

Hoosiers in Washington

# TOWNSEND BUSY IN ARMS PLANT POST

Every Train and Plane Brings Delegation Seeking Factories; Terre Haute, Elwood Seek Share in National Prosperity.

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WASHINGTON, March 29.—Former Governor M. Clifford Townsend has been put to work in a big way by being named to the Plant Site Committee in the Office of Production Management.

Every train, plane and bus entering Washington from the North, South, East and West carries at least one delegation determined to get a defense industry for the old home town.

Armed with brief cases filled with data, they descend on OPM, accompanied by their Congressman and some times their Senator. It was this sort of lobbying which brought the OPM statement this week that from now on, new defense industries would be located in the West and South.

These sections long have felt slighted. Donald M. Nelson, OPM Director of Purchases, is the chairman of the Plant Site Committee. Other members, in addition to Mr. Townsend, are Eli Oliver, special assistant on labor relations; E. F. Johnson, chief of aircraft, ordnance and tools branch of the Production Division, and S. R. Fuller, Chairman of the Production Planning Board.

Governor Townsend originally was appointed as special adviser on agricultural and labor matters and still holds that title.

**Terre Haute Seeks Plant**  
Fifteen Hoosiers from Terre Haute called on him this week and urged that a plant be located there soon to save the city's labor from migration. They reported that about 24 families a month are leaving there for areas where defense projects are under way.

They were accompanied by their Congressman, Rep. Noble J. Johnson (R. Ind.). Governor Townsend told them that he was perfectly familiar with the situation and pointed out that the Terre Haute area, including Sullivan, Greene, Clay, Vermillion and Vigo Counties long have contributed Indiana's gravest employment problem.

**Aid Sought for Elwood**  
Another area deserving serious consideration for defense industry is Elwood, Ind., where the stone quarries have left an unemployed labor pool and unused factory buildings, Mr. Townsend said.

Representative William H. Larrabee (D. Ind.) put in a plea for Elwood, which has had a unemployment problem since the tin-plate mills moved away. In a letter to the Site Committee, he said: "It is my desire, at this time, to call to your attention the availability of an excellent plant site in my district, at Elwood, Ind., which might be referred to as one of the 'ghost towns' created by the removal of former factories which had operated in that locality prior to the Hoover panic."

**Put Townsend on Spot**  
"Elwood is favored by nearly every facility that could be desired. I sincerely believe, and the officials and civic organizations of the city have been making every effort with their power to interest private manufacturers in locating production units either in one of the empty buildings now available there or in constructing a new, modern plant on one of the very desirable sites now available in that community."

"Misfortune, however, has thus far followed each of these efforts, and also my own personal efforts to aid Elwood people to bring a new industry to that community. Since Indiana already has had a considerable share in new plant sites, these pleas put Governor Townsend on the spot."

**McNutt in Oklahoma**  
Another former Hoosier who is busy with national defense is Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt. He is handling the highly complex welfare problems which come from cantonments and shifting populations.

Tonight he will be back in politics, however, as the Jackson Day Dinner speaker at Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma Democrats will gather from throughout the State, for Governor McNutt is one of their favorite people. In fact, he had to take personal charge of the Chicago convention revolt to keep the Oklahoma delegation from drafting him for Vice President.

Following some cantonment inspections, Mr. McNutt will join Mrs. McNutt for a Florida vacation at the palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Davies at Palm Beach. During the Easter vacation they will be joined by their daughter, Louise, who is a co-ed at George Washington University here.

**Outdealing the New Deal**

In a plea for the Townsend Plan put into the Congressional Record this week, Rep. Gerald W. Landis (R. Ind.) made a statement of post-war objectives to rival the New Deal.

He said: "If America is to survive and prosper, it will be necessary to decentralize industry and bring the factory to the farm, place a legal floor under domestic farm prices, build a four-lane highway system, plan a housing program, perfect a better youth program of education and establish the right kind of a social-security program for our elders, disabled and dependents."

