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Doubt Congress
Revolt Will Mean
Any Social Retreat

WASHINGTON (AP)—Official Washington is waiting for the smoke to clear from the legislative battlefield to determine what has been done or undone by Congress, especially in the bright light of the coming election.

It is obvious that the breach between it and the President has widened and that Administration leaders have been rebuffed. It is equally evident that legislators have "broken over the traces" and decided to go their own way. A change has come about, but the significance of the change is still obscure.

What, the question is asked, does it mean for the future of the range policy? Does it indicate a return to the old order which prevailed before the present administration took office? In the new social legislation enacted in the past few years is to be abandoned? Is a return to unregulated economy under way?

Even the most venturesome of political observers would not answer these questions affirmatively. The situation is generally believed to be that which follows a battle. An advancing army goes as far as it can until it is stopped. Then comes a lull in the fighting. In other words, the transition period of the past half dozen years appears to be drawing to a close and the period of adjustment to new conditions and policies has begun.

There is little justification for the conclusion that Congress has retreated. It has not. It has simply been forced back to its former position. For in the battle that has followed the refusal of Congress to approve some items of the President's program means that it has forced the entire program now in effect. The adoption of so-called "reform" policies has been halted for the moment, but the issue is not settled. The political battle inaugurated will be decided.

Congress has called a halt. It has taken exception to some things that have been done, but no one interprets this as a retreat. It is a signal that it means to throw everything overboard, take a man who has taken a full course of instruction, rejected more than half what he has learned and designed. The inauguration of reform policies—most of which are in the field of social legislation—has been halted. The important task ahead is to determine what has been adopted, in the light of experience.

Congress proposed to modify its Social Security Act without altering its essential purposes. To this there has been little objection. It does not alter the administration of the act, and some provisions of the act have been decided to investigate its operation. There is substantial opposition to the Wagner Act on the ground that it does not sufficiently provide for differential wage standards based upon climatic and other conditions of employment.

Methods Disliked
Congress is critical of the administration of relief, but not of relief itself. It does not like the way many things are working out in the light of actual experience, but that does not mean that it objects altogether to the principles upon which legislation of this character is based.

That was to be expected. The social legislation that has been enacted has been largely experimental because there are few precedents to guide its sponsors. They have admitted possible defects and the need for further legislation in the light of actual experience. The differences that have arisen between Congress and the Administration have been due to much over what has been done, not to the way in which it has been done, not over the objectives of social legislation but over the methods by which they are to be attained.

Fansions for the need, help for the needy, reasonable regulation of economic activities, have become recognized functions of government. But there is wide diversity of opinion as to how these responsibilities can best be discharged. To fit them into the framework of democratic government is no small task. Traditional solutions have chosen to make their governments fit their methods, rather than their methods to fit the form of government they had, but that has not done the American people, even the United States, has been tempted to resort to the centralization of administrative machinery to simplify the task.

There is still a wide diversity of opinion over the question whether social legislation should be administered by State and local governments, or by the Federal Government. It is a question still to be fought out.

In long perspective, then, the conclusions to be drawn from what Congress has done is that the forthcoming task is to modify and perfect the social legislation that has been enacted and adapt it to conditions that have not been anticipated. It is not to be a wholesale repeal of the social legislation that has been enacted, but to improve it in the light of experience.

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Clipper's First



First Bishop to use the trans-Atlantic plane service, Auxiliary Bishop Bernard J. Shell, of Chicago, waves goodbye as he boards one of the giant Clipper ships at Port Washington, N. Y., en route to the Vatican for his mid-summer visit. (AP Wirephoto.)

38 Orders Represented
At Summer School

CHICAGO (AP)—The summer school of DePaul University which has just closed at religious communities of men and women were represented. The Vincentian Fathers are in charge of DePaul.

The first fifty years for the CATHOLIC COURIER, page 5 (15 more of increased service.)

Festival Honoring St. Ippolito
Will Be Held in Michigan Aug. 13

BUNKER HILL, Mich.—In this city, the interior of the United States, celebration is to be held Sunday, August 13, which will bring its residents with those of the far-away village of Sant'Ippolito, in the Province of Calabria, Italy. The ceremony will honor St. Ippolito, or Ippolito, and the Church of St. Cornelius and Cyprian here will be the scene.

With the approval of the Most Rev. Joseph H. Albers, Bishop of Lansing, Italian-American residents of this diocese will assemble at Bunker Hill for the celebration. The festivities will begin with the observance of a Solemn Mass followed by a procession with images of St. Ippolito will take place on the church grounds.

St. Ippolito was a young Roman officer who, together with his fellow soldiers, was martyred for his Catholic faith in the year 208 at Otricoli during the persecution of Valerian.

