

INDIANA'S DEFENSE ROLE UP FOR STUDY

Program May Cost Half a Million, Coffin Tells Co-operative Group; Commission May Act as Clearing House for State Setup.

By NOBLE REED

Defense legislation that may carry requests for appropriations totaling as much as half a million dollars, is being considered by State officials.

The necessity for extensive legislation for Indiana's part in the nation's preparedness program was stressed at a meeting of the State Commission on Interstate Co-operation at the Claypool Hotel yesterday.

Governor Townsend, through his secretary, Tristram Coffin, reported to the commission that it may be selected the clearing house group to handle all defense bills.

Cities Needed Legislation

These measures would include, according to Mr. Coffin, new legislation to combat sabotage in Hoosier industries, especially those handling defense orders; a bill giving state officials more powers to combat fifth column activities and a third measure to provide for registration of firearms. The latter bill would enable authorities to trace the ownership of weapons and high explosives.

"Appropriations would be needed to administer many new defense agencies and to finance the newly organized home guard," Mr. Coffin said. "In addition, the state will be asked to help in the extensive planning work in small communities where their population is tripled by establishment of defense industries."

Frank Bane of the National Defense Council, told the Commission that an appropriation of \$750,000 was required for national defense planning in Louisiana recently.

Schriker Pledges Aid

The Indiana Commission on Interstate Co-operation is composed of Legislators from both houses of the General Assembly and the Governor recommended that all defense legislation be referred to them.

Governor-Elect Henry F. Schriker addressed the Commission briefly, promising members that he would "underwrite" their proposals to the Legislature for laws that would prevent the erection of trade barriers with other states.

"I urge that the people be made mindful of the importance of removing trade barriers," he said. "Indiana is a great exporting state and we need the friendship of other states."

BRIGGS, PLYMOUTH PLANTS SHUT DOWN

DETROIT, Nov. 30 (U. P.).—The Plymouth plant and the Briggs Manufacturing Co.'s Mack Avenue factory were closed for the week-end today while officials of the companies and the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) sought to settle a dispute over a production schedule which idled 30,000 workers yesterday.

The Plymouth day and night shifts, totaling 10,000 workers, were sent home when the flow of automobile bodies from Briggs was halted yesterday afternoon. The two shifts at Briggs, totaling 10,000, were sent home when 17 men in the panel assembly division quit as a gesture against dismissal of three shop stewards.

The dispute centered over the number of workers required for a new schedule to turn out 24 side panels. Briggs officials charged the stewards had ordered the workers to "slow down" to 16 panels an hour.

LOCKRIDGE IS NAMED HEAD ROAD ENGINEER

Earl B. Lockridge has been named acting chief engineer of the Highway Commission to replace Merton R. Keefe, who has resigned to take part in the national defense program.

T. A. Dicus, who announced the personnel change, said that Mr. Keefe has accepted a position as chief engineer of the Russell B. Moore Engineering Co., and will be in charge of all engineering work at the naval ammunition base being established in Martin County.

Mr. Lockridge has been assistant to Mr. Keefe for the past two years and prior to that was assistant engineer in charge of maintenance. He has been with the commission since 1919.

Of Mr. Keefe's resignation, Mr. Dicus said: "Members of the commission feel that Mr. Keefe has given valuable service to the motorists of Indiana in developing a modern highway system. . . . While we regret that his services are no longer available, we cannot but feel that his selection for the new position is a fitting recognition of his successful record as chief engineer of the highway system."

