

At City Hall

# BOARD REFUSES 'EASY WAY OUT'

Safety Body Seeks Council Approval of Purchases  
Although Legal Chief Has Ruled It Not Necessary;  
'Better Policy,' Says Keach.

By RICHARD LEWIS

At City Hall, department heads have a dread of submitting purchases of more than \$2000 to City Council for approval.

In the first place, the purchase can be delayed for months by the Council. And the members have a habit of asking uncomfortable questions about the purchases.

In keeping with tradition, Safety Board members always have asked the Council to approve purchases. And on many a Council meeting night, Board President Leroy J. Keach has worked hard to get Council's okay for some police or fire department item.

Yesterday, however, it was learned that the Safety Board does not have to consult the Council on purchases. The Board can buy what it pleases without consulting anybody, provided it stays within its budget, according to an opinion from the City Legal Department.

Moreover, the Safety Board does not have to advertise for bids in making a purchase, the Legal Department has ruled. It has a free hand.

Safety Board President Keach said these rulings are not new. They were given by Corporation Counsel Edward H. Knight several months ago.

Mr. Keach was asked why, in view of the rulings, he continued to advertise for bids and put in long hours seeking Councilmanic approval for purchases as the other department heads do.

"I don't know," he said. "Perhaps it's better policy. And we're going to continue the same way."

Not Much Smoke

George Popp, City Building Commissioner, thinks Indianapolis has escaped smoke pretty well this winter. There hasn't been so much smoke mixed in with winter fog as in former years, he believes. And he thinks this has been due, in part, to the Commission's efforts toward inducing property owners to repair faulty heating equipment.

But the City now has only one smoke inspector and that is not enough to enforce the anti-smoke ordinance. Mr. Popp told the Safety Board yesterday. He asked for two policemen to act as smoke observers.

Mr. Popp's request was held up because of the absence of Police Chief Michael F. Morrissey. It wasn't generally known, but the Chief was invited to Washington to assist authorities in policing for the inauguration of President Roosevelt.

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Traffic Lights Ready

New type traffic lights for Meridian St. are now ready for installation. The lights are so constructed that they inform the motorist how many seconds he has left to cross the intersection.

Invented by an Indianapolis dentist, the new signal consists of a cluster of seven red lights encircled by 12 green lights. The lights turn before the green changes to red—the lights begin to snap out—one each second. It's easy to tell how much time is left to go through the intersection.

TAFT FEARS BIG DEBT  
TO MEAN SOCIALISM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (U. P.)— Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.) newest member of the Senate Finance Committee, said today that heavy public debt loads were threatening both the United States and Great Britain with socialism.

He proposed higher income tax rates to reduce mounting deficits and to head off a threatened sales tax. He suggested that the "normal" income tax rate be boosted from 4 to 10 per cent.

Mr. Taft also called upon Congress in an interview to make economies wherever possible, but other members of the Senate economy bloc, including Senator Alva E. Adams (D. Colo.), doubted that much money could be saved next year under President Roosevelt's \$17,500,000 budget.

"The budget is more apt to go up than down," Mr. Adams said, "with public sentiment on national defense the way it is."

BILL WOULD STOP  
KISSING OF BIBLE

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 22 (U. P.)—A bill to eliminate the ritual of kissing the Bible in the taking of an oath was introduced in the state House of Representatives today.

Rep. F. L. Gobble, author of the measure, said "Bible-kissing was 'un sanitary and unnecessary.'

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INDIANAPOLIS WFBM 1220 (CBS Net.)	INDIANAPOLIS WIBR 1400 (NBC-MBS)	CHICAGO WLS-WENR 870 (NBC-MBS)	CINCINNATI WLW 700 (NBC-MBS)
4:00 Big Band 11:00 "The Mystery 4:30 Hugo Salzo Scattergood	Girl Alone Dick Reed Musical Soiree Over Paradise Musical Soiree Over Paradise	Norman Ross Norman Ross Musical Soiree Over Paradise	Small Town John Wayne Armstrong News
5:00 Waltz Time 5:30 "The Mystery 5:30 "The Mystery 5:30 Gilbert Forbes	Dress, Evert Dress, Evert News East Asia	King Arthur Jr. King Arthur Jr. Tom Mix	Travel Time Duke Jones Don Winslow Lowell Thomas
6:00 "Alone 6:30 Meet Mr. Meek	Picture Time News Room 1 Inside Sports	Easy Persons Julian Bentley Fritz Hunt	Picture Time Norman Ross Cavalcade On Parade
7:00 Big Town 7:30 Dr. Christian	Tony Martin Dick Reed Plantation	Gus Kides Gus Kides Manhattan Paradise	Tony Martin How Did You Meet Plantation
8:15 Fred Allen 8:30 Fred Allen	Eddie Cantor District Attorney District Attorney	Eddie Cantor Concert Miniature Kris Kring	Eddie Cantor District Attorney Kris Kring
9:00 Glenn Miller 9:15 Glenn Miller 9:30 Music Moderns	Ray Koyer Ray Koyer Jordan Playshop	Story Drama Ray Haver Doctors at Work Doctors at Work	Ray Koyer Ray Koyer Jordan Playshop
10:00 Gilbert For 10:15 Roy Orbison 10:30 Joe Schenck	Dick Reed Answer Man Jordan Playshop	10 O'Clock Final 10 O'Clock Final 10 O'Clock Final	Peter Grant W. H. Hessler Deacon Moore
11:15 Geo. Hamilton 11:30 Bobby Day	Music You Want Music You Want Phil Harris	Globe Trotter Glen Miller Orrin Tucker	Jimmy James Jimmy James Moon River

