

JONES WON'T LET SOLON QUIT POST

Governor Insists Domengaux Can Serve Army

(Special to The Times-Picayune)
Baton Rouge, La., April 11.—Congressman James Domengaux, Third District, said today that he is continuing his plans to enter the armed services April 21, when advised today of Governor Sam Jones' refusal to accept his resignation for "I have resigned and the right of resignation is fundamental for one who holds public office."

"I appreciate very much the governor's views and feelings toward me as expressed in his letter refusing to accept my resignation but his act cannot affect my decision for I have resigned and one cannot be forced to serve in Congress or any other office. The right of resignation is fundamental for one who holds public office."

Domengaux added that he thought Governor Jones was entirely correct in his analysis of the legal phases of the question, for law, precedent and custom certainly entitle a member of Congress to serve simultaneously in the Congress and the armed forces.

"I feel that the ruling of the president in barring members of Congress from serving in the armed forces was arbitrary and wrong, but since he is commander-in-chief and has given his instructions to the army and the navy to reject members of Congress, I had no choice but to resign."

Governor Jones earlier today announced that he had declined to accept Domengaux's resignation because it had been submitted for the sole reason that Domengaux desired to enter the armed services. Jones listed his reasons for his refusal as follows:

"1. I know of no law of the United States or of the state of Louisiana which would bar you as congressman, from serving in the army of the United States and at the same time hold your office to which the people of your district have elected you.

"2. The procedure proposed by you is contrary to the established practice both in the federal government and in the state government of Louisiana over a long period of years.

"3. The suggested move is an injustice to the men and women who wear the uniform in that it would bar them from holding high office permitted to all other Americans not in the uniform of their country."

Jones asserted in his letter to Domengaux that before reaching a decision to act on his resignation he had carefully gone into the question of his right as governor to act on the tendered resignation. In doing this he said he found that it is the well recognized practice of the Congress that resignations should be submitted to the governor of the state which the congressman represents.

"There can be little doubt," Jones said, "that there is no written law of the country, federal or state, which denies a congressman the right to serve his country in uniform. The law gives the people the right to choose their own representatives subject only to the right of Congress itself to pass upon the qualifications of the individual members. Congress has not, I am informed, in any case found that service in the army disqualifies one from holding the congressional seat to which his people have elevated him."

Governor Jones said that in World War I Congress granted military leaves to numerous members so that they might serve their country as soldiers and that as governor of the state he has personally granted hundreds of leaves of similar nature to the state and local officials, regardless of political affiliations.

"Nor do I find," he continued, "that the precedents here are contrary to those in other English speaking Allied countries. On the contrary I am told that better than 80 members of the English Parliament have joined the armed forces of their country without question of their right to do so and I am told at least 11 of these have made the supreme sacrifice for the Allied cause. I am likewise informed that members of both the Canadian and Australian Parliaments permit their members to enter military service with approving leaves of absence."

The governor said that he declined to accept the resignation not through any desire to be arbitrary, but rather because he has a deep conviction that a public official should not be required to give up his office in order to shoulder the additional burdens of a soldier.

"I believe this policy is better for the nation, better for the state and better for the individual citizen placed in circumstances similar to your (Domengaux) own."

"I do not believe this will prevent your entry into the service and I wish you as a soldier, the best of luck," Governor Jones concluded.

POPE'S COUSIN PRAYS FOR VATICAN, DIES

(The Associated Press)
Canton, Ohio, April 11.—A prayer that Vatican City might be spared the horrors of bombing was among the last words of Mrs. Angelini Fratini of Canton, a second cousin and childhood playmate of Pope Pius XII.

Mrs. Fratini, 63 years old, died last night at her home in Canton.



PHOTOGENIC—The old home and lovely patios of the Vieux Carre form a pretty setting for pictures by visitors to the Spring Fiesta. Mrs. B. C. Haynes of Washington, D. C., is shown taking color movies of Misses Sheila Wilkinson and Abby Arnold in one of the spots on the tours which are a feature of the festival.

Shipyards Take Over Small Plant's Job--Use Six Times as Many Men

(The Associated Press)
Washington, April 11.—As a "partial revelation" of reasons for the West coast labor shortage Representative Kefauver, Democrat, Tennessee, says that it takes six times as many men at the Kaiser shipyards to make copper fixtures for cargo vessels as it formerly took a separate firm to do the same job.

Kefauver's statements were contained in a long letter to constituents based on a recent trip to the West coast with the House small business committee. The letter was made public here Monday.

He wrote that "a good example of how much more efficient small business can be in certain types of production" was evident in the case of a small San Francisco plant making fixtures for Kaiser, supplying them as fast as ships were built.