FRENCH ACTRESS SUES BRITISH MATE

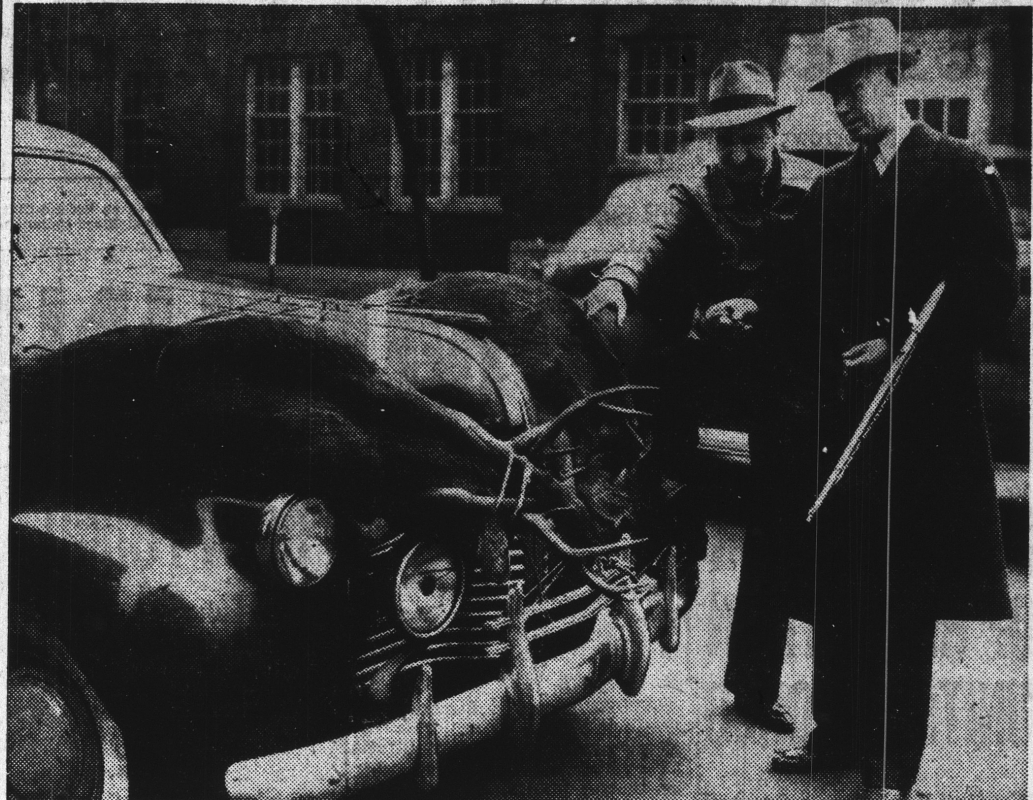
HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 30 (U. P.).—Before France surrendered to Germany, while it was still England's ally, the marriage of British film star John Loder and his French actress wife, Micheline Cheirel, was an ideal one.

But when the English shelled the French fleet and later the French West African port of Dakar, Mr. Loder said today, his wife consulted an attorney. Divorce papers are being prepared.

RETIRED FARMER DROWNS
BRAZIL, Ind., Nov. 30 (U. P.).—Bower Coulson, a retired farmer living near Coalmont, was found drowned in a pond today. He was 80.

PROGRESS LAUNDRY has solved the problem of laundering Chenille Bedspreads. Market 2431.

Looking Over Their 'Take' From Big Bay



Back from a 10-day hunting trip in the Huron Mountains near Big Bay, Mich., Rex E. Shera (left), 1614 Villa Ave., and C. A. Swords of the Swords-Morton Veneer Co. look over their "take." They got two deer, one a spiked horn, the other an eight-point. Mr. Shera used a 32-caliber Winchester Special rifle and Mr. Swords a 35-caliber Remington.

FREE DEBATE OF ISSUES IS URGED

Willkie Calls for Toast to F. D. R. as He Ends N. Y. Speech.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 (U. P.).—Free and public discussion of national problems was urged last night by Wendell L. Willkie "so that democracy functioning as it should function will arrive at conclusions that will preserve that system for us."

"I hope to contribute something to the constant raising of the elevation of public discussion in America," the defeated Republican presidential candidate told the National Inter-Fraternity Conference. "Because if we continue the process that has been so prevalent in these United States in the last several years of merely destroying by such methods those men that democracy calls upon to lead it, we will begin the destruction of democracy itself."

Proposes F. D. R. Toast

Mr. Willkie concluded his speech, his first since a post-election appeal to supporters of a "loyal opposition" to the Administration, by proposing a toast that "we drink to the health and to the happiness of the President of the United States." He interrupted a Florida vacation to attend the conference and plans to resume it Sunday or Monday.

He said that tracing the history of democracy shows that it disappears under bankruptcy or long-continued depression.

Mr. Willkie reiterated that the United States must give "all out" aid to Great Britain "to preserve that rim of freedom which is gradually shrinking, and which, if we permit it to continue to shrink, will shrink to the edges of our own shores."