## THURSDAY PROGRAMS

INDIANAPOLIS WFBM 1220 (CBS Net.)	INDIANAPOLIS WIBR 1400 (NBC-MBS)	INDIANAPOLIS WIBR 1400 (NBC-MBS)	CINCINNATI WLW 700 (NBC-MBS)
6:30 Early Birds	Dawn Patrol Market Reports	Devotional Organic	News The Buccaneers
6:45 Early Birds	European News Do You Know Stitch in Time	Breakfast Jam Breakfast Jam Breakfast Jam	Time to Shine Boone County Consumers
7:00 Early Birds	7:30 Early Birds	News	News
7:15 Early Birds	7:45 News	Roundup On the Air Band Wagon	Roundup Kitty Keene Linda's Love
8:00 Mark Time 8:15 "The Blues	8:30 Mrs. Farrell 8:45 Mrs. Farrell	Housewives, Hannah Housewives, Hannah Ellen Randolph Guiding Light	Houseboat Hannah Ellen Randolph Women in White
8:15 Mrs. Farrell 8:30 Mrs. Farrell	9:00 Kathleen Norris 9:15 Mrs. Marce 9:30 Stenographer 9:45 Song Show	Community Hall Bill Jones Bill the Record Bill the Record	Community Hall Bill Jones Bill the Record
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9:00 Kathleen Norris 9:15 Mrs. Marce 9:30 Stenographer 9:45 Song Show	10:15 Gil Marries 10:30 Helen Trent 10:45 "The Story of the Brave	Matinee Musical Personality John Steele Linda's Love	Church Hymns Grimm's Daughter Vivian Leigh Light of the World
9:15 Mrs. Farrell 9:30 Stenographer 9:45 Song Show	11:15 Dr. Malone 11:30 Joves Jordan 11:45 "The Story of the Brave	Band Music A to Z Novelty Song Concert	Mary Marlin Maw Perkins Vivian Leigh Vivie Sade
9:30 Stenographer 9:45 Song Show	12:00 Melodic Strings 12:15 Gilbert Forbes 12:30 Farm Circle 12:45 "The Story of the Brave	Backstage Wife Stella Dallas Linda's Love	Backstage Wife Stella Dallas Linda's Love
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10:00 Mary McBride 10:15 Song Treasure 10:30 School of Air	1:00 Portia Blake 1:15 Tea Time 1:30 "The House 1:45 Masterworks	Rhythms Roundup Rhythms Roundup Song Serenade Song Serenade	Small Town Long Journey Jack Armstrong News
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NBC-RED-WEF, 660: WTAM, 1070: WWJ, 920: WMAQ, 670:

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## FEDERAL CHECK ON MINES SEEN

Law Requiring Inspection by  
U. S. Appears to Have  
Chance in Congress.

By FRED W. PERKINS  
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—A law

requiring Federal inspection of coal

mines, for which the United Mine

Workers have been campaigning

several years, is believed to have

better than an even chance of en-

actment in this session of Congress.

Its approval at the White House

is assured since President Roosevelt

indicated the principles of the legis-

lation just before election.

The bill passed the Senate last

year, and in the House nearly half

of the membership signed a petition

to squeeze it out of the Mines and

Mining Committee.

## Agree to Changes

The favorable outlook for the bill

is brightened by changes agreed to

by Thomas Kennedy, secretary-

treasurer of the Miners' Union

and former Lieutenant-Governor of

Pennsylvania. One of them is in-

tended to propitiate state mining

departments which have feared the

Federal Government would take

over their functions.

A new section provides that the

Federal inspectors must report their

activities and give notice of pro-

posed inspections to the state

agencies. State inspectors must be

given opportunity to accompany the

Federal men in their underground

tours. No Federal inspection may

be in violation of any state law.

## States Keep "Police Power"

The "police power" to enforce

sanitary regulations is left with the

states.

The benefit hoped for by the bill's

backers is that publicity for the

Federal findings and recommendations

will force a higher standard of efficiency in state inspection systems, on which they blame some of the numerous mine disasters of 1940.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (U. P.)

—Hymns books at \$30 apiece—that

is what Rep. E. E. Cox (D. Ga.)

charges the Army paid for some

hymns.

During a House Naval Affairs

Committee meeting, Rep. Cox said