"Recently the Kaiser yards declined they would prefer doing this same work themselves instead of subcontracting," Kefauver stated. "It is reported that Kaiser now employs 150 people to do the same work that 26 did before in the small plant."

Kefauver also said the West coast shipyard man power situation had been aggravated both by management and labor, the former due to "hoarding and over-estimating employment needs" and the latter by "blocking" attempts to utilize best the available workmen.

More than 40 organizations scheduled to meet in New Orleans in 1942 were forced to postpone their conventions because of war conditions, Mr. Tujague said. All of the organizations have passed resolutions stating that they will meet in New Orleans during the postwar period, he said.

Increased incomes will permit additional persons to travel and with the word-of-mouth advertising being done by service men and women visiting the city New Orleans will see an increase in tourist trade, Mr. Tujague asserted. He said that New Orleans is becoming increasingly popular as a port of embarkation for foreign travel by sea and air which should bring additional visitors to the city.

War Relief Group to Move Quarters

The new headquarters of the British War Relief Society will be opened at 433 Gravier street Friday at 10 a. m. and thereafter will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. It was announced Tuesday by Mrs. J. A. Laing, vice-chairman of the society.

The move Thursday from their old quarters in the Howard Memorial library at Lee Circle to the second floor of the building at 433 Gravier street is being made to provide better working facilities and office space, Mrs. Laing said. The telephone number, Raymond 6753, will remain the same at the new address.

The society collects clothing for the British men and serves, with the Red Cross, as the main agency for transmitting relief goods to Britain. Gifts will be accepted at the new headquarters on the designated days.

Engraving Firm's Appeal Is Argued

Arguments were heard Tuesday by the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on an appeal of the Shreveport Engraving Company, Inc., from a conviction and \$3000 fine by the United States district court for the Western district of Louisiana for an alleged violation of a conservation order on copper.

The order was issued October 21, 1941, by the office of production management and limited the use of copper in any calendar quarter to 70 per cent of the amount used in a similar period during the previous year.

The engraving company claims that the statute limited to powers of the president in allocating material and did not authorize any regulation which would deprive an owner of the use of material owned by him and in his possession. They also contend the statute does not authorize confiscation and that if it does it is unconstitutional.

TOURS, RECEPTION HIGHLIGHT FIESTA

Historical Sites Throughout Vieux Carre Visited

Strolling tours of the French Quarter and a reception at the Orleans Club were the high lights Tuesday of the third day of the eighth annual Spring Fiesta.

The tours, under the direction of Mrs. Henry Fish Reynick and Mrs. Heda K. von Meysenbug, included historical sites and buildings throughout the Vieux Carre. A reception was held from 2 to 3 p. m. at the Orleans Club. Receiving the guests were Mrs. C. B. Stanton Wharton, president of the club and Mrs. J. Kemp Ridgely. They were assisted by members of the Spring Fiesta committee and high school girls in ante-bellum costumes.

A tour of historic homes of the Vieux Carre and receptions by patriotic organizations of the city will be featured today.

Homes in which Fiesta visitors will be received are Casa Flinard, 723 Toulouse street; the Quinones home, 623 Bourbon street, and the Labatut mansion, 623 Royal street. Patios which will be open to visitors are those of the Conard mansion, 417 Louis street; Patio Royal, 417 Royal street, and the Brulatur mansion, 520 Royal street.

Receptions will be given by the Chalmette Chapter, United States Daughters of 1812 of Louisiana; the National Society of Colonial Dames and the Louisiana Colonels.

WHEAT CROP IMPROVES UNDER GOOD SHOWERS

(The Associated Press)
Washington, April 11.—Marked improvement in winter wheat prospects due to good rains was noted by the agriculture department in estimating a 1944 crop of 601,750,000 bushels on the basis of April 1 conditions, or 72,153,000 bushels more than last year's production.

A gain of 75,000,000 bushels over last fall's prospects was seen. The crop producing areas of the country have had the wettest March since 1922, the department said, adding that either frequent rains or snows have delayed farm work in nearly all states.

MAY FETE PLANNED
Members of the McDonogh 11 Co-operative Club made plans at the monthly meeting Tuesday for a party to be given for members Thursday at the school and for a May festival to be held April 28 at the Deutsches Haus.

Police Marksmen Presented Medals

Gold marksmanship medals were awarded Tuesday by Superintendent of Police George Reyer to five of six members of the department who qualified as experts in pistol practice during 1943.

In presenting the medals to the superintendent, Captain Joseph Sonnenberg, police instructor, stated that it was the largest number of men who have qualified as experts in the last 10 years.