Asks Frank Discussion

He said he was appealing for frank public discussion of issues because "we must so lead the world in the next few years that peace again will come—not the peace of appeasement, but a peace in which democracy shall survive. . . ."

Inspector Louis B. Nichols, administrative assistant to Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, asked the 400 fraternity delegates to help combat Fifth Column activities in colleges and universities in "the American way."

HINTS NAVY'S CHIEF TO VISIT COLOMBIA

BOGOTA, Colombia, Nov. 30 (U. P.).—An official order of the War Minister suggested that Frank Knox, U. S. Secretary of the Navy, soon will visit Colombia.

The order granted permission for the U. S. Navy Patrol plane, "XPBY-1," to use airdromes and other facilities in Colombia, and said that "the plane would be piloted by Lieut. Gillespie, carrying a crew of six officers and three enlisted men and as passengers, the American Secretary of the Navy, Rear Admiral King, Capt. Deyo and Rear Admiral Cooke."

Butler Sigma Chi Chapter Diamond Jubilee Set Dec. 12

The Butler University chapter of Sigma Chi will hold its diamond jubilee dinner Dec. 12 at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. The Rho chapter was established here at the close of the Civil War through the activities of Leonard W. McCord, an alumnus of DePauw.

The charter, which still hangs in the Butler chapter house, is one of the oldest in the national fraternity. It is dated April 10, 1865.

An honored guest at the jubilee will be Dr. Frederick E. Scheuch, Battle Creek, Mich., national president.

The chapter's Golden Legion, composed of men who have been members of the fraternity 50 years or more, is: Charles E. Griffith, Aretas W. Hatch, Edward Charles Helm, Walter O. Williams, William A. Wilson, John E. Zinger, William C. Johnson, Walter J. Hubbard, William C. Smith, Arthur Voorhees Brown, Lewis Anderson Frazee, Robert R. Sloan, Henry Poore Clarke, Edgar G. Burton, Edward Harman, Horatio N. Kelsey, William Glanton Irwin, Urban Cecil Mallon and Edward D. Kingsbury.

Arrangements for the jubilee are in charge of Earl T. Bonham, Howard Caldwell, Louis Hensley, William H. Water, Wilson Dally, Horace Sker, Max Wildman, Evan Walker and Harold Ross.

Doomed Woman 'Saved' by U. S.

LONDON, Nov. 30 (U. P.).—Government circles disclosed today that the intervention of United States representatives in Berlin had caused Germany to reconsider the death sentence imposed on an Englishwoman, Miss Winifred Harle, by a German court martial.

She was accused of listening to foreign radio broadcasts and distributing British leaflets in Paris. Government was without information of Florence Fricke, also reported sentenced to death in Germany, and it was doubted that she was a British subject.

During the World War United States authorities in Brussels intervened fully in the case of Edith Cavell, English nurse, who was executed by the Germans for "having hidden in her home English and French soldiers as well as Belgians of the age to bear arms, all desirous of going to the front."

LUDLOW BACKS ECONOMY MOVE

'This Is No Time for Pork,' He Writes; Lauds Stand of F. D. R.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—"This is no time for pork!"

With this phrase Rep. Louis Ludlow today placed his stamp of approval on President Roosevelt's plan to cut all but defense appropriations to the bone.

Writing in the Congressional Record, the Indianapolis Congressman pledged all possible help in curbing government expenditures as a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Commends President

"I desire with all of the earnestness I possess to commend President Roosevelt for his determination to lead in a movement to cut the non-defense appropriations of the Seventy-seventh Congress," Rep. Ludlow wrote.

"Like many others, I never have been a believer in the theory that big government is a gateway to national prosperity. On the contrary, I believe it is the gateway to national bankruptcy and disaster. . . . I am sure that the President's proposal harmonizes with a sentiment that has long been predominant in the Appropriations Committee and that he can depend upon the co-operation of our Committee."

'It Will Be a Tonic'

"The President's announcement will be invigorating tonic to rehabilitate and revitalize the business and industrial elements which so much need to be built up to a normal state of health and activity if America is really to be prepared to face the perils of threatened war."

