

MAJ. COX WINS HIGH U. S. AIR BOARD HONOR

Appointment to Committee Announced in Capital by Officials.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Appointment of Maj. Charles E. Cox Jr., superintendent of the Indianapolis Municipal Airport, to the airport committee of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America Inc., was announced today by that organization.

The membership of the committee, which is national in scope, consists of the managers of 18 airports throughout the United States and concerns itself with such subjects as uniform traffic control, drainage, soil stabilization and other problems of interest to the owners and operators of the approximately 2300 airports in the country.

The committee is holding a series of regional airport conferences throughout the United States, beginning with one in Washington on May 28 and 29, to be followed by one in Boston, June 12 and 13, one in Detroit during the Aircraft Show, July 23 and 24, one in San Fran-

cisco Aug. 8 and 9, and a final one in Birmingham Sept. 7. One of the main subjects on the agenda for the conferences will be the utilization of parts of airports for recreational purposes. Another important subject is that of greater preparations necessary for instrument landings during unfavorable weather conditions.

Maj. Cox has been active in aviation circles for a number of years, and has made a special study of airport problems. He became superintendent of the Indianapolis Municipal Airport in 1930. He is also chairman of the board of the Indiana Aircraft Trades Association.

As manager of the Indianapolis Municipal Airport, which is considered one of the most up-to-date in the country, his appointment will be of interest to every one.

Maj. Cox served with the First Pursuit Group of the Air Corps during the war and is now a Major in the Air Corps Reserves commanding the 39th Observation Squadron at Ft. Benjamin Harrison. Prior to becoming manager of the airport he was assistant base manager for Curtiss Wright Corporation in Indiana.

Indianapolis Tomorrow

Alliance Francaise, 1 p. m., Washington.

Beta Theta Pi, luncheon, Board of Trade.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, luncheon, Columbia Club.

CANCILLA'S PAY TO BE ONLY FOR PART OF MONTH

Grossart to Figure Check On Days Worked As Spencer Aid.

Peter A. Cancilla, who resigned as deputy prosecutor following an order by Prosecutor Herbert M. Spencer that deputies should not act as counsel in criminal cases, will not receive his full monthly salary of \$40 for the month of May.

County Auditor Charles A. Grossart said today that Mr. Cancilla would be paid only for the days he worked. Attachments of the auditor's office estimate that he will receive \$30 for the days of this month prior to his resignation.

In a letter of resignation to the prosecutor the divorce deputy said: "On Jan. 1, 1935, I accepted an appointment as deputy prosecuting attorney to prosecute non-contested divorce cases in Superior Court at a salary of \$40 per month. At that time, as at present, I was engaged in the general practice of law. I expect to continue in the general practice of law in this community. A recent order of yours to the effect no deputy could practice

criminal law leaves me with no alternative than to tender you my resignation.

"I have enjoyed serving under you and have not at any time nor do I now feel that my appearance in any other court has any connection or remote relationship with my duties as non-contested divorce prosecutor.

"I know that your order was not prompted by any desire to appease some newspaper, or its editor, lately arrived in our city, but was actuated solely from a sincere desire to better serve the community."

PASTOR TO PRESENT SERIES OF SERMONS

Rev. Paul Beck Will Deliver Addresses on Prophecy.

The Rev. Paul Beck, Christian and Missionary Alliance pastor, will begin a series of sermons dealing with prophecy this Sunday and continuing until June 23.

The subjects will be "The Latter Day Crystalization of Evil," May 26; "What Does the Bible Say About the Return of Prosperity?" June 2; "Vital Life Attitude Toward the Imminent Return of Christ," June 9; "What Does the Bible Say About Judgment?" June 17, and "When He Cometh—What?" June 23.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS DENIED SHARECROPPERS

Poll Tax Laws Virtually Disenfranchise Many Tenants.

Editor's Note—This is the third of five articles by Mr. Carpenter, an attorney of Marked Tree and a graduate of the University of Kentucky, who has been repeatedly threatened with violence for aiding the sharecroppers. He is attorney for the Cotton Tenant Farmers Union.

BY C. T. CARPENTER (Written for The Indianapolis Times) MARKED TREE, Ark., May 24.—The sharecroppers as a class have no political rights. By the poll tax laws they are practically disenfranchised.

The poll tax comes due at a time when these poor people are pressed to the last penny to live. In the grim struggle for bread, the tax is forgotten and with it the right to vote is lost.

When a major political contest is involved, however, the landlord often pays the poll tax for his tenants and charges it to their account, but requires them to vote for his candidate. Since he can give or withhold food, clothing and shelter it is natural that these people register his will by their vote.

1000 Potential Voters

To appreciate the full political significance of this system let us consider the case of the landlord who has 6000 acres in cotton. This acreage requires 500 sharecroppers. If each cropper is married and of age, there are 1000 potential voters on one farm, most of them controlled politically by one landlord.

As a result, the landlord's political influence is increased a thousandfold, while that of the sharecropper is reduced to practically nothing. This fact influences the attitude of the politicians, officers, legislatures and even the courts.

Under this system healthy self-government can not exist. In its place are powerful and corrupt political machines—hateful and hated oligarchies—operated and administered by, and in the interest of, the landlords without thought of the tenants who create the wealth of the South.

System Is Explained

A few examples will illustrate how the system operates:

1. As to habitation. Laws have been passed by which the landlord may evict, at the end of the cotton season, at his will or caprice, every sharecropper on his farm. The sharecropper has no remedy.

2. As to education. The country school has been practically abolished. The landlord either lives in town or his children can reach the town school in a few minutes by auto. But the sharecropper and his children live in the country, usually on mud roads, without autos, without clothing fit to wear at the town school. The result is the shocking illiteracy of the cotton states.

3. As to property. By the statutes the landlord has a lien on everything the tenant grows, for the payment of rent and supplies, and laws have even been passed making it a crime punishable with imprisonment for a sharecropper to abandon his crop without first paying his account.

4. As to security of person. Many acts of violence and outbursts have recently been committed by planters and their agents against sharecroppers and their organizers. They have been taken out and whipped; their homes have been riddled with bullets; three of them have been shot; their meetings have been broken up in violation of the constitutional right of freedom of speech and assembly. Not one arrest has been made as a result of these outrages.

Arrests Are "Framed"

Sharecroppers and their organizers, however, frequently have been arrested and convicted on false and framed charges. Justices of the peace and mayors have convicted and sentenced innocent men without regard for law or decency.

The moral and spiritual effect of the sharecropper system is the saddest chapter of the story.

The development of moral and spiritual strength, the building of character, is a process dependent upon the natural development of certain functions of mind and body. So fundamental are these that they are often referred to as natural or inalienable rights. So often have they been written into state and national constitutions that they are properly called constitutional rights.

Fundamental Rights Denied

The simplest and most fundamental are the rights of freedom of speech, of assembly, of security of home, person and property, and to these should be added the right of each child to a primary education.

To maintain the sharecropper system these rights must be denied. When tenants have union meetings they are arrested on charges of anarchy, disturbing labor, obtaining money under false pretense, obstructing streets and alleys, barratry, or any other far-fetched charge; and when tried in justice or mayor's courts are promptly convicted.

As a result of these conditions, the worst thing that has happened that can befall a people. Their spirit has been broken. The qualities of industry and thrift, courage and self-reliance, truthfulness and honesty, honor and virtue are gradually being destroyed; and over this population is settling a pall of gloom and ignorance.

Tomorrow—AAA makes plight worse.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

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