

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 Cooperation 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.

Cites 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 tripped by establishment of defense industries."

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

Schricker 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. Schricker 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 weekend 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 20,000 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 E. 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.

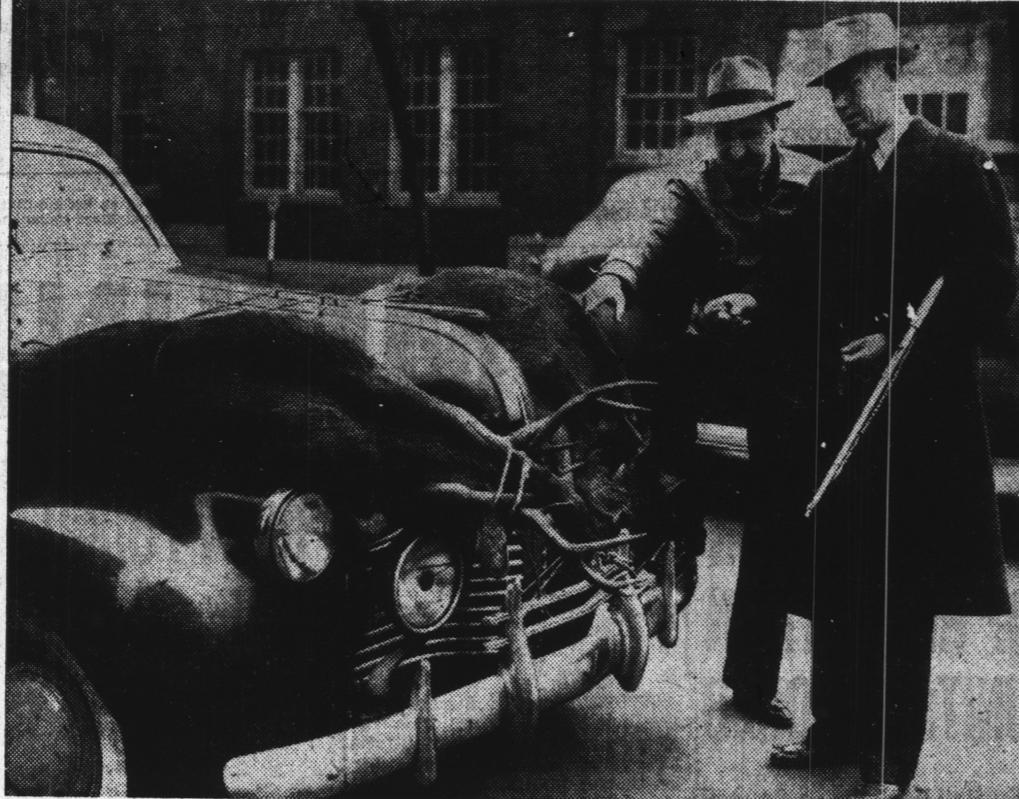
But when the English shelled the French fleet and later the French West African port of Dakar, Mr. Loder said today, his wife consulted an attorney. Divorce papers are being prepared.

RETIRED FARMER DROWNS

BRAZIL, Ind., Nov. 30 (U. P.)—Sower 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 243.

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."

The club's "take" had been estimated variously at from \$150,000 to \$200,000 annually from State employees.

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."

MRS. BERT HENDREN DIES IN BLOOMFIELD

BLOOMFIELD, Ind., Nov. 30. Mrs. Bert Hendren, wife of a former examiner for the State Board of Accounts, died last night at her home here.

She had been ill for some time.

Services will be held tomorrow at the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband, who has been prominent in state Democratic politics; a sister, Mrs. George M. King; three brothers, Raymond, Everett and Roger.

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,

"XPS2Y-1," to use airmores and other facilities in Colombia, and said that "the plane would be piloted by Lieut. Gillepsie, 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.

It is dated April 10, 1865.

An honored guest at the jubilee will be Dr. Frederick E. Schenck, 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 B. Griffith, Aretas W. Hatch, Edward Charles Helm, Walter O. Williams, William A. Wilson, John Effinger, William C. Johnson, Walter J. Hubbard, William C. Lewis, Arthur Voorhees Brown, Lewis Arthur Frazee, Robert R. Sloan, Henry Poore Clarke, Edgar G. Barton, Edward Harman, Horatio N. Kelsey, William G. 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. Walker, Wilson Dally, Horace Storer, Max Wildman, Evan Walker and Harold Ross.

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