

# MOVE TO REVIVE HATCH ACT MADE

House Committee Which Tabled Measure Will Hear Motion to Reconsider; Members Hurry to Sign Discharge Petition.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Rapid headway was visible today for a move within the House Judiciary Committee to reconsider the action by which it tabled the Hatch Bill. By such a move the Committee could clear its record of the strange and secret vote sidetracking this measure to curb political exploitation of state agencies which receive Federal funds.

A motion to reconsider will be made by Rep. Abe Murdock (D. Utah) when the Committee meets Tuesday.

A canvass by Rep. John J. Dempsey (D. N. M.), House sponsor of the bill, indicated not only that the Committee would reconsider its previous action, but that members would be put on record, with no repetition of the secret, written ballots which were tossed into Chairman Hutton Summers' hat to table the measure.

Two developments have produced a change of front within the Committee. One was the heading rush of House members to sign a discharge petition to force the Judiciary Committee to yield up the bill and submit it to the floor. Nearly half enough names were written on the petition, filed by Rep. Dempsey, on the first day.

A total of 218 is required, a majority of the House. One hundred and three names were affixed to the petition when the House recessed last night for the week-end. The other impelling force was the criticism and ridicule heaped on the Judiciary Committee for its secret ballot, and the subsequent "confusion" over the vote when 14 members said in answer to inquiry that they had voted against tabling the bill.

As announced officially, 14 votes were cast to table the measure, with only 10 against. This discrepancy made the whole procedure a laughing stock in the House lobbies.

Members were put in an absurd position before constituents back home.

G. O. P. Group Backs Murdock

The Judiciary Committee, made up of lawyers, is normally a rather dignified body, or so considers itself.

Republican members of the committee promptly joined Rep. Murdock in his move to reconsider.

Denouncing the secret procedure, as he had done within the committee itself in executive session, Rep. U. S. Guyer (R. Kas.), ranking minority member, announced that a canvass disclosed that all 10 minority members, with possibly one exception, would vote to reconsider.

Both he and Rep. Murdock said it was certain there would be no more casting of ballots in the chairman's hat.

Sponsors of the bill believe that a record vote would result in reversal of the tabling motion. The committee then would proceed with its consideration of the measure, but this time under the gun, so to speak, of the discharge petition whereby members of the House can force action.

Summers Secretive

Under House parliamentary rules, by which the Judiciary Committee sometimes governs itself, two-thirds would be required for reconsideration, or 18 of the 26 members. However, the Committee procedure is rather informal, and the chairman may rule that only simple majority is sufficient.

Chairman Summers, who did not vote on the tabling motion, declined to say what procedure he would follow.

In addition to 13 committee members who told reporters yesterday they had voted against tabling, a 14th, Rep. Walter (D. Pa.), today asserted that he also voted against. He was chairman of the subcommittee which approved the bill weeks ago.

House Foes of NLRB Insist Upon Changes

WASHINGTON, May 4 (U. P.).—House foes of the National Labor Relations Board were determined today to call up pending amendments to the Wagner Labor Act despite the chamber's rejection of all changes in the wage-hour law.

Some members favoring Wagner Act revision heard reports yesterday that the fight would be abandoned after the House had voted 205 to 175 to recommit all wage-hour amendments to the Labor Committee.

Chairman Howard W. Smith of the special committee investigating the Labor Board assured them that he will call up his proposed amendments to provide 17 drastic changes.

The only eight Indiana Representatives who voted on the wage-hour legislation supported recommitment. They were Reps. John W. Boehne Jr., William H. Larrabee and Louis Ludlow, Democrats, and George W. Gillie, Robert Grant, Noble Johnson, Gerald Landis and Raymond S. Springer, Republicans.

The labor act dispute faces a legislative situation almost identical to that prevailing when the wage-hour fight first was presented to the House. The Chamber will have a choice between the limited amendments offered by Chairman Mary Norton of the Labor Committee and Smith's broad proposals.

Conditions for consideration are virtually the same. Smith amendments, rejected by the Labor Committee, have been offered by rule as a substitute for the Norton amendments.

In the wage-hour fight similarly rejected amendments by Rep. Graham A. Barden (D. N. C.) were brought to the floor through the medium of approved Norton amendments.

House rejection of the wage-hour amendments came after seven days of tumultuous debate. It carried out the objective President Roosevelt outlined in a letter to Mrs. Norton at the outset of the fight. He asked that the law be allowed to stand unchanged for another year until its weaknesses, if any, have been displayed conclusively.

## Map City-Wide Marbles Tournament



Practically every marble tournament ever held got its start around a conference table. This is the way the 1940 City-wide tournament, which the City Recreation Department is sponsoring, got its start. The planners are (left to right) Hugh McGinnis, director of physical activities for the WPA

recreation division; Emil Rath, Public Schools Physical Education director; Patrick Rooney, Catholic Youth Organization secretary; H. W. Middeworth, City Recreation director; Paul Haagsma of the City Recreation Department; A. J. Thatcher, Marion County WPA recreation supervisor, and Joseph T. Moles, assistant State WPA recreation director.

