

Final Pleas Made in Senate Before Close WPA Cut Vote; Green Fights Wagner Act Repeal

Barkley and Adams Make Final Maneuvers on Issue of Cut.

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delayed until tomorrow. If the Senate raises the appropriation to \$75 million dollars the bill then will have to be returned to the House for consideration.

The conservative Democratic group planned to have Senators Adams (Colo.) and Byrnes (S. C.), both members of the Appropriations Committee, make the principal closing arguments in support of the 725 million-dollar figure.

Pairs Arranged

With the exception of Senator Chavez (D. N. M.), who is attending a WPA fraud trial in Albuquerque, N. M., all Senators were expected to be present for the vote. Assurances have been given that three members of the anti-Administration group—Senators Vandenberg (R. Mich.), Bridges (R. N. H.) and King (D. Calif.)—either will be present or will be able to arrange pairs with Administration supporters to maintain a balance.

Senators said the dispute over pairs indicated that the vote would be "very close" with perhaps less than three votes deciding the outcome. Senator Barkley appeared quite optimistic last night after "doubtful" Senators had been deluged with telegrams and letters from labor organizations, Chambers of Commerce, mayors and others protesting against the proposed reduction.

Labor Non-Partisan League C. I. O. political arm announced that it was distributing one million pamphlets disclosing its check of members of the House on the vote to keep the WPA appropriation at 875 million dollars.

The vote in the House on that issue was a "teller vote"—by which members pass between tallymen and are counted, but not recorded by name. Some Congressmen willingly let their votes be known, however.

The League said that it had compiled a partial list and then supplied each Congressman with it, requesting correction of any error or omission. The list of names as printed in the pamphlet of Congressmen "voting right" totaled 137. The amendment was defeated 226 to 137.

High Administration officials, including Agriculture Secretary Wallace, Reconstruction Finance Corp. Chairman Jesse Jones and Joseph B. Keenan, assistant to Attorney General Murphy, were seen in the Senate wing of the Capitol as cloakroom maneuvering progressed.

Townsend Seeks High WPA Grant

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Governor Townsend sent telegrams to both Indiana Senators to support a large appropriation for WPA but neither changed his mind about voting today.

Senator VanNuys (D) will continue to be for the 725 million dollars passed by the House and Senator Minton (D) for the 75 million asked by President Roosevelt.

The Governor's telegram to Senator Minton reads:

"Relief load still tremendous heavy in Indiana. Keep the amount of WPA as high as possible."

Replying by letter, Senator Minton wrote:

"I have your telegram about relief situation in Indiana and appreciate your wire to me."

"Believe me I will do all in my power to see that the Administration's program, which is none too large, is carried-out."

Hearings Ordered on Amlie Nomination

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (U. P.)—The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee today ordered hearings on the nomination to the Interstate Commerce Commission of Thomas R. Amlie, Wisconsin Progressive, which has drawn sharp attacks in both House and Senate of the Wisconsin Legislature.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County Deaths	Speeding	1
(To Date)		
1938-.....	4	
1938-.....	14	
City Deaths	Running	2
(To Date)	preferential	
1938-.....	8	
1938-.....	9	
Jan. 26	Running red	
Accidents	lights	12
Jan. 26	5	
Injured	5	
Jan. 26	drunken	
Jan. 26	driving	0
Jan. 26	0	
Jan. 26	De-	0
Jan. 26	Arrests	30
MEETINGS TODAY	Others	12

Meetings Tomorrow

Indiana State Federation of Public School Teachers, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon. Alliance Francaise, luncheon, Hotel Washington. Marion County Conference on Human Welfare, meeting, Indiana World War Memorial Shrine, all day.

Marriage Licenses

(These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The times, therefore, are not reliable for errors in names of addresses.)

Marion County, 26, of 1414 S. Lee St.; Virginia M. Simon, 18, of 933 Broad Street; Donald Donnelly, 27, of Indianapolis; Francis Dierdorf, 21, of 1110 Euclid Ave.; Marjorie F. Kuhn, 18, of 1240 Wright St.; Hurley Covington, 22, of 124 N. Elder St.; William E. Johnson, 20, of 400 N. Dearborn; James B. Washington, 22, of 505 S. 19th St.; Catherine L. Mahern, 18, of 1301 Ringgold.

