

TIMES PRISON PLAN BACKED BY LEGISLATORS

Enthusiastic Support Given
by Men Who Make
State's Laws.

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The penal system is excellent," Senator Weiss said. "It is something that must come. Indiana has been in crying need of something of the sort for years. Politics must be divorced from penal affairs without delay.

"It is well known that our prisons are antiquated and must be rebuilt. Centralization of penal affairs is a vital matter that is going to be adopted by every state.

"Instead of having two prisons, such as the Indiana state prison and the Pendleton reformatory, the state should have six or a dozen prisons, located strategically.

"Then, there would be no need for county jails. With one of the prisons within an hour's drive of each county, arresting officers could place prisoners in these central institutions for safe keeping. Drunks and other petty offenders could be placed in small lockups located, perhaps, in courthouses, pending a quick arraignment.

Rape Public Attitude

"Wardens and officials of the prisons would be selected on the basis of qualifications and kept under civil service."

Mr. Weiss said: "It was no time for the public to be excited because a few prisoners escaped."

He added:

"The time for the people to act is in the elections. If the voters of the various counties in the state had been awake, this situation would not prevail today. Voters apparently are more interested in whether a candidate is a good scout, if he has an attractive personality, rather than in his qualifications for office."

Fred E. Barrett, attorney and Democratic candidate; Walter S. Glass, 1143 Hoyt avenue, Republican candidate, and Robert L. Brokenshire, Republican candidate, also endorsed The Times' proposal in the capacities as potential lawmakers of the state.

On the Right Track

Mr. Barrett: "The Times is on the right track. The prison and jail situation is such that it demands attention of the next legislature, and in all probability, will get it.

"As for the state police, I think Al Feeney's idea of more state police, independent of politics and on a civil service and merit basis, is a good one. In fact, the removal of all police from political control must come.

"The Times' plan for centralized jail control is another good one."

Mr. Glass: "I certainly think your plan is a step in the right direction. In fact, I believe I would go a step farther and make all state institutions either nonpartisan or under civil service control. I have had a great deal of contact with insane hospitals and other state-operated institutions and always have found that political control leads to inefficiency.

"As for the civil service control of county jails, that might have its merits, but it also might tend to remove some of the feeling of responsibility that sheriffs and jail attendants owe the general public. I have not studied that question thoroughly, however, and am not prepared to speak of it. I again say that The Times' plan is a step in the right direction."

Karrer Against Proposal

Mr. Brokenburr: "As one of the unified eleven that ran for the legislature last spring, I refer you to our platform which calls for just the thing which you now seek—removal of prison and police control from politics as far as possible."

"I can not see why prison officials should be political appointees and, as the situation now stands in Indiana, there certainly can be no argument about it."

One Democratic candidate for the legislature was emphatic in his belief that The Times' proposal, should it be enacted, would not work. He is Clyde Karrer, attorney who handles many criminal cases in city and county courts.

"I don't believe your plan can work," Mr. Karrer said. "I think you have the right theory and the right idea, but try and find a board that would be nonpartisan. My experience with those boards, which now are supposed to be nonpartisan, is that the members are just humans and are governed by human nature."

"As for the centralization of authority of sheriffs, it is my experience that it has been tried without success in other states. As for a plan that I might think would work, I haven't given it any serious thought."

He's Not Interested

A suit of old clothes and sunshine meant more to Harry W. Claffey, R. R. 16, than prison problems which are perplexing citizens of Marion county and Indiana. Mr. Claffey is seeking a post as representative on the Republican ticket.

"I don't know anything about the situation and rather would not say anything about it," he said. "There are too many people shooting off their mouths about things, they don't know anything about. If there were less of it, we'd get along a lot better."

"I know a lot about taxes, roads and gasoline, but I don't know anything about this. All I read were the headlines. I live way out in the country; I've got on my old clothes and now I'm going out and get some sunshine and forget all about business and things."

Senator Arthur R. Robinson (godfathered by Senator Huey Long of Louisiana) was held up as the disciple of the civil service proposal by H. Walker De Haven, who is seeking a Republican post as state representative. However, he favors the plan.

Like Arthur Robinson

When questioned by The Times, De Haven replied:

"That sounds like Arthur Robinson's idea. He's been for civil service examinations on that stuff right along. But you can't print that, can you?"

"Personally, I think selection of wardens, deputies and state and

ALL THE BEER THEY WANT—WHO WOULDN'T SMILE?



They are sampling part of the 1,500 barrels of Mausner brew dumped at the Indiana Breweries, Inc. plant, 946 West New York street.