The National Youth Administration reported this week that 1362 Negro youths now are employed on the NYA out-of-school work program in Indiana.

**U. S. TO HAVE 80,000 IN ARMORED FORCE**

WASHINGTON, March 29 (U. P.).—The Army's rapidly expanding armored forces, similar to the German Panzer divisions, will reach a strength of more than 80,000 men by next January, War Department officials said today.

## G. O. P. ANSWERS SCHRICHER SUIT

Courts Lack Jurisdiction, Party Says in Replies Filed Today.

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quote remedies at law by which the same may be promptly determined."

6. The Lieutenant Governor is legally an administrative and executive officer, not just a legislative officer, as charged by the Democrats.

7. The State Board of Education created by an act of the Legislature is legal. Attorney General Beamer has ruled that the act is void because it attempted to amend a 1913 act which had been repealed. Governor Schriker filed a suit asking declaratory judgment on the legality of the law and validity of the present State Board after May 1. The Republicans deny that the 1913 act was repealed and claim that the 1941 amendment providing for a new Board is legal.

In answer to the Democratic charges that "chaos and confusion" will result if the G. O. P. is not enjoined, the Republicans said: "This confusion would result, if at all, only from unwarranted conduct of the Attorney General and the Governor and their appointees in refusing to accord to the new statutes the legal presumption of validity to which they are entitled, and in being unwilling to have settled any justifiable controversies which might arise in proceedings in which courts would have jurisdiction."

Mr. Gilliom said the Republican State officials filed all four actions today in order to speed up the final decision.

**Cases All Prepared**

"We are seeking no delays," he said. "Our cases are all prepared."

In answering the suit testing legality of the Attorney General Acts, the G. O. P. charged that no test of their validity is possible until a new State attorney is appointed on or after next Tuesday.

The new laws abolish the present office of Attorney General, appointed by the Governor, next Tuesday and provide for the appointment by a G. P.-controlled board of an interim State attorney until a new Attorney General is elected in 1942.

After an appointment is made, Attorney General Beamer and the newly named attorney will be the rightful parties to the suit, the Republicans said.

The Republicans also denied that the Governor alone has the right to make appointments to State offices, charging that the Legislature is empowered to provide for such appointments "not otherwise provided for in this Constitution."

**Democrats Call Laws Illegal**

In their suits, the Democrats charged that the new laws are illegal because they give administrative powers to the Lieutenant Governor, who, they say, is merely a legislative officer under the Constitution.

Denying this, the Republicans said: "The Lieutenant Governor can be given executive and administrative duties by statute. The rights of the Lieutenant Governor to perform such duties has long been recognized and practiced in Indiana and such practice was engaged in by the plaintiff (Governor Schriker) in that he performed executive and administrative duties from 1937 to 1940 under statutes and proclamations of the Governor, receiving \$6000 a year for such services other than presiding over the Senate."

**Chairman Carl Vinson (D. Ga.)**, of the House Naval Affairs Committee, said he plans to hold hearings next week on his bill to prohibit the closed shop and set up a 30-day waiting period before a strike could be called.

Employees at the Bethlehem Steel Corp. shipyard at Hoboken, N. J., authorized the industrial union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers of America (C. I. O.) to call a strike if necessary, but workers at Bethlehem's Crane and Morse shipyards in the Brooklyn Borough were reported to have rebelled against strike proposals submitted by union officials.

The three yards are repairing and overhauling 32 American and British ships.

**Murray Answers Dies**

C. I. O. President Philip Murray, a member of the Super-Mediation Board replied to charges by Rep. Martin Dies (D. Tex.) that Mr. Murray was unable to expel alleged Communist Party members from C. I. O. leadership. Mr. Murray said 26 of the 27 men named by Mr. Dies as C. I. O. steel workers union officials were not members of the union, and that the 27th was not a Communist.

