

LABOR DISPUTES IN STALEMATE

Allis Negotiators Wait for
Msgr. Haas; Harvester
Strike Goes On.

By UNITED PRESS
Labor disputes in defense industries were virtually at a standstill today with three Middle West manufacturing plants still closed by strikes.

Negotiations in the strike of 7000 United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) at the Milwaukee, Wis., plant of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. were postponed to await the arrival of Msgr. Francis J. Haas of Catholic University, who was assigned to collaborate with Conciliator James R. Holmes in the dispute.

The Allis-Chalmers plant was working on navy and munitions plant machinery worth \$26,000,000 when the union called a strike to demand a general wage increase and union recognition.

Two Illinois plants of the International Harvester Co. remained strikebound after a conference between the Farm Equipment Workers' Organizing Committee (C. I. O.) and company officials failed to result in agreement. The Harvester company has defense orders totaling \$10,000,000 at its eight middle west plants. The C. I. O. union seeks recognition at Harvester plants where the union now does not have contracts.

Negotiators failed to settle a dispute between the Alabama Drydocks and Shipbuilding Co. at Mobile, Ala., and its 3400 employees who are demanding higher wages, seniority and apprentice systems. The members of the industrial union of marine and shipbuilding workers (C. I. O.) union repair vessels for the Navy and British shipping interests. They went on strike for two hours Tuesday to enforce their demands.

Construction work on the Mesta Machine Corp. plant addition at Pittsburgh still was suspended by a strike of 80 building trades workers protesting the employment of non-union men. The Navy has appropriated \$1,600,000 for gun-forging equipment at the plant.

U. S. MOVE PLEASES RUSSIA
MOSCOW, Jan. 24 (U. P.).—Political observers said today that the lifting of the moral embargo on airplanes and aviation materials to Soviet Russia by the United States had removed the last obstacle to improvement of relations between the two countries.

Army, Navy and Air Chiefs Will Testify On British Aid Bill at Closed Hearing

G. O. P. Members of House
Protest in Vain Against
Democratic Action.

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mind. He said he thought the question ought to come up later after Congress proposes amendments, if any.

The President also declined to comment on Col. Lindbergh's statement that if this country had refrained from giving moral backing to Britain and France, the present European war would not have occurred. Mr. Roosevelt said he had not read Col. Lindbergh's speech and in response to a question, asked why he should read it.

The President had been reported as willing to accept an amendment specifically prohibiting the use of naval vessels as convoys.

Persons who have discussed the legislation with the President said he also indicated he would not object to a time limit on the authority that would be given him to lease, lend, exchange or transfer war materials abroad, or to a requirement that he report regularly to Congress on transactions, except information deemed by the Army Chief of Staff and the chief of naval operations to be military secrets.

Mr. Fish also has telegraphed former Secretary of War Harry A. Woodring asking him to testify. Mr. Fish hopes he will arrive late this afternoon. Mr. Woodring's letter of resignation has never been made public because, according to the White House, it was "too personal." He had disagreed vigorously with President Roosevelt over defense policies.

Gen. Johnson, columnist, yesterday



Chairman Sol Bloom (left) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee whispers to Gen. Hugh Johnson during yesterday's hearing on the British aid bill, during which Mr. Johnson ventured the opinion that no nation could successfully attack the United States at this time.

predicted that the United States had better "be careful" or it might find itself in the war in 30 to 90 days, possibly on the west coast of Africa.

"This is just another big jump down the avalanche way," Mr. Johnson said of the bill. "It's like a snowball rolling down hill. We'd better be careful."

He said he was "for all the aid to Britain that helps the defense of the United States—and not one inch more." He said he believed in preparedness and was opposed to "getting into this thing until we know which way the cat is going to jump."

"Nobody knows what Russia's going to do," he added. "Nobody knows what Japan's going to do."

BLUE TO GET COPIES OF POLICE REPORTS

Prosecutor Sherwood Blue announced today that copies of all police reports and suspect's statements will be sent to his office in the future by order of the Safety Board.

The procedure was outlined in a final report made by Mr. Blue to Criminal Court Judge Dewey E. Myers on an investigation conducted last week into the police confiscation of punchboards in which no arrests were made.

Ready to Give Curls for U. S.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 24 (U. P.).—Ivan Barzella Heiderich's gleaming, six-inch blond curls won't become a military casualty.

