

## CAMPAIGN PLANNED

Uncle Sam To Round Up Stock Swindlers In Drive

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—(AP)—A nation-wide drive to put the country of stock swindlers who reap an annual harvest of billions from investing pocketbooks was proposed today by the securities and exchange commission.

Department of Justice letters which have driven gangsters and saboteurs to flight are being adapted, it was revealed.

The drive is expected to be the most intensive ever made against "blue sky" promoters who have employed legal devices to rob the public despite the new stringent securities laws.

John Barn, commission chief counsel, is co-ordinating arrangements for the campaign. Special centers are being established locally to direct activities in the field.

## BUDGET IS APPROVED

Preliminary Estimate Reduced By Board of Education

The Bellingham board of education, at a special meeting Wednesday here, approved the 1926-27 budget, \$426,824, a reduction of \$1,200 from the preliminary budget for the school year. The reason for the reduction in figures was in the county tax for the fact that the state administration for 1926-27 will be 25 cents a month of interest of 25 cents a month as anticipated through present provisions of the law. The preliminary budget was drawn up. This reduction yet still means a loss of about \$42,000 to the district in state and federal appropriations. The estimated \$33 is a reduction in the building budget.

On the total 1925-26 budget, \$494,120 is for the general fund and \$1,707 for the building fund. The total figure shows an increase of \$42,000 over the 1924-25 total. Approximately one-half of this increase is for buildings and grounds and the remainder for increased cost of construction. The final budget will be adjusted in the fall.

## Methodists Criticize

Huey Long, Johnson And Father Coughlin

NEW YORK, April 7.—(AP)—Federal critics, including of Gov. Hugh S. Johnson, Sen. Huey P. Long and the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin were today denouncing in terms the Federal leadership of the masses by the Methodist Federation for social service in a report to members today.

The federation said Long and the priest were similar in leadership in that they had led their followers to "unmistakable leadership of the uneducated masses." The report, directed chiefly at labor groups, charged that:

"Father Coughlin's office workers receive one third as living wage. His church budget was constructed by non-union labor at rates 40 per cent below the union scale."

Long was compared to the pastor and confessor in Louisiana who fled.

The federation charged that "better poverty on one hand and excessive wealth on the other remain in Louisiana."

Johnson, Long and Coughlin were grouped as trying to maintain an economic system, described as "class, caste, inheritance and anti-union" by the general congress of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The report said that another program of the federation administration

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