

WILL ROGERS HERE ON WAY TO GET 'R.F.C. AID FOR COMEDIANS'

Will Rogers spent an hour in Fort Worth Thursday between planes en route to Washington "to get some relief from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the comedians." "Every industry in the land and every group it seems has had some financial assistance from the R. F. C.," the famous comedian said, "except the comedians. I'm going up to hit 'em.

"The last time I was in Washington I wanted to go around to the R. F. C. offices to see my friend Jesse Jones. I didn't know where the offices were but as I stepped out of my hotel I saw three men walking along, each carrying a bulging brief case. From the looks of the brief case I could see that their assets were frozen; I knew they were on their way to the R. F. C. so I just followed them and sure enough I soon found myself in Jesse Jones' office."

Seriously, though, Rogers explained his trip to Washington was for the purpose of keeping in touch with things and to be with Mrs. Rogers and their daughter, Mary, for Mary's birthday Friday. Mary is in school in New York and she and her mother will join him in Washington.

"You know things are moving so fast these days," Rogers said, "that a week away from Washington and you're out of touch; you might as well be away a year. I want to get back and find out what's going on; to talk to a lot of people I didn't get to see on my last trip, so I'll have something to write and talk

about. Last week we were in the United States; now this guy Roosevelt has moved us over to Europe and by the time I get to Washington, we'll probably be in Japan. That's the speed with which we are moving, so I have to get back to find out what's going on."

Rogers came from California and left at 10:15 o'clock on an American Airways plane for Cincinnati and from there will take a train to Washington.

While here recently, Rogers was told by Dr. Webb Walker that the racing bill would be passed by the Texas Legislature. Some of the opponents of the bill chided Walker with the statement that "Rogers would be a long time getting back if he was waiting on the enactment of the bill for his excuse to get back."

Late Wednesday Dr. Walker wired Rogers of the favorable action by the House.

"I came on after getting your wire," said Rogers to Walker Thursday, "but I thought you said racing would start this morning. That's why I hurried. Now when I get here, you tell me that the bill has passed only one house.

"Anyway, I will come back for the first race meet at Arlington Downs and I'll remain until the last race is run."

"I wish I had time to call on Mr. Waggoner personally and congratulate him. But tell him I am coming back to the meet."