

43 Reorganization Plans Approved

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Hoosiers no longer oppose school reorganization. They just argue occasionally about how such reorganization should be effected.

That is the conclusion of J.B. Kohlmeier, director of the Indiana State Commission for the Reorganization of School Corporations.

Kohlmeier, at a commission meeting today will report that so far 70 of Indiana's 92 counties have submitted reorganization plans, of which 43 have been approved by the commission.

The plans of four counties have been rejected by the commission, hearings have been held on 11 more proposals and action is pending, and for the remainder of the 70, hearings are yet to be held.

Although 22 counties have not yet submitted plans for reorganizing their school systems in accordance with 1959 and 1961 state laws, Kohlmeier said this does not mean opposition to reorganization.

Expect Most By Nov. 1

"I expect most of the 22 will have their plans by Nov. 1," he said. "Action has been taken by committees in 90 counties now. There are only two counties in which the committees have been inactive—Greene and Daviess."

But generally over the state, the director said, the public attitude has favored reorganization, in contrast to the situation two years ago.

"When this first started there were a lot of questions whether the law would be repealed," he recalled. "There was a general feeling—why work toward reorganization if the law is going to be repealed? Thirty-eight bills were introduced in the 1961 Legislature to amend the 1959 law, but not a single one for outright repeal. Six of those bills passed and the governor signed five. All five strengthened school reorganization. None weakened it."

2 Factors Cited

Kohlmeier said he attributed the changed attitude to two factors. "People were ready for school reorganization before the legislature was. They were interested in good education. The county committees working on the plans represented a large number of people. It was a grass roots thing," Kohlmeier said.

He said that before school reorganization began there were slightly more than 1,000 school corporations. The last tally of submitted plans indicates there may be about 250 when the reorganization is completed.

"In some places there is still some disagreement on the part of some people with the plan the county committee has proposed. If and when these plans are put to election, some may fail," Kohlmeier said. "But these people say they are not against reorganization, just against the particular plan offered. There has been quite a change in public attitude. Reorganization is now accepted."

Two Counties Late

Kohlmeier noted that two counties were late in starting on reorganization because their people thought their previous school reorganization under an earlier law exempted them. These two counties—Ohio and Clinton, are among those with plans not in but which are expected to submit the required outline later, although no major changes are involved.

A number of proposed reorganizations are involved in court cases, including Posey, Vanderburgh, Fulton, Noble, Whitley, LaPorte, St. Joseph and Jefferson, Kohlmeier said, adding that this is "only a partial list."

In some counties part of a proposed county plan has been adopted, and part rejected. He cited Wells as an example. Two of three units proposed were approved, one lost by 25 votes and probably will be re-submitted.

Special elections have been scheduled or held this fall by Decatur, Carroll, Warrick, Johnson, Wells, and LaGrange, he added, but "most of the others are going to wait until the May, 1962, primary."

Counties Are Listed

Here are the 43 counties whose school reorganization plans already have been approved by the commission: Brown, Boone, Carroll, Crawford, Clark, Decatur, Floyd, Fountain, Gibson, Hamilton, Harrison, Hendricks, Huntington, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, LaGrange, LaPorte, Lawrence, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Newton, Noble, Orange, Perry, Parke, Posey, Pulaski, Rush, Scott, Spencer, Switzerland, Tipton, Union, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Vigo, Wabash, Warrick, Washing-

ton and Wells.

Here are the 23 counties whose plans are awaiting action by the commission: Bartholomew, Blackford, Cass, Clay, Delaware, DeKalb, Fulton, Grant, Hancock, Howard, Jay, Jennings, Kosciusko, Marion, Morgan, Owen, Pike, Porter, Randolph, Shelby, Steuben, Sullivan and Wayne.

Here are the 4 counties whose plans were rejected by the commission: Knox, Tippecanoe, Miami, Henry.

Here are the 22 counties whose plans have not yet been submitted:

Allen, Adams, Benton, Clinton, Davies, Dearborn, Dubois, Elkhart, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Lake, Martin, Marshall, Ohio, Putnam, Ripley, Starke, St. Joseph, Warren, White and Whitley.

Asks Railroads Aid Soybean Crop Move

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Governor Welsh today urged railroads serving Indiana to provide sufficient box cars to move a record soybean crop to market.

The governor, in telegrams to 11 railroads that serve Indiana, said the 83.8 million bushel crop is 29 per cent above last year's record crop and 79 per cent above the average of the previous 10 years.

Welsh said the large crop could "cause a severe strain on rail transport facilities."

"I am certain that Hoosier farmers can again depend on the railroads to cooperate during the peak shipping season," Welsh said.

Reverses Decision On Union Picketing

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The National Labor Relations Board Wednesday reversed an eight-month-old decision against a local of the International Hod Carriers and Material Movers Union, Ind. Two members, appointed by President Kennedy since the previous decision, helped form the new majority.

The board upheld picketing by the local to protest wage rates at a construction site of George DeJong even though DeJong's employees were represented by another union. "A union may be legitimately concerned that a particular employer is undermining area standards of employment by maintaining lower standards," the board held. It said picketing in such circumstances to obtain recognition is unlawful but that there is other justification for it.

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Moslem General Is Named By de Gaulle

PARIS (UPI) — A Moslem general stepped in an France's second highest military commander in Algeria today in a move apparently aimed at winning rebel support for an independence referendum.

President Charles de Gaulle named Brig. Gen. Ahmed Raza an infantry commandant Wednesday.

De Gaulle has insisted that free elections must precede independence. The rebels have contended that no referendum on self-determination can be free if it is controlled by the French army.