Three-man panels of the super-mediation board confer separately today with representatives of both sides in strikes at the Vanadium Corp. and the Condenser Corp., in an effort to find a basis for settlement.

**Striking Vanadium employees** announced they are ready to abide by the board's plea to abandon their seven weeks' strike. Union leaders said the workers are ready to return to work whenever the company opens the plant or unable to expel alleged Communist Party members from C. I. O. leadership.

The board's first objective in all cases was to effect an immediate resumption of production.

This request was made in a strike at the Bridgeville, Pa., plant of the Universal Cynops Steel Corp., and that 41-day dispute was settled yesterday afternoon, less than 24 hours after Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins turned it over to the board. The union votes today on whether to accept the settlement.

**MEXICO TO MAP DEFENSE**  
MEXICO CITY, March 29 (U. P.).—Col. Cristobal Guzman Cardenas and Lieut. Col. Jose Perez Alende, Mexican military and air attaches respectively at Washington have been summoned here for an urgent conference on defense co-operation, the newspaper Grafico said today.

**Blonds Face a Dark Future as Beauty Aids Are Converted Into Bullets for the Army**

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lose. This same gooey mixture, smelling slightly of bananas, is being shunted from cosmetics factories to high explosive plants, he said.

"It's also being used for coating airplane wings," he continued, "and the supply is growing short."

"Then there's the permanent wave industry. A woman's hair has to be softened with one of the alkalies, before it can be ironed into curls. The alkalies are becoming increasingly hard to get, and the permanent wave people are trying to figure out new ways to get results. I have heard some talk of using live steam, though that is just talk up to now."

Mr. Factor said blonds who depend on peroxide will become brunettes, unless the war ends soon, while those women who credit vanishing cream for their smooth skins likely will be using synthetic glycerine without ever knowing it.

"Face powder is presenting a peculiar problem, too," he said. "Its base is talc, which has come from Italy and France. The supply of this imported talc in this country now is nearing exhaustion. So what's happening?"

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## Doing Men's Work



A great many British women are already working in factories in place of men called to the colors. Above, these two young girls in a South London boot factory are repairing soldiers' shoes.

## Angry Nazis Warn Belgrade Terror Cannot Rule Policy

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ence to the Axis pact, or any other declaration of its foreign policy.

Jugoslavia's new government was reported making progress in cementing Croat support for a united nation.

The Government was reported to have given Vladimir Matcekh, Croat leader, guarantees backed by royal authority that under the new regime all previous arrangements to satisfy Croat aspirations would be maintained.

Authorized quarters in Berlin, warning that Germany would not tolerate "insults" and would hold the new Yugoslav government responsible for any failure to live up to terms of the three power pact, indicated that Germany was watching carefully for any split between the Croats and Serbs in Yugoslavia.

**Mass Troops in Bulgaria**

It was believed that Matcekh now would accept the new situation, but would not personally retain a cabinet post. Ivan Subacic, governor of Croatia, was expected to represent Matcekh in the cabinet.

The Balkan war picture generally was believed to be coming rapidly into focus as a result of the Yugoslav military coup d'etat, with every indication that the climax might be reached within a few days. Istanbul heard that Germany had concentrated 150,000 troops in a position to strike at Greece or Yugoslavia.

There was a hint from London, too, that a climax might be near. Prime Minister Winston Churchill had been scheduled to deliver a special broadcast tomorrow night, but it was announced that the speech had been postponed for several days, indicating that some big development in the war and possibly in the Balkan crisis might be expected.

Another hint of stiffening British attitude toward the Axis allies came from London, where Lieutenant Commander R. T. H. Fletcher, parliamentary private secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, started agitation for ousting the Japanese diplomatic staff from England.

Fletcher criticized in a speech the presence of the Japanese ambassador in Britain on the grounds that he was able to report British secrets to Germany. He said that Britain had no reason to handle the matter with kid gloves while fighting an enemy with "bare fists and knuckle dusters."

