

LEGISLATURE MAY SUBPENA JOEL BAKER IN INVESTIGATION; SLACK DEFENDS OUSTED HEAD

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decision on possible Federal action has been announced in Washington.

No Complaints, Says Slack

Judge Slack said: "Mr. Baker conducted the Welfare office in a very efficient and business-like manner. There never have been any complaints made to the board about Mr. Baker's conduct in his office."

"I know of no reason for his removal outside of incidents connected with the assault of Mr. Coy and some rumored personal things."

Judge Slack declined to comment upon the appointment of a new director by the State Welfare Board.

"I recall that former Governor McNutt and Wayne Coy, both personally approved the appointment of Mr. Baker," he concluded.

Nothing to Warrant Action

F. O. Belzer, board member, said: "There has never been anything before our board that would warrant action to remove Mr. Baker. Examination of the department's books has shown them in a good condition."

Beyond the activities of the Welfare Department, I have nothing to report. We didn't want to snop around on other things."

Dr. Ernest N. Evans, executive secretary of the Church Federation of Indianapolis, refused comment. He said the Federation would take no action on the issues involved.

The Rev. Linn Tripp, church representative on the County Welfare Board, who was active in the appointment of Mr. Baker as director, also has refused to comment.

Coy's Condition "Good"

Methodist Hospital reported Mr. Coy's condition remains "good." Attaches said they had no indication as to how long he might remain, but indicated that it would be for several weeks.

Acting on advice of Dr. Harry L. Foreman, Mr. Coy's physician, police were ordered to question doctors about treating a man with an injured hand.

Dr. Foreman said Mr. Coy was struck so hard that his assailant's hand probably would be damaged. The physician said no infection had set in about the injured eye.

Besides his head injuries, Mr. Coy is suffering from shock.

Intends to Remain Here

Mr. Coy told Mr. Hagemeyer, who questioned him yesterday, that he would remain in the city to prosecute the case "if it takes six months."

Mr. Coy is slated to become an aid to former Governor McNutt, High Commissioner to the Philippines.

Authorities asked that X-ray photographs of Mr. Coy's injuries be closely guarded at the hospital, because they are an important part of the evidence.

Audit to Be Requested

Fred Hoke, president of the State Welfare Board, said a request for an audit of the County Welfare Department books would be filed with the State Board of Accounts today.

"We have no information or suspicion," he explained, "that there are any irregularities, but it is customary that when supervision changes, an audit be made. That is true in any business."

William P. Cosgrove, chief examiner, said he was expecting and awaiting the request. He explained that if requested, the audit would cover 1936 and might not be started until a permanent new director is appointed.

Hagemeyer Continues Probe

Oscar Hagemeyer, chief deputy prosecutor, continued his investigation of the slugging.

He said: "There were many rumors last night about the whereabouts of Pete Cancilla but all proved groundless upon investigation. We still will continue to hunt new evidence in the case."

Chief Morrissey this afternoon was to complete his investigation of the charge made by Senator Martin J. Cleary (D. Ft. Wayne) that he

had been warned by City policemen to "lay hands off" Cancilla. "I talked to Senator Cleary and a number of other legislators yesterday afternoon," the Chief said. "I have one or two points to clear up today before I draw any definite conclusions on the incident."

Bar to Discuss Case

Russell Wilson, president of the Indianapolis Bar Association, indicated the status of Cancilla will be discussed at the Association's meeting tonight.

He said the grievance committee has been investigating and that a report is expected at the session.

Mr. Wilson said that the first moves in any disbarment proceedings are made by that committee. It reports to the board of managers and the board makes its recommendations to the prosecution committee.

Suit for Disbarment can be filed in either Superior or Circuit Court, he said.

Val Nolan, U. S. District Attorney, said the Federal law providing for prosecution by the Government of attacks on certain Federal officials does not cover the Coy case.

Confers With Townsend

Mr. Sheppard's appointment was made by the State Welfare Board late yesterday under authority of the Emergency Welfare Bill rushed through the Legislature earlier in the day.

It was announced by Dick Heller, Governor's Secretary, after the Board had conferred with the Governor.

While the Board was acting to oust Mr. Baker, Republican Senators insisted on a full report of circumstances surrounding the slugging of Mr. Coy.

"If they (the Senate Investigating Committee) come out with a white-wash report, I'll blast it wide open," declared Minority Leader Jenner. "We might as well will the whole thing into the open. Everyone knows this are bad."

