

## ASSEMBLY EVE FINDS G. O. P. IN SPLIT ON POLICY

Seeks to End Cleavage Before 61-Day Session Opens Tomorrow.

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not, the caucus will be resumed Saturday and Sunday.

The legislative leaders and Steering Committee members have agreed on a skeleton outline of their "reorganization" bill with the details to be filled in by the 95 G. O. P. Senators and Representatives behind locked doors at the Claypool Hotel today.

This proposal would strip Democratic Governor-elect Henry F. Schricker of most of his patronage by setting up four executive divisions having Republican majorities. The Governor would retain only his constitutional powers.

There were still reports of insurgent groups intending to buck the organization on details of the bill and another faction insisting upon attempts at a compromise agreement with Governor-elect Schricker. But Senator Jenner and other leaders repeated there would be "no appeasement."

Meanwhile, Governor Schricker continued his silent game of watching and waiting. Even the text of his inaugural address next Monday will be held until the last minute.

### Democrats Wary

Other Democratic leaders have adopted the same tactics. No special caucus was planned by the minority today.

Governor Townsend was due back from Washington today, and will deliver his farewell address to a joint session of the Senate and House shortly after 10 a. m. Monday. His talk will be brief, and the only legislative proposal he will recommend is a national defense measure. He is expected to review his four-year record, stressing that he is winding up his term with the State financially in the black.

On the defense situation, the Governor is expected to ask a law setting up a State Defense Council and appropriating at least \$500,000 for allocation to cities and towns in which major defense industries have been located. The Federal Government already has spent or contracted for more than one-half billion dollars in Indiana for defense work.

**Ceremonies Come First**

After the Governor's address, the houses will reconvene and Rep. James M. Knapp, House Speaker, will name committees. The Senate committee probably will not be named until Monday, when Lieut.-Gov. Dawson receives his oath of office. Governor-elect Schricker will preside as Lieutenant Governor until his inauguration also Monday.

With these ceremonies and others, the Legislature is not expected to get down to the bill-introducing business until about Tuesday. It is generally conceded that among the first to go into the hopper will be the Republicans' reorganization bills.

The measure to make the office of Attorney General, now appointed by the Governor, an elective one, is expected to be among the first to appear.

And then will come the flood. Among the most prominent proposals to be submitted are:

1. Amending the Gross Income Tax Act to remove inequalities.

2. Reassessment of Real Estate in accordance with a manual establishing a uniform system of fixing valuations.

3. Constitutional amendment to permit Indiana cities to select their own type of government.

4. "Little Hatch Act" to limit campaign expenditures.

5. Little Wage-Hour Act" to cover workers in intra-state commerce.

6. Local option in the sale of alcoholic beverages.

7. Elimination of the fee system from various county offices.

8. Extension of the merit system

## Stephenson's Parole Hearing Opens



Witnesses testifying for and against a parole for D. C. Stephenson, former Klan leader, serving a life sentence for murder, were heard today by the State Clemency Commission. Members (left to right) Mrs. Martha Salb, secretary; J. W. Yost and Charles O. Apple.

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**Tell Commission of Fears; Minister Appears for Prisoner.**

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## Device Measures Flight in Miles

LONDON, Jan. 8 (U. P.)—Lauren Swadling, 21-year-old Surrey chemist, has invented an airplane millimeter which will show how many ground miles are covered in flights, it was revealed today.

Swadling said the instrument would be of particular aid in blind flying, which would help the Royal Air Force in long distance attacks. He believes his invention is of even greater value to military aviation than America's expects secret bomb sight. He expects production to begin in a few weeks.

## AID TO BRITAIN BILLS IN MAKING

**May Ask 3 to 10 Billion; Broad Grant for Lease Of Arms Hinted.**

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## GOVERNORSHIP FIGHT HINTED

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## FASCISTS CALL 500,000 YOUTHS TO ARMY DUTY

**German Press Calls F. D. R. 'War Profiteer No. 1'; Tobruk Siege Near.**

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**Informs Congress That 'Democracy as Way of Life' Is at Stake.**

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