

CHARGE WOMEN JURORS 'BARRED'

Three Indicted in WPA Case
Base Plea on U. S. Court Practice.

It has been the practice in Federal Court here for many years to draw only men for jury service, witnesses testified today at a hearing on pleas in abatement to indictments against three persons charged with diverting WPA labor.

The defendants are Carl F. Kortepeter, former Marion County WPA co-ordinator; Arthur F. Eickhoff, realty company head, and Miss Elizabeth Claypool.

All three charged the indictments were illegal because women "arbitrarily were excluded" from the Grand Jury.

Defense attorneys called to the witness stand Albert C. Sogemeier, court clerk, and Fred Hoke, Federal jury commissioner, who identified letters to Circuit Court judges in various counties asking them to suggest "men for jury service." The letters had the word "men" underlined.

Mr. Sogemeier said no woman, so far as he could recall, ever had been drawn for a Federal Court jury here.

Charles R. Ettinger, Marion County Clerk, testified that in the last three years, 2551 women have been drawn for jury service in Marion County courts.

U. S. District Attorney Val Nolan introduced into evidence the records of the Grand Jury to show that all 22 jurors voted to indict Mr. Kortepeter and Mr. Eickhoff, and that 21 voted to indict Miss Claypool.

Judge Robert C. Baltzell indicated he would reserve his decision.

Two others named in the same indictments but whose pleas are to be heard later are Arthur V. Brown, banker, and Charles E. Jefferson, contractor.

RECORD ARMY BILL APPROVED

Some Plane Manufacturers Brand Meeting in Capital Publicity Stunt.

WASHINGTON, May 20 (U. P.)—The Senate Appropriations Committee today swiftly approved and sent to the Senate a peace-time record Army bill calling for expenditures of \$1,820,941,004 to strengthen the country's defense in the air and on land.

The Senate, joining other Federal agencies in whipping along the new preparedness program, was expected to consider the huge bill later today or tomorrow.

The measure would make \$1,497,711,368 in cash immediately available for purchase of 200 super-bombers 2200 smaller planes and quantities of anti-aircraft, anti-tank guns and ammunition. The bill also contains \$323,229,636 in contract authorizations.

"Blank Check" Included

Included in the bill was a "blank check" authorization to the President of 132 million dollars—half in cash and half in contractual authority—to be used to step up production where needed. The Chief Executive would be required to report to Congress on or before June 30, 1942, on disposition of the fund.

The fast committee action on the Army Bill—it took only about two hours—came in the midst of these developments:

1. An initial meeting among 100 representatives of the American aviation industry and national defense officials, after opening pledges of co-operation, ended with expressions of dissatisfaction by several of the manufacturers. They said the Government had offered no concrete proposals to aid them in achieving President Roosevelt's production goal of 50,000 planes annually.

2. Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief-of-State, urged the House Military Affairs Committee to authorize the AAF Corps to acquire 10,000 planes for the present. The authorized limit now is 6000. Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold, Air Corps Chief, also asked authorization for the training of 6000 reserve pilots and 6000 flying cadets.

Move Against Espionage

3. Capt. Charles W. Fisher, Director of Naval Shore Establishments, asked the House Naval Affairs Committee to relax Civil Service restrictions in force in Navy shipyards in order to minimize the possibility of espionage or sabotage which might result from the Civil Service Commission unknowingly certifying "un-American" workers.

4. G. R. Wilson, president of the National Aeronautical Association, urged a Senate commerce subcommittee to approve legislation establishing a nation-wide \$125,000,000 program to build additional airport facilities as part of the general air expansion program.

5. At a meeting with his legislative leaders, President Roosevelt was assured quick action on all phases of the defense program.

The Senate committee refused to accept its subcommittee's recommendation that \$1,551,720 in cash and \$940,000 in contractual authority be allowed for acquisition of land at various military reservations.

Stricken from the bill were proposed cash appropriations of \$1,000,000 for Ft. Knox, Ky.; \$500,000 for Ft. Bliss, Tex.; \$30,720 for Ft. Meade, S. D., and \$21,000 for Ft. Dix, N. J.

Manufacturers Disappointed

Some airplane manufacturers, who wanted their names withheld, charged the meeting was arranged by the Administration as a "publicity stunt" to influence speedy enactment of the President's expanded national defense program.

There was no dissent in the meeting but none of the major manufacturers sought to hide their disappointment at its conclusion.

"Little of any consequence was accomplished," said one West Coast manufacturer. "The Army people indicated that this whole thing was thrown at them so fast they didn't have a chance to get prepared for the meeting."

GETS 2-14 YEARS IN POWER LINE BLASTS

SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 20 (U. P.)—Frank Lung, 25, of South Bend, today was sentenced to serve 2 to 14 years in the State Reformatory on charges of unlawful use of dynamite in connection with nine power line bombings in northern Michigan and southern Indiana last fall.

He pleaded guilty soon after he was arrested last January.

