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Something Should Be Done About Mr. Allen And His RFC Position

By HAROLD L. ICKES

THE President recently recommended that Congress add five years to the life of RFC. This makes imperative the closest scrutiny of the past operations of this biggest corporation in the country. But it also gives a golden opportunity to do something about Mr. George E. Allen whom I regard as the worst appointment so far made by President Truman and that is adding fragrance to a stunk cabbage. I would like to think that the Senate, which ought to be more careful than it is when nominations are presented to it, may have an urge to amend the RFC Act by removing from its membership of the Board under the aegis of attempting at the same time to serve both the Government and Victor Emanuel, Wall Street executive.

NOW PERMITTED TO KEEP BUSINESS JOBS

Senator Murdock recently told the Senate that RFC officials were permitted to hold corporate directorships so long as they did not participate in matters before the Board which were of interest to those companies, and he added "There has not been one director of the RFC, including Mr. Jesse Jones, or including any of the Republican members, who has not maintained every association he had before taking office." But is this really working for the Government?

It is difficult to see why any man would want to place himself in a position where he may be held in suspicion as a member of the RFC Board which is suspect because of his well-known connections. If the members of the RFC do not recognize the principle of renegeing private business connections, then it is time for the Congress to forbid this questionable practice.

This problem is particularly pressing now since George E. Allen, the modern version of Palstaff, has been named to the Board of Directors of the RFC. At the time that, holding its laughter-inducing status, the Senate confirmed Mr. Allen, the President in a statement confessed to be a director in 25 corporations, most of them large.

TELEGRAM READ

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DIRECTORSHIP HIS SPECIALTY

It may be that since Mr. Allen has collected a few more directorships, this would not surprise me, since this has been his specialty. The number of directorships which he boasts has always varied according to the distinction of his position in Washington. Another curious circumstance is that in the RFC, where the railroad employee has apparently become an expert in every type of business from making steel to banking.

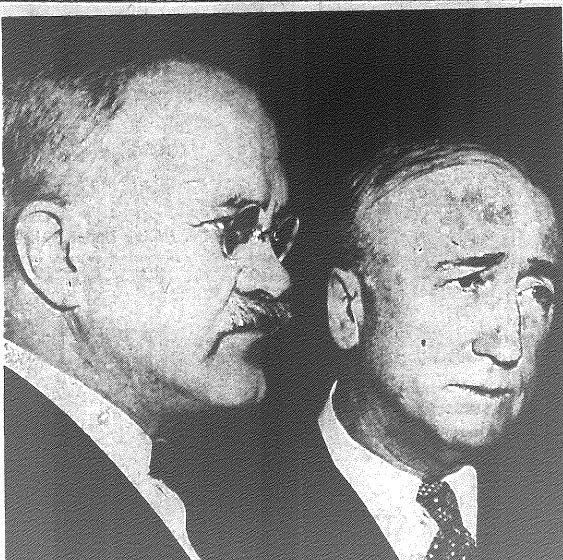
I think that it is no improper as to be interested for a man with active outside business connections to be a member of the RFC. It is an open secret that an easy-going President

Pravda Writer Scores Senator Vandenberg

MOSCOW—A Pravda writer today called Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg "a town er of reaction" and said that his actions were "nothing more than a series of moves to dig a hole for the four power Foreign Ministers Conference just concluded."

Commenting upon a trans-Atlantic telephone interview Vandenberg, Pravda said that the New York Herald Tribune from Paris had asked the writer, B. Laskov, "the interview actually was a direct attempt to bury the conference prematurely."

"Being an official participant of the conference as a member of the Senate," Vandenberg said, "I was not in a position to give an opinion on the negotiations. It is impossible because the Western powers do not want to appease the Soviet Union as England applied Hitler during the Munich meeting of 1938."



DEADLOCKED — This excellent close-up shot of Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov and U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes was taken just before the conference of foreign ministers recessed after becoming deadlocked on a number of important peace issues. Their facial expressions reflect the seriousness of the problems before them. (Acme Photo.)

Devers In Denial Of Name-Calling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Jacob L. Devers told the House Military Committee today he had not called Congressmen "cowards" in discussing Congressional attitude toward extension of the draft law.

The four-star commander of the Army Ground Force was summoned before the committee by Chairman May, Democrat, Kentucky, to explain the remarks attributed to him at a news conference in Atlanta last week.

"Certainly I would not call a great group of Congressmen who are not only my friends but friends of the Army, cowards," Devers told the committee.

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ardly men, afraid of touching the controversial draft bill. The story was written did not have quotation marks in it, but the copy reader inserted them from the word group to the end of the sentence, thus implicating a direct quotation. The reporter who wrote the story referred to editorial presumption in the story, but he said his copy gave his impression of the Gen.