"Contempt," Says Andrew

Referring to Mr. Baker's failure to return the original merit bill which had been "lent" to him, Rep. Joseph A. Andrew (R. Lafayette) commented that the former county welfare head is in contempt of the House.

"I think he can be brought before it, tried and punished for obstructing legislation," he declared.

As Republicans insisted on a thorough investigation, Senator Jesse Wade of the Investigating Committee said: "There is nothing we can do about this apparently. We are just collecting information and we are going to report back to the Senate. We may decide just to get what we have together and turn in a report right away."

He made the statement after a meeting with Senator I. Floyd Garrott, Republican member of the committee and cosponsor of the resolution creating it. Senator Thurman Gottschalk, third member, did not attend the conference.

One Dissenting Vote

The Emergency Merit Bill, introduced in the House by Majority Leader Thompson as a substitute for the "lent" Mr. Baker by Rep. Downey was passed, 30 to 1. Rep. Harry M. Shull (R. Auburn) cast the only dissenting vote "because it hits at home rule."

The bill was passed unanimously by the Senate and enacted into law later with the Governor's signature. It was the same as the "lost" bill with the exception that it empowered the State Welfare Board to appoint County Welfare Directors in counties of more than 400,000 population.

Hopkins Seeks Opinion

Meanwhile at Washington, WPA Director Harry L. Hopkins instructed WPA attorneys to confer with Attorney General Homer Cummings to determine possibility of a Federal investigation under a statute protecting Federal officials.

Mayor Kern and two judges of county courts deplored the State House incident of the day before. "The city is doing everything possible to clear up this unfortunate incident. Every man in the Police

Governor Signs New Welfare Merit Bill



The new Welfare Merit Bill, which was rushed through the House and Senate, is being signed by Governor Townsend in the picture above. Looking on are, left to right: William A. Hacker, Fred Hoke and J. Pierce Cummings, State Welfare Board members.

BAKER'S JOB TAKEN BY VIRGIL SHEPPARD

Cox Says He Should Have Been Consulted.

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Board of Accounts probably would have examiners at the County Welfare office today go over the books.

Judge Cox said he would not advise his board on any future steps. "Judge Slack is a lawyer," he said, "and I leave all welfare matters up to him."

Long a Social Worker

Mr. Sheppard's selection resulted from his long association with social service and welfare work. Before coming to Indianapolis, he was Lake County relief director and later served two years on the Governor's Commission on Unemployment Relief. He later headed the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce governmental research division. He also is a State Public Welfare Department executive.

Mr. Sheppard, who is 38, lives at 835 N. Audubon Road. He attended Ohio Wesleyan, Toledo College and the University of Toledo, where he was an instructor.

He also was secretary to Toledo's Mayor and secretary in the Bureau of Public Relations and Efficiency.

SIT-DOWN STRIKE BY COMEDIAN REPORTED

HOLLYWOOD, March 3.—A reported "sit-down strike" by Stan Laurel carried the threat today of a breakup of the famed comedy team of Laurel and Oliver Hardy.

Hal Roach, who produces the laugh films starring the big-puffy Hardy and the shorter, sour-faced Laurel, admitted Mr. Laurel is staging a "holdout." Mr. Laurel's new contract is minus his signature here while the funny man remains in New York.

Mr. Roach professed to be puzzled by Mr. Laurel's action in filing incorporation papers in Sacramento for his own company, Stan Laurel Productions, with capitalization at \$100,000, for "general amusement purposes."

Mr. Hardy is under contract with Mr. Roach for two more years. Department has been notified to be on the lookout for Cancilla," the Mayor said.

Judges Comment

"This trouble Pete Cancilla was involved in, when I heard about it, made me so mad I could talk," said Criminal Court Judge Frank P. Baker. "Cancilla, so far as I'm concerned, can get out of trouble the best way he can."

Judge Baker was a character witness for Cancilla in October, 1935, when Cancilla was convicted of assaulting an Indianapolis Times reporter.

"This trouble is the straw that broke the camel's back," said Circuit Judge Earl R. Cox. "I have leaned over backward to co-operate in county welfare activities, but I certainly cannot condone these tactics."

