

This and That from Washington

By Congressman Frances P. Bolton

A steaming Washington greeted the reconvening Congress. Occasional light showers serve only to increase the unbelievable humidity.



Mrs. Bolton

A generous quorum greeted the Speaker on Monday. There were no vacant seats on Tuesday when the two Houses met together to hear the President's message. Everyone rose and applauded as usual when each group, ending with the President himself, entered the Chamber. Then the Speaker announced, "The President of the United States". At that point it has been customary for the Members to rise again and applaud lustily. This time not one person rose, not one person, Democrat or Republican, applauded!

Upon the conclusion of the speech and the withdrawal of the Diplomats, the Speaker adjourned the joint meeting, Senators and Congressmen exchanged greetings and the press surged onto the floor for comments.

COMMITTEES have gone to work on the bills sent down from the White House and hearings are in progress. It seems somewhat incredible that neither the President nor his Special Assistant, Paul A. Porter, were aware that when Public Law 386 was passed (withdrawing war powers) it was specifically enacted that the President should have power to declare economic or other emergencies and restore credit controls as he saw fit. Yet, such is the case.

IT is being pointed out on every hand that in considering prices, causes cannot be overlooked. Take

meat, perhaps the central factor in high food cost. Adequate meat supply (which means tolerable prices) is dependent upon the amount of grain available for feed. A record crop of corn this year will do much to help the truly intolerable situation, though time must elapse before the results can be felt. The immediate effect is an even greater shortage as producers will—and probably should—hold their animals for feeding. It is generally held that it will be February 1949 and later before fat animals will or can be shipped to markets. No question but that the meat situation is bad today, and nature's time schedules for animal production are beyond man's control.

ONE of the President's demands is the ratification of the Wheat Agreement which involves only Senate action. If we are realistic about it why not remember that two of the greatest of wheat producing countries, Argentina and Russia have never been parties to the Agreement, and Britain, with other members of her Commonwealth, has withdrawn from it. What countries does that leave? What benefit would we derive from binding ourselves at this point when the other great wheat producers are free?

THOSE who are watching world Communism realize that Moscow's emphasis on Berlin has a secondary purpose: to distract Westerners from the speeding up of pressures on the Far East, especially China. Recent reports on the situation in the Far East are more and more grim, and the fact that the United States has failed to keep her word—has delayed the imperative assistance—looms larger and larger in the picture. Considered as part of a world pincers movement against the New Hemisphere, Communist control of China, ever increasingly possible, has as ominous a possibility as Communist control of Europe.

Jobs for Vacationing Students

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 6. — The Ohio State Employment Service today issued a call for more than 500 seasonal vegetable harvest hands urgently needed in the northwestern part of the state to help bring in the ripening tomato crop. Most of the openings are in the Bowling Green, Wauseon and Napoleon areas.

The Employment Service, a division of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Compensation, reports that the temporary jobs are open to vacationing students or anyone else physically qualified to do the work. Specific information on all openings may be secured at any one of the Bureau's ninety-one local offices throughout the state. The tomato harvest jobs will last through September to about October 1. When picked, the tomatoes will be placed in crates and hampers. In all cases—the employers stipulate—adequate housing will be provided. There is no limitation as to age and no previous experience is required.

In addition to the demand for seasonal workers, there are a number of year-round farm openings for both single and couples the Employment Service reports. Such jobs are available in Akron, Columbus, Newark, Port Clinton and Youngstown among other areas.

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Law for Admittance of Refugees to U. S.

(Public Law 774 - 80th Congress) (Chapter 647-2nd Session) (S. 2242)

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SEC. 7. Within the preferences provided in section 6, priority in the issuance of visas shall be given first to eligible displaced persons who during World War II bore arms against the enemies of the United States and are nationals because of persecution or fear of persecution on account of race, religion or political opinions and second, to eligible displaced persons who, on January 1, 1948, were located in displaced persons camps and centers, but in exceptional cases visas may be issued to those eligible displaced persons located outside of displaced persons camps and centers upon a showing, in accordance with the regulations of the Commission, of special circumstances which would justify such issuance.