De Gaulle recently urged the formation of a local 50,000-man force of Algerians to supervise the proposed elections and observers called Raza the logical choice to head it.

He is the only Moslem ever to become a general in the French army. Tough and experienced, Raza, 55, formerly commanded a brigade.

Raza's new post carries an important title but it does not include the actual leadership of troops, thereby eliminating the possibility that he could take over command of France's hardened paratroopers.

The promotion climaxed a months of overtures toward the Algerian rebels by De Gaulle.

State Forest Head Dies Unexpectedly

PERU, Ind. (UPI) — Robert Lewis Stineham, 53, superintendent of Frances Slocum State Forest, died unexpectedly at his home in the forest Wednesday. Stineham, of near Wabash, was superintendent only a little more than six weeks.

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Emergency Caused By Bridge Collapse

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — A delegation from Clinton headed by Mayor John Goldner was scheduled to confer at 3 p. m. today with Governor Welsh on an emergency situation caused by collapse of the only public bridge over the Wabash River at Clinton.

However, a spokesman for the state highway commission said that emergency planning for repairs began Wednesday as soon as word of the collapse was received.

Roy Whitton, secretary of the commission, estimated that traffic over the damaged bridge can be restored in "60 to 90 days."

He said the situation obviously is serious since anyone wanting to cross the Wabash between Indiana and Illinois at Clinton must now drive to either Terre Haute or Montezuma to reach a bridge.

However, Whitton said the state highway engineers were not in error in their report concerning the strength of the bridge.

"If you hit any bridge in the right place, it's going to fail, and that is what happened here. The footings about which the engineers were consulted are still standing. This car just hit a key-stone piece," he said.

Whitton said he understood that Fred Wampler, who is a member of the Wabash Valley Authority and a former congressman, had contacted the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers with a request for a pontoon bridge.

The highway official said he understood that if the pontoon bridge is erected it would be for emergency use, and not for general public traffic.

Goldner and about 100 Clinton residents decided at a town meeting Wednesday night to take a strong protest direct to the capital city after the 61-year-old bridge crumbled when struck by an old car.

An 180-foot span of the bridge just east of Clinton collapsed into the shallow water 30 feet below Wednesday, taking with it a 1939 model car that struck it and a state highway truck with two occupants.

A natural gas main was cut by the collapse.

Harvest Gathering For Otterbein Home

The Rev. Kenneth Angle, pastor of the Union Chapel Evangelical United Brethren church, announced today that Sunday will be harvest home gathering for the Otterbein home.

Persons desiring to give to the home are asked to bring items such as cookies, candies (home made or store purchased), canned goods (not home canned), clothing, popcorn, quilts and sheets. The home raises its potatoes, other vegetables and apples.

UN Delegates Are Haunted By Nuclear Fears

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI) — An underlying fear of a nuclear holocaust is haunting delegates to the 16th United Nations General Assembly.

Virtually every speaker in the general policy debate so far has emphasized the urgent need to halt the arms race before East-West tensions trigger a devastating global war.

Whether the delegates can transform this fear into concrete and effective action remains to be seen. There is considerable skepticism in view of the basic differences between Russia and the Western powers.

Puts Question Bluntly

The initiative now is up to the 100-nation assembly where the countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America control two-thirds of the votes. Russia and the United States have failed in bilateral talks to agree on a forum for renewed disarmament negotiations.

Howard C. Green, Canada's external affairs secretary, put the question bluntly to delegates this week in a policy speech.

"The crisis over Berlin and the great anxiety created by the resumption of nuclear weapons tests have brought to every mind the death and destruction which would follow the outbreak of nuclear war."

Urges Top Priority

Pakistani Ambassador Muhammad Zafrulla Khan urged the assembly to give top priority to a proposed ban on tests. He said the resumption of nuclear explosions and the resultant radioactivity threatens "the very continuation of human life on earth."

The disarmament and nuclear test items are scheduled for debate in the assembly's main political committee, due to begin work on Friday.

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Lebanon Man Heads State Youth Camps

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Clifford C. Parr, Lebanon, was appointed Wednesday as director of state youth camps which are being established in Indiana at the order of the 1961 Legislature.

The appointment was announced by James E. McCart, assistant state correction commissioner.

Parr, a former football coach at Lebanon high school, will direct a camp near Henryville in Clark County State Forest for inmates of the Indiana Boys School and another for youths at the Indiana Reformatory which probably will be established near Rockville.

Parr is busy screening inmates of the boys school to select 40 or 50 who will serve at the Henryville camp. McCart said a work detail from the Indiana State Farm will go to Henryville Monday to remodel a building to be used as a dormitory for the boys.



Attractive Haley Mills plays a dual role in the Walt Disney Technicolor production starting Friday at the Adams theater for four days. Others in this popular comedy that reopens the theater for the fall and winter season are Maureen O'Hara, and Brian Keith.

Indiana Girl Dies In Crash In Iowa

PRIMGHAR, Iowa (UPI) — A young Indiana woman, traveling with her fiancé to her home state to be married, suffered fatal injuries in a one-car accident near here late Wednesday.

The victim was Patsy Deiss, 20, Evansville, Ind. Her fiancé, Blaine Mamer, 24, Candy, Mo. was listed in good condition today at a Cherokee hospital.

Miss Deiss died at a Cherokee hospital about two hours after the mishap.

Authorities said Mamer the driver of the car, apparently took a curve too fast on Iowa 59 eight miles south of here.

Authorities said the car left the road, turned end over end and smashed into a utility pole.

The young woman's wedding gown was found in a box amidst the wreckage.

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