

Former Prosecutor Behind The Bars

Los Angeles, Feb. 9.—From his cell in the county jail, Asa Keyes today directed his fight to escape imprisonment.

The former district attorney of Los Angeles county was convicted here Friday with Ben Getzoff and Ed Rosenberg of conspiracy to bribe. The jury of ten women and two men, after deliberating three and one-half hours, upheld the state's charges that Keyes received \$165,000 and other considerations for lax prosecution of fraud cases.

All three defendants, who will be sentenced Monday, announced they would appeal if a new trial is not granted. The penalty for conspiracy to bribe is one to fourteen years. The bribery case grew out of the collapse here in May, 1927, of the Julian Petroleum Corporation when it was discovered that about \$100,000,000 worth of spurious stock had been sold to the public.

Keyes conducted an investigation which resulted in the filing of charges against fifty or more persons, among them certain officials of the Julian Corporation. One after another of these charges were dropped until eventually the only two held were Jacob Berman, alleged "Bright Youngster" of the corporation, and Ed Rosenberg, stock salesman. It was alleged the stock placed had netted about \$35,000,000.

During the trial of Berman and Rosenberg on fraud charges, the prosecutor filed a motion to dismiss the case against Rosenberg. The motion was denied and the case went to the jury resulting in acquittal for both.

Last November Baron Fitts, lieutenant governor of California, was elected district attorney of Los Angeles county on an "anti-corruption" platform. Soon after he took office a grand jury began an investigation of alleged official corruption here. Six persons, including Keyes, Getzoff and Rosenberg, were indicted.

Local Talent Play Pleases Many

A comedy, "The Arrival of Kitty," given under the direction of the Y. P. C. U. of the A. R. P. church last Friday night, was very successful. The auditorium was filled to capacity and some were turned away. The play, presented by this organization of young people, with a few assistants, kept the audience in laughter from beginning to end. It has been rumored that it might be presented again for the benefit of those who did not see it, and its repetition will doubtless score another big hit.

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U. S. May Yet Join With World Court

Washington, Feb. 9.—A decision of the World Court interpreting the rights of League of Nations council members in preventing disputes from being brought before the court may eventually remove the outstanding obstacle to American membership in the court, it is now declared in well informed quarters.

The court problem has been revived by reports that Elihu Root, while in Geneva to discuss revision of the court statutes, might informally raise the question of American adherence. Only Albania, Cuba, Greece, Liberia and Luxembourg unconditionally accepted the senate reservations to court membership. The bulk of the court membership including the great powers and most of the European countries proposed in effect that the United States be a league member.

It is understood the court never has determined whether a league council submission of a court must be unanimously decided. If the decision were that one dissenting council vote could veto submission, the United States, in the opinion of informed persons, would have won its point. This country would expect to enjoy the maximum prerogatives of League members.

Considerable speculation has been aroused here by the coincidence that Root is going to Geneva a short time after President Coolidge and Secretary of State Kellogg made it known that this administration intended to re-open the court question with other governments. It is not suggested that Root is an emissary of the Coolidge administration, even in an unofficial capacity. But it has been reported that he has been authorized by President-elect Hoover to canvass the court situation while abroad, and the question has arisen whether Mr. Coolidge and his secretary had this action in mind when suggesting the possibility that the negotiations would be resumed.

Intimations that Mr. Coolidge would resume negotiations may have had the effect of discouraging resumption by the senate of discussion of the Gillette resolution designed to facilitate settlement of the problem. The Gillette resolution calls for "a further exchange of views with the signatory states in order to establish whether the differences between the United States and the signatory states can be satisfactorily adjusted."

Self Government For Philippines Predicted

Manila, Feb. 9.—Gov. Gen. Henry L. Stimson in his farewell speech to the insular legislature today, predicted that the Philippines eventually would have "full self government." Stimson will leave soon for the United States where he is expected to have a place in Hoover's cabinet, possibly that of secretary of state.

The governor general did not explain whether by "full self government" he meant independent or government entirely by Filipinos. He said that if the executive branch efficiently performed its duties and if the legislative branch did not attempt to encroach upon the powers of the executive he could foresee the islands following a course to full self government.

Stimson praised Manuel Quezon, president of the senate, and the governor general's cabinet for loyalty and aid to the government. He thanked the legislature for its cooperation.

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