SEC. 8. There is hereby created a Commission to be known as the Displaced Persons Commission, consisting of three members to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term ending June 30, 1951, and one member of the Commission shall be designated by him as chairman. Each member of the Commission shall receive a salary at the rate of \$10,000 per annum. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums of money as may be necessary to enable the Commission to discharge its duties. Within the limits of such funds as may be appropriated to the Commission or as may be allocated to it by the President, the Commission may employ necessary personnel without regard to the Civil Service laws or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, and make provisions for necessary supplies, facilities, and services to carry out the provisions and accomplish the purposes of this Act. It shall be the duty of the commission to formulate and issue regulations necessary under the provisions of this Act, and in compliance therewith, for the admission into the United States of eligible displaced persons and eligible displaced persons. The Commission shall formulate and issue regulations for the purpose of obtaining the most general distribution and settlement of persons admitted under this Act throughout the United States and the Territories and possessions. It shall also be the duty of the Commission to report on February 1, 1949, and semiannually thereafter to the President and to the Congress on the situation regarding eligible displaced persons, eligible displaced persons and displaced persons. Such report shall also include information respecting employment conditions and the housing situation in this country, the place and type of employment, and the residence of eligible displaced persons who have been admitted into the United States pursuant to the provisions of this Act. At the end of its term the Commission shall make a final report to the President and to the Congress.

SEC. 9. Every eligible displaced person, except an eligible displaced person who shall have derived his status because of being the spouse of an unmarried dependent child under twenty-one years of age of an eligible displaced person, who shall be admitted into the United States shall report, on the 1st day of January and on the 1st day of July of each year until he shall have made four reports to the Commission, respecting the employment, place of employment, and residence of such person and the members of such

person's family and shall furnish such other information in connection with said employment and residence as the Commission shall by regulation prescribe: Provided, That if such person enters the United States within sixty days prior to either the 1st day of January or the 1st day of July, the first report need not be made until the date on which a report is required to be made. Such report shall be made to the Commission during its term and thereafter to the Attorney General. Any person who willfully violates the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not to exceed \$500, or be imprisoned not more than six months.

SEC. 10. No eligible displaced person shall be admitted into the United States unless there shall have first been a thorough investigation and written report made and prepared by such agency of the Government of the United States as the President shall designate, regarding such person's character, history, and eligibility under this Act. The burden of proof shall be upon the person who seeks to establish his eligibility under this Act. Any person who shall willfully make a misrepresentation for the purpose of gaining admission into the United States as an eligible displaced person shall thereafter not be admissible into the United States. No eligible displaced orphan or eligible displaced person shall be admitted into the United States under the provisions of this Act except in pursuance of the regulations of the Commission, but, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, the administration of this Act, under the provisions of this Act and the regulations of the Commission as herein provided, shall be by the officials who administer the other immigration laws of the United States. Except as otherwise authorized in this Act, all immigration laws, including deportation laws, shall be applicable to eligible displaced orphans and eligible displaced persons who apply to be or who are admitted into the United States pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 11. After June 30, 1948, no preference or priority shall be given to any person because of his status as a displaced person or his status as an eligible displaced person, in the issuance of visas under the other immigration laws of the United States.

SEC. 12. The Secretary of State is hereby authorized and directed to immediately resume general consular activities in Germany and Austria to the end that the German and Austrian quotas shall be available for applicants for immigration visas pursuant to the immigration laws. From and after June 30, 1948 and until July 1, 1948, notwithstanding the provisions, 50 per centum of the German and Austrian quotas shall be available exclusively to persons of German ethnic origin who were born in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania or Yugoslavia and who, on the effective date of this Act reside in Germany or Austria.

SEC. 13. No visas shall be issued under the provisions of this Act to any person who is or has been a member of, or participated in, any movement which is or has been hostile to the United States or the form of government of the United States.

SEC. 14. Any person or persons who knowingly violate or conspire to violate any provision of this Act, except section 9, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000 or shall be imprisoned not less than two or more than ten years, or both.

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More than 545,000,000 pounds of cocoa beans are used in the U.S. each year.

Buffalo Bill's Body Guarded Against "Theft"

Lookout Mountain, Colo.—Armed and helmeted guards patrolled the steel-fenced grave of Buffalo Bill today to forestall any attempt to cash in on a \$10,000 offer for the Indian scout's body.

The American Legion Post at Cody, Wyo., offered \$10,000 to anyone who could return the body of Col. William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody from its tomb on Lookout Mountain near Denver.

The Leyden-Ohles-Wickersham Post of the American Legion in Denver rallied to defend the pioneer American's grave. A quartermaster section of the post issued rifles, helmets, boots and other defense equipment.

The Colorado contingent of the Legion right-shouldered rifles and marched past around the grave. The caretakers of the grave scoffed.

They pointed out that attempts had been made before to claim Buffalo Bill's body.

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