

THIRD OF STATE WPA WORKERS FACING LAYOFF

25,000 on Relief 18 Months
To Make Way for Others,
Jennings Says.

One-third of Indiana's WPA workers will be required to take 30-day vacations in accordance with a provision of the 1940 relief bill passed by Congress, John K. Jennings, State Administrator, said today.

There are 73,000 on WPA in the state now, he said, and of this number 25,000 have been on WPA continuously for more than 18 months, necessitating the required vacation.

Mr. Jennings also announced that the total on WPA will be cut to 65,000 by Aug. 1 and then to 55,000 by Sept. 1. He also revealed that many of those on the rolls now may be replaced by others as there are now an estimated 25,000 who are eligible for WPA and who have been certified but who have not been able to get on the rolls.

Their chance will come, Mr. Jennings said, through the fact that all those taking the vacations will have to be re-investigated and re-certified before they can get back on WPA. Dismissal notices were sent out to 700 workers today and an equal number will be dismissed each working day until Sept. 1, Mr. Jennings stated.

He said he had not been advised that any strike against the new regulations would be attempted in the state, although national leaders of the Workers Alliance, an organization of relief clients, have said that the current strikes through the country will "look like a tea party" compared to the protest they plan.

Drive to Revise Law Is Renewed

WASHINGTON, July 18 (U. P.).—Congressional advocates of the prevailing wage today renewed their efforts to revise the 1940 relief law.

Senator Murray (D. Mont.), author of a bill to restore the prevailing wage which Congress replaced with the "security wage," called a meeting of his supporters, including Senator Vandenberg (D. Ind.), and announced he would press for action at this session.

Senator Murray said he had announced Saturday that he was abandoning his efforts because he wanted to help stop the current strikes of WPA workers protesting the "security wage."

"The strikes were having a bad effect on the legislation," he said. "This is a legislative matter and is not to be settled by strikes."

He said he thought the strike situation was now "settling down."

A survey today showed between 30,000 and 50,000 workers still idle as a result of the walkouts.

Strategy for obtaining a Senate appropriations committee hearing on relief law revision will be worked out at today's conference.

Senator Murray is supported by the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O., whose leaders have protested the "security wage" which required skilled workers to work 130 hours a month for the same pay received under the prevailing wage for less than half that time.

SEARS CATALOG LISTS PRICES BELOW 1938

CHICAGO, July 18 (U. P.).—Sears, Roebuck & Co. today issued the largest fall and winter catalog in many years with average price reductions 1.09 per cent under a year ago.

Most decreases were shown in cotton piece goods and domestics which were 3.25 per cent lower than last year, and cotton clothing which was off 2.07 per cent. Linens averaged 4.23 per cent lower, while wool clothing, blankets and other wool-textured items were off 1.92 per cent.

Rubber tire and tubes were down 3.91 per cent and sporting goods were 2.27 per cent lower.

Compared with the spring and summer catalog issued about six months ago the new prices were up .45 per cent.

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Regular \$125 White Rotary	79.50
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Regular 85.00 Rotary Electric	53.50
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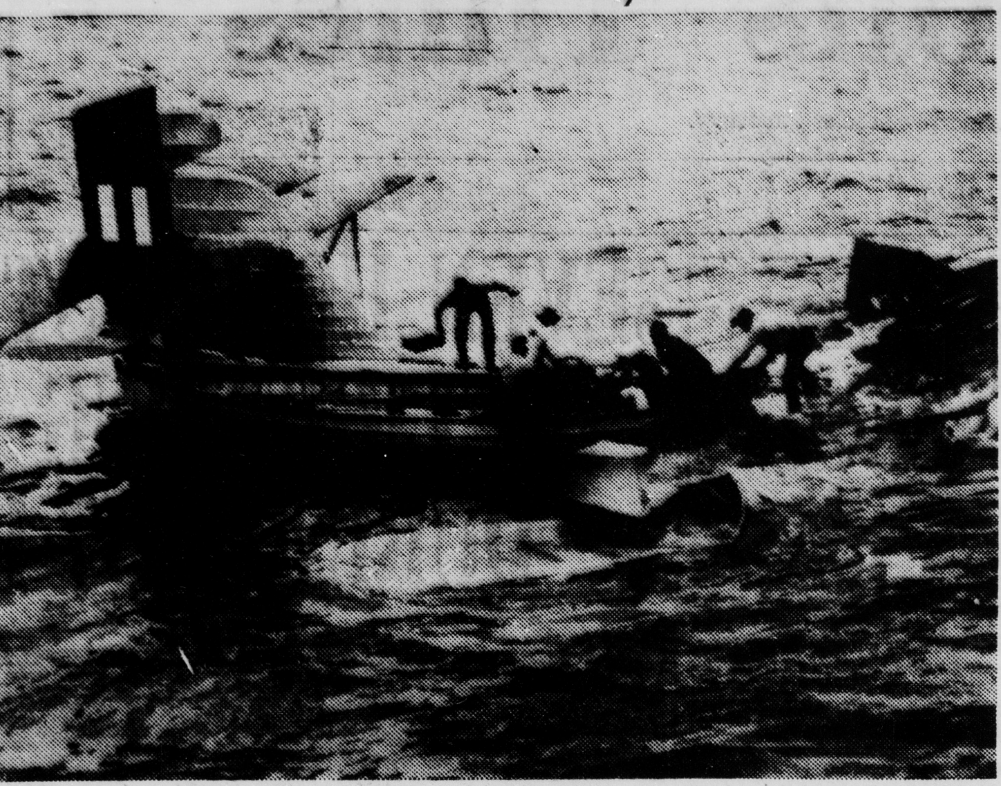
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3 Die in Crash of "Mercy Plane" at Sea