Ham 'n' Eggs On Thursday For Downey

A. F. of L. Head Says He Will Boost Walsh Amendments.

By LEE G. MILLER
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—On the eve of his long-awaited battle for revision of the Wagner Labor Relations Act, President William Green of the A. F. of L. today refused to make common cause with business groups that oppose the act.

"The A. F. of L. will not join with employers in any move to destroy or amputate the letter or the spirit of the National Labor Relations Act," he said in an article written for the February issue of Fortune.

"If employers had been willing to bargain collectively with their workers there would have been no need of the NLRA. . . . We believe it is only the administration of the law that is at fault."

Two Complaints Answered

At the same time Mr. Green concurred with three of business' most frequent complaints against the Labor Board: That it (1) denies employers the right to petition for elections among their employees, (2) denies employers the right of free speech, and (3) "condones sit-down strikes and illegal seizure of property by C. I. O. unions."

The A. F. of L.'s proposed amendments, introduced this week by Senator Walsh (D. Mass.), would deal with the first two complaints. As to the third, Mr. Green wrote:

"The Board appears to have adopted the policy that if an employer is guilty of unfair labor practices, his employees are perfectly justified in breaking other laws to coerce the employer and must be reinstated with back pay after the dispute is adjusted."

He pointed out that this issue is now before the courts (notably in the Fansteel case recently argued before the Supreme Court). But neither he nor the Walsh amendments gave any comfort to those who would prohibit coercion of workers "from any source" (instead of only from employers).

Administration Hit

If the Wagner act had been properly administered, Mr. Green wrote, the A. F. of L. would not be seeking amendments.

But the Board "has made a complete flop," he said. "It has stretched the law beyond recognition. By the promulgation of rules, regulations and policies it has built up a monstrous superstructure of new law. . . . It has committed itself to one-sided set of principles and beliefs. It has acquired a nationwide staff of subordinates committed to these same beliefs."

"Because of these beliefs the Board has deliberately sought to build up the C. I. O. at the expense of the A. F. of L. It has coerced workers into joining unions not of their own choosing. It has condemned the violation of law . . . And so on."

Next Tuesday has been tentatively designated for a meeting of the Senate Education and Labor Committee by its chairman, Senator Elbert Thomas (D. Utah). While Mr. Thomas would prefer to put off amendments of the act until the courts have had a further chance to interpret it, he is expected to appoint a subcommittee to conduct hearings on the amendments.

Mr. Andrews said the hearing would attack the problem from two directions:

'WHITE-COLLAR' WAGE ISSUE UP

Andrews to Call Hearing for Discussion of Status of Workers' Group.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (U. P.)—A public hearing to discuss the advisability of exempting from the Fair Labor Standards Act "high-priced white-collar workers, including newspaper reporters" will be held within three weeks, according to Wage-Hour Administrator Elmer F. Andrews.

Mr. Andrews said the hearing would attack the problem from two directions:

1. Should such workers be exempt from the act?

2. If they should be exempted, should the change be made by administrative regulation or Congressional amendment of the Wage-Hour law?

He said many businessmen have complained about effect of the overtime pay clause on year-around, well-paid employees, who do not punch a time clock and get sick leave and vacations with pay.

Mr. Andrews said he did not know what salary level should be the dividing line between the exempt and nonexempt employees. Salary levels ranging from \$150 to \$400 a month have been suggested, he added.

Mr. Andrews emphasized that he had not decided definitely on the advisability of the change.

Probe on French Plane Buying in U. S. Due

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (U. P.)—President Roosevelt made it clear today that the United States has no objection to the purchase of American military planes by France.

Mr. Roosevelt made his statement at a press conference while two of his Cabinet officers, Treasury Secretary Morgenthau and War Secretary Woodring, appeared before an executive session of the Senate Military Affairs Committee in connection with the presence of a French military observer on a experimental plane which crashed in California Monday.

The President did not, however,

discuss that question—whether the French Government was being permitted to purchase new-type aircraft in this country. A bar on such sales to foreign countries is normally in effect by the War Department.

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