

# LEGISLATORS DUE TO PICK UP SPEED

Nearly All of G. O. P. Patronage Bills Have Been Passed By One House or the Other; Senate Committee to Study Major Ripper Measure Monday.

By EARL RICHERT

Indiana's law-making machine is moving about on schedule. Already, with the legislative session not quite one-third over, 305 bills have been introduced and two have been enacted into law.

Almost all of the major G. O. P. patronage-grabbing bills have been passed by one of the two Houses. The Senate has passed 14 bills and the House 10.

The stage is set for a speed-up in the bill passage, with committees having completed preliminary studies and recommended passage of a large number of measures to both Houses.

If the present rate is maintained, it is expected that the 1941 Legislature will set about the same record as the 1939 Legislature, some 900 bills introduced and approximately 190 enacted into law.

## Before Judiciary Committee

Republican leaders in both Houses said they expected to have practically all the major G. O. P. patronage bills passed through the remaining House and ready for the Governor's "signature or veto" during the first week of February.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled to begin consideration Monday afternoon on the House-passed decentralization bill which will change the entire structure of the state government, taking control from the Governor and placing it in Republican-dominated boards.

The committee also will consider two other House-passed "decentralization" bills, the bill to change the Highway Department and the bill to repeal the 1933 McNutt Reorganization Act.

## Speedy Action Expected

Favorable committee action is virtually assured on these measures and a special Senate session may be held next Saturday to pass them before the "tentative" Feb. 1 deadline, according to Senator William E. Jenner (R. Shoals), Senate president pro tem.

Similar speedy action is expected in House committees on the state-passed bills to give the Republicans control of the Welfare Department, Industrial Board, Tax Board, partial control of the State Police, make the Attorney General's office elective and give the Republicans control of an appointment of an interim attorney to abolish the State Planning Board and the Two Per Cent Club.

Two other major G. O. P. bills, those to set up bipartisan boards for the 20 state institutions and to change the Public Service Commission set-up are still in committee in the House.

Two minor Republican-sponsored bills, those making it illegal for a state official to hire a close relative and to raise the maximum old-age assistance from \$30 to \$40 per month, are ready for final action in the Senate.

## Others With Committee

Bills providing for home rule, local liquor option, free textbooks, liberalization of the Workmen's Compensation and Unemployment Compensation laws and establishing a State Home Guard and Administrative Defense Council are in the hands of committees.

Major legislation still to be introduced includes congressional and legislative reapportionment, re-assessment of real estate, establishment of a central merit system, clarification of the election laws, the non-partisan election of judges and the G. O. P. liquor bill.

## ADVENTIST CHURCH TO BE CONSECRATED

For a year, the Capitol Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church worshiped in the basement while they were accumulating cash for a new building.

Tomorrow a complete new church costing \$30,000 is to be consecrated with special services at 3 p. m. The church will not be dedicated until its small indebtedness of \$100 is cleared, the pastor, Elder J. H. Lawrence says. Elder S. E. White, former president of the Indiana Seventh Day Adventist Conference, will conduct the consecration.

The Capitol Avenue congregation owns the manse next door to the church and an 11-grade academy employing three teachers and with an enrollment of 60 pupils. The property at 2160 N. Calipol Ave. represents an investment of \$50,000, raised within the last five years, according to Elder Lawrence.

The church here is the 17th building erected under the pastor's leadership.

# Culbertson Peps Up Bridge System with 'Risqué' Rules

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (U. P.).—Ely Culbertson announced to a convention of 5,000,000 followers yesterday that he had pepped up his famed bridge system.

The new rules, which he termed "risqué," affect about 10 per cent of his system. Under the revisions, followers of the Culbertson system now may:

Include a singleton—even a deuce—in the honor trick table in the same category with the ace, king, or queen.

Bid on minimum suits of queen-four-three-deuce in place of the previous bottom of queen-jack-three-deuce. Even weak five-card suits, such as six-to-deuce, may be bid—but he listed them as "conditional biddable suits."

