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Local Leaders Meet With Mayor to Complete Plans for Civilian Defense; FBI Official Urges Vigilance, Warns Against Hysteria.

By RICHARD LEWIS

Partially prepared for more than a year, the pattern of civilian defense for Indianapolis was being rushed to completion today.

A few hours after Congress declared war yesterday, City, County and Federal officials met at City Hall to talk things over. The question uppermost in the minds of officials was:

"What is the specific danger to Indianapolis now?" The answer appeared to be, "sabotage."

To the general public, this advice was given by County Defense Director Robert H. Tyndall and Spencer Drayton, F. B. I. chief here:

"Be vigilant, but don't get excited."

"We realize the need for extreme vigilance," said Mr. Drayton, "but there is no need for hysteria."

Mayor Sullivan Presides

Presiding at the session, Mayor Sullivan asked the officials to outline their civil defense preparations and needs. From their answers, arose this picture-as of today:

All public utilities and vital war industries are being closely watched. Persons found loitering in the vicinity of a utility or defense plant are liable to arrest on suspicion.

There has been evidence of espionage in the City. Police and the FBI as well as sheriff's deputies are watchful.

The handful of Japanese aliens who reside here are under "observation," but vigilance is not confined to this group. All persons believed to be subversive are under careful observation.

Police on 12-Hour Duty

Extra locks and guards have been placed to the Municipal Airport. All but one of the roads to the Sanitation Plant are blocked and persons using this road to the plant are subject to search.

In addition to utilities and war industries, schools, hospitals and public buildings are under police scrutiny. The 12-hour duty periods set for policemen Sunday will remain in effect indefinitely.

Police have been asked to wear uniforms on the way to and from work and not to drive, but to walk or use public transportation, so that they will be seen more often.

Firemen are on the alert. Con-

ferences have been held between City and Indianapolis Power & Light Co. officials regarding a blackout. No trial blackout will be attempted just now.

Sheriff's deputies have orders to arrest anyone found parked in the vicinity of defense plant areas.

City Hall Guarded

Plans to train ex-service men for emergency fire duty have been made and civil defense volunteers will be put to work soon under the State-County-City civil defense set-up.

Even at City Hall, special precautions have been taken. City Fire Signal equipment is under strict guard. The private stairways in the building have been locked for the duration.

At conclusion of the conference, which lasted just one hour, Mayor Sullivan made a brief statement.

"I guess there is going to be plenty of work to do."

Those at Parley

In addition to the Mayor, Gen. Tyndall and Mr. Drayton, conferees included:

Police Chief Morrissey, Sheriff Preneen; Fire Chief Fulmer, Louis Markun, City Guard; City Council President Joseph G. Wood; Health Officer Herman G. Morgan; Park Board President Jackie W. Joseph, U. S. District Attorney Howard Caughran; Health Board President Louis C. Brandt, Purchasing Agent Albert Losche, City Controller James E. Deery, City Engineer M. G. Johnson, Park Board Vice-President Albert Gisler and Parks Superintendent A. G. Sallee.

Local Civilian Defense Plan Drafted



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Standing left to right: Health Board President Kenneth Kohlstaedt, Police Chief Morrissey, County Prosecutor Sherwood Blue, Fire Chief Fulmer, Safety Board President Leroy J. Keach, Sheriff Al Feneen, Sanitation Plant Superintendent Don Bloodgood, Hospital Superintendent Charles W. Myers, Works Board President Louis C. Brandt, Purchasing Agent Albert Losche, City Controller James E. Deery, City Engineer M. G. Johnson, Park Board Vice-President Albert Gisler and Parks Superintendent A. G. Sallee.

STATE EXPECTS HEAVIER DRAFT

Hershey Hints Doubling or Tripling of Quotas By January.

State draft officials were "standing by" today for expected orders from Washington for large wartime quotas of draftees.

Maj. Bayard Shumate, acting State Director of Selective Service, received a telegram from national headquarters last night directing him to "proceed as previously scheduled until further orders."

"Increased requirements are obviously indicated," the telegram stated, "and state plans should be geared accordingly."

Maj. Shumate sent telegrams to all draft boards notifying them of the instructions from Washington.

Quotas May Be Doubled

Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, National Selective Service Director, has declared "state quotas of men being called up will be doubled and tripled for January and succeeding months," according to a United Press dispatch.

State draft officials have been ordered to send 2832 men to the Army during the 18th draft call from Jan. 7 to Jan. 28, and to have 3192 men examined in January for possible induction in February. (There have been several larger calls, 6000 Homeless being called last March.)

"It sure was worth it," said one of the men.

These orders were received before the Pacific war broke out, however, and state officials believe that they may be superseded by new orders for more men at any time.

The 18th draft call for 438 men will end Thursday.

10,000 Left in Class 1-A

Indiana has an estimated available pool of only about 10,000 Class 1-A men.

Already many draft boards have started checking over their classifications, placing those men who were deferred on border-line cases in Class 1-A.

"We have had many calls wanting to know whether the 36-year age limit will be removed, whether those discharged because of being over 28 will be called back, whether Class 1-B men will be called, etc., Maj. Shumate said.

"All we can say is that anyone's guess is as good as ours. We'll have to wait and see what Washington says and does."

POPE LAMENTS SPREAD

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 9 (U. P.)—Pope Pius XII lamented the spread of war today and invoked the charity of God to bring peace to the world. The Pontiff expressed his horror of war during an audience granted to members of religious orders who had come to Rome for the beatification of Maria Magdalena Di Canossa.

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