RELAY QUOTA IS HIKED BY STATE

Indiana's Share Will Be 40
Per Cent Henceforth,
Says Coy.

In accordance with an edict of the federal relief heads, Indiana will contribute 40 per cent of the money needed for unemployment relief in the state during the winter and all of 1935. Wayne Coy, director of the Governor's commission on unemployment relief announced today.

The remaining 60 per cent will be contributed by the federal government.

Although Indiana has been paying slightly less than 40 per cent of the relief load, it is the plan of the state to raise it to the 40 per cent figure for 1935, Mr. Coy said.

He said that the federal government now is sending about \$2,500,000 a month into Indiana for relief while the state is providing another \$1,000,000. Until recently the figures were much smaller, but an increase was made in keeping with the state's desire to put as many men on relief as possible.

"In order that Indiana may pay part of the relief bill, we have estimated the amount each county will receive during the next year from the FERA and the amount that must be raised by the counties themselves," Mr. Coy said. "The counties have been told that they may raise their share by two methods—either by a tax levy or by issuance of judgment refunding bonds."

Most of the counties will raise the money by taxation, Mr. Coy said.

There are about 78,000 families on relief in Indiana. About 35,000 persons of this total are on work relief and the others receive district poor relief.

KILLING CRIMINALS

Young Wife Fails at Suicide After
"Mercy Slaying."

Two Attempts Made to Burn
Home, Is Claim.

Fire department investigators to-
day were probing two attempts to
destroy a double house at 217-19
North Keystone avenue last night.

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kerosene, but the first blaze was ex-
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**PROTEST SCHEDULED
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Price was taken to a Louisville
(Ky.) hospital with three bullet
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taken to a Seymour hospital with a
leg flesh wound.

The three men under arrest are
John Price, son of Mr. and Mrs.
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Mrs. Price said that the shoot-
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Sheriff Wilbur Amick of Scott
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2 DIE IN TRAIN WRECK

Fireman, Brakeman Are Killed;
Injured Hurt Seriously.

PURCHASES

Two men were instantly killed and
a third injured seriously when a
freight train was wrecked on the
Southern railway near Piedmont,
twenty miles south of here, today.

The dead are Elvin Neese, 50, fire-
man, and Henry Park, 50, Negro,
brakeman. P. C. Carter, 50, the en-
gineer, was brought to a hospital
here with a broken leg and prob-
able internal injuries.

CAR HITS GUARD; TWO HURT

An automobile driven by Mrs.
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into a safety zone guard at Mich-
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RICHBERG REPORT IS SCORED BY FLETCHER

Proves New Deal to Blame for
Nation's Ills, He Says.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Chairman Henry P. Fletcher of the Republican national committee today turned the Richberg economic report to President Roosevelt; inside out and declared it proved the NRA and AAA were to blame for the nation's ills rather than for their correction.

Mr. Fletcher maintained that the figures submitted by Donald R. Richberg of the executive council showed conditions were far worse today than when the NRA and AAA went into effect. Mr. Richberg claimed industrial and employment statistics showed wide gains.

Mr. Fletcher's criticism came as Mr. Richberg was preparing to release a second report showing the benefits of the New Deal on agriculture.

General Johnson's Pay Is
Raised From \$6,000
to \$15,000.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—General Hugh S. Johnson's frequent complaints that he could not afford to sacrifice his private business earning capacity for government service have won him a pay boost from \$6,000 to \$15,000 a year as NRA administrator.

Recovery administration officials revealed today that General Johnson's salary was increased July 1 by order of President Roosevelt.

General Johnson repeatedly has remarked upon the comparatively small salary he received from the government and predicted that when he returned to private business he would earn \$100,000 a year again.

The President's action was regarded as additional evidence of his desire to have General Johnson continue to administer the recovery organization throughout its transitory period and while legislation is being drafted for whatever form of business control succeeds NRA next June.

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CORN LOANS EXTENDED

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By United Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—Federal
corn loans made through the Commodity
Credit Corporation have been further extended, from
Sept. 1 to Jan. 1, 1935. It was an-
nounced today.

New forms of agreement must be
signed to take advantage of the
extension, and these must be filed
no later than Oct. 1, under the
rules.

Satisfactory storage must be pro-
vided until March 1, free of gov-
ernmental expense.

SUFFERS ARM FRACTURE

Mrs. Clara Bell, 46, of 822 Bates
street, was leaning out of her win-
dow yesterday trying to reach some
clothes hanging outside. She
leaned too far and fell out the win-
dow, fracturing her left arm. She
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