## MIBS CHAMPION TO BE CROWNED

Contest Open to Boys, Girls 14 and Under; Prizes To Be Awarded.

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C. Y. O. Cadet division. If you wish you can also send it to The Times Marble Editor.

2. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, May 15. That gives you 11 days.

3. Instruction in Ringer, the tournament game, will begin May 12 for all sections. Places to be announced later.

4. Sectional playoffs will be May 17.

5. District playoffs will be May 24.

6. City championship playoffs, May 25.

Sectional champs will receive bronze medals and district champs, silver medals.

Approximately 38 sections will be grouped into four districts: East, West, North and South.

The sectional play will be held either in schoolyards or a nearby convenient location. The district playoffs will be held as follows:

East, Brookside tennis courts; West, Hawthorne Community Center; North, Fall Creek tennis courts; and South, the Garfield courts.

The finals are tentatively played for the World War Memorial plaza.

The Ringer game will be played in a ring 10 feet in diameter with 13 marbles arranged in the center of a cross. The object is to shoot these marbles out of the ring. The player who shoots the largest number of marbles out of the ring is the winner of the game.

No less than two nor more than six players can tackle any one ring. All tournament play is to be fair—no keps—and the players must supply their own shooters, steelies barred.

These arrangements were worked out in yesterday's session by Mr. Middeworth, Emil Rath, Public Schools Physical Education Director; Patrick Rooney, secretary of the Catholic Youth Organization; Paul Haagsma of the City Recreation Department; A. J. Thatcher, Marion County WPA supervisor; Joseph T. Moles, assistant State WPA supervisor; and Hugh McGinnis, director of physical activities for the WPA recreation division.

## ARMY PLANE FUND BOOST PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, May 4 (U. P.).—Chairman Elmer Thomas of the Senate Military Appropriations Subcommittee said today that expert testimony indicating American warplanes are inferior to those of the German air force may prompt the committee to add \$200,000,000 for 106 latest-type aircraft to the pending Army Bill for additional planes.

He said that testimony of Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Corps, and other Army officials convinced the committee that developments in the northern European war show American planes "are not as good as Germany's although there are indications that all German technical advances will be available to our technical engineers."

## ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE URGES PRIMARY VOTE

An appeal for every qualified voter to go to the polls and help select capable candidates was issued by Lawrence H. Hinds, Republican candidate for State Representative, in addressing a Seventh Ward meeting last night.

"The only way that the people of Indiana can stop racketeering and the expense of taxpayers' money and the education of our children," he said, "is to nominate and elect honest and fearless candidates on the Republican ticket."

Gannett Warns Attempt To Mediate Harmful

SIoux Falls, S. D., May 4 (U. P.).—Frank Gannett, New York publisher and candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, said today that the United States to mediate the European war might lead this nation into war.

## G. O. P. HEWS 3 MAJOR PLANKS IN STATE FIGHT

Home Rule, Protective Farm Tariff, Budget Slashes Are Emphasized.

Major issues that will be included in the Indiana Republican convention platform likely will be planks for home rule, protective tariffs for farm products and budget reductions, according to State G. O. P. Chairman Arch N. Bobbitt.

The popular trend toward these three main issues was disclosed at platform forum hearings conducted by the State G. O. P. central committee in every Congressional district during the last three weeks.

At these forum sessions, the last of which was held at Greentfield Thursday, hundreds of citizens were invited to give suggestions for the Republican platform.

Home Rule Sentiment Noted

"Most of the testimony which was recorded for general study revealed a preponderance of sentiment for more home rule authority in the small communities," Mr. Bobbitt said.

In the rural districts many farmers appeared before the Republican platform committee urging a platform plank in favor of more tariff protection for their farm markets as against the New Deal program of reciprocal trade treaties with foreign nations.

Mr. Bobbitt said one plank that is certain to be in the Republican platform this year will deal with budget reductions in every department of State and county government.

Spending Cut Demanded

"Nearly every citizen who testified at the forum hearings demanded a half in spending," Mr. Bobbitt said.

Other issues raised at these hearings included local option in liquor sales and appeals for extension of the merit system to all departments of the State government.

Anti-Saloon League and W. C. T. U. leaders appeared before the platform committee in several smaller communities in the State appealing for local option support.

Party leaders, however, indicated they may not include a liquor plank in the platform.

One party leader said the local option issue is not State-wide in character but is confined to scattered localities.

Ask Merit Extension

The Indiana League of Women Voters presented an appeal to the G. O. P. hearing at Greentfield yesterday for extension of merit system selection of employees to State Government and penal institutions.

Several of the Republican gubernatorial candidates have been stressing the home rule policy of government in their campaign speeches.

Outstanding of these home rule candidates is Glen R. Hills of Kokomo, who advocates less concentration of power in the State government in nearly every speech.

Recently he said: "If we lose our grip on home rule we will plunge headlong into outright dictatorship. For the past several years a highly complicated machine has been under construction here in Indiana. This was done to such an extent that you can no longer run your own home town, your own township or your own county, whatever it may be."