Mr. Culbertson said he had been using the new rules himself for several years, which accounted for charges that he hadn't been following his own system.

"Bridge is on the upswing, as it usually is in troubled times," he



Republicans and Democrats alike are "up against it" as they carry out their platform pledges in the Legislature. The budget apparently won't stand such things as gross income tax relief without going out of balance. Typical of the Republican sentiment is that Rep. Howard Hiestand (R. Kentland), who contends that "platforms never should promise things that an altered financial situation would make impossible."

# GOP AGREES ON LIQUOR CHANGE

Reorganization Bill to Put Tavern Control With County Boards.

By NOBLE REED

Republican Legislators, struggling for several weeks over the draft of a liquor reorganization bill, have agreed upon one major provision—to place control over taverns in the hands of county boards, it was learned today.

Present laws provide for county liquor boards but final control over every tavern in the state is vested in the Alcoholic Beverages Commission.

G. O. P. majority leaders still are unable to agree upon the political setup of the State House administrative office.

## Mindful of Heat

Some Republican leaders mindful of the political "heat" always connected with liquor administration, have recommended setting up the control under Governor Henry F. Schriener, Democrat.

Others still are holding out for a strict bi-partisan commission with the Governor appointing two Democrats and Lieut. Gov. Charles M. Dawson appointing two Republicans.

Another group of G. O. P. legislators is arguing for abolition of the present four-member commission and merely creating a single administrative office to be controlled by a board composed of the Governor and two Republican elected officials.

## Democrats to Fight

The majority leaders said they hope to have a bill completed for introduction in the House about the last of next week.

Democratic minority legislators have indicated they would oppose vigorously any change in the present liquor control structure on the ground that Indiana's system was declared a model setup at a conference of administrators of other states in Buffalo, N. Y., last year.

## PINNED UNDER MACHINE

Charles Baker, 1142 S. Belmont Ave., was injured seriously today while loading machinery in the 400 block of S. Illinois St. He received a possible fractured skull. One of the machines he was loading slipped and pinned him beneath it, police reported.

# BRITISH CLAIM 130-MILE GAIN

Every Italian Colony Now Invaded; Nazis Strike In Mediterranean.

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rease demands for preferential trade privileges there.

A German communiqué reported that speedboats had made a "successful reconnaissance of the Channel area" and returned to port undamaged despite bad weather and a clash with British warboats.

The new West air attack was reported to have been made west of the Greek island of Crete, where the British have established a strong air and sea base.

Accounts of the new Mediterranean air-sea battle were sketchy and came entirely from Axis sources.

The German radio reported that three heavy units of the British fleet had been hit by bombs, two battleships and one heavy cruiser and that a British plane was shot down trying to drive off the Nazi raiders. The Italian communiqué mentioned a hit on a heavy cruiser.

## Attack in Kenya

The British warships were said to be escorting a convoy to Crete.

The British drive in Africa went ahead regardless of the war at sea.

It was estimated that the total number of prisoners taken by the British at Tobruk would be 20,000.

London announced today that Britain intended to bring Italian prisoners from Libya to England to replace conscripted agricultural workers as fast as shipping facilities were available.

Cairo reported that revolt was spreading in Ethiopia where Haile Selassie has raised his imperial banner anew. British troops were slashing into Eritrea in a two-pronged drive toward the railroad at Agordat, 60 to 80 miles into the country. Another column is pushing south into Ethiopia in the Lake Tana region where Selassie has gone and where natives were said to be responding to his appeal.

Farther south in Kenya, British forces cut over the border into both Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland. At all points the Italians were said to be retreating, presumably toward prepared defense positions.

Gen. Ion Antonescu was gradually emerging with the upper hand in Rumania's bloody three-day civil war. He apparently had the support of Berlin, which said that "either Mussolini or Franco would have done the same thing" as Antonescu.

