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PLANS TO CURB OIL FLOW HINGE ON U.S. Attitude of Government to Be Deciding Factor in Step to Limit Production.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.
Next Wednesday there will come a head in Washington one of the most important situations bearing upon the future course of business and economic policy in the United States. The officials of the American Petroleum Institute, comprising nearly all the important oil producers in the United States, are coming to find out, in effect, what will be the attitude of the Government toward an agreement they made last week to restrain production. The agreement is, in substance, not to take any more oil out of the ground in 1929 than they took in 1928.

The member of the Government upon whom lies the immediate responsibility for an answer is Secretary of the Interior Wilbur. The Interior Department has custody of most Government oil matters and the secretary of the Interior is chairman of the Federal Oil Conservation Board. The other members are the Secretaries of War, Navy and Commerce.

Secretary Wilbur, in anticipation of the meeting Wednesday, has turned the fundamental question involved over to Attorney General Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell has been asked to give an official opinion as to whether the agreement proposed by the oil producers is contrary to the basic Sherman anti-trust act and its supplement, the Clayton act. What Mr. Mitchell will do will be to examine the proposed agreement and decide whether it violates the anti-trust act, the essential words of which are as follows:

"Every contract combination, in form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy, in restraint of trade or commerce... is hereby declared illegal."

Decision to Govern Future.

Whether the language of the agreement is contrary to the language of the anti-trust act is a purely legal question. If Mr. Mitchell says "yes, it is a violation," then obviously the agreement falls. No group of business men would go on in violation of law, and no administration could afford to let them.

There would remain, however, the quite different matter of policy. As a matter of policy, the Government long has favored conservation of oil, and there can be no doubt that this agreement is, among other things, an act of conservation. Competition in the production of oil does not constitute a waste of a precious natural resource. In 1924 President Coolidge said: "The present methods of capturing our oil deposits are wasteful to an alarming degree." Persons with no financial interest in oil, such as geologists and heads of schools of mines, are most earnest in deploring the waste attending unlimited competitive production and advocate some such limitation as the producers are now attempting. They fear the early exhaustion of this natural resource.

A large section of public opinion, so far as it understands the conditions, also would deplore the waste involved in unlimited competitive production. From the viewpoint of public opinion as a whole, and of politics, however, there are two difficulties. The anti-trust law is one the statute books and ought not to be violated. In the second place, it will be anticipated that the proposed limitation of production probably will lead to the consuming public paying a higher price for oil and gasoline than it otherwise would. This will be anticipated, even though the oil producers carefully abstain, as it can be assumed they will abstain, from any agreement to raise or fix prices.

Price Wars Detrimental.

Under the extreme competitive conditions now existing in oil production, price-cutting wars take place. While these wars last, the public often gets its oil and gas at less than cost. Recently, in such a price-cutting war in California, gasoline was sold to consumers at 8 cents a gallon, plus the tax of 3 cents. This abnormal advantage to the public is temporary, and from the permanent point of view is a disadvantage, because waste necessarily leads to an earlier diminution of the natural supply and to a period of excessively high prices.

Everybody concerned in the conference at Washington on Wednesday is aware of the conflicting principles involved, and of the difficulty of the problem. The oil producers have been careful to avoid the spirit of conspiracy. They have kept the Federal Government and the State governments informed of each move. In effect, they are saying, "We want to do this if you will let us."

An essential element in the situation is the fact that as respects agreements to restrain production, oil is in a class apart. The public interest in conservation of a natural resource would not exist in the case of a similar agreement among ordinary manufacturers of any ordinary commodity. The trouble is,

700 SIGHTSEERS VIEW BLOSSOMS FROM AIR

Airplane Trips Over City Are Continued Today, Despite Adverse Weather.
Despite the cloudy Easter weather, nearly 700 sightseers were taken on "cherry blossom" hops over the Tidal Basin and Potomac Park yesterday in airplanes from Hoover Field and Washington Airport. The planes at both fields were kept busy the greater part of the day and flying was continued until after automobile headlights were burning on the streets below.

Hoover Field officials reported that between 300 and 400 passengers were flown during the day, while Washington Airport reported 300 persons flew from the field.

Though the day was dark, an unusually good view of the blossoms was had from the air, it was reported, the white blooms standing out sharply against the dark background of earth and water. Passengers were being flown this morning in the face of adverse weather conditions, and it is expected that if the weather clears large numbers will be flown during the remainder of the cherry blossom season.

Sergt. Lucas Is Retired.

After more than 30 years' service in the Army, Technical Sergt. Willie Lucas, attached to the office of the chief of Cavalry, Munitions Building, has been transferred to the Army retired list on his own application.

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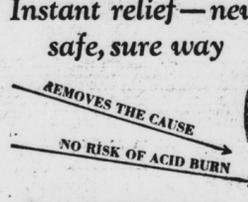
CLUBMEN DISCUSS PLEDGE TO HOOVER

Business Leaders Consider Move to Take Assertive Stand for Prohibition.
Whether 500,000 members of 10 luncheon clubs for business and professional men would be pledged to an assertive stand behind President Hoover in his prohibition enforcement program was under discussion today by representatives of the clubs, called into a "get-together" meeting at the Mayflower Hotel by Nelson MacLean of New York, president of the Civitan International.

A score of delegates to the meeting, including executive heads of the various organizations, were greeted at 11:45 this morning by President Hoover in the White House.

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Ohio, secretary of the Cyro International. J. B. Sutton, Tampico, Mexico, president of the Rotary International, is expected to join the conference this afternoon.

Arrangements for the meeting are in the hands of Frank A. Birgfeld, president of the Washington Civitan Club.

It is expected that the conference will be an annual affair, called for the purpose of effecting a closer co-operation between the various luncheon clubs in matters of community or national interest.

Telegram Sends Man to Jail.
VIENNA (AP).—Sigmund Loew, secretary of the Jewish League in Vienna, recently failed in an attempt to file a telegram written in what he described as clear Hebrew. The operator refused to accept it, the telegraph company charged Herr Loew with using abusive language and a judge sentenced him to three days in jail.

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