Town Grier Of Reaction

healthy one and bused himself with insinuations against the Soviet Union.

"He stated literally: 'The outlook is rather gloomy. If only you don't want to repeat Munich again, and I don't want to repeat Munich.'"

The American newspaper, the Pravda article continued, "obligingly" explained what this statement had in view. It pointed out that, in the Senator's opinion, success of the negotiations is impossible because the Western powers do not want to appease the Soviet Union as England applied Hitler during the Munich meeting of 1938."

Say Spain Took Part In The War

Red Paper Aids German Claim

By REMBERT JAMES

MOSCOW — (AP) — The Government newspaper Izvestia devoted two pages today to a 10,000-word statement, attributed to two German officers who served in Spanish cities as military attaches, which charged that the Franco regime, "under a mask of neutrality, actually participated in the war on the side of Germany."

The officers, now prisoners in the Soviet Union, were described as Lt. Gen. Gunther Krappé, former military attaché in Madrid, and Col. Hans Remer, attaché in Tangier.

The statement said Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel and Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl—both now on trial in Nuremberg on war crimes charges—were active in organizing Spanish collaboration.

SECRET PLAN DRAWN

The officers were quoted as saying that after the Spanish Civil War the German and Spanish governments had agreed to cooperate in drawing up a secret "Isabella Felix" plan for seizing Gibraltar and widening Spanish possessions in Africa.

During the war, the German officers declared, Spain served Germany as an economic base and actively participated in London supplied Germany with military information.

"The position occupied by our service actively in the capacity of military attaches in Madrid and Tangier, Spain, was to know to us which side Spain, under a mask of neutrality, actually participated in the war on the side of Germany," the statement said.

"The position occupied by Germany toward Spain—the use of Spain as a war economic base, the plans of aggression and closing Spain under a mask of neutrality—had for Germany very much meaning than openly bringing Spain into the war in the capacity of another ally."

In this case the defensive ability of Germany would have been appreciably reduced and Germany would have experienced a lack of modern armaments, foodstuffs and other necessities.

Plunges To Death

Climber Dies In Effort To Rescue Girl

BOULDER, Colo.—(AP)—Shaker Dixon McDonald, 32, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, a graduate student at the University of Colorado, plunged 35 feet to his death last night in an attempt to aid a girl companion on a mountain climbing party.

Frank Juklewicz, 21, of Greenfield, Mass., one of three C. U. students in the party, said McDonald was going to the aid of Patricia Anne Patterson, 21, of Colchester, Ohio, who had been entangled in the rope she was using, when McDonald slipped.

Hunger Strike

WELFARE, Northern Ireland —(AP)—Hunger striker David Pinnock apparently lost his last ounce of strength today when he died of starvation. The High Court of Ulster dismissed an application for a writ of habeas corpus for the young member of the illegal Irish Republican Army.

WATER

Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers and thunderstorms today, tonight and Saturday; slightly cooler tonight. Temperature at 3:59 today: 85 High and low: 84 and 62. Wind: S. Gusts today: 21.31. Sunset tomorrow: 7:17.

President In Effort To Prevent Walkout

Slated To Start Tomorrow

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman signed an executive order at 2:50 P. M. EST, today taking over the railroads in an effort to prevent a strike set for 4 P. M. tomorrow.

Minutes earlier, union leaders had said they would not ask their men to stay on the job if the Government did seize the roads.

Asked whether the strike would go on as scheduled, President Alvaney Johnson of the Engineers Brotherhood told reporters: "Yes, sir."

President Truman in a statement, called upon the railroad workers to cooperate and remain on the job.

Not A Thing' New

Coal Negotiations Still Deadlocked

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The White House today reported there is "not a thing" new in the deadlocked coal contract negotiations.

Guns Blaze In Cuba

HAVANA, Cuba.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Generoso Perez, chief of the Cuban Army, said a small "revolutionary movement" headed by an Army group with civilian connections was frustrated in an attempt to seize Camp Colombia early this morning.

At Michigan State

College 'Necking' Investigation Made

COLLEGE PARK, Mich.—(AP)—Michigan State college is looking into the "necking and snoring" situation on the campus by asking police to do the same.

In answer to a student publication's complaint Mrs. Maurice Gunn, counselor for women, admitted today the police had been asked to make check because the college "could not continue to close its eyes to the situation."

Mrs. Gunn was quick to add, however, that snoring and necking were in the "desolated minority."

Gen. MacArthur Thanked By Japs

TOKYO.—(AP)—The return of the major Japanese cities today Sunday following the unconditional surrender, was greeted with a "peace" parade in the city of Osaka. The parade was held in honor of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who had just arrived in the city.

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