Blind Strikers Ask \$1 a Week

PITTSBURGH, March 3.—One hundred seven blind sit-down strikers had the entire headquarters of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind to themselves today after

Steel Agreement Alters Whole Labor Picture, Little Declares

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pressure, has not condemned the sit-down strike technique, nor has it repudiated the tactics of some zealous C. I. O. unionists who have publicly stated that "the President wants you to join the union."

Secretary of Labor Perkins today more than offset Secretary of Commerce Roper's recent criticism of sit-downs. Miss Perkins chose to discuss the famous "quickie" strikes which arose in 1934, when longshoremen and other Pacific Coast unionists refused to work on certain jobs, after the signing of a union agreement.

"There is very little breaking of contracts on the part of labor," she commented. "In many of these quickie strikes, which the experts call job-action strikes, the reason assigned was that the employer was not living up to the agreement."

She added that the maritime union men on the Pacific are now working to eliminate such "job-action" tie-ups and to use adjustment machinery. She would not comment on the sit-downs in other areas.

It is to be noted, however, that most sit-downs have occurred in plants where no union is recognized. The implication is plain to labor men here that the Administration plans no move to curb sit-downs in antiunion plants which have not tried to dicker with the unionists.

Labor men predict an intensification of labor conflict as a result of the steel increase. For instance, they say, the strike of 5-and-a-half-store girls in Detroit may spread into other low-paid service trades.

History shows that strikes and labor demands increase to a mid-summer peak in most years, and that a period of rising prosperity intensifies labor demands for better conditions.

DETROIT, U. A. W. Strike Settled Today

DETROIT, March 3.—A strike at the Motor Products Corp., one of the three new sit-downs which affected the automobile industry yesterday, was settled today when the management agreed to reinstate four discharged workers.

The United Automobile Workers Union, which represented workers in motor products negotiations last night, sought to settle two other sit-downs affecting more than 7200 men at the Murray Body Corp. and Zenith Carburetor Co.

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SENATE DEFIES HOUSE CHIEFS ON RACING BILL

Recesses for Lunch Without Hearing Report of Committee.

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resolution to authorize the State Financial Institutions Department to conduct a broad investigation of the automobile industry. The Department would report to the next Legislature whether the industry and the public would be benefited by State regulations.

Resolutions Are Read

2. Reading in the Senate of the Indiana League of Women Voters resolution urging extension of the merit system and commending Governor Townsend and the Legislature on the prompt action taken in the Coy-Cancilla incident. Resolutions of other organizations, deploring the attack, also were read to both houses.

3. Advancement to Senate third reading of its rewritten bill for rehabilitation bill. The measure now would authorize the Governor, State Auditor and Secretary of State to grant 10-year floor loans, bearing 3 per cent interest, from the state treasury. Originally the bill would have appropriated \$2,250,000 in right grants for Ohio River Valley flood rehabilitation work.

4. Passage by the House of the Baker Probe Resolution. The Senate was expected to take action on this measure, which provides for a joint six-member investigating committee, later today.

Refunds to Be Made

Clarence W. Jackson, Gross Income Tax Division Director, announced that the division would refund approximately \$15,000 in 1937 used motor vehicle dealers' license fees.

This decision was reached after Governor Townsend signed a new act repealing the Used Motor Vehicle Dealers Licensing Law. The old law was passed in 1935.

The refund action was requested by the Governor who said that dealers who paid fees when due in January should not be penalized by having their money held, when those who were delinquent would have gained by the repeal.

Other House Action

State Safety Director Donald F. Stiver asked dealers to continue to file daily reports, as required under the repealed act. Purpose of the 1935 law was to curb auto thefts by placing a check on the market for used cars and parts.

Other bills passed by the House and sent to the Senate would: A. Prohibit firms and persons from issuing agreements for public renditions of copyrighted musical numbers.

B. Appropriate \$25,000 annually for a State topographical survey.

C. Authorize the Governor to

name a Northwest Territory Commission to take charge of the 150th anniversary celebration.

D. Permit township poor overseers to file estate claims.

The House killed on a committee report a measure which would have appropriated \$1,000,000 to establish a Lake County branch of Indiana University.

A House bill to direct the State Accounts Board to examine municipal budgets when additional appropriations are sought, failed to obtain a constitutional majority.

Weiss Urges Bill

In urging passage of his bill to extend the Governor's investigating powers, Senator Weiss said: "Rumors we hear are a direct reflection on the Governor, Marion County and the City of Indianapolis. There is no machinery where we can get at the bottom of this affair."

