

PARLIAMENT OF CHINA CONVENES WITH 400 THERE

Body After Being Disbanded For Year and More is Back at Work

(Special Marconigram to Liberty News.)
SHANGHAI, Aug. 2.—The Chinese parliament reconvened in Peking yesterday after being disbanded more than one year. President Li Yuan Hung addressed the body, and asked that all present work for the success of the republic. More than 400 members of the parliament were in their seats.

The progressive party requested Tong Teao Yi, former premier, to ask the government to confiscate all of the property of those who had worked to make Yuan Shih-Kai an emperor. Members of the southern and northern provinces worked together in harmony in the first day's session.

Col-Gen. D. J. Widan, former editor of the Liberty News, and now a newspaper man in China, was one of the congressmen present. He was recently elected congressman from Kiang Si province. He was a member of parliament during the first republic.

Sam Kellipuleole and Gregory Suslikoff were arraigned in the police court this morning accused of using threatening language. They will be held in jail.

Bills of the Circuit Court for the first half of the year totaling \$1467.15 will be presented to the supervisors at their meeting tonight by the auditor, James Bicknell, with a request for action on them.

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GOVERNOR WANTS COMPLETE FACTS ON HILLEBRAND

Pinkham Says He Will Hold Up Loan Fund Appropriation Until Determines Flow

Although Governor Lucius E. Pinkham and the Oahu Loan Fund Commission are at loggerheads over the Hillebrand Glen water project, today's developments tend to show that neither will take steps to precipitate further conflict immediately. The commission will probably not meet again before 11 a. m., August 15, unless something of extraordinary importance occurs before then, according to Chairman Lester Petrie of the Loan Fund.

"I am not going to give the commission any money until all the facts I have been after so laboriously have been ascertained," said the governor today. "They cannot get any money from any territorial funds unless I grant it, and I will not give the project my approval at present. I can order the auditor not to pay them a cent."

To Get Facts First.
"It is my intention to get all the facts first before I take any action toward approving that \$1000 appropriation the commission made yesterday. I have spent \$300 or \$400 right at the spot in Hillebrand Glen where the commission wants to take the water out. I have a clock gauge there, recording the flow of Maole stream. It has been recording the flow since June 1, and will continue to do so until I have ascertained absolutely how much water the stream has."

The governor's statement was made following a conference this morning with Territorial Hydrographer G. K. Larsson, who installed the apparatus in Hillebrand Glen at the governor's request. The weir and instruments to measure stream flow were installed by Roger C. Rice of the hydrographer's engineering force. Commission Not to Hurry.

Chairman Lester Petrie of the Loan Fund stated this morning he does not believe it will be necessary to call a meeting before August 15, when the commission will open bids at 11 a. m. for cast-iron and galvanized iron pipe for new water mains in the Manoa improvement district.

"This matter will not be taken up before the next meeting," he said. "We have had no formal communication from Governor Pinkham as to the stand he takes on the Hillebrand

ST. LOUIS GOES TO NEW STATION AND IS MOORED

At 9 o'clock this morning the U. S. cruiser St. Louis, after staying in the port of Honolulu since last Saturday, sailed for Pearl Harbor, arriving there shortly after 10 o'clock, where she was moored at the regular mooring berth of Magazine Island at the Naval Station of Hawaii, Pearl Harbor's official name.

Rear-Admiral Clifford J. Boush, commandant at Pearl Harbor, said today that the flag of the 14th Naval District commander would probably be hoisted on the fine big fighting craft some time today or tomorrow. The rear-admiral is commander of the district headquarters for which are Pearl Harbor.

BENEVEDES WILL RUN FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Frank C. Benevedes, prominent in Pauahi street Democratic circles, announced today that he will be a candidate on the Bourbon primary ticket for nomination as representative from the fifth district. Benevedes formerly was messenger in federal court and, until last Monday, was assistant secretary of the Democratic territorial central committee.

Glen project. After we hear from him we can determine better what we shall do." He voiced the opinion the governor had no authority to hold up the \$1000 appropriation made by the commission Tuesday for preliminary work, unless he brings an injunction as a private citizen, which anyone can do to hold up proceedings.

No Actual Construction.
E. G. Duisenberg, another member of the commission, said he did not think it would "rush things." "We are not trying to do any actual construction work on the project now," he said, "but only getting accurate data as to what it will cost, so we can decide whether it is worth while. Unless we hear definitely from the governor we will go right ahead. We have had no word from him yet."