Charest reported that Antonescu had ringed the capital city with picked troops to prevent the escape of Iron Guard rebels.

## 3000 Feared Dead

The death toll was placed by Rumanian officials at about 1000 including Jews. Neighboring countries believed the casualties would run to 2500 killed in Bucharest and possibly 3000 to 3500 in the provinces.

It officially was denied that German troops were patrolling Bucharest. Rumanian troops, it was explained, had accepted the loan of German armored cars for their patrols.

Budapest believed that Antonescu's troubles were not over yet, reporting that centers of Iron Guard resistance still held out outside Bucharest and that the country was suffering a severe food and gasoline shortage. Bucharest announced that 250 "important" rebels had been captured in one stronghold at noon today.

There was a completely unconfirmed rumor that Vice Premier Horia Sima, Iron Guard leader blamed for the uprising and wanted by Antonescu "alive or dead" for his part in the mass murders, was one of this 250. Other reports said that he was hiding in Southern Transylvania.

Reports from Athens appeared to indicate that the Italians have bolstered their Albanian forces substantially in recent weeks. In addition to reinforcements previously reported on the coastal front defending Valona and Berat today it was said that large number of fresh troops are being concentrated in the vital Koriza region.

## U-Boat Base Bombed

The Greeks held Koriza and Pograce a few miles north on Lake Ochrida and have pushed the advance posts close to Lin near the northern end of the lake. However, it has become apparent that the Italians have dug in to positions in the mountains close to Koriza all through the slow extension of the Greek flank along the lake. It is from their positions just north and west of Koriza that they now appear to be preparing an attack in an attempt to regain Koriza.

The Royal Air Force, after being grounded for several days by bad weather, resumed operations last night, attacking the German submarine base on the French Coast. There was no report of German air activity over Britain.

The Rome communiqué reported the sinking of a 7000-ton British ship, the Eumebus, described as an auxiliary cruiser loaded with troops. Another Italian submarine was said to have sunk the Greek ship, Eleni, 6000 tons.

# Heads Jurists



Benjamin E. Buente... elected to the presidency of Indiana's judges.

# BUENTE NAMED DURING BANQUET

Lawyers Seek Integrated Bar Bill Passage; to Hear Hershey.

Hoosier lawyers discussed matters affecting their profession today at the annual mid-winter conference of the Indiana State Bar Association at the Claypool Hotel.

At a pre-conference meeting yesterday, the board of managers instructed to the Bar's legislative committee to seek passage of an integrated bar bill. Such a measure would place attorneys under regulation of the State Supreme Court.

At this morning's session, reports were heard on legal education, amendments to the Bankruptcy Act, administrative law, canons of ethics, illegal practices, judicial selection and tenure and Bar Association membership.

President Roscoe C. O'Byrne of Brookville said that non-partisan election of judges also will be discussed during the convention.

## Fansler Speaks

Michael L. Fansler, Indiana Supreme Court judge, spoke at the opening session on "Some Public Reactions to Procedural Methods." This afternoon's speaker was to be Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service official from Washington. His topic was to be "Pages of Interest to Lawyers From the Book of National Defense."

New officers were to be elected this afternoon. Reports were to be considered on integration of the bar, jurisprudence and law reform, public relations, criminal jurisprudence and the young lawyers section.

The speaker at a banquet to be held at 6:30 o'clock tonight at the Claypool will be Norman M. Littell, assistant U. S. Attorney General, speaking on "The German Invasion of American Business."

## Hear Former Judge

At a Legal Institute held yesterday, the lawyers heard Charles A. Lowe, former Seventh Judicial Circuit judge, speak on "Automobile Negligence."

The Indiana Judges Association held its annual banquet last evening and Judge Benjamin E. Buente of Vanderburgh Superior Court, Evansville, was elected president. He succeeds Judge Howard L. Hancock of Rockville. Other new officers are Judge Dan Fyle of South Bend, vice president, and Judge Edgar A. Rice of Crawfordsville, secretary-treasurer.

