

WORKERS MISLED, VANNUYS IS TOLD

Senator Would Favor More Power for Mediation Board, He Replies to Local Railroader; Strike Settlement Up to U. S., Halleck Says.

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WASHINGTON, April 5.—Sen. Frederick VanNuys (D. Ind.) this week received a letter from an Indianapolis railroader which he thinks represents the majority attitude of the rank and file of American labor in regard to the defense industry strikes.

Having supported the New Deal labor legislation, Senator VanNuys did not hesitate to condemn the sit-down strikes several years ago. As Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee he may have to deal with laws governing labor and defense if they are reported and passed from the House Judiciary Committee where several measures now are pending.

Both Senator VanNuys and Chairman Hatton W. Sumners (D. Tex.) of the House Judiciary Committee have publicly stated that they prefer that the problem be settled without legislation.

This would mean that the Administration's Mediation Board and Labor Department Conciliators would have to keep the wheels turning on defense production.

Mediation 'The American Way'

The letter which the Senator received reads:

"In these critical times I would feel guilty of taking up your time unnecessarily if I were not convinced of the seriousness of the strike situation.

"I am a railroad employee and have seen at first hand the workings of mediation in settling differences of opinion.

"I feel that these times demand direct action, and strikes born of jurisdictional differences and petty points of privilege especially have no place in this emergency.

"I cannot help but think that patriotic laboring men are being misled by their leaders and that the Government owes these misled men a helping hand.

"The right to strike is a fundamental constitutional right, but to strike without important basic reasons in these days is a 'privilege—not a 'right'—and a very costly luxury among the remaining free people of this earth.

"Labor will be tremendously thankful in days to come for any help that you can give to 'clean its house' of leaders 'unsympathetic' with democracy and to show them the way of mediation—the real American way to talk over a difference of opinion.

"I respectfully submit this—my own individual opinion—in the hope that you may know there is one man in Indiana deeply angered not by what he sees on the surface—but by the ugly monster he sees beneath the surface—gnawing at the very foundations of our democracy."

The letter was written in long hand and the home address given.

Replies to it at once, Senator VanNuys wrote:

"It is always helpful to have expression of views from men of your experience.

"We in Congress have hoped that the Mediation Board would successfully solve this grievous problem. It has succeeded in some instances. Not so well in others. If a trial shows that it has not sufficient power, I shall support legislation granting such power."

Called in Federal Business

Answering a suggestion of Rep. Sumners that the states should deal with the strikes, Rep. Charles A. Halleck (R. Ind.) had this to say from the House floor:

"In consideration of responsibilities for dealing with strikes, I think we must all bear in mind that these strikes are affecting Federal contracts that are a part of the national-defense effort.

"They involve questions arising under national legislation, questions that must necessarily come to Federal tribunals for decision. And so I do not believe that we can say to the states that the responsibility is all theirs, or possibly, even that the states that the responsibility

"In that connection, the thing that struck me first of all was the more or less helpless situation in which we have left some state governments, when we induced the National Guard into Federal service.

"At the present time many states do not have an militia because of action taken here in Congress. The additional responsibility thereby placed upon the Federal Government in respect of the internal affairs of the state is a question for every one of us to consider."

On Farm Committee

Four Indiana Republicans were appointed to the party's augmented Agricultural Study Committee announced this week by Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr., Minority Leader.

They are Reps. George W. Gillie, Noble J. Johnson, Gerald Landis and Earl Wilson.

Change Beef Ban Vote

Both Senators VanNuys and Raymond E. Willis (R. Ind.) voted to ban Argentine beef. The former then inquired of Secretary of State Hull, a close personal friend, as to whether such action did really handicap the Good Neighbor policy. Informed by letter that such was the case, Senator VanNuys supported the compromise which passed the Senate by a voice vote. And so did Senator Willis.

TRIAL OF FAUSSETT RESUMES MONDAY

GREENFIELD, Ind., April 5 (U. P.)—Defense attorneys planned today for the resumption Monday of the first degree murder trial of Francis (Dewey) Fausett, Fortville tavern owner accused of slaying Damon Cook, also of Fortville, on Dec. 4.

Before adjournment yesterday 20 character witnesses appeared for the defendant after Hancock Circuit Judge John B. Hinchman overruled a defense motion for a directed verdict.

Kirshbaum Speaker



BRITISH HALT AXIS IN AFRICA

Berlin's Anger at Belgrade Rises Hourly; Tiny Nation Waits Blow.

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calm, determined to fight in event of a German invasion and confident that they will be able to give a good account of themselves in the mountainous region where the Serbs in 1914 touched off the First World War.