## CHARGES NEW DEAL PERILS CONSTITUTION

A George Corey, Republican candidate for State Representative, in a speech last night at the Slovenian Hall, said the U. S. Constitution is in danger unless the Republican Party is voted into power.

"The New Deal is attempting to change the order of things, and in doing so will make our Constitution valueless," he said.

## PRINCETON TO BUY UTILITY

PRINCETON, Ind., May 4 (U. P.).—The city of Princeton yesterday voted in favor of the purchase of the Princeton Water Co. in a special election by a margin of 1162 to 813.

Since no one else is exactly like you, only an individually designed appliance can properly fit you. Expert fitting is often advertised but seldom done with a stock article. Improvement results when hernia is PROPERLY HELD, but the benefits gained are soon lost unless followed by changes in the appliance. Monthly inspections and appliance changes are made without additional charges for one year by SYKES SERVICE.

Sykes Appliances are not an experiment, but a proven success, developed after 25 years of study and research costing over \$150,000.00. The following are a few names of the many users of Sykes Service who have reported they HAVE NOT WORN ANY APPLIANCE FOR TWO YEARS. Some were cases of long standing. Details given to those interested.

John Wentland (age 70), R. 1, Gallen, Mich.

Vino Rio (45), Lowden, Ia.

W. D. Posey (40), Davenport, Ia.

Ray Kellogg (47), Rock Island, Ill.

## Betrothed

Claire Luce ... to wed British war pilot.

LONDON, May 4 (U. P.).—Claire Luce, former Pollies girl who was divorced from her wealthy husband in 1935, will shortly announce her engagement to Wing Commander John Gillan, it was learned today.

Miss Luce formerly was the wife of Clifford Warren Smith, stepson of Newcomb Carlton, chairman of the board of Western Union Telegraph Co.

Com. Gillan is one of the best known R. A. F. pilots. Two years ago he flew a Hawker Hurricane 456 miles an hour for a record. At one time Miss Luce held an American pilot's license.

## MAYOR TO GET STREET DEMAND

Through Just 'Asking' for Repairs, East 21st St. League Declares.

The East 21st St. Civic League will "demand" that something be done about the deplorable condition of streets in its area, members decided at a meeting last night.

The demand will be made by a delegation in a meeting with Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan in the near future, when a petition bearing the signatures of 200 league members, obtained at the meeting at School 68, 21st and Riley Sts., will be presented.

"We are through 'asking' and are now ready to make 'demand,'" Glenn Hann, League business manager, said.

A resolution opposing the proposed 21st St. bus line change was passed.

The petition of the Indianapolis Railways is to come before the Public Service Commission May 14.

A committee was appointed to call upon Mayor Sullivan and Leroy J. Keach, Safety Board president, and Police Chief Michael F. Morrissey to ask for safety measures on 21st St., Sherman Drive and Emerson Ave.

A committee on playground equipment reported the Park Board was willing to install equipment at Brookside Extension Park, "when there was a building and men to house and run it."

## MIDDLE-AGE WOMEN

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## 7 POLICE TRAP YOUTH IN STORE

Battered Safe Withstands Hammering That Resulted in Alarm.

Early today, Officers C. B. Crouch and Charles Springer got a radio call from Police Headquarters to go to 3226 E. 10th St., where "somebody is pounding on a safe."

That address is a Guarantee Tire & Rubber Co. store. The call came from the garage next door. When the squad car got there, Officer Crouch went to the front door and Officer Springer ran around to the back, gun drawn.

Officer Crouch says he saw a figure move away from the safe in the front part of the store and disappear.

Officer Springer found no other exits except one rear door and three windows, with heavy iron screens. There was a bicycle and leather coat there and the only unscreened window was broken about 10 feet from the ground.

Meanwhile the police radio summoned other officers. The store was full of guns and ammunition. Police didn't know how many persons were inside.

Officers William Cunniff and Ed Arzuman drove up, took stations in front and rear. Officers Francis Beemer and Denny Riley came a few seconds later. Sgt. John Sheehan, who had been cruising some distance away, then arrived.

But the doors were locked. At Police Headquarters they had notified Carl Genrich, 3300 Arlington Ave. store manager, to come to open the door. He said it would take him 45 minutes.

A locksmith was hailed by persons in the crowd that gathered. He took one look at the door, said he could do the job in 10 minutes, but wouldn't—"not with a yegg in there with a gun."

Finally Mr. Genrich arrived and opened the door. Sgt. Sheehan and Officers Crouch and Cunniff stalked in. Sgt. Sheehan called for the hidden intruder to surrender, told him the place was surrounded.

Then a 14-year-old boy stood up and looked at them. Observers said he was quiet, tall, slender and brazen.

He'd taken 31 cents and admitted the burglary, police said. Police said the safe was a shambling, and with a little more time the boy would have had it broken.

Scattered about were a hack saw, another saw, a punch, a screwdriver and a machinist's hammer. The combination of the safe was knocked off and one hinge of the safe was sawed through.

The seven policemen hustled the 14-year-old boy into the back of the car and took him to the station, where they said he'll probably be turned over to juvenile authorities.

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