Drift board officials yesterday deferred the 33-year-old bachelor's induction because he is a farmer and vital to national defense.

Mr. Heiderich said that his curls were a hobby. His mother wouldn't cut his hair, when he wanted to have them off at 6. As he grew older, they became a habit and finally his pride and joy. Nevertheless, Mr. Heiderich said, he was willing to sacrifice his curls to a military haircut, if drafted.

"Somebody's got to carry the burden," he said.

PROMPT APPROVAL CAUGHNAN IS SEEN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Prompt Senate approval of E. Howard Caughnan, Indianapolis, as United States District Attorney for the Southern Indiana District is predicted by Senator Frederick Van Nuys.

Recommended by Senator Van Nuys to succeed to the vacancy caused by the death of Val Nolan, Mr. Caughnan's nomination was sent to the Senate by President Roosevelt yesterday.

STATE POLICE SEEK EXTRA HALF-MILLION

An increase of about \$500,000 in the State Police budget for the next two years to build new headquarters here and provide for additional personnel and pay increases was reported today by State Police Superintendent Don Stiver.

The State's share of the new building cost would be \$150,000, with WPA adding \$225,000. It would be conducted on state-owned land near the School for the Deaf on E. 42d St. It would house the headquarters now in the State House basement and provide for the Police training school, now conducted at Indiana University.

Fifty new patrolmen each year would be added during the next biennium, the first on July 1. Basic pay increases from \$135 a month to \$150 would be granted to officers with five years or more of experience. Corresponding increases for men of higher rank also are provided.

The proposed wage raises would cost the State about \$150,000 the first year and \$250,000 the second.

PAUL KELLY WEDS
HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 24 (U. P.).—Actor Paul Kelly and actress Claire Owen, were back today from an elopement to Yuma, Ariz.

Both tried to conceal their identities when they were married, but on returning, they admitted the marriage to friends.

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SENATE PASSES ATTY. GEN. BILLS

Harried Legislators Quit for
Week-End After Mild
Morning.

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to the gloomy picture painted by the State Budget Committee and some measures such as gross tax relief and free textbooks may be dropped. Any moves in this direction will stir up a real fight.

The Attorney General bills moved along today would make the office elective and give Republicans control of the appointment of an interim "attorney for the state." They had been delayed for several days by some Republicans who believed the provision for appointment of the interim official by the Governor and two elected G. O. P. state officials "might not be wise."

The Democrats offered only brief resistance today. Senator Roger Phillips (D. New Albany), submitted a motion to send the bill to the attorney general's office back to committee for a public hearing.

Sees Bad Precedent
This motion was killed and the Democrats offered no amendments to the companion bill which recreated the office making it elective in 1942 and providing for the interim appointment.

"Our case has already been presented," Senator Phillips explained. In speaking on his motion to recommit the bill to committee for public hearing, Senator Phillips declared that several members of the Republican Party thought that the bill might be unconstitutional. "It will set a bad precedent," he declared, "to send a bill to the House which will have to be re-drafted in committee there."

Senator William E. Jenner (R. Shoals), Senate president pro tem, declared that "it is our contention that the bill is proper and constitutional." He quoted an 1891 Supreme Court decision as basis for his belief that the legislature has the right to select any state officer not provided for in the Constitution.

Receipt System Ended
Another Republican-sponsored measure to authorize the State Budget committee to fix an expense account schedule for state employees was passed unanimously. The bill fixes \$8 as the maximum amount that can be spent on any one day. It abolished the present system of filing receipts.

The G. O. P. anti-nepotism and \$40 per month maximum old age assistance bills were advanced to within one step of final passage. The bill to make it unlawful for a state official to employ a member of his family was amended on the request of Senator Albert Ferris (R. Milton), to include fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, uncles and aunts. The bill originally had included only husbands, wives, sons, daughters, nieces and nephews and in-laws.

An amendment submitted to the latter measure by Senator John Gonas (D. Mishawaka), to increase the maximum monthly old age assistance to \$50 was defeated.

Attacked by Democrats
In the House, the State Institutions bill, attacked by Democrats and civic workers for taking control from the Governor and by merit plan backers, was delayed again.

