

This assertion, which was made with so much force that it strained his voice evidently, was in reply to suggestions recently made that control of the party was getting away from him and many things about which he knew nothing were being plotted. Especially did this seem the case when he turned at once to the subject of communism and described the main mission of the Nazis as its destruction. It was spreading, he said, from Russia to China, with strongholds in all countries.

Calls Communists Scourge

"If we succeed in mastering the Bolshevik pest," he continued, "the world will be saved. The Communists themselves number 6,000,000 in Germany. Four million dissatisfied Socialists are bound to join them. This means that 10,000,000 Germans are under orders from the Moscow Soviet. Communists are the scourge of nations. The war we are carrying on is not a platonic but a bloody one. Communist assassins

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BROTHER-IN-LAW OF HOOVER FREED

Leavitt "Did Exactly As Any
Of Us Would Have Done,"
Says California Judge

CAUGHT WITH LIQUOR

Denies Knowing Contents Of Sack
He Took From Friend's Store
When Raiders Appeared

[By the Associated Press]

Santa Monica, Cal., Dec. 4—Cornelius Van Ness Leavitt, brother-in-law of President Hoover, was acquitted of a liquor-possession charge today by Police Judge C. A. M. Spencer.

After hearing Leavitt's explanation of his arrest on November 2, while carrying a sack containing nineteen pints of liquor out the back door of C. R. Dailey's grocery store, Judge Spencer said:

"I don't think there is a person in the courtroom who would hold Leavitt guilty. He did exactly as any of us would have done under the circumstances. Therefore, I order the acquittal of Leavitt."

Applause Greets Verdict

The verdict was received with applause by the crowded courtroom.

Leavitt, a retired plumber, testified he did not know what the sack contained. It had been thrust into his hands by Dailey with a request to "throw it away," he said.

The defendant related that he had dropped into the store and found Dailey and two other men taking a drink of whisky in the rear of the building. He accepted a drink proffered

him. This assertion, which was made with increased force over the question of making increased tax rates retroactive by making them effective on incomes of this year. There are some members of both Houses which hold the idea that the new rates should not become effective until returns of incomes for next year are made, and that in the meanwhile the Treasury should be contented with the additional revenue obtained from the imposition of excise and selected sales taxes, which would become effective with a month or so after the President signed such legislation.

The question of making any revision in tax rates retroactive becomes a serious and disturbing one for business, if the tax on corporation profits is increased. In such a case corporations would be kept in a state of uncertainty as to the amount of money they should set aside in their budgets for 1932 to cover payment of Federal taxes on earnings this year.

Smoot On Corporation Tax

In the event that corporation taxes are increased along with the general tax boost, Senator Smoot (Rep., Utah) said tonight he would oppose making the revision apply to incomes and profits of this year. Instead he said the act might be worded to make the tax on corporation net incomes effective on profits earned after July 1 next. Such taxes would be made in the first half of 1932.

There is strong opposition, however, to increasing the present twelve per cent. tax on corporation incomes. It is contended that this tax in the past was not reduced in the same proportion as the tax on individual incomes and therefore should not be increased at this time. It is contended also that any increase in taxes on corporations would delay the business recovery which the Treasury is hoping for to make up the difference between the estimated expenditures and the estimated revenues, including \$1,200,000,000 of new revenue.

Representative Collier (Dem., Miss.),

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MISS HELEN V. WISE

Upon entering the hospital representatives of the lynching party are reported to have gone to the attendant, and demanded the Negro they are reported to have asked for. Wise is said to have replied, "do it

RENEWAL OF FAITH URGED BY RITCHIE

People Must Uphold American Form Of Government,
Governor Says

SPEAKS IN NEW YORK

Marylander Guest At Yacht Club Luncheon And Virginians' Annual Dinner

[New York Bureau of The Sun]

New York, Dec. 4—In his third public appearance in New York city in a few weeks, Governor Ritchie tonight addressed 400 members and guests of the Virginians in the ballroom of the Plaza Hotel and was loudly applauded as "one who stands on the Constitution; who is no trimmer; who says what he thinks without quibbling."

These words of praise which brought the diners to their feet were uttered by Dr. Fielding Lewis Taylor, governor of the Virginians, a society composed of distinguished natives of that State.

Faith in American Institutions was the subject of the Governor's speech. It was a study of the history of

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Clara Bow Reported Married, But Rex Bell Says She Isn't

Nevada County Authorities Claim To Have Witnessed Secret Wedding Of Flame-Haired Actress And Film Cowboy

[By the Associated Press]

Las Vegas, Nev., Dec. 4—Clara Bow, after months of seclusion in the desert, came back to her public today, presumably in the dress of a bride, but Rex Bell, whom two witnesses said they saw her wed last night, denied he had become her husband.

A situation typical of the turbulent career of Clara Bow grew out of the unexpected disclosure by the witnesses that the couple had appeared here last night, obtained a marriage license and were wed secretly by District Judge William E. Orr.

The cowboy actor denied he and Miss Bow had married, intimating that to do so would endanger certain contracts. Frank Dunlap, Miss Bow's agent in Hollywood, said, however, that he knew of no contract she held that would be violated by marriage.

The witnesses, Harley Harmon, District Attorney here, and William

[New York Bureau of The Sun]

New York, Dec. 4—Informed of the lynching of Matthew Williams, Salisbury (Md.) Negro, tonight, Governor Ritchie, who was the guest of the New York Virginians, said:

"I will leave New York on the midnight train for Baltimore and will be in Baltimore all tomorrow. I want to ascertain the exact facts with reference to this case before making any statement. If they are as reported briefly to me tonight I will have something to say, and something very emphatic to say."

[Special Dispatch to The Sun]

Salisbury, Md., Dec. 4—Matthew Williams, Negro who killed Daniel J. Elliott, prominent box manufacturer and lumber dealer, was hanged from a tree in the courtroom here at 8.05 o'clock tonight. Twenty minutes later his body was taken down and burned on a vacant lot on the edge of the Negro settlement.

Six men entered the Peninsula as was under treatment in the hospital, lifted him from the stretcher and took him with them to the street.

A mob of men and women surrounded the Negro and took him with him to the courthouse, three blocks distant.

MOOSE DRAWS

A rope while the mob was pulling it over a limb of a tree. The rope was tied to the ground, and two others tied to the neck of the Negro.

The mob dragged the Negro about fifteen minutes, which had grown to about

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Several times as the mob's rope was secured and Williams

Twenty minutes, as the mob, consisting of several men stepped forward, and the Negro's body, shouting to the

Nevada county Sheriff, ordered the Negro that he was brushed aside by the mob.

The mob on Poplar Hill avenue, within a few minutes, and, after drenching it with

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Most of them members of the mob, but many new recruits, grouped

Men fell in behind them; the mob members appeared from stores, side streets, corners, and when the crowd reached the hospital there were about