A British Admiralty communique today said that at least one Italian Littorio Class battleship, two Italian cruisers and a destroyer had been severely damaged in a naval engagement in the eastern Mediterranean.

There was a lull in action on the Albanian front and for the eighth day there was little or no air activity over Britain.

**Italians Inactive**  
Italian troops have become totally inactive on the Albanian front, a Greek spokesman said today.

Greek patrols are penetrating the Italian lines "fulfilling their missions," and Greek artillery and mortars are shelling the Italians effectively, he said.

The spokesman quoted Italian

## STATE WORKERS FACE PAY DELAY

Schriker-G. O. P. Dispute Puts Capitol Custodians 'In the Middle.'

By EARL RICHERT

Some 60 State-employed janitors, elevator operators and maintenance men are caught "squarely in the middle" in the latest dispute between Governor Schriker and two Republican officials over a new G. O. P.-sponsored law.

And unless some one gives in they will probably get no checks on their pay day Tuesday.

Ross Teckemeyer, deputy state auditor, is refusing to write the warrants until the claims are approved by the administrative officer of the Board of Public Works and Property, which has charge of State House Grounds and Buildings.

And right now there is no such officer.

The situation, at the present writing, is this:

Governor Schriker named an eight-man Board of Works and Property with James Adams, Highways Commission chairman, as the administrative officer shortly after he took office.

**Old Board Supplanted**  
Then the Republican-controlled Legislature passed a law supplanting the old Board with a new three-man Board composed of Governor Schriker, Lieut. Gov. Charles Dawson and State Treasurer James Givens. The Governor allowed the bill to become a law without his signature since it contained no appointive power.

The bill went into effect immediately and Mr. Adams was automatically thrown out as administrative officer.

Governor Schriker took the position that he was now a minority member of the Board and that it was not his responsibility to call meetings nor did he have the power to name an administrative officer.

When the mid-March pay checks came up, Mr. Dawson and Mr. Givens approved the claims and Mr. Teckemeyer wrote the warrants. Mr. Schriker did not sign the claims.

**Position Today**

Now, Mr. Dawson and Mr. Givens are reported to have taken the position of "why should we approve the claims for these Democratic workers when the Governor has not named and will not name an administrative officer?"

They contend that the new law does not repeal that section of the 1933 Act which gives the Governor power to name an administrative officer. He could, they say, designate himself or one of them. After May when the "big ripper" law goes into effect, Mr. Dawson will become the administrative officer.

"I might relent later on this matter, because of the people involved, but I don't feel that way now," Mr. Givens commented. "I don't think we ought to sign those claims unless the governor signs."

Mr. Dawson could not be reached. The Democrats say that the new law by implication if not specifically, repeals all the old law dealing with the handling of state property and that the responsibility now is in the hands of the Republican majority of the Board.

**Following Old Order**  
Mr. Teckemeyer explained that in refusing to write the warrants unless the claims are approved by the administrative officer or the Board members themselves, he is merely following an old order of the Board. He asserted that he would continue to follow that order until the Board members got together and changed it.

Also held up by the dispute are claims to pay the utility bills for the State House, the Annex and the building at 141 S. Meridian St. and some minor leases.

**BURIAL MONDAY FOR MRS. LOUISE NIKOLL**

Funeral services for Mrs. Louise Nikoll will be at 10 a. m. Monday at the G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery. She was 70.

Mrs. Nikoll died Thursday at her home, 2221 Union St. She was born in Germany, and had lived in Indianapolis more than 50 years.

Survivors are two sons, Carl and Fred Nikoll; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of Indianapolis.

## Husband Races Death to Wife

DENVER, March 29 (U. P.).—Mrs. Marjorie Bickel, 21, was dying today in an "iron lung," while her husband, a sailor stationed in Honolulu, sought to return to her. Mrs. Bickel, who gave birth to a baby six months ago, was stricken with pneumonia and paralysis, which physicians said was "slowly choking the breath out of her."