This bill, which would "decentralize" the penal, benevolent and correctional institutions, has been trailing the other Republican platform measures on its way toward enactment.

It was the subject of a public hearing Monday in which merit plan proponents asked that it be delayed until a central merit system bill was introduced. The Republicans refused to agree to this, but agreed to amend it in committee to make it applicable to a central merit system. The amendment and two others were not ready today, holding up action.

A bill designed to reduce expenses of the State Printing Board \$10,000 annually was introduced in the House today by Rep. J. Otto Lee (R. Indianapolis). The measure would set up a board composed of the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor and Reporter of the Supreme and Appellate Courts. Rep. Lee said the personal service expense of the board would be reduced from \$17,840 to \$7800.

Follows Court Ruling

Rep. Howard T. Bateman (D. Terre Haute), introduced a bill setting up county barber boards with the power to investigate working conditions in barber shops and hold public hearings sought by petition.

The bill was designed to re-establish a similar law passed by the last session and later declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court. Sections which resulted in the court setback would be changed to follow the opinion handed down at that time, Rep. Bateman said.

The barber boards would have the power to enforce price changes or other changes in shops within their jurisdiction determined after a public hearing.

Meanwhile, another side-attraction was under way. The House named seven Representatives yesterday to the joint committee which will investigate fraud charges filed by Virgil Whitaker, Hammond attorney, seeking to unseat Governor Schricker. The Senate was to name its seven members today, and the action of this committee will be final.

House members are: Reps. John A. Kendall, Danville; Glenn Markland, Zionsville; Emory W. Johnson Jr., Indianapolis; Roy J. Harrison, Attica; and George W. Henley, Bloomington, all Republicans; Winfield K. Denton, Evansville, and Howard Bateman, Terre Haute, Democrats.

Likely Senate members are: Thurman Biddinger, Marion; Braxton H. Bears, Peru; Henry Shull, Auburn; Robert Lee Brokenburr, Indianapolis; and Roy Conrad, Monticello, all Republicans; and Roger Phillips, New Albany, and Charles Bedwell, Bedford.

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War Moves Today

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British operations for the control of all of Italian East Africa are now in their preliminary stage, possibly waiting for reinforcements, especially airplanes and tanks from the Libyan campaign, before developing into a major push.

After the completion of the drive through Cyrenaica province in Libya, there will be more opportunity for concentrating against Abyssinia, the principal objective of the East African campaign.

At present, the British are moving into Eritrea, north of Abyssinia, where the way is open for an advance into the Abyssinian mountains. The Italians have concentrated before Biscia and Barentu, two strategic centers about 75 miles inside Eritrea, east of the Sudan border.

These two outposts are some 25 miles apart. Barentu, which is south of Biscia straddles a pathway running toward Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, while Biscia leads to a light railway also terminating at Asmara.

The immediate objective of the British forward movement into Eritrea thus seems to be the Capital, about 100 miles east of the present scene of operations. Once Asmara falls, the British will possess a base for future operations of high strategic value.

Asmara is 50 miles north of the Abyssinian border. The Italians have constructed a first class road from Asmara, running directly to Addis Ababa, Abyssinia's capital, 500 miles to the south.

Asmara, too, is connected with the Red Sea port of Massaua, 50 miles to the east. After occupying Asmara and getting to Massaua, the British will be able to reinforce their movement by transport down the Red Sea from Egypt.

MORE GUARDS OFF FOR SOUTH

64 Men, 3 Officers Leave
In Truck Convoy; Main
Group to Go Sunday.

The last of the advance guard units of Indiana's Federalized National Guard left snow-blanketed Indianapolis by truck early today for the warmer Southland.

A truck convoy manned by 64 men and three officers of the Headquarters Company, 151st Infantry, left the Motor Armory at 6 a. m. the last of the preliminary movements until the main body of the newly inducted regulars leave by train over the week-end.

The convoy will make three overnight bivouacs, at Salem, Ill.; Jackson, Tenn., and Meridian, Miss., before reaching Camp Shelby, Miss., the new quarters for 38th Division troops from Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia.

The main body of Hoosier soldiers, yet to go, continued indoor drills and final packing preparations.

Company commanders have ordered detachments to set up field kitchens in baggage cars when they are shunted into yards in preparation for the ride South.

A major portion of the advance guard convoys are now en route to Camp Shelby.

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