Full mobilization of the Jugoslav army of possibly 1,000,000 apparently was near completion. Trains and automobile traffic were halted, probably as a preliminary to the requisitioning of transport. Frontiers were closed except with Greece.

BRIDGES MINED

Mobile mechanized units were concentrated opposite the German border, where Nazi forces have been massing for days. Bridges were mined on the border. Anti-aircraft guns fired on German planes that flew over the frontier.

Italian and German diplomatic officials and their families had gone home.

Athens issued a war communiqué saying that in local action on the Albanian Front "we captured strong enemy positions, taking more than 70 prisoners including one officer, and the enemy abandoned abundant war material; at another point an enemy tank attack was repulsed by anti-tank batteries."

An official News Agency dispatch from Berlin said today that German occupation authorities in France had signed an agreement with French economic leaders yesterday for a gigantic exchange of foodstuffs between occupied and unoccupied country.

The agreement, according to the Official Agency, provides that the unoccupied France shall send to occupied territory 755,000 head of cattle, 600,000 head of pigs and calves, 36,000 tons of vegetable oil, 100,000 tons of salt, 60,000 tons of fresh vegetables, 8000 tons of cheese and 643,450 gallons of wines. Occupied France would send in return 800,000 tons of grain, 200,000 tons of sugar, 100,000 tons of bran and 800,000 tons of potatoes.

Matsuoka in Berlin

Japanese Foreign Minister Matsuoka, who conferred yesterday with Adolf Hitler immediately upon his return to Berlin from a visit to Rome, conferred today with German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop. Matsuoka leaves for Moscow on his way back to Tokyo tonight.

In the Near East, it was indicated that Great Britain would withhold recognition of a newly formed government in Iraq, where Rashid Ali El-Gailani seized power from the Taha El Hashimi Cabinet in a coup d'état said to have been engineered by the Axis.

Even the trial blackouts, though everyone knows what they mean, are taken lightly.

It is difficult for an American to understand the sense of historical destiny that is apparent among ordinary men who glow with the thought that their country has stood up to the Nazi giant.

I have heard many Serbs say something like:

"Serbia was the starting point for the last war. We owe a bit to the victors of that war."

"We will pay our debt by doing our best now and providing the turning point for this war."

Serbs point out to me that on the day of some big offensive the German radio stations play martial music and that now, starting with yesterday, their own radio plays old Serb battle songs day and night.

The man who is called up for Army service seems to go gladly. He stocks up with his own bread and dried sausage before he takes his place in the ranks. If an officer is called, it is found that weeks ago he bought his revolver and ammunition, which he displays proudly to his friends.

I met last night a stooped spectacle university professor who from his academic brief case, usually filled with lecture notes and examination papers, drew out a 45 automatic. He handled this gun with his eyes flashing and said:

"We're off!"

The most extraordinary thing to the foreign observer is the indifference of the people to the consequences of their defiance of the Nazis. There is no hint in the atmosphere that at any moment the Germans might start a rain of bombs. Even as they wait to go to war, the people sit at the tables of the sidewalk cafes as usual, sipping drinks, while peasants sell oranges and flowers and gipsy ragamuffins beg for pennies.

NAZI BOMBINGS REVIEWED

BERLIN, April 5 (U. P.)—German night air raiders dropped many millions of pounds of explosives and more than 1,000,000 incendiary bombs in 23 major attacks on England and Scotland during March, the official news agency said today in its monthly review.

In daytime raids, the agency said, German planes sank 40 ships and seriously damaged 50 ships.

Four Hurt as Light Truck Hits Trailer

ELWOOD, Ind., April 5 (U. P.)—Four Tipton residents reported in "critical" condition from injuries received when the light truck in which they were riding crashed into the rear of a huge semi-trailer truck west of here last night.

Injured were Treela Crawford, 20; Maxine Goodnight, 19; Birdville Johnson, 16, and Walter Voss, 28. All received fractures of both legs and severe cuts and bruises. Misses Goodnight and Crawford, who sustained skull fractures, were expected to live.

Their truck crashed into and wedged under the trailer truck, which was parked. State police said the driver, Marshall Gibson, 26, Muncie, had stopped to fix his lights and was putting out flares when the crash occurred.

Fire which broke out in the rear of the trailer hampered rescue of the injured.

AMA MAPS FIGHT ON TRUST CONVICTION

WASHINGTON, April 5 (U. P.)—Counsel for the American Medical Association announced today that it would contest the verdict of a Federal District Court jury finding it guilty of violating the anti-trust law.

The Association and its affiliate, the District of Columbia Medical Society, were convicted late last night of restraining trade by opposing a group health co-operative. Eighteen individual defendants, among them top ranking Association officers and nationally known physicians, were acquitted.

