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**Study Group Urges
Abolition Of Laws**

WASHINGTON (INS) — Abolition of the nation's "fair trade" laws was urged today by a government-sponsored study group after an 18-month investigation of federal

anti-trust laws.

The committee's report, now being studied by attorney general Herbert Brownell Jr. and his aides, said that, in general, all the anti-trust laws needed was a little polishing and a minimum of remodeling.

However, the committee complained that the fair trade laws result in a throttling of price competition" and called for repeal of federal laws which permit price-fixing at the retail level for brand-name or trade-marked merchandise.

Despite its 349 pages, 1,141 footnotes and its scholarly air, the report, prepared by more than 60 attorneys and economists from government, industry and education, contained only a dozen or so apparently propositional, most of them minor.

President Eisenhower had publicly expressed the hope that the study "would provide an important instrument to prepare the way for modernizing and strengthening our laws to preserve American free enterprise against monopoly and unfair competition."

In addition to the majority condemnation, the report had this to say on major points of issue in the anti-trust field:

Business mergers: No new laws are necessary. Such mergers may "lessen, increase, or have no effect on competition."

Illegal conspiracies: "Restraining trade is not illegal, but only contracting, combining and conspiring in restraint of trade."

Labor unions: "Appropriate legislation" should be passed to prohibit, with safeguards, "union efforts at market control."

Agricultural cooperatives: "There is room for improvement" in enforcement procedures against certain types of illegal monopolies in this field, but the co-ops do not necessarily offer any "serious threat" to effective competition.

Trade associations: Prosecution of such groups should be "swift and certain if they clearly violate the law. However, the government should not "inhibit their growth" if they tend to promote competition.

The report was marked by frequent dissent and difference of opinion. Many of those who expressed conflicting views remained anonymous, and there was no indication of the size of the split on particular issues.

Two members of the group — both professors — offered the sharpest dissents to the majority report. Professor Louis B. Schwartz of the University of Pennsylvania law school complained that the recommendations would weaken the anti-trust laws in some respects and the report "fails to adopt necessary measures for strengthening the law so as to create a truly competitive economy in this country."

Professor Eugene V. Rostow of the Yale school of law criticized the report for making no recommendations on enforcement of the laws. He said the government was guilty of a "conspicuous failure" to invoke the anti-merger provisions in the present law.

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**Herman Keller Heads
Conservation Club**

**Heads Adams County
Conservation Club**

Herman Keller, General Electric employee, has been named president of the Adams County conservation club for 1955; it was announced today by that organization. Other 1955 officers include Raymond Bleeke, vice-president; secretary-treasurer, Franklin Liechty, and the Rev. Lawrence Norris, jointly.

Three trustees also were named for the organization. They include, Bernard Hahn for three years; Edward Summer, for two years and Waldo Marbach for one year. Clarence Brunnegraff was named as the club's delegate to the county council.

Brunnegraff also was named chairman of the fish committee; Bleeke will head the rabbit committee and Liechty is chairman of the bird committee.

The club's efforts again will be directed largely toward support of the bird raising program which many 4-H club members use as their summer project.

Funds for this effort with the 4-H members are derived from the sale of \$1 memberships in the club. The annual membership drive is now in progress and club officers have the 1955 cards for sale at this time.

Unused portions of the membership money are placed in a reserve fund which will ultimately be used for construction of a permanent home for the club. It is the hope of the present officers that the club house project will be strong enough financially so that erection of the headquarters can be started in a year or two.

All of the officers of the club serve without pay. The motto of the organization is "put some, take some and leave some."

Trade is a Good Town — Decatur

Prayer Band Rally
At Peru On Sunday

This Sunday's Victory prayer band rally will be held at God's gospel tabernacle at Peru, the Rev. James R. Meadows, founder of the organization, has announced.

The Rev. Dorothy Surface, well-known evangelist, will deliver the sermon and John B. McAllister, Wabash, will lead the singing. Mrs. J. W. Baker will preside at the piano. The public is invited to attend the service.

Sun. & Mon.—"The Egyptian" Edmund Purdom, Victor Mature

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**Five Are Arrested
On Speeding Charge**

Five were arrested Wednesday afternoon as a result of the electric speed timer which was set up at Berne by the sheriff's department with the assistance of the state police and Berne Police chief, Karl Springer.

Raymond Lehman of Decatur will appear in the Berne Justice of the Peace court to answer charges of speeding. Others who were arrested for speeding and will appear in that court Wednesday are Elmer Wenz of South Bend, Walter Baumgartner of Bluffton route four, Raymond Velez of Berne route two and Edna Gorges of Munroe.

The electric timer which was set up at Berne by the sheriff's department will be used from time to time all over the county to slow traffic through the speed zones in the communities.

Salem — Oregon's population of deer, elk, antelope and bear is estimated

**Man Arrested For
Assault, Battery**

Ira Carpenter, 53, is being held in the Adams County jail on a charge of assault and battery. He was arrested Wednesday evening on a warrant which was issued as a result of a complaint by Eleanor Carpenter. He will be tried in circuit court in the near future.

**Robert McCormick
Remains Critical**

CHICAGO (INS) — The condition of Col. Robert R. McCormick, editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune, remained critical today.

The 74-year-old publisher has been ailing since 1953 when he suffered an attack of pneumonia after returning from a European trip.

He underwent an operation to correct adhesions last January, returned to a hospital for observation early this month and has been confined to his home at nearby Wheaton, Ill. since leaving the hospital March 17.

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