"Marksmanship today is one of the outstanding assets to a good policeman," Superintendent Reyer said in presenting the medals. "Civil service examiners have designated marksmanship as one of the qualifications for promotion."

Those receiving the medals are Lieutenant Thomas Kelly, Sergeant Thomas Fogarty and Patrolmen Roy Muller, Lawrence Englert and Justice Varian. Patrolman Hebert Breaux, the sixth member to qualify, is now in the army and his medal will be presented to his wife.

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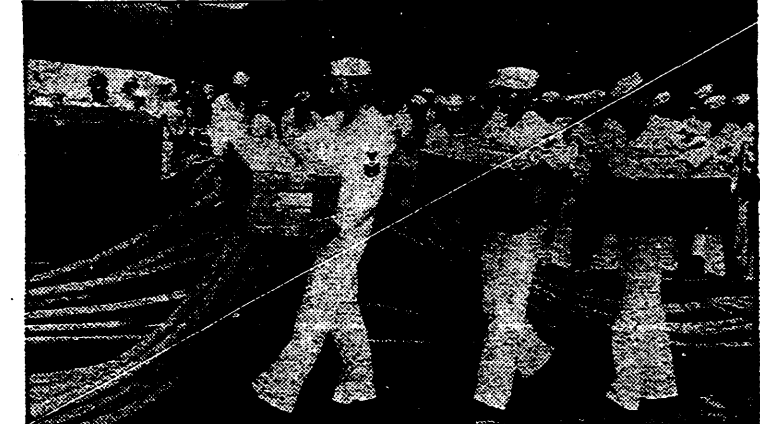
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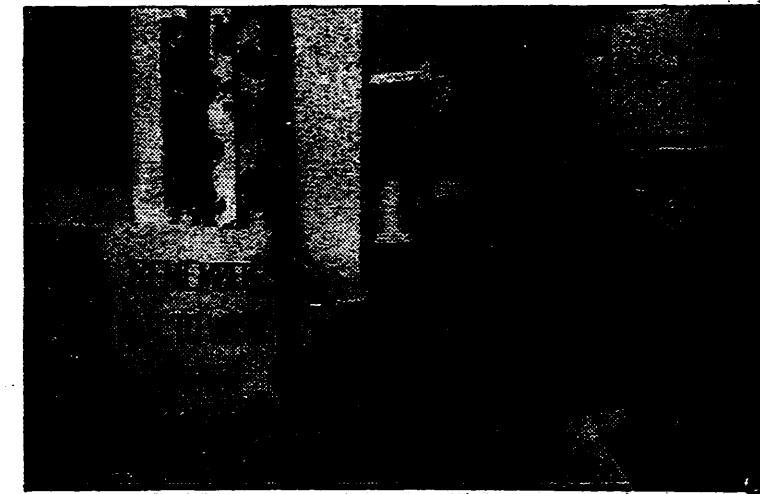
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1. Paper, as you know, is made from wood. The U.S. and Canada have plenty of standing timber, but we're faced with a grave paper shortage because some 25,000 of the men who used to chop the trees and float them down to the mills have gone to war. These fellows—like the expert logger shown here—had great skill and physical strength, and today it's almost impossible to find other men who could learn to do their work. Many farmers have increased their timber cutting, but they are already overburdened with responsibilities, and can't fill the gap. Therefore, to save paper, our Government has had to ask all magazines, including LIFE, and all newspapers to print fewer copies. And now the Government asks you—and everybody else—to help by conserving paper in every possible way.



2. Not only has the manpower problem caused a shortage, but the war has tremendously increased the demand for paper and paper products. All told, 700,000 different items—from blood plasma (above) to tanks and ambulances—must be wrapped or boxed with paper before being shipped to the Army. The armed forces also use staggering quantities of paper in ammunition, camouflage, V-mail, training manuals, and, of course, for communications. Paper, like steel, is essential to modern war.



3. You might not guess it, but one of the largest users of paper in the U.S. is the American home. Private citizens consume a surprising amount of our total paper output in tissues, towels, parcel-wrapping, and so on. That's why the Government has urged everybody to accept un-wrapped packages, and to go easy on tissues and all the other home-uses of this critical material. Merely by being thoughtful in your use of paper, you can help greatly toward solving the problem, relieving the emergency.



4. Actually, all magazines published in the U.S. use only 4% of the U.S. paper supply, but they give you a double opportunity to help ease the shortage. First, pass your copies along to friends. Each week there are millions of would-be LIFE readers who can't find a copy on sale, because LIFE is restricting the number it prints to cut down its consumption of paper. Second, be sure to turn in all your magazines and newspapers to local salvage agencies, for old paper can be made into new paper!

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