

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATED IN GERMANY

Mayor Carlson was appointed by the Carl Schurtz Foundation of Philadelphia on a committee, consisting of 17 City Officials from all parts of the U. S. A. to investigate municipal government in Germany in 1933, and was elected chairman of this commission. Mr. Carlson and Edward Meeman Editor of the Memphis Press Scimitar were the only members of the committee who were permitted to interview Chancellor Hitler.

In the latter part of June 1933 when Mayor Carlson's trip had been concluded in Germany he went to Sweden and was given a dinner by the Swedish American Society to which the then American Minister to Sweden had also been invited. ^{as a guest} Later he joined with a group of about 200 Americans headed by the well known commentator Mr. H. V. Kaltenborn. ^{which} This group included bankers, lawyers, doctors, college professors, and ministers of various denominations, ~~who~~ took a tour through Russia after a visit in Sweden. ~~There were wide differences of opinion as to the future of Russia.~~

In recent years Mr. Carlson's eye sight has failed him so that he is now unable to read any printed matter. ~~He~~ can however write ~~short~~ notes for manuscripts but cannot read his own notes.

In 1890 Mr. Carlson became manager of a furniture plant and in 1895 he sold his interest in this plant and became manager of the weekly Newspaper Vart Land (Our Country) which he continued to publish in English and Swedish until the immigration from Europe was restricted, when the 1st world war began.

Mayor Emeritus Samuel A. Carlson is the author of a book entitled The Saga of a City, and a New Concept of City Government, published in 1935. He has also written his Autobiography which was published in 1943, and in addition a complete History of the Public Utility Movement in Jamestown N.Y. published in 1943. Mr Carlson has written thousands of newspaper articles which are on file in scrap books at the Prendergast Library Jamestown N.Y. including a copy of each of the above listed books.

Mayor Carlson has long advocated the City Manager form of government. He was one of the first Mayors in the U.S.A. to confer with former Mayor Seasongood who saved more than \$1,000,000. the first year the City Manager plan was introduced in the City of Cincinnati Ohio. A new plan of election had given Cincinnati a higher type of men in the City council.