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KITZEN, black, with white paws and stomach; vicinity Conn. Ave. rd. and Grandview n.w., OE. 0900.

Negro Women to Quiz G. O. P. Leaders on Poll Tax and FEPC

The Republicans today were to be asked by the National Council of Negro Women what they intend to do about anti-poll tax legislation, the Fair Employment Practices Committee and other matters of interest to Negroes.

The council voted at the opening session of its 11th annual convention to send a committee to ask the Republican steering committee for an expression of opinion on Negro affairs.

It was also voted to wire the Dramatists' Guild of New York an expression of appreciation for the group's stand regarding racial segregation in Washington theaters.

Membership of the committee which will visit the Republican steering committee is to be announced later today by Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the council.

Council Hears Schwelienbach. Meantime, the council was told by Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach that the struggle for human rights will be strengthened by new legislation.

Speaking before the organization at the Departmental Auditorium here, Secretary Schwelienbach told of his agency's activities for justice and equality—particularly in the field of employment.

Functioning of the Federal Employment Service in the District was singled out by Secretary Schwelienbach as "an observance of the democratic policies which are the cornerstone of our national structure."

He pointed out recent changes eliminating segregation of agency personnel and job seekers.

Attorney General Clark is to address the council at 4 p.m. tomorrow. The convention will close with a dinner meeting tomorrow night at the Shiloh Baptist Church. All other sessions are in the Departmental Auditorium.

Program Centers on Family. Mrs. Bethune said the convention program will center around the problems of family security.

"The problems of human relationships have increased," Mrs. Bethune said. "We are caught in economic, social and racial tensions. In the midst of it all we are endeavoring to build a new world of peace. The times demand that we embrace every opportunity and responsibility to make a distinct contribution as an organization of intelligent, informed, interested women."

World security problems will be discussed at a meeting beginning at 8 o'clock tonight. Mrs. Vera M. Dean, secretary of the Foreign Policy Association, New York, will be principal speaker.

French Communists Demand Premiership

By the Associated Press
PARIS, Nov. 14.—The Political Bureau of the French Communist Party demanded today that a Communist be named premier of the Fourth Republic and called on the Socialists to join the Communists in forming a left-wing government.

The move was regarded by many as a step toward reinforcing Communist demands for such key posts as foreign affairs, the War Ministry and police. The Socialists previously have declared themselves against a leftist front cabinet.

The Political Bureau, policy-making organ of the Communist Party, declared itself "conscious of its responsibility and ready to assume all the charges which result from its position as the Party of France."

Its communique, issued after the bureau's first meeting since last Sunday's elections which made the Communists the largest single party in the new Assembly, called for close collaboration with Interior and republicans in a "social, laical and democratic policy."

Georges Bidault, President, Premier and Foreign Minister of the present provisional government, decided yesterday to tender the resignation of his cabinet as soon as the new Assembly is organized, November 28. The most likely Communists to succeed him would be Maurice Thorez, vice premier in the provisional government, or Jacques Duclos, Communist Party secretary who is recognized as the leading international Communist in France.

Airmail Business Jumps 40 Pct. Under New Rate

By the Associated Press
Airmail business jumped 40.68 per cent during the first full month under the new 6-cent rate, the Post Office Department announced yesterday.

Led by San Francisco, which showed a gain of 82.72 per cent, 28 regional offices reported increases of 1,434,123 pounds in airmail dispatched in October over September, when the 8-cent rate was in effect. The increase in Washington was 23.05 per cent.

The department estimated that 212,538,510 pieces of mail were carried by the domestic airlines during October, an increase of almost 61,500,000 over September.



SEA RAIDER'S END—Struck by a steam torpedo fired from the United States Navy submarine Atule, the former German submarine U-977 exploded at sea, 40 miles east of Capt Cod, during firing tests made yesterday. The experiment was conducted under the tri-partite agreement which permits the Allies to keep captured German or Jap submarines for a time for study before sinking them. The sinking of the 740-ton sub was described as a "test of our offensive weapons" and was "highly successful." The undersea craft was reported to have gone down less than a minute after being hit. This spectacular shot at the moment of the explosion was made by Anthony Camerano, Associated Press staff photographer.