"Economic strength and soundness is as much a sine qua non of preparedness as battleships and big cannon. A nation that is trembling on the edge of bankruptcy cannot be an effective fighting nation. It must have strong economic and financial fiber to stand the stress of war."

SPONSORS DESTROYER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(U. P.).—Navy Secretary Frank Knox has designated Mrs. Frances Emmons Peacock as sponsor for the destroyer Emmons, named in honor of her grandfather, the late Rear Admiral George Peacock.

The new destroyer will be launched at Bath, Me., next June.

TWO FBI AGENTS NOW IN LONDON

Observe European Methods To Combat Sabotage; Dies To Ask Million.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (U. P.).—The Federal Bureau of Investigation has had a two-man mission in London for several weeks studying methods used by the British Government to combat sabotage and espionage, it was learned today.

The agents, not expected to return until after the first of the year, were said to have been dispatched by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover so that tested European anti-subversive methods may be incorporated in this country's protective program.

Presence of the mission in London was revealed in the midst of efforts to settle the heated controversy between the Justice Department and Chairman Martin Dies of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, who last week assailed the FBI's anti-fifth column efforts as inefficient and unsatisfactory.

F. D. R. Dies Confer

Mr. Dies conferred yesterday for 50 minutes with President Roosevelt, and sought today to arrange a conference with Attorney General Robert H. Jackson.

The Texan's recent blast drew a prompt reply from Mr. Jackson, who charged that Mr. Dies sought to undermine national confidence in the FBI. Subsequently, Mr. Roosevelt warned Mr. Dies that ill-considered or hasty disclosures by the committee might destroy executive department efforts to combat subversion and "defeat the end of justice."

If Mr. Dies and Mr. Jackson meet, they will seek to bury past mutual recriminations, and to devise means of co-ordinating the work of the committee with that of the FBI and other law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Dies said after his conference with Mr. Roosevelt, that he had "every reason to believe that we will receive co-operation from Government agencies."

He said he would introduce a resolution, when the next Congress meets, to continue the committee for two years. Heretofore, the resolutions have been introduced each year. He will ask "not less than \$1,000,000."

ORDERS BUTSCH BACK TO INSANE DIVISION

Still legally insane, William Ray Butsch, suspected slayer of Mrs. Carrie Leah Romig here last year, has been ordered returned to the Indiana State Prison's Criminal Insane Division.

Butsch's petition that he be declared sane was denied yesterday in Marion County Criminal Court by Special Judge Omar O'Harrow of Martinsville. Butsch testified he knew he was charged with murder in perpetration of a robbery and wanted to stand trial, but doctors said he was not sane.

Drs. E. Rogers Smith and Murray DeArmond of Indianapolis, who examined Butsch at City Hospital here, said he had paranoia. Dr. Palmer Gallup of Michigan City also testified.

Butsch, indicted following Mrs. Romig's slaying in January, 1939, was not tried on the charge, but in May, 1939, was ordered to the Criminal Insane Division by Judge O'Harrow. He can petition for another sanity hearing in two years.

CARD PARTY SCHEDULED

The Liederkreis Ladies Society will hold a public card party at 8 p. m. tomorrow at 1421 E. Washington St. Mrs. Henry Walters is general chairman.

ARBITRATION IN DEFENSE LABOR STRIKES LIKELY

F. D. R., Commission Agree On Plan; Union Leaders To Be Consulted.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Creation of arbitration machinery by the National Defense Advisory Commission is the method now considered most feasible within the Administration for meeting the problem of strikes in defense industries.

This solution was agreed on tentatively by President Roosevelt and members of the Commission at their weekly meeting Thursday, it was learned today, subject to consultation with labor leaders in the next few days.

The proposed arbitration agency would act in a purely voluntary capacity, without powers of compulsion.

Administration officials who have jurisdiction in labor matters are agreeable to such procedure, it is learned, and many labor leaders have let it be known they are aware that strikes in defense industries might boomerang against labor bringing down repressive legislation.

Co-operation Sought

An effort will also be made to foster agreements among unions against ill-considered disputes or sudden strikes that would interrupt defense production. A co-operative spirit is reported to exist among union leaders.