The board of health has received several strenuous complaints in the last week from residents in the Punchbowl district, supplied entirely with water from Nuuanu reservoir. One dated July 29 says that at irregular and frequent intervals water supplying a house in that vicinity is muddy, dark brown color, impossible to use for drinking or bathing. This taxpayer claims that in order to get drinking water she has to pay 50 cents a week for a supply.

Another taxpayer has written the board of health to say that one day last week he opened a tap in his house and that instead of pure water a dead minnow an inch and a half long, and with its head badly decomposed, flowed out. This house is also in the Punchbowl district, supplied exclusively with water from Nuuanu reservoir.

Officials of the board assert that water from Reservoir No. 4, the principal one of the Nuuanu system, is taken from near the bottom of the reservoir, and that it would be much freer from impurities and dirt if the intake was brought up nearer the surface. They also claim fine screens at each intake would help to keep out the dead fish and other debris. They say the gate house at No. 4 reservoir was designed so the intake could be raised or lowered at will, but that the intake opening remains always near the bottom.

Murray Says Water Needed.
"There is but 2 1/2 feet of water in Reservoir No. 4 this morning," said Harry Murray today, consulting a chart on the wall of his office. "It will hold 60 feet. All of the other reservoirs are full. That shows the need for Hillebrand water."

Larsen Objects to "Interference."
Supervisor William Larsen, who was in Murray's office at the time, disputed the right of the governor to hold up the Hillebrand glen project. "The money to be expended is not a territorial fund, but belongs to the city," he said. "As soon as the project is put through the city will have to begin to pay interest and sinking fund on the amount invested. The loan fund commission, appointed by the governor, has seen fit to order the Hillebrand project started. Why he should interfere with its action, any more than he should interfere with the action of any of the other territorial commissions, is more than I can see."

BOURBON PLANK RAPS MILITARY TRAINING PLAN

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on first reading 13 additional planks, seven of which are published in full in the Star-Bulletin today.

Another meeting of the central committee will be held at 7:30 o'clock this evening in the office of National Committee John H. Wilson, Pauahi street, at which time a rough draft of the platform will be presented and the various planks opened to amendment. It is expected that all of the planks will pass second reading.

Aside from the planks published herewith, planks on fisheries, the territorial marketing division, immigration, water supply, primary law, prison reform and insurance will be considered. The public is invited to tonight's meeting. Prof. W. A. Bryan, newly elected chairman, will preside.

HOME RULE FOR HAWAII

The policy of appointing non-residents to office, inaugurated and continued under the Republican rule of the islands, has unfortunately been followed by the present national Democratic administration to the detriment and dissatisfaction of both parties. As citizens of the United States with all parties and factions in Hawaii to resent the unjust and unwarranted implication that the electorate of Hawaii is unable to supply capable public servants able to discharge satisfactorily the duties devolving upon them as citizens and men of public affairs. The Democratic party as an organization will in the future, as in the past, exert every endeavor to bring about the correction of this injustice, urging that our right to home rule is a right that should not be denied.

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION

We again call attention to the repeated and long continued absence of the Republican delegate to Congress from his duties in Washington as the official representative of the people. We deprecate the system whereby the affairs of the territory, so far as they depend on the acts of Congress, are and long have been in the hands of a paid servant of the invisible government that continues to rule these islands. We cite the failure of the territory to participate in the benefits of important national legislation through the inefficiency of our present delegate and offer to the voters of Hawaii the services of a delegate to Congress who, by the platform, pledged to the faithful and continuous fulfillment of his duties as delegate during the period when Congress is in session.

MILITARY TRAINING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Democratic party is opposed to the effort made by the legislature at its last session to institute compulsory military training of mere children in the public schools of the territory. While recognizing the duty and privilege of every adult citizen to be prepared to do his part in upholding the principles and ideals of our country in times of stress, we do not believe that the wholesale compulsion of minors, obliging them to take part in occasional drills will materially advance the object sought by many staunch advocates of excessive militarism.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

We reiterate our belief in the principle of the government ownership of public utilities and cite the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company as a corporation enjoying the free use of the public streets, that has so consistently manipulated its charter so as to deprive the people of their just share of the benefits accruing from the operation of a generous franchise. We recommend as a settled policy that on the expiration of the franchise the street railway system in Honolulu be taken over by the city and county and administered in the interests of the people.