Markey to Challenge O'Connor's Election Before Senators

By the Associated Press
BALTIMORE, Nov. 14.—Campaign strategists for Brig. Gen. D. John Markey said today they would carry to the United States Senate their contention that Gen. Markey was elected over Gov. O'Connor, Democrat, in Maryland's senatorial election.

They said their case would be based on the belief that election judges over the State wrongfully had thrown out about 15,000 ballots.

A statement issued by William C. Purnell, one of Gen. Markey's campaign managers, said counsel had been retained to present the case to the Senate, and added: "Numerous charges of irregularities and possible fraud have reached Markey's headquarters. These require careful investigation, and such investigation will be made."

If the charges are substantiated these also will be presented to the Senate.

Markey Refuses to Concede. "Markey does not concede the election of Gov. O'Connor and will challenge before the United States Senate the correctness of the count of the votes cast."

Mr. Purnell also said: "It has been found that the election boards apparently did not keep a record of the number of rejected paper ballots, and no accurate total has therefore been ascertainable."

"It is estimated, however, based on figures obtained from various scattered precincts, that there are possibly 15,000 ballots which were not counted, despite the fact that the reason for rejecting them may have had no relation at all to the correctness of the voter's choice for United States Senator."

"The great many images which have been sent from all parts of the State urging the election be contested give fair ground for the belief that the result is not correct."

An unofficial tabulation of canvassed returns from all the State's polling places gave Gov. O'Connor a majority of 2,196 votes—237,156 to 234,960.

VFW Appeals to Truman For RFC Housing Loans

The Veterans of Foreign Wars yesterday asked President Truman to "use your full authority" in urging the Reconstruction Finance Corp. to loan funds to producers of prefabricated and industrialized homes.

The request was delivered to the White House by Wesley Pearce, VFW national housing officer, and Paul S. Lawrence, adjutant general of the organization.

The letter declared that Housing Administrator Wilson Wyatt's industrialized housing program is "absolutely essential if veterans are to be provided homes at a price they can afford."

"We note with regret and sharp disappointment," the letter said, "the stubborn resistance by the Reconstruction Finance Corp. to Mr. Wyatt's request that producers of prefabricated and industrial-type homes be loaned sufficient money to launch a program for mass-produced homes for veterans."

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Extension of Avenue Through Gallinger Grounds Opposed

Revival of the plan to extend Massachusetts avenue through the grounds of Gallinger Hospital to connect with a proposed bridge over the Anacostia River, has met with opposition by the District health authorities.

The plan has been dormant since before the war, but with postwar planning it again has been placed on the list of things to be done in the near future. Although District health authorities have been aware of the plan and have postponed new buildings accordingly, they were of the opinion that the proposed extension was something for the distant future.

Dr. Daniel L. Seckinger, acting health officer, conferred with the planning officials several days ago and voiced his opposition. He said the extension would blot the hospital grounds and open the grounds to commercial traffic with attendant noise and gasoline fumes that would be harmful to the patients of the hospital. Dr. Seckinger says he is hopeful that some other way of using streets on both sides of the hospital grounds could be worked out.

Health officials said they are planning to build a laboratory and a pediatric building as a start to a building program for the enlargement of the hospital, which is on its way to become one of the outstanding institutions in the country. After these two buildings are completed a psychiatric building homes be loaned sufficient money to launch a program for mass-produced homes for veterans."

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Catholic Hierarchy In U. S. Condemns Stepinac Sentence

The National Catholic Welfare Conference issued a formal resolution today declaring the sentencing of Archbishop Stepinac of Zagreb to 16 years at hard labor by a Yugoslav court was an outrage to justice meriting "the condemnation of all Americans."

The conference, made up of more than 115 archbishops and bishops of the United States, is meeting at Catholic University.

The resolution said: "The condemnation of Archbishop Stepinac, by a prejudiced court, has shocked the sense of justice of the American people. The record of the life and activities of Archbishop Stepinac demonstrate his constant opposition to fascism and Nazism, his interest in the rights of orthodox and Jewish minorities in Croatia, and his support of everything tending to promote the welfare of his own people."

"Under such circumstances, to sentence him to 16 years of hard labor because of his public opposition to atheistic Communism is to outrage justice and merits the condemnation of all Americans."

Among those attending the conference are the four American cardinals: Cardinal Cushing, archbishop of Philadelphia; Cardinal Mooney, archbishop of Detroit; Cardinal Stritch, archbishop of Chicago; and Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York.

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