

Expect Quick Work On One Major Issue

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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Republican leaders of the 93rd Indiana Legislature opening Thursday expect to make quick work of one

major issue — reapportionment — and spend much of the 61-day session on finances.
Senate President Pro - Tem D. Russell Bontrager, R-Elkhart, who also is chairman of the Sen-

ate Legislative Apportionment Committee, said he believes the way may be cleared for introduction of what the GOP terms "the Indiana plan" on the opening day.
House Speaker Richard Guthrie said a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment for reapportionment on the so-called federal plan will be introduced either Thursday or Friday.

Probable debate over rules and elimination of an already pending constitutional amendment on the term of office for county sheriffs

stand in the way of introducing the already prepared constitutional amendment calling for reapportionment of the House on a population basis and the Senate on geography and economic factors.

Federal Action Feared
Republican leaders held several sessions today to work out these roadblocks to introduction of the joint resolution containing the GOP-backed plan.

Lt. Gov. Richard Ristine, presiding officer of the Senate, said "I see no reason why we should

take a long time in getting to reapportionment. I should think the federal courts would appreciate the fact we took it up and disposed of reapportionment as soon as possible."

Ristine referred to the fact the federal courts have taken action in several other states to force overdue redistricting so that representation in state legislatures is equitable.

Such a case is pending now against the Indiana Legislature, but a three-judge federal court

agreed some months ago to wait until after this session to act on two suits—one brought by former State Sen. Nelson Grills and the other by the Indiana Civil Liberties Union.

Bontrager said he felt "we should put the Democrats' feet to the fire" as soon as possible on reapportionment. The Democratic platform backs immediate reapportionment on the basis of the present constitutional provision calling for population as the only

guide.
The provision calls for reapportionment to be carried out once each six years on the basis of males over 21. Bontrager said the courts, rather than the legislature, are responsible for the fact reapportionment has not been made since 1921.

Seek Demo Veto
A Marion County Circuit Court ruling of 1943, re-affirmed in 1955, bars the county auditor from carrying out the count of male citizens necessary for this procedure. The injunction was against present and future auditors and held that failure to count the women made the state constitutional provision illegal.

Republicans were confident they have enough Democratic rural lawmakers in the Senate to help them pass the "Indiana plan" despite the rebellion of two of their own members. Both Sen. Wendell Martin and John Ruckelshaus, Indianapolis Republicans, have announced they will vote against the GOP-backed plan.

The Senate, where the GOP has only a nominal 25-24 control, is expected to be the main battleground. The House has 56 Republicans and 44 Democrats, and Guthrie, although a big-city boy, backs Ristine in his hope of achieving the constitutional amendment.

If the GOP is successful, Bontrager claims that reapportionment could be carried out in 1965, effective with the 1967 Legislature.

Driver Is Arrested Following Accident

James Burgin, 34, of 1223 Melbers St., was arrested for an improper turn following an accident at the intersection of U. S. 224 and the Piqua road at 12:35 p.m. today.

Burgin was northeastbound when he attempted to turn right onto the Piqua road and struck a car operated by Mrs. Ann Lehman, route 3, Decatur, which was stopped for the stop sign, headed west. The left front of the Lehman car was struck by Burgin's auto.

Damages were estimated at \$75 to the Lehman car and \$35 to Burgin's vehicle. State trooper Alan C. Coppes and deputy sheriff Harold August investigated.

Peak Scheduled For Release On Parole

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. (UPI)—Attorney Robert A. Peak, Milan, a leading figure in the 1955-56 Indiana highway scandals, is scheduled for release on parole Friday from the Indiana State Prison here.

The Indiana Parole Board, meeting at the prison, notified Governor Welsh Tuesday that it has approved a parole for Peak who already has served the minimum time on two concurrent sentences in connection with the sale of right-of-way for the Madison Avenue Expressway in Indianapolis.

Peak, a close associate of fellow Milan resident Virgil Smith, former chairman of the Indiana State Highway Commission, was sentenced to 2-14 years for conspiracy to embezzle in connection with the sale of land to the state. He also was sentenced to 1-3 years for falsifying a deed in connection with the land deal.

Smith, William E. Sayer, former administrative assistant to Republican Gov. George N. Craig, and Elmer Sherwood, former Indiana adjutant general, were convicted with Peak.
Smith and Sayer are still in prison while Sherwood is a patient at Norman Beatty Memorial Hospital, a state mental institution at Westville.

Maritime Strike Talks To Continue

NEW YORK (UPI)—Talks in the crippling East and Gulf coast maritime strike, about which President Kennedy "is extremely concerned," resume today with no settlement in sight.

Assistant Labor Secretary James Reynolds scheduled separate meetings with shippers and the International Longshoremen's Association for this afternoon after holding similar conferences Tuesday.

Following the latter, Reynolds said the President "is extremely concerned because of the awkward position in which the strike places our foreign aid program."

"But I regret to say there has been no progress whatsoever towards a settlement," The President, according to White House sources, may ask Congress for anti-strike legislation unless the 18-day walkout on docks from Maine to Texas ends soon.

Taft-Hartley law provisions for averting long and costly strikes have been exhausted. The dockworkers struck last October, but were ordered back to work for an 80-day "cooling off" period that expired Dec. 23, when the walkout started.

The major obstacle to contract agreement is the size of wage and fringe benefit increases, and the parties are far apart on this issue.

Gary Officials Seek To Borrow Money

GARY, Ind. (UPI)—Gary city officials, still plagued by financial problems they blame on the administration of former Mayor George Chacharis, are seeking to borrow funds to keep the city government operating.

New Mayor John Visclosky and City Controller Glen Vantrease asked the City Council Tuesday night to transfer \$1,885,000 from the Gary Sanitary District building fund to various city funds.

Vantrease said \$500,000 would be used to pay off the remainder of the \$1.5 million which Chacharis borrowed slightly more than a year ago, also to keep the city running. The final payment to the Gary National Bank came due Dec. 15 but the city was unable to meet it.

Vantrease, who became controller in a general shakeup after Chacharis resigned as mayor, to plead guilty to federal income tax charges, said the remainder of the money would be used for operating expenses for various city funds during 1963.

He noted that the State Board of Accounts has notified the city its previous practice of operating on a deficit spending basis was illegal.

The council suspended its rules for immediate transfer of \$150,000 to the sinking fund to meet the Jan. 1 payments on the city's bonded debt. If set Jan. 15 for a public hearing on the other transfers.

New York Postman Is Held For Theft

NEW YORK (UPI)—A 37-year-old postman was held without bail today for stealing \$25,000 from mail in his truck and using the money to live it up.

Edward Dulgarian, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., who said he purchased an expensive car and a new wardrobe with part of the loot, pleaded guilty to the theft Tuesday in federal court. Sentencing was set for Jan. 29.

New York Stock Exchange Prices MIDDAY PRICES

A. T. & T., 117 1/4; Central Soya, 31 1/4; DuPont, 28 3/4; Ford, 47; General Electric, 77 3/4; General Motors, 60; Gulf Oil, 39 1/4; Standard Oil Ind., 49 1/4; Standard Oil N. J., 59 1/4; U. S. Steel, 47.

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