

REORGANIZATION BILL ATTACKED BY PETTINGILL

Enactment Would Result in 'Legislative Nightmare,' Hoosier Says.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 13.—Rep. Samuel B. Pettengill (D. Ind.) urged defeat of the Government Reorganization Bill awaiting Congress' action in an address here last night before the annual meeting of the Associated Traffic Clubs of America.

The bill would put the Interstate Commerce Commission under the control of the Cabinet, resulting in nationalized transportation, Rep. Pettengill said. He termed it a "legislative nightmare."

"Under Government control nationalization would be inevitable," Rep. Pettengill asserted. "The carriers would be subjected to financial starvation and the Government would be the only buyer at the carrier's sale."

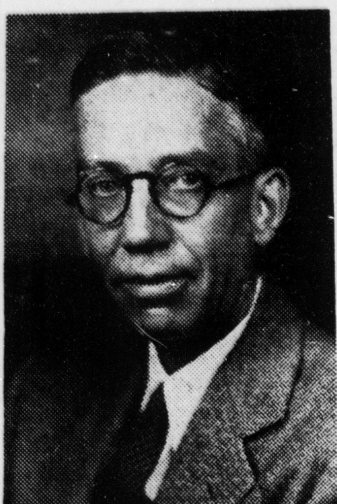
Indorses Railways' Stand
He indorses the position of the National Transportation Committee that "economic competition must decide the question of survival between the railroads and their competitors."

"The last stand against state socialism will be made by the railroads," Rep. Pettengill said. "I do not favor the railroads over any other form of transportation but mention them only because they are nearest the gun."

"Competition for the nation's carrier business should be limited to the economic field and should not be carried on in legislative halls. Insist that your competitor be given no legislative advantage and demand none for yourself."

"What I fear more than the Socialist or Communist is the American businessman completely discrediting the whole system of free enterprise by rushing to Washington to put legislative shackles on his competitor and creating a law-made monopoly for himself."

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Robert L. Kessing (above) is the new auditor of receipts for the Indiana Bell Telephone Co., succeeding A. B. Veal, who has been transferred to the controller's staff of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. in New York City.

Mr. Kessing, transferred here from the New York office, formerly was an Indiana Bell employee, having served with this company and its predecessor, the Central Union Telephone Co., from 1910 to 1926.

GRABS WOMAN'S PURSE

A man who grabbed a purse containing \$15 from Miss Mae Kesterson, 18, of 1045 S. Illinois St., last night near the Union Station was sought by police today. An unidentified pedestrian chased the man south to South St., she reported.

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Quick work by a 15-year-old girl saved a vacant house from flames, Fire Prevention officials reported today.

Frances Matter, 60 S. Dearborn St., told them about 7 o'clock last night she saw three boys acting suspiciously on the front porch of the house next door, 62 S. Dearborn St.

She said she saw them run down the street and a moment later a blaze appeared in the house. Grabbing a bucket of water, the girl extinguished the flames.

ENVOY TO COME WEST
WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (U. P.).—Italian Ambassador Fulvio Suvich will depart Oct. 22 on a trip to Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis to visit the Italian societies in those cities and study American life there, it was announced today.

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