"If something isn't done—something set up by law—nothing will come of this incident (the Coy-Cancilla affair)."

Terminating the measure a "Dictator Bill," Senator Ralph Jernegan (R. Mishawaka) said:

"Let us not let our sympathies carry us away so that we give all our rights to some special judge, or prosecutor or Governor. This bill is atrocious."

Urges Safety Bill

Governor Townsend said he had not asked to have the Weiss bill introduced.

The Governor urged passage of the Highway Safety Program Bill placing a weight tax on all trucks at a conference with Democratic Senate leaders.

The measure would impose a minimum \$3 fee on approximately 50,000 privately owned trucks and a graduated fee, depending on the truck tires, on a total of 132,000 carriers. Estimated to bring \$1,125,000 to the State Highway Department for bridge and road repair and maintenance, the bill has passed the House and is pending in the Senate.

Oil Inspection Repeal

The maximum fee for heavy haulers would be about \$90, according to the Governor.

Another measure which gained Administration approval was a bill to repeal the Oil Inspection Law and set up what Governor Townsend termed an efficient, workable department. Oil could not be sold or unloaded under provisions of the new bill unless tested by the inspection division, he said.

Inadequate forces have resulted in inefficient oil inspection under the old act, the Governor said. The new bill would bring approximately the same amount of revenue, but would work more efficiently, he added.

Following expected Senate concurrence in House amendments to the Marion County Juvenile Court Bill, the measure is to be sent to the Governor. The bill would authorize the Juvenile Court Judge to name two Court referees, one of whom would be a Negro, at annual salaries of \$4000 each.

Senate amendments to one of the House-approved Highway Tax Distribution Bills would give rural counties 25 per cent less gasoline tax money than they now receive.

This was considered a partial victory for the smaller counties, however, since the original bill would

have reduced their gasoline tax money 50 per cent.

Meanwhile, Rep. Martin J. Downey (D. Hammond) said he would continue to hold the measure to extend the merit system to most State employees in Judiciary A Committee.

Prompt Senate action was predicted for the two House-approved budget bills. One would appropriate \$63,504,237 for general 1937-39 State operating expenses and the other would provide \$13,985,316 for biennial State Social Security costs.

The eight Administration Highway Tax Distribution Bills, which passed the House several days ago, have been advanced to Senate third reading, as has the hotly contested House Full Train Crew Bill.

The Legislature Yesterday

HOUSE

Passed the Emergency Welfare Merit Bill.

Passed the Senate County Treasurers' Fee Bill to allow these officials to retain 6 per cent of delinquent personal property tax collections.

Passed the Senate bill which opponents said would allow the removal of Dr. William Wirt, Gary school superintendent.

Passed the Senate Marion County Juvenile Court Bill.

Passed the bill to permit codification of Indianapolis City Ordinances and their publication in pamphlet form.

SENATE

Advanced the House Unemployment Compensation Bill to third reading. As amended the measure would eliminate employee contribution provisions. The reserve and pool account systems would be retained in the present law, however.

Passed the House Emergency Welfare Merit Bill.

Advanced the House Full Train Crew Bill to third reading.

Advanced eight Highway Tax Distribution Bills to third reading.

Advanced to third reading a House bill to include occupational diseases under workmen compensation classifications.

Advanced to third reading a House bill to establish ethical standards for attorneys and prohibit "ambulance chasing." This measure is sponsored by the Indianapolis Bar Association.

SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

An act creating a State Labor Division.

An act amending the Welfare act, and placing appointment of the Marion County Director under the State Welfare Board.

An act permitting the State to take venue changes.

An act to remove the firemen's pension fund from Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne tax levies. The necessary amount would be budgeted annually.

An act to bring State banking institutions under uniform Federal regulations.

An act repealing some criminal provisions of the Financial Institutions Act.

An act permitting officers of any municipality to correct records where funds have been lost through bank closures.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

BIRTHS

Girls: Richard, Stella Boles, at 1506 Naomi. Newton, Myrtle Pullins, at 2537 Grace-land. Edward, Margaret Thein, at 3728 E. Roberson.

Boys: Leonard, Eunice Dillon, at 411 Harlan. Chilton, Freda Bemus, at 1839 Edwards. Frank, Oretta Williams, at 2003 Valley. Kenneth, Pearl Metzger, at 2003 Valley. Chester, Beatrice Rice, at 1112 N. Belmont. Henry, Leona Phillips, at 1112 N. Belmont.