Lung, one of six arrested, declined to testify at the trial of John A. Marks, who was charged with inspiring the power line blasts. Marks was acquitted by a Marshall County jury last Friday night.

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Trophy Awaits Mibs King



Times Photo.
The name of the City marbles champion will be engraved on the gold tablet, just about where Hugh McGinnis, WPA recreation supervisor (right), is pointing. Paul Haagsma of the City Recreation Department holds the trophy with a gold statue of a boy poised for a marbles shot. A. J. Thetford, WPA recreation supervisor (left) and Patrick J. Rooney, C. Y. O. secretary (second from right), look on with approval. Below are medals for the sectional and district champions.

Sectional Winners Sharpen Aim for Semi-Finals Friday

Sectional games in the City Marbles Tournament were to be completed this afternoon.

A total of 31 games were played over the week-end. Results of 10 more contests to be completed today will be reported late this afternoon.

The winners of sectional games will compete in the four district tournaments at 3:30 p. m. Friday and the district tourney winners will shoot for the City championship Saturday morning at the World War Memorial Plaza.

Tournament officials will meet Wednesday to assign sectional winners to districts and complete plans for the tournament finale Saturday. Tentatively, City and County officials will participate and present awards to sectional, district winners and the City champion.

Sectional winners reported up to this morning were:

Lucien Barrick, First United Brethren Church.

Robert King, Our Lady of Lourdes.

Harold Manco, Meridian Methodist.

Andrew Pippins, Lockefield Gardens.

F. D. R. COALITION CABINET IS HINTED

NEW YORK, May 20 (U. P.)—The New York Times said today that it was learned here yesterday that because of the serious international situation and American defense needs, President Roosevelt "is seriously considering the appointment of several prominent Republicans to secretarieships in a coalition Cabinet."

In any event, the Times said, a reliable source said there was a strong possibility that the President shortly would name Col. Frank Knox, Chicago publisher and Republican Vice Presidential candidate in 1936, as Navy Secretary, with full administrative control of the department, to replace Charles Edison, who is expected to resign shortly after Tuesday's New Jersey primary, in which he is the Democratic organization's candidate for the gubernatorial nomination.

In fact, the Times continued, it was reported that when Mr. Knox visited the White House last Wednesday the President asked him to accept the Navy post, and the publisher assertedly said that in the present emergency he was "at your service."

The Times also said that it was regarded as significant that Alf M. Landon, Republican Presidential candidate in 1936, would visit the President Wednesday at the latter's invitation.

"Whether the President would ask Mr. Landon to join his Cabinet as War Secretary is not known," the Times said.

In Washington, White House Secretary Stephen T. Early disclaimed knowledge of, but did not deny reports that a coalition Cabinet was planned.

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added impetus since then by the report from Washington of an aviation company's intention of coming here.

In addition to its central protected location, Indianapolis' chief advantages are considered as its flat and unobstructed landing field sites, favorable labor conditions, proximity to Purdue University and its graduating engineers development as an aircraft radio testing ground under the Civil Aeronautics Authority and advantageous rail communication facilities.

According to the report from Washington, the aircraft manufacturing company considering the construction of a plant here now has plants on both East and West coasts.

Leading manufacturers who would be interested in this description are United Aircraft Corp., General Motors, North American Aviation and Aviation Manufacturing Co.

Strauss Ad Invites Aircraft Plants Here

The qualifications of Indianapolis as a site for the establishment of aircraft factories were called to the attention of Government and aviation leaders today by a double-page advertisement by L. Strauss & Co., Inc., in the Washington Daily News, Washington, D. C.

The advertisement was timed to coincide with today's meeting of Army, Navy and Treasury officials and aviation industry leaders in Washington to map a program for the construction of 50,000 airplanes, according to Ralph S. Norwood, president of the clothing firm.

The advertisement is to focus the attention of these leaders on Indianapolis," Mr. Norwood said. "We want to let everybody interested know just what Indianapolis stands for and why. We want to let them know that Indianapolis is a 'natural' for war-defense airplane factories."

Cited by the advertisement as qualifications making Indianapolis an ideal location for the establishment of airplane factories were the Civil Aeronautics Authority's laboratory and plant here; the fine Municipal Airport and five other airports; the proximity of Purdue University which turns out some of the "best-trained engineers" in the nation; the high type of labor, government and people in Indianapolis, and the general character of the city of Indianapolis for permanence and stability.

Guidance Council for Youth Is Established by Schools

Plans for establishing a Guidance Council to develop closer relationships between the public schools and other youth agencies were announced today by Superintendent DeWitt S. Morgan.

Superintendent Morgan said the Council will be composed of representatives from the various divisions of the school organization, one representative from each high school, two from the junior high schools and one from the National Youth Administration part-time work program.

Among the first work of the Council will be the distribution of data derived from the study of case histories of 3410 Indianapolis boys and girls who entered high schools in September, 1929, and September, 1933.

This survey was made by WPA workers under the supervision of H. L. Harshman, director of research for the schools.

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