Her husband, Robert, a fireman on the U. S. S. Arizona, cabled Mrs. Archie McMillan of Potter, who was at her daughter's bedside, that he would leave for Denver as soon as he could.

## EXPANSION SEEN FOR PORT RADIO

CAA Needs More Test Equipment, Gen. Connolly Says.

By SAM TYNDALL

The Civil Aeronautics Authority is considering the expansion of the CAA radio experimental station at the Municipal Airport, Gen. Donald H. Connolly, CAA administrator, said here today.

Gen. Connolly, who flew into Indianapolis yesterday to inspect facilities at the station, said the CAA may be forced to provide its own equipment manufacturing plant here.

The Government civilian agency is finding it increasingly difficult to obtain necessary equipment for its vital radio experimental work because of priorities to defense contracts by most manufacturers, he said.

**Confers With Dienhart**  
Gen. Connolly conferred with I. J. (Nish) Dienhart, airport superintendent, regarding the possible expansion of the CAA unit. He also conferred with Mr. H. G. Easton, CAA's Airport Section head; Howard Rough, head of the CAA regional directors and other CAA officials.

**Answer to Safety**  
Results of experimental work at the Indianapolis proving ground is considered the ultimate answer to safety on the nation's airways, Gen. Connolly said.

Experimentation with ultra-high radio frequencies has resulted in development of new "static free" radio range, Gen. Connolly and Mr. Easton said that one test-installation of the new type range between Chicago and New York had proved successful. The "beam" which guides pilots while flying on instruments is remarkably unaffected by static in storms, they said.

It is planned that this new safety device eventually will replace all old ranges throughout the country.

Other vital radio experimentation is being carried on here in the field of instrument or "blind" landing. The Indianapolis-CAA developed blind landing systems to be installed at 10 airports throughout the country this year.

The local station is to be inspected soon by the special U. S. House Committee appointed to investigate air safety. The committee was appointed as an aftermath of the series of recent airline crashes throughout the country.

Mr. Dienhart, airport superintendent, said that the Congressional Committee was scheduled to come to Indianapolis by plane yesterday but that inclement weather delayed the trip. The investigating body may come to Indianapolis next week.

**GUEST SOLOIST NAMED**  
Mrs. Prudence Nolan, a member of St. John's Choir, will be guest soloist for the Catholic Vesper service at 4 p. m. tomorrow at the Veterans' Hospital. Mrs. Nolan's accompanist will be Miss Mary Agnes Keller.

## HOOVER CITES WAR HATREDS

Questions Whether World Is Wise Enough to Avoid Mistakes of 1918.

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the man on horseback," he added, and "the treadmill of the world started all over again."

In this war as in the last, even in democracies, he said, freedoms will be sacrificed and nations drained of their social and economic strength.

"In the present war," Mr. Hoover added, "pressure of starvation and air attack are far more diabolical than last time. Compassion is far weaker than even last time. . . . Hate will again sit at the peace table."

America, whether it goes in or stays out, he said, must ask questions and find answers to these questions:

"Are we giving aid simply to assure the independence of Britain and the others who are fighting against aggression? Or are we extending our view to remaking the world?"

"How are we going to hold down desire, hate that makes constructive peace so difficult?"

"How are we going to secure that liberty and freedom and democracy are accepted by those races whose whole racial instincts rebel against it? Are we going to police the world?"

"How are we going to save a world ravaged by famine and pestilence?"

"How are we going to restore economic prosperity to an impoverished world?"

"And here in America—'With far more difficulties than last time, how are we going to demobilize war socialism and fascism in America and restore freedom again to men?"

"With far more exhausted resources than last time how are we going to provide for our own employment and economic recovery after this war?"

"In fact, how are we going to make a peace that will be a permanent peace?"

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