Dramatic photo of actual rescue of five survivors of U. S. Coast Guard ambulance plane W-164, which crashed and sank as it took off after removing a stricken sailor from ship Atlantis 150 miles out in Atlantic. Atlantis' whaleboat rescued five, but the plane sank with two pilots and a sick man.

HOPE FOR PEACE IN STRIKE HERE

Labor Leaders to Resume
Talks With Hutson
On Coliseum.

Possibility that the carpenters' strike at the State Fair Grounds Coliseum might be settled today was seen as labor leaders prepared to resume their conferences with Thomas R. Hutson, State labor commissioner.

The conference was to be attended by a national representative of the plasterers' union, en route from St. Louis. A plan for settling the jurisdictional dispute between the carpenters and plasterers, which precipitated the walkout, was discussed at a meeting of labor leaders last night.

No Action Taken

No action was taken, however, and business agents of the various building crafts were empowered to act on the plan after their conference with the plasterers' representative today.

The dispute arose when carpenters protested against plasterers erecting acoustical materials at the Broad Ripple High School addition. The J. L. Simmons Co., which has the contract for the school, also is erecting the Coliseum and the carpenters left the Coliseum job as a demonstration against the contracting firm.

Green Reply Waited

Meanwhile, a reply was awaited from William Green, A. F. of L. president, to a letter from the Marion County Contractors' Association asking him to intervene in the jurisdictional dispute.

Pointing out that the association members employ only union members of crafts affiliated with the A. F. of L., the letter said "our members have been harassed, annoyed and damaged for the past several years by fights between the various crafts over jurisdictional claims."

HOOSIERS BACK NLRB AT SENATE HEARING

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 18.—Retention of the National Labor Relations Act is favored by Labor's Nonpartisan League of Indiana, State Chairman John J. Souter, told the Senate Education and Labor Committee today.

Appearing as a witness opposing proposed amendments to the Labor Act, Mr. Souter praised Governor Township of Indiana for settling the Little Steel Strike in the Calumet District, which he said was brought on by employers refusing to abide by the act's provisions.

F. D. R. Sees Leaders of 2 Parties on Neutrality

WASHINGTON, July 18 (U. P.).—Republican and Democratic Senate leaders will review the Administration's neutrality proposals with President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull tonight.

The conference was expected to determine if a neutrality revision at this session of Congress and with it establish whether adjournment may be anticipated shortly.

Meanwhile, the House Foreign Affairs Committee agreed unanimously to report a bill authorizing the United States to build warships and other armaments for Latin American republics. The bill was revised to prevent divulging national defense secrets.

In the Senate Senator Vandenberg (R. Mich.) introduced a resolution expressing the Senate's opinion that the United States should renounce its 1911 treaty of amity and commerce with Japan and request an international conference to determine whether Japan is guilty of violating the Nine-Power Treaty guaranteeing the integrity of China.

Claims Changed Condition

Senator Vandenberg said it was time to recognize that conditions have changed materially since the 1911 pact was signed and that something should be done to formulate a new treaty.

"This is no proposal to use an ax on Japanese-United States relations," he said. "It is the only logical, legal way to deal with the situation."

Last week Senator Pittman (D. Nev.), Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman, introduced a resolution asking an arms embargo against Japan on the grounds of Nine-Power Treaty violation, but it is being held up pending an opinion from Secretary Hull whether it would violate the 1911 treaty.

Republicans Agreeable

Tonight's joint discussion was arranged by Senate Democratic Leader Barkley, according to White House Secretary Stephen T. Early.