Congressional leaders have advised the President of the possibility that Congress, if provoked by a few more incidents like the Vultee Aircraft strike, might pass legislation detrimental to the interests of labor. There is a manifest desire among anti-labor members to capitalize the defense emergency.

A part of the Administration's problem in seeking to keep industrial disputes at a minimum during the emergency is the Dies committee, which has aroused considerable labor hostility by some of its activities.

Typical was the recent threat of Rep. Martin Dies (D. Tex.) to investigate the Vultee strike—the sort of gratuitous intervention that tends to antagonize both workers and employers and is likely to increase, rather than minimize, the tension incident to disputes of this character.

Understanding May Result

From Rep. Dies' conference with Mr. Roosevelt yesterday there is expected to result some understanding that will prevent any invasion by the committee of the executive functions of the Government.

Mr. Dies, it is known, will be able to get additional appropriations from the House, which consistently has supported his investigation of Nazi, Fascist and Communist activities. He is proposing to ask for a million dollars this time.

The problem, therefore, seems to be one of moderating or restricting the committee's activities.

ACCUSED IN PLOT

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov. 30.—Gustavo Corrales, former minister of Honduras to Nicaragua, Adan Cardenas, a former Nicaraguan Finance Minister, and four others were arrested yesterday on suspicion of having engaged in subversive activities.

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Strapping Needed?



Cosmely model Arabella (Bunny) Hartley "needs a good strapping," she was told by New York magistrate William Ringel. He was irate because she halted her husband to court on an assault charge and then withdrew the accusation. She later failed to appear to answer a charge of disorderly conduct, and in general had things a-dither. She's pictured after the judge gave her 10 days in the workhouse, suspended pending good behavior.

JURY RECALLED IN RELIEF PROBE

Knox Investigation to Be Reopened Monday; Fund Misuse Charged.

VINCENNES, Ind., Nov. 30 (U. P.).—Prosecutor Oscar P. Ockman said today the Knox County Grand Jury will reconvene Monday to investigate alleged misuse of Vincennes township poor relief funds by Trustee I. Grant Beasley.

The Grand Jury had delayed action pending completion of a similar investigation by Examiners of the State Board of Accounts. Yesterday a report released by Edward P. Brennan, chief examiner, made 14 charges of alleged misuse by Beasley of funds totaling \$13,017.80.

Mr. Ockman said the report would be used in the investigation and that the jury would hear board examiners. He said Glen Steckley, deputy attorney general, would help present the evidence.

The total of funds improperly expended, he said, would be several thousand dollars more than the figure reported by the board.

According to the Board report, most of the alleged illegal expenditures were for medicines, gasoline and medical service to county employees. The report revealed that no purchase orders for medicine had been filed or evidence furnished that it had been given the poor.

A. F. OF L. TALKS 30-HOUR WEEK

May Be Necessary After Defense Crisis Passes, Delegates Decide.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 30 (U. P.).—American Federation of Labor convention delegates were on their way to their homes today, pledged to support the Government's national defense program and renew efforts to restore labor peace.

The convention, in its closing session yesterday, reaffirmed faith in an eventual 30-hour work-week and urged official vigilance against "unwarranted and unjustified" encroachment on the present 40-hour week.

One of its last acts was approval of a report proposing closer co-operation between North and South American trades union groups to implement the Administration's Western Hemisphere defense and Good Neighbor policies.

Lewis Is Derided

The closing note of the nine-day session was one of derision, for John L. Lewis, former C. I. O. president, and ridicule of last week's C. I. O. convention at Atlantic City.

"We conducted our convention in a dignified, orderly way," President William Green said. "There was no appeal to the emotions, no distribution of noise-making instruments for the purpose of whipping the delegates into a frenzy, no parading through the aisles. Here men substituted reason for emotion. There was no hero worship."

Urges Work-Week Vigilance

A. F. of L. delegates accepted a report which said it may be necessary, after completion of the Government's defense program, to seek the 30-hour week.

Vigilance in defense of the 40-hour week was urged in concert with the observation that some business leaders are using the defense emergency as an excuse to drive for longer working hours.

When preparedness building is completed, the report said, "we may be confronted with an unemployment crisis greater than we have ever known."

"It may be necessary then for us to work for such a drastic step" as the 30-hour week, the report said.

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