Boys: Henry, Helen Vance, at 439 W. New York. Lloyd, Mary Barnett, at 2331 Shriver, twins. Frank, Anna Colbert, at 2441 North-western. George, Virginia Craig, at 307 N. Elder. Gerald, Ann Harrison, at 1303 Tabor. Lauren, Evelyn Smith, at 1433 S. Belmont.

Boys: Robert, Edna Shriver, at 439 W. Merrill. Carl, Ruth Kaye, at St. Francis. Leonard, Elsie Meisberger, at St. Francis.

Boys: Frank, Bessie Sedivy, at St. Francis. Robert, Esther Malloy, at St. Francis. Vincent, Louise Mayne, at St. Francis.

Boys: Marion, Mary Swinford, at 2045 N. Key-stone. Milton, Rose Seales, at 1120 Spann. Robert, Joyce Baxter, at 278 N. Keystone. Wilbur, Francis Pryke, at 2838 Park. William, Salie Ringen, at 2002 Carroll-ton.

Boys: James, Susie Whitfield, at 1012 E. 19th. Drurie, Mary Hicks, at 328 S. Temple. Lawrence, Hedy Shivers, at St. Francis. Jesse, Hattie Everling, at St. Francis. Nicholas, Mary Leuger, at St. Francis. George, Clara Burk, at St. Francis. Clifford, Roberta Putman, at St. Francis.

Boys: Edward, Hazel McElfresh, at St. Francis. William, Margaret Schopper, at St. Francis.

DEATHS

John G. Scifres, 52, at Methodist, edema of brain. Marshall, 29, at 666, at 815 E. 24th, acute myocardial. Catherine, 74, at 651 N. Central, chronic myocardial. James, Henry Pratt, 70, at Central Indiana, hypostatic pneumonia. Everett, Duffin, 70, at 1820 E. 10th, hypostatic pneumonia. Albert Preston Smith, 63, at Methodist, chronic nephritis. Hayes, Boone, 50, at City, pulmonary embolism. Herman Bush, 79, at 601 Westport, hypostatic pneumonia. Willie Canaday, 54, at 1505 Samoa, arteriosclerosis. Edna Marie Greathouse, 37, at Methodist, endocarditis. Guido Parker, 69, at 411 Ketchum, cerebral hemorrhage. Madeline Hickey, 84, at St. Vincent's, hypostatic pneumonia. Puckett, 70, at City, cerebral hemorrhage.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Increasing cloudiness with rain probable tonight or tomorrow; rising temperatures.

Sunrise 6:15 Sunset 5:29

TEMPERATURE—March 3, 1936

7 a. m. 32 1 p. m. 38

BAROMETER

7 a. m. 30.33 1 p. m. 30.30

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. .00

Total precipitation since Jan. 1. 3.80

Excess since Jan. 1. 1.12

MIDWEST FORECAST

Indiana—Increasing cloudiness, rain probable tonight and Thursday; rising temperature tonight and Thursday.

Illinois—Occasional rain probable tonight and Thursday; rising temperature tonight and Thursday.

Lower Michigan—Increasing cloudiness, rain probable tonight and Thursday.

Ohio—Fair and warmer tonight; Thursday cloudy and warmer, followed by showers.

Kentucky—Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight; rising temperature tonight and Thursday.

Weather: Bar, Temp

Amarillo, Tex. . . . . 29.90 44

Bismarck, N. D. . . . . 30.10 34

Chicago . . . . . 30.30 31

Cincinnati, Ohio . . . . . 30.40 30

Cleveland, O. . . . . 30.38 30

Denver, Colo. . . . . 30.02 42

Dodge City, Kas. . . . . 29.84 43

Ft. Worth, Tex. . . . . 30.42 40

Galveston, Tex. . . . . 30.36 40

Little Rock, Ark. . . . . 30.30 44

Los Angeles, Calif. . . . . 30.06 46

Miami, Fla. . . . . 30.28 54

Minneapolis, Minn. . . . . 30.14 26

Mobile, Ala. . . . . 30.38 38

New Orleans, La. . . . . 30.36 46

New York, N. Y. . . . . 30.32 42

Okla. City, Okla. . . . . 30.00 54

Omaha, Neb. . . . . 30.04 42

Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . . 30.40 28

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