Mr. Early said that Senate Republican Leader McNary (R. Ore.) and Senator Austin (R. Va.), assistant Republican Leader, had advised Senator Barkley they were agreeable to discussing the situation with Mr. Roosevelt.

Senator McNary yesterday said that he was returning to his home early next week regardless of the neutrality situation.

Senator Pittman, whose committee voted 12 to 11 to shelve neutrality for this session, was expected to participate.

Mr. Early said that Senator Barkley is arranging all details and the White House has not been informed of what other leaders may participate and will not know until Senator Barkley completes his plans. A Republican Senator said Senator Borah (R. Ida.) ranking Republican on the Foreign Relations Committee, would be there.

Claims Strong Backing

Mr. Early said that Senator Barkley telephoned Mr. Roosevelt last night suggesting the conference. Mr. Roosevelt agreed and set 8:30 p. m. for the discussion.

Mr. Early said that the White House has received indications leading him to believe that national reaction has not been favorable to the action of the Senate Committee in shelving neutrality. Mr. Early said that Mr. Roosevelt's neutrality plans are supported by the whole foreign service of the United States "including career men who are not Democratic appointees."

"So far as I know," Mr. Early said, "the whole Army and Navy are also for it."

ALFALFA SEED CROP INDICATIONS GOOD

LAPAYETTE, Ind., July 18.—A good alfalfa seed crop is in prospect for Indiana, according to samples received here by Purdue University extension agronomists.

The first crop, where it was not cut for hay, set seed pods heavily and the ripper pods are well filled with seed. The good seed crop on the first growth resulted from the dry weather in May.

TWINS TRAIL SAME PATH FOR 16 YEARS

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., July 18 (U. P.).—William S. Burke and his identical twin brother, Walter E., are wondering when their paths will part.

The two youths have completed 16 years of schooling together during which they had like interests.

Both received Bachelor of Arts degrees from Union College, where they belonged to the same clubs, studied like courses, and became members of the same athletic teams.

MISSIONARY IS HELD ON 'GRAVE CHARGES'

HANKOW, China, July 18 (U. P.).—Japanese Army authorities are holding L. W. Holland, of the American Methodist Church at Nanchang, on suspicion of "grave acts" against the Japanese Army, it was said today on high authority.

American consular officials had been unable to learn anything of Mr. Holland since his seizure by the Japanese June 13.

Japanese authorities were reported to be withholding information even from American diplomatic officials because they did not want to provoke Congressional action on the Pittman bill which would permit imposition of an embargo on essential goods against Japan as a violation of the Nine-Power Treaty which is supposed to guarantee China's integrity.

It was believed here that the Japanese might suspect Mr. Holland of having sent information to Chinese guerrilla units.

EASTERN BASE IS HINTED FOR M'NUTT'S DRIVE

Feeling Grows That F. D. R.
May Back Hoosier if He's
New-Dealish Enough.

By LYLE C. WILSON
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WASHINGTON, July 18 (U. P.).—Eastern headquarters are to be established for Paul V. McNutt's Presidential campaign, it was said here today on the best of authority.

An Eastern operating base for the man who already is being described as a "captive candidate" is probably several months off. The fact that it is to be set up, however, coincides with all other evidence that Mr. McNutt has a green light from the Administration.

In his new capacity as Federal Security Administrator, Mr. McNutt is under no restraint in his Presidential campaign, the United Press is informed, except with respect to his own actions. He will have no public part in the campaign activity carried on by his friends, but he probably will be in the public eye rather consistently. He is now on a brief speaking tour.

Future Rests on New Deal

Political Washington still is not agreed on the significance of McNutt's New Deal appointment.

The term "captive candidate," as applied to Mr. McNutt, is designed to suggest that Mr. Roosevelt has taken him in or over and that, henceforth, Mr. McNutt's political future depends entirely on the New Deal. That may be true, but some persons believe it does not greatly alter the situation prevailing before the appointment. Furthermore, Administrator McNutt easily may be in a stronger position now than previously.

He has committed himself to support Mr. Roosevelt if the President seeks another term. All the evidence except Mr. Roosevelt's statement that there was no politics in the appointment suggests that the White House does not look kindly on Mr. McNutt's Presidential campaign. Some persons feel that the President is giving Mr. McNutt a run and might get behind his candidacy if he made a good preliminary showing and evinced some New Dealish symptoms.

Others See Only F. D. R.

But among hard-headed and conservative and Southern statesmen in Congress are those who insist that Mr. Roosevelt, himself, will end in seeking a third term nomination and that he will get it. Whether he would be elected is a subject on which there is more disagreement. That might depend, finally, on Postmaster General Farley who is a mighty power in the Democratic Party. If Mr. Farley and the President have broken they are keeping it to themselves. But if Mr. McNutt's appointment is the forerunner of a White House trend, they might come apart. Mr. Farley knew nothing of the coming appointment. He may or may not have resented it but the fact that he is politically antagonistic to Mr. McNutt is just about indisputable.

