

This Week In Washington

by Ralph E. Church

Washington, D.C., May 4 - On April 3, 1939, Congress delegated to the President power to reorganize the Executive branch of the government. It will be recalled that when this Act was placed on the statute books there was considerable controversy as to whether Congress should retain for itself a check on the exercise of the powers delegated. The ardent New Dealers contended it nessed a high death rate for passen- W. was unnecessary to retain such a gers and pilots. All this was imcheck but rather the President proved in two years time by the should be given blanket authority. Congress in its wisdom thought by Congress. It would be a serious otherwise. And it was finally de- mistake, serious indeed, if we allow cided that the President would be the Authority to be abolished and given power to submit individual re- the control of aeronautics placed in erganization plans to the Congress the hands of a subordinate bureau. which would become effective in 60 days unless Congress passed a resolution setting a particular plan azide.

Last year the President submitted Plan No. 1 and Plan No. 2, Congress took no action and both became effective. This year the President submitted Plan No. 3 and Plan No. 4. And it now appears that Congress is glad it did not listen to the New Dealers and has a check it can exercise. A storm of protest is beginning to rage against the President's plan with reference to the Civil Aeronautics Authority, and a resolution is pending in Congress to set the Plan aside.

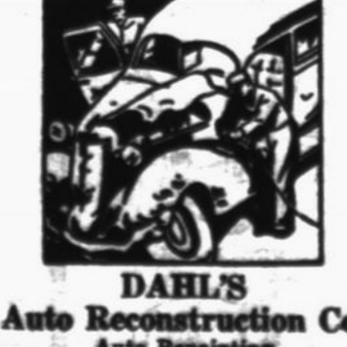
In substance the Plan submitted by the President would abolish the Air Safety Board, strip the Civil Aeronautics Authority of its independence and place regulatory control of air transportation and civil aeronautics under the Department of Commerce. The congressional and public protest against the plan became so great that the President felt it necessary to make a formal public statement this week in justification of his proposal.

An analysis of the President's reasons for the proposed change in the Civil Aeronautics Authority seems justified. On the surface his five reasons seem sound, but upon careful reflection it will be found they have little merit.

In the first place, the President said that by placing the Civil Aeronautics authority in the Department of Commerce it will have representation at the Cabinet table. The answer to that is that we have already had experience with the politics-ridden Bureau of Air Commerce, and it was in order to improve air transportation that Congress saw fit to make the Civil Aeronautics Authority independent in the first place. As an independent agency it can speak directly to the Congress, but as a subordinate bureau it can act only through the Secretary of Commerce. It would be at the mercy of a single man, and that was one of the troubles with the old Bureau of Air Commerce. Moreover, it should be pointed out that our railroads, our merchant marine, and our motor carriers are regulated by independent agencies and not by subordinate departmental bureaus.

The President said that the reason for selecting the Department of Commerce is to give civil aeronautics a closer relationship to the Coast and Geodetic Survey in that Department, pointing out that the Survey makes air-navigation charts. That is not a valid argument, it seems to me. A few maps made by the Survey is not so important. After all, charting work represents only 4% of all the work of the Survey. It would be just as valid to contend that the Authority should be under the Federal Communica-

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Another point emphasized by the President in his public statement this week is that the Civil Aeronautics Authority would continue to appoint and control its own personnel and submit its own budget. But the very words of the President's Plan No. 4 state the contrary to be the case. I will quote them: "The budgeting, accounting, personnel procurement, and related routine management functions of the Civil Aeromautics Board shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the Secretary of Commerce through such facilities as he shall designate or establish." Those are the very terms in the plan, and do not think there is any question but that it is intended that the Secretary of Commerce would control

both the personnel and the finances. In recent years this country has witnessed a remarkable improvement both in the efficiency and safety of air transportation. Under the old Bureau of Air Commerce we wit-Civil Aeronautics Authority set-up R.

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Loans on Policies												\$15,495,459.26	Miscellaneous Liabilities . Liabilities not included above, such as taxes due or accrued.	47,140,101.00
Real Estate Owned . Includes real estate for C												407,215,594.74	special reserves, etc.	
Cash												132,667,027.52	TOTAL OBLIGATIONS	\$4,832,268,614.29
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Interest Due and Accrue												60,340,337.46	This serves as a margin of safety, a cushion against contin- gencies which cannot be foreseen.	*
TOTAL .	•	•	•	•	•				•	•		\$5,141,986,181.09	TOTAL	\$5,141,986,181.09

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