Superior Court Judge Russell J. Ryan of Indianapolis was named chairman of an arrangements committee for the American Bar Association meeting here in September. Judge Frank B. Russell of Tipton was named director of a group to co-ordinate national defense activities.

## Resolutions Studied

As the principal speaker of the evening, Judge Curtis Roll of the State Supreme Court urged that the association should give the public the benefit of its judgment of candidates if judges are chosen on a non-partisan basis.

Association resolutions to be prepared would provide for older lawyers to take over the business of their younger colleagues called in the draft, this clientele to be returned to the younger members when their service with the Army was finished.

Pre-conference business included selection of a legislative committee, with Donald L. Smith of Indianapolis as chairman. Other members are Louden L. Bomberger of Hammond, Albert H. Cole of Peru, Lawrence E. Carlson of Huntington, Charles H. Bedwell of Sullivan, George W. Henley of Bloomington and Hugh Dillin of Petersburg.

Telford B. Orblson of New Albany was elected to the board of managers to succeed the late John K. Chappell of Petersburg.

# JURY PONDER'S FATE OF IOZZO

Gets Case at 12:10, After Hearing 40 Pages of Instructions.

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penalty shall be death or life imprisonment; it may find him guilty of second degree murder, the penalty for which is mandatory at life imprisonment; voluntary manslaughter, the penalty for which is two to 21 years; involuntary manslaughter, with a penalty of one to 10 years, or not guilty.

## Lists Four 'Failures'

Floyd Christian, defense attorney, earlier charged during a one hour and 35 minute oration the State had failed because:

1. It did not show that the gun admittedly owned by Iozzo had fired the bullet that killed Disher.
2. The Disher party was "on a brawl" at the cafe the night of the fatal shooting.
3. That Iozzo had a right to shoot if those in the Disher party were striking members of his family.
4. That the Disher party had been told to leave five times and had no right in the place when the fight took place.

## Rabb Asks Death

"And even if you jurors are convinced from the State's evidence that Iozzo shot Disher, remember that there is a defense greater than self-defense—the defense of your own loved ones," Mr. Christian said.

Closing arguments started at 1 p. m. yesterday when Deputy Prosecutor Saul I. Rabb, after reviewing the State's evidence, concluded by asking for the penalty of death.

Mr. Rabb, in a 50-minute argument, emphasized the testimony of Conrad (Jim) Jung, Allison patrolman, and Fred Burt, Insley Manufacturing Corp. employee.

Mr. Burt testified that he saw Iozzo get a gun, go behind Disher, aim his gun, and shoot him. Mr. Jung said he saw Iozzo get a gun, go behind Disher, that he heard a shot and saw Disher fall.

## "Didn't Have to Kill"

"Iozzo has implied self-defense and defense of his family," Mr. Rabb said. "But he didn't have to kill Virgil Disher. All that was needed to stop this fight that night was a rough hand on the shoulder or a tap on the head with the butt end of the revolver."

"No," he said, "when Fred Iozzo got his revolver that night, he had murder in his heart."

# HOOSIER, ONCE GRID STAR, DIES IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW, Jan. 25 (U. P.).—Charles Haddon Smith, 69, dean of the American colony in Moscow and former All-America football player at the University of Michigan, died yesterday.

Born in Rushville, Ind., he came to Russia in 1916 as a representative of the Inter-Ally Railroad Commission and stayed on as a consultant of Soviet railroads. Later he represented the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce and General Motors Corp.

His wife and daughter were reported to be stranded in Paris.

Charles Haddon Smith, who died yesterday in Moscow, has several relatives in Indiana. Among them a brother, Will H. Smith of New Castle, and two first cousins, Donald Smith, Indianapolis attorney, and Mrs. Phil Willk of Rushville, mother of Mrs. Wendell Wilkie.

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