Eastern and lake states will tell the tale in 1940 whether Mr. McNutt or Mr. Roosevelt is the candidate. It can be set down as of now that the President as a third term candidate probably would carry the South with a question mark put after Virginia. Democrats who should be familiar with the problems 1940 will bring, believe the battle will come in such states as Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois and Michigan.

Politics Avoided In Oshkosh Speech

OSHKOSH, Wis., July 18 (U. P.).—Paul V. McNutt, head of the Federal Security Administration, made only fleeting reference to political issues in a speech to 1800 at the Oshkosh State Teachers summer school today.

Mr. McNutt said that the problems of labor, poverty and housing needed concerted study so that America may avoid the "backlash" of the slums. Such problems, he said, cannot be attacked with dynamite and bloodshed, but need instead intelligent consideration.

The former Governor of Indiana spoke mostly of the Philippine Islands, of which he was High Commissioner until recently.

As long as the American flag flies over the Philippines they will be at peace," he said.

F. D. R. and McNutt in 1940, Winchell Says

NEW YORK, July 18 (U. P.).—Walter Winchell said today in a copyrighted dispatch in the Daily Mirror that "the 1940 New Deal ticket will be Roosevelt and McNutt, if the President has his way about the matter."

Mr. Winchell said a source "known to every voter during the world war" asserted that Mr. Roosevelt told him recently that he "positively would run for a third term" and that Paul V. McNutt, former Governor of Indiana, was his present choice for the Vice Presidential nomination.

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WPA Sponsored Outdoor Concerts Begin Next Week

Indianapolis, threatened with a drastic curtailment of summer music activities, is to have a series of WPA-sponsored free outdoor concerts beginning next week, William Pelz, Federal Music Project director for Indiana, said today.

Band and orchestra music will be provided nightly except Saturday at least through August, Mr. Pelz said.

A series of six twilight concerts by the Federal Orchestra, Paul Fidler conducting, will begin Sunday on the Rauh Memorial Library lawn. The performances will be from 5 to 6 p. m. The library is sponsoring the programs.

Park concerts will be given on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights throughout the summer by the Federal Band, Danvers Julian, conductor. The hour-long concerts are scheduled for 7:30 p. m. Monday programs will be held in Eagle Creek Park, W. Michigan St. and Grande Ave.; Tuesday concerts at Washington Park on E. 30th St. and Friday concerts at Christian Park on English Ave. The Thursday performances will be given at one of two parks to be selected by the Park Board.

On Wednesday the Federal Band will play in conjunction with the safety plays sponsored by the Park Board, the Police Department and the WPA recreational division.

Not more than five Park Board-sponsored concerts by the Indianapolis Concert Band are planned for this summer. The Park Board's annual appropriation of \$500 recently was augmented by a \$125 gift from Mrs. Anna S. Elliott of the Spink Arms Hotel.

Last year a \$1500 appropriation from the Mayor's contingency fund made a more extended series possible.

TWO OF OLDEST NEWS BUREAUS COMBINE

NEW YORK, July 18 (U. P.).—Pearsall's News Bureau, Inc., and Russell's Commercial News, Inc., two of the oldest commodity news organizations in Wall Street, today announced their consolidation into Russell-Pearsall News, Inc.

John C. Morrow, former president of Pearsall's, will be president of the new company and Thomas C. McNulty, who headed the Russell firm, first vice president.

Annual August Sale of Furs

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DR. MORGAN WARNS OF WHOOPING COUGH

Dr. Herman G. Morgan, City health officer, today warned parents that there is a prevalence of whooping cough among children of preschool age.

A 7-month-old baby died of the disease last week, he said. A total of 75 cases has been reported to the Health Board thus far this month, but there are probably many more that have not been reported.

"It is a mistake to regard whooping cough as a slight ailment," Dr. Morgan said. "It is highly contagious and frequently leads to dangerous complications, such as pneumonia and mastoiditis."

He urged parents to report cases to the Health Board at once so that adequate steps could be taken, if need be, to check further spread. The prevalence of the disease which is unusually high this summer, probably will continue until fall, he said. It begins like a common cold and paroxysms of coughing start in about the second or third week.

PARADE STOPS FAST FREIGHT

FRANKLIN, Pa., July 18 (U. P.).—A Sunday school parade stopped a through freight here. Engineer C. D. Hendershot halted it to watch the boys and girls march over a crossing.

Prices for Persians Start at \$157.50 to \$897.50