

Blames Democrats For Prison Strike

Governor Charges Embarrassing Plot

INDIANAPOLIS (INS) — Gov. George N. Craig today denounced the recent wave of labor disputes against state institutions as a Democratic plot to embarrass the Republicans.

Craig particularly cited the unsuccessful strike of guards at the Indiana state prison as being a union officials' attempt to aid the Democratic party in the Nov. 2 election.

In addition to the prison trouble, Craig cited an 11-day strike of maintenance workers at the Indiana State Teachers College which also ended unsuccessfully, and attempts to ferment strife at the Indiana state reformatory and Ball State Teachers College. He said: "I see in the recent series of labor disturbances against state institutions the studied secret influence of some union leaders who would sacrifice the welfare of their members in an illegal and futile attempt to aid the Democratic party in November."

The governor said he considered it deplorable that some families' welfare would be placed in jeopardy by individuals politically motivated. He concluded: "There has been no serious labor strife in this state for more than a year, and it is difficult to believe that the recent waves of disputes at state institutions are not part of a deliberate pattern designed to embarrass the Republican administration."

Mapping Plans For Highway Program

Committee Opens Capital Hearings

WASHINGTON (INS) — A presidential committee began conferences today with business and industry leaders to map plans for carrying out President Eisenhower's 10-year, \$50-billion highway construction program.

Representatives of 21 organizations ranging from farm groups to safety research agencies gathered for two days of hearings on methods of expanding the nation's vital highway system.

A five-man committee, headed by Gen. Lucius Clay, personal friend and adviser to the president, will conduct the sessions aimed at working out a plan for financing the sweeping construction program.

Its recommendations will form the basis for legislation to be proposed to congress next January by Mr. Eisenhower, whose goal is to more than double the present highway construction rate.

The President first disclosed his program before the national governors' conference earlier this year. Initial reaction by the state officials was that road construction should be under local or state control even if federal aid was provided.

Hurricane Threatens Big Oil Refineries

Report Buildup Of Hurricane Hazel

MIAMI (INS) — Hurricane Hazel developed into a "very dangerous storm" today and threatened huge oil refineries on the Dutch island of Aruba with winds of 115 miles an hour.

All warnings were lowered in the Netherlands West Indies group earlier today — but they went flying again after naval aircraft penetrated the eye of the howler and found it much farther south in the Caribbean than was reported in previous advisories.

The 11 a.m. advisory from the San Juan weather bureau located the storm about 60 miles north-northwest of Curacao, NWI, near latitude 12.9 north, longitude 69.4 west.

All vessels were urged to exercise caution during the next 12 hours and the tiny island of Aruba was warned of possible hurricane winds this afternoon and early tonight.

Eady Engineer At Chattanooga Plant

Another Decatur family will move to Chattanooga, Tenn., with the opening of the new Central Soya Co. plant in that city.

Gerald Eady, maintenance engineer at the local plant since July, 1952, will be resident engineer of the Chattanooga plant. His promotion to this post was announced today.

Eady started work with Central Soya in 1946. He and his wife and two daughters plan to move to Chattanooga in the near future.

Freed Americans Tell Experiences

Pair Questioned On Germ Warfare

SEOUL (INS) — U. S. marine corps Lieut. Col. Herbert E. Peters told today how Communist troops greeted him with joy in the belief that he came to join the Reds when he mistakenly landed his plane at a North Korean airfield.

The 27-year-old marine airman from Seattle, Wash., newly released from eight months of Communist captivity, said the Reds soon dropped their warm friendliness and tossed him in jail once they realized he was just lost and out of gas.

Peters, whose small plane was forced down at a Red airfield near Kaesong last Feb. 5, said he was subjected to almost constant political indoctrination and questioned about germ warfare during his captivity.

The Communists returned him to the allied command Wednesday along with Efc. Charles Julius, 20, of Orlando, Fla., who was captured in the Communist part of the Korean demilitarized zone last May 25.

Peters said the only statement he signed was one outlining how his plane had run out of fuel while lost over the eastern front and landed near Kaesong, just a few miles north of Panmunjom, by mistake.

Julius said he invented and told the Reds a story of being sent into Communist territory to observe artillery emplacements.