FREE PORT FOR HAWAII

With the commercial bodies of such cities as New York, Baltimore and Oakland alive to their opportunity and urging the advantages of the free port for these important commercial centers on the mainland, we confidently reaffirm the plank in our 1914 platform calling for the establishment of a free port in Hawaii.

We contend that the next legislature should lead the way for commercial expansion by reducing the abnormal port charges now imposed in Hawaiian harbors and, in addition, should memorialize Congress to the end that such laws will be enacted and treaties secured with interested nations as will open Hawaii's fortified harbors, owned and administered by America, on equal terms with the commerce of all nations that will bind themselves to respect the neutralization of Pacific commerce and the internationalization of these island ports as a safe and convenient distributing center for the Pacific.

By reason of her isolation such a port maintained in Hawaii will in no way interfere with our import laws on the mainland. As a free port Hawaii would rapidly become a great commercial and industrial clearing house as well as the international warehouse and distributing center for this great ocean.

Merchandise can be brought free of duty into the free port, stored in warehouses, repacked, mixed or manufactured, and again exported; foreign merchants can maintain samples or consignments of stocks free from the harassing control of customs officers, thus enlarging the volume of business and increasing the opportunity for the employment of both capital and labor in the commerce that would center in these islands.

The Democratic party again pledges its senators and representatives,

71,000 TONS OF SUGAR AFFECTED IF STRIKE COMES

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of the strike vote had not had any apparent effect upon the market. Local Railway Not Affected.

The threatened strike of railway employes on the mainland could affect the Oahu Railway & Land Company only indirectly, said, Fred G. Smith, general passenger agent of that company, commenting today on a report that 100,000 votes had been cast in New York City for the country-wide walkout.

There are no union organizations on the Oahu Railway system and the only way the strike could affect the local carrier would be to cut off consignments which might eventually be carried by the Oahu Railway.

Smith says that until more definite information is received he is inclined to discredit the report that the railway employes have almost unanimously voted to strike.

Delay Would Be Helpful.

Other Oahu Railway officials have recently been informed by mainland friends that one of the largest strikes the world has ever known might start any minute. Advice told that the employes and employers were both prepared to fight and not to arbitrate.

C. P. Morse, general freight agent for the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, said, when asked what effect the proposed strike of railroad men throughout the United States would have on the local sugar industry, that it would undoubtedly have a bad effect here, but that he hoped something would intervene before they finally went out. "If they will hold off for a few weeks," Morse said, "the effect will not be nearly so bad since by that time most of the sugar will have been already shipped. The American-Hawaiian have three more shipments to make. The Texan here now will take 14,000 tons, the Mexican the latter part of this month 14,000 tons more and the Floridan in September will take 9500 tons."

"Of course, a big strike of that kind ties up all shipments and sugar shipments will naturally be included," he said, "but I feel that something will be done to avoid the strike."

and its delegate to Congress to strive earnestly for this desirable Democratic measure and to keep on striving until it shall be an accomplished fact.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

Under the present Democratic administration the appropriation for the preliminary survey for the dredging of Kalih harbor has brought this matter to a point where the party is again ready to urge that the government proceed by condemnation proceedings or otherwise to take over all lands needed for this increase of harbor facilities to meet the increasing demands for greater shipping accommodations at this port. The wise policy adopted by the present administration toward the improvement of harbors throughout the territory has been such as to assure the speedy completion of these and similar much-needed public improvements.

LOANS FOR SMALL FARMERS.

In view of the recent passage by the Democratic Congress of a rural credit act and, due to the peculiar conditions existing in this territory and to markets and shipping facilities, we believe that the homesteader and small farmer should be enabled to borrow from the government a sufficient sum of money to tide him over until he can secure returns from his land on the plan adopted and which has been so successful in New Zealand and the Australian colonies; and we pledge our representatives to the local legislature to work for such beneficial legislation, locally or nationally, in behalf of the small holder of land.

—RUDOLPH M. DUNCAN: I don't see why there should be any compromise in the trusteeship of the Kamehameha schools in favor of Henriques and Kinney. If there was to be any compromising done, why wasn't it done before the decision was handed down.

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