and founded by Mary Baker Eddy, brings blessing into the lives of those who receive its healing message, and it is a joy to tell about this blessedness and blessing. Christ Jesus, who understood God so well, has said, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." This rich blessing, the understanding of eternal Life, is gained by knowing God aright. So it is well worth our while to consider the true nature and character of God.

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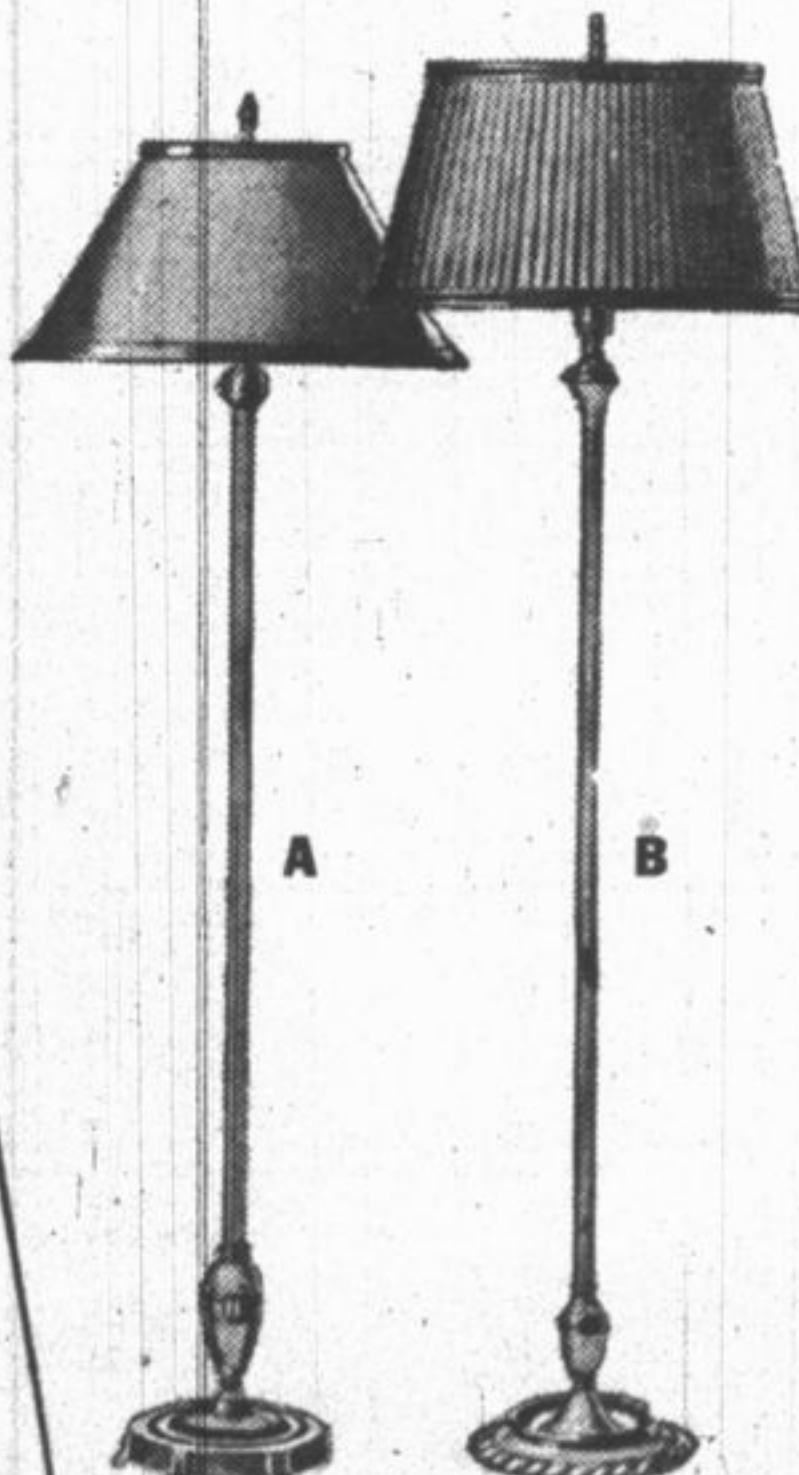


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