He explained: "I thought they would never believe how I got there."

Julius, who had served only two months in Korea before he was captured, said he decided to take a walk after a swim in a truce zone creek, stepped on a land mine and suffered wounds in the legs and back.

Dazed and badly hurt, he wandered into Red territory and was found lying unconscious by the Reds.

The Florida soldier said he also was under constant interrogation after Communist doctors operated on him but that he was not urged or forced to sign anything.

Peters, wing aircraft and maintenance officer of the first marine air wing when he was captured, said he was accused by the Reds of being sent into North Korea on a "big diplomatic purpose."

He said he was not quite sure what the Reds meant, but believed they thought the allies had sent him to land in North Korea to create an incident which could be used politically at the then approaching Geneva conference.

"I was asked what I knew about germ warfare," he said. "When I denied any knowledge of it, and of course I have none, the question was dropped."



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4-H Junior Leaders To Turkey Run Park

Four carloads of 4-H junior leaders will spend Saturday at Turkey Run state park, it was announced today. The group will leave Decatur at 6 in the morning, returning late in the evening after a day of hiking and picnicking. Miss Gloria Koenenman, county 4-H leader, said today.

Financial Demands Appall Committee

Budget Committee To Resist Demands

INDIANAPOLIS (INS) — State budget committee members said today they were appalled by threatened raids on the state's \$89 million surplus.

The budgeters prepared to resist demands of the teachers, men-

tal health zealots and hungry municipalities for huge increased allowances. Budget committee chairman Laurence D. Baker said: "The committee will do some fiscal belt tightening in behalf of the taxpayers."

Baker expressed concern over a hike of \$25 million sought for tuition support needs to a total of \$157 million for the next two years, but state superintendent of public instruction Wilbur Young said the total was not a recommendation but a figure arrived at in view of the laws and constitution of the state. He added: "The increase is due largely to predictions that public school enrollment will rise from 770,000 to 890,000 by the 1956-57 fiscal year."

The budgeters prepared to prune a \$52,173,816 request by mental health officials for operating expenses at 10 institutions, a hike of \$18 million, after they had sought previously \$27,644,357 for construction and repairs at mental institutions.

Also, Indiana municipal league

officials and speakers at its convention now in progress have demanded huge allowances for cities and towns.

Life Sentence For Slaying Daughter

VALPARAISO, Ind. (INS) — Oscar Lee Moorman, who shot the 12-year-old daughter he was accused of raping, Wednesday received a life sentence for murder.

Toronto Firm Is Low On Toll Road Bids

INDIANAPOLIS (INS) — Tomlinson Construction Co. of Toronto, underbid 14 companies from six states with a \$3,990,620 figure to construct an 8.3 mile section of Indiana's east-west toll road in LaPorte county.

The commission awarded a fifth contract when it gave S. J. Groves & Sons, Montpelier, O., a contract to construct a 12.4 mile section in LaGrange county for \$6,738,835.

Fort Wayne Doctor Charged With Fraud

Mail Fraud Charged To Veteran Doctor

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (INS) — An 83-year-old doctor, who has practiced medicine in Fort Wayne for more than half a century, was bound over to the federal grand jury today on charges of mail fraud.

Dr. Z. H. Stamets, a physician in Fort Wayne since 1897, was released without bond on charges of prescribing cures for cancer through the mails.

The government set a trap, sending the elderly operator of the Fort Wayne sanitarium clinic a solution allegedly taken from a person with cancer. Witnesses said Stamets wrote to the fictitious person saying he had detected traces of cancer in the solution and pre-

scribing cures. Postal inspector C. E. Dunbar, of Washington, D. C., said the physician had told patients through mail that he could detect cancer using the Dunkler method, which noted scientists have discounted. He added that the drugs Stamets sold through the mails have no value in treatment of cancer.

Census Crew Leaders To Attend Training

Crew leaders for the 1954 census of agriculture in this area will attend a five-day training conference at Plymouth, beginning Monday. Census methods will be explained by a member of the census bureau's field staff.

Following the conference, the crew leaders will begin their tasks of recruiting and training enumerators prior to the start of the census enumeration Nov. 8. Mrs. Rhoda W. Tricker, Monroe, is one of the area leaders.

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