The two organizations face a maximum fine of \$5000 each. The court did not set a date for imposing a penalty.

Ford Counsel Charge Bias in NLRB Plea

WASHINGTON, April 5 (U. P.)—I. A. Capizzi, counsel for the Ford Motor Co., charged before the National Labor Relations Board today that the NLRB regional office in Detroit was "prejudiced and biased" in favor of the C. I. O. United Automobile Workers Union.

Mr. Capizzi also charged that members of the NLRB regional office are "either Communists, members of Red Front organizations or fellow travelers."

War Moves Today

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Italy would be held outside the area of hostilities, then the possible danger of a Fascist collapse in Albania due to flanking operations, might be avoided.

Otherwise, such a threatened complication would interfere with the German plan of campaign. Instead of concentrating all their strength for southern and eastern drives through Yugoslavia, the military strategy dictates that they must have to divert forces westward to try to protect the Albanian boundary.

Italy's reported attempts to try to pacify German resentments against Jugoslavia undoubtedly are due to Mussolini's comprehension of the situation in Albania and the possible threat to his forces here. It is certainly against Italy's interests to have the war against Greece expand into a possible envelopment of Albania.

Yet if Il Duce were to try to remain at peace with Jugoslavia while Hitler went to war, his moral position would be paradoxical. The primary reason why Germany has become involved in serious Balkan complications has been the necessity for rescuing the Italians from their defeat at the hands of the Greeks.

Had it not been for this, the Fuehrer would not have had to require the transportation of munitions and war supplies along the short Jugoslavian line of communications into Bulgaria, as a threat

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LEADERS BUILD
1942 FENCES

Five Republicans and Two
Democrats Mentioned for
Mayoralty Race.

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self to be put in the picture, indicating possible plans to run for re-nomination.

Mr. Lewis also has not decided what part, if any, he intends to take in the 1942 political scramble. Despite his double defeat—for prosecutor and for the Governor nomination last year—Mr. Lewis is regarded as formidable material and his decision, too, is holding up the parade.

Lewis Undecided
"I haven't decided any future political plans," he said.

The Republican lineup at this stage is regarded as "wide open" with anything likely to happen before the home stretch campaigning.

Mr. Ostrom is close to the present county G. O. P. machinery and it no big factional breaches develop, he might maneuver a majority of organization support.

Mr. Wolfe closed the factional gaps pretty well in 1938, but his position now is unknown, especially since the county organization underwent a thorough revamping last year.

Mr. Bookwalter has risen rapidly in the ranks of State organization machinery and this may put him in a formidable position in City politics.

The possible lineups behind Mr. Bowes and Mr. Jeavett have not yet appeared and their positions will be determined for the most part by what happens behind the scenes to the other candidates.

Several Scraps Due

Several primary fights will develop over the lucrative six county judgeships up for election next year—all five Superior Courts and Juvenile Court. The salaries for these posts—\$10,000 annually—are higher than the Governor's pay.

All the present Democratic judges are expected to seek renomination, with plenty of competition for the judges who have held their jobs for two terms.

Candidates for these and other county offices have not been talked openly thus far. However, three Democrats have been mentioned for Sheriff to succeed Mr. Feeney. They include Center Township Trustee Henry Mueller, former deputy sheriff; Thomas Sullivan, present deputy sheriff, and William Brown, County Commissioner.

BENADUM TO SPEAK

Clarence Benadum, Muncie attorney, will address a meeting of Townsend Club officials tomorrow in the K. of P. auditorium. B. J. Brown, head of the movement in Indiana, will preside.

WHILE THE REST OF THE TOWN SLEEPS

HAAG'S ALL-NIGHT DRUG STORE
22d and Meridian
IS OPEN

Young Republicans Convene With Smiles



HOPES OF FORD PACT 'BRIGHTER'

We Are Going Ahead, Says Michigan Governor; Dewey Cheerful.

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tion workers who have been idle since last Tuesday night and been afraid to leave through the C. I. O. United Automobile Workers picket line.

Some of the besieged workers left the plant last night on the assurance of Mr. Dewey and union leaders that they would not be harmed and they were continuing to dribble out in twos and threes today. At noon a company spokesman estimated 1000, mostly Negro foundry workers, still were in the plant.

Mr. Dewey and Thomas Donahue, chairman of the Governor's Special Mediation Board, were cheered by some undisclosed men in the negotiations even while the paralysis resulting from the strike at the River Rouge plant was spreading to almost all the Ford empire.

The strike at the River Rouge plant began at midnight Tuesday after an eight-hour slowdown by the union in protest against dismissal of eight departmental chairmen.

Persons close to the mediators believed they saw peace possible by the middle of next week.

Meanwhile, shut-downs ordered last night spread the strike to 125,