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He was born and reared a pagan. At about the age of 21, he enlisted in the Roman army and so distinguished himself that he was soon promoted to the rank of an officer. A short time after the conversion of Valerian broke out, the Deacon Lawrence was arrested and cast into prison on account of his religion and placed in the custody of the young officer, Ippolito. They became friends and St. Lawrence instructed the young man in the doctrines of the Catholic faith and in a short time baptized him in his prison cell.

GOVERNMENT CRACKS DOWN
ON MAIL ORDER DIVORCES

WASHINGTON (AP)—In its closing days Congress clamped down on the mail order divorce business by denying it the use of the mails. Without opposition, the House passed the Senate bill which imposes a fine up to \$10,000 and imprisonment for from two to five years for using the mails to solicit business of this kind.

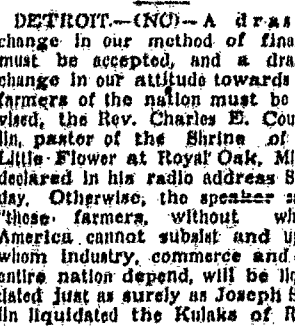
The law reads: "That every written or printed card, circular, letter, book, pamphlet, advertisement or notice of any kind, giving or offering to give information concerning where or how or through whom a divorce may be secured in a foreign country, and designed to solicit business in connection with the procurement thereof, is hereby declared to be non-mailable matter and shall not be conveyed in the mails of the United States by post office or by any letter carrier."

This, it is hoped, will at least check the practice of "padding" foreign divorces which are granted by some States virtually without a hearing or review requiring the personal appearance of the principals.

U. S. Delegation To Rome
Congress Of Jacints

OKLAHOMA CITY—There will be over 25 persons in the United States delegation which will attend the International Jacint Congress in Rome on September 2, according to the Rev. Donald Kanady, Director of the Young Christian Workers in Oklahoma and a national leader in the movement. In his report to the Congress, Kanady said that the delegates will represent Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Kansas, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

Fr. Coughlin Urges
Change In Financing



DETROIT (AP)—A drastic change in our method of finance must be accepted, and a drastic change in our attitude towards the farmer of the nation must be devised, the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower at Royal Oak, Mich., declared in his radio address Sunday. Otherwise, the speaker said, "these farmers, without whose support we cannot subsist and upon whom the entire nation depends, will be liquidated just as surely as Joseph Stalin liquidated the kulaks of Russia."

Good Thief Church

Speaking to a congregation of prisoners and others who attended the ceremonies of the laying of the corner stone of the Church of St. Edmund the "Good Thief," at Clinton Prison, Danvers, N. Y., is Bishop Francis J. Monaghan, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., under the direction of the Catholic Chaplain, the great \$100,000 edifice (N.C. Wide World photo.)

Methods, Not Charity
Changed, Says Prelate



DENVER—Charity is nothing new for the Catholic Church. It is only in methods and techniques that there has been a change, the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco, said in his sermon at the Solemn Mass opening the twenty-fifth session of the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

"Before entering upon the study of the social problems that face us, it is good for us to re-enthuse in our souls the fire of that love for neighbor which brought the Son of God to this earth, which motivated His every action, which visibly characterized the lives of early Christians, which today is the distinguished quality of all true Christian charity," he said.

"In the early days of the Church the work of charity was simple in form, but rich in content. The story of the charity found in the monasteries, the work of St. Charles, St. Vincent de Paul, Blessed Praxedis Craxian, the untiring labors of thousands of consecrated men and women, all bespeak the charity that models itself after the charity of Christ Himself."

"With the general progress of civilization, there gradually developed throughout the world a more complicated manner of living. People in our country, the rapid growth of population, and diversified groups, changing and shifting from place to place, has brought new and unfamiliar problems into the life of the individual and the community. To meet and solve these problems successfully has required some adjustment of method, in answer to this challenge, the method of charity has become known as 'Organized Charity.'"

"Charity is nothing new for the Church. It is only in methods and techniques that there has been a change, and may be said to be new to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to house the homeless, to care for the aged, the infirm, the orphaned, the teaching of our faith as 'Corporal works of mercy.' They are still part of our Christian teaching and practice. But the method of doing them has changed."

"Today we have hospitals large and small for various ailments, we have homes for the aged and the poor, and for the conscientious, we place our orphaned, orphanages or in foster homes, we have St. Vincent de Paul Conferences in our parishes for social needs, which to appreciate under certain circumstances, Superior Court Justice Kenneth Wynno Monday held unconstitutional a Connecticut law directed against the practice of birth control.

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Rules State's Birth
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16 Nuns Leave For Orient

MARYKNOLL, N. Y.—The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, presided at the departure of the thirteenth Sisters' departure ceremony here in the chapel of the motherhouse.

The sermon was preached by Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, who for 12 years was Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Boston.

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