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Holds No 'Expedients' Can Enforce Dry Law

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Representative Beck, (Rep., Pa., former solicitor general, today declined the proffered leadership of the wet bloc in the House.

"I share the confidence of many thinking men," he commented, "that no legislative expedients will ever result in the enforcement of a law which so manifestly conflicts with human nature, and that the expedients now proposed and any that can be proposed will be as ineffective as it would be for a surgeon to apply a mustard plaster to a malignant cancer.

"With these views I shall be glad to serve in the ranks of the anti-prohibition group, even though I am disinclined, for many reasons, to assume the leadership."

Padlocks Are Lifted

CALHOUN DEFENDS DRY RULE; IGNORES LAXITY CHARGES

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Dry Administrator Satisfied With Enforcement Work Throughout State

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ACTIVITY MARKS RETURN

Agents Capture Three Stills and Truckload of Beer As Welcome Back to Chief.

Sensational exposures relating to smuggling activities, based on investigations and conferences in five countries, have been submitted to Prohibition Comissioner J. N. Doran as the result of William J. Calhoun's "secret mission" trip to the West Indies.

Just what action the Government may take as a result of this report, the New Jersey prohibition administrator did not disclose yesterday on his return after a two-week's absence, nor did he say what exposures he made at Washington.

SLUETHING TRIP

Specifically charged to adjust differences between insular police and the prohibition forces at Porto Rico, Mr. Calhoun's investigations embraced Port au Prince, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Santiago and Havana, in Cuba, he revealed yesterday.

His plan recommended for Porto Rico gives insular police charge of local enforcement and concentrates the work of prohibition agents on smuggling.

During his stay in Porto Rico, he was the guest of Colonel Arthur J. Hanlon, former New Jersey administrator, now stationed on the island. Special rates to Miami on the Pan-American Airways induced him to fly to the United States when he learned there was no boat for a

He spent three days on the 1,800-mile flight, which was made with stops at Haiti and Havana. After two days at Miami, he went by rail to Washington, where he spent Tuesday in conference.

"The air trip was fascinating," he reported yesterday. "My only regret was that we couldn't park awhile on one of the big, fleecy clouds.'

Mr. Calhoun declared he was satisfied with the present functioning of the New Jersey prohibition department and that he is planning no immediate spectacular changes.

As to Representative F. LaGuardia's charges that he had grossly neglected his duty in New Jersey, Mr. Calhoun said:

"I'm paying no attention to such reports. I shall make no answer whatever."

The day of the chief's return also was marked by seizure of three stills and a truck load of beer by enforcement agents under Walter E. Brown, assistant administrator.

A follow-up investigation at 353 Main street, Little Ferry, where two prisoners and two stills were taken on November 9, resulted yesterday in discovery of a 1,500-gallon still in operation there. Equipment and supplies included 1,800 pounds of white sugar, 5,100 gallons of mash, columns, dephlamator, boiler and new coils. No one was found in charge.

GARAGE RUM PLANT

Special agents turned over to prohibition agents a 1,500 gallon still found at 655-57 Hudson avenue, West New York, N. J., where Nicholas Buccinelli was arrested.

In the ramshackle garage at this address, officers found 1,600 gallons of denatured alcohol, 20 50-gallon drums, and 364 empty 5-gallon cans.

Joseph Katz, 29 Rommes street, Elizabeth, gave $5,000 bail when arraigned before Commissioner Augustus Friedman following his arrest with a truck loaded with 60 barrels of beer on the New Brunswick Pike near Penns Neck.

Paul Kish of Franklyn town ship faces charges of manufacture ... possession of intoxicating liqu... the result of the finding of a 500-gallon still on his farm near Middlebush.

FORMAN CONFERRING ON POST OFFICE SITE

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United States Attorney Forman will terminate his series of conferences with land owners tonight in regard to ground for a new post office site. After an extended session yesterday with property-holders, Mr. Forman announced last evening that no definite settlement had been reached.

Mr. Forman made each owner an offer, which had been prepared by government officials in Washington. He has been instructed to offer a reasonable sum but not to go higher. He hinted yesterday that some of the owners have made counter offers that are lower than their original figures, but still too high for government satisfaction.

If terms are not agreed upon, condemnation proceedings will be instituted early in February.