

4 CONSIDERED FOR LABOR POST

Willkie and Smith Among Those Studied by FDR For War Board.

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ervation the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively," recommended that the closed-shop question be ruled out as a grievance for consideration by the war labor board.

Although declaring that employers should not attempt during the war to change present labor contracts providing for the closed shop, they argued against efforts by unions to extend the closed shop.

Fear Wider Agitation

They said:

"To accept it as an issue for Government arbitration would intensify agitation, increase labor disputes and divert the energy of both management and labor from the vital job of production."

A closed-shop demand in coal mining brought on the breakdown of the National Defense Mediation Board, and the threat of anti-union legislation which is lying dormant in the Senate after 2-to-1 passage by the House.

No mention of the subject was made in the President's executive order for the new board, and inferentially it is left to the processes of that agency.

The board may be plunged immediately into a crucial test on the closed shop issue.

The board named comprises four public members, four labor representatives and four representing employers. In addition, Mr. Roosevelt named four alternate labor members and four alternate employer representatives.

Davis Is Chairman

The public representatives, in addition to Mr. Davis, are George W. Taylor, professor of economics at the University of Pennsylvania, vice chairman; Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina and NDMB member, and Wayne L. Morse, dean of the Law School of the University of Oregon, and chairman of the recent special Railroad Mediation Commission.

Labor representatives are Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers and former NDMB member who resigned when the board ruled against U. M. W. Union shop demands; George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the A. F. of L. and NDMB member; R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.), and Matthew Woll, A. F. of L. vice president.

Employer members are A. W. Hawkes, U. S. Chamber of Commerce president; Roger D. Lapham, chairman of the board of American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. and NDMB member; E. J. McMillan, president of Standard Knitting Mills, Inc., and Walter C. Teagle, chairman of the board of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, and NDMB member.

'V'-eterinarians Exchange Ideas Here



"V" stands for Victory, and also for Veterinarian. So the members of the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, meeting at the Severin, are exchanging ideas on saving more farm animals from disease. Left to right are: Dr. H. W. Jakiman, Boston, president of the American Veterinary Medical Association; Dr. Gilbert E. Botkin, Marion, president of the Indiana association; Dr. J. E. Tindler, Brook, vice president; Dr. Charles C. Dobson, secretary-treasurer of the state group.

They Will Spare No Effort To Save Domestic Animals

Horses must be put back to work on the farms so tractor materials can be released to make tanks, declared Dr. G. E. Botkin of Marion, president of the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, here today.

He made the opening address at the annual convention of the Veterinary Association at the Hotel Severin, where several hundred Hoosier veterinarians convened for a three-day session.

"We must fight to save every domesticated animal in order that no one will go hungry during the war," he said. "Some of us may be called to war duty with the cavalry and probably meat inspections."

Dr. Botkin urged that a veterinary college be established in Indiana in order to train more young men for the veterinary profession.

Dr. R. M. Bethke of Wooster, O.,

head of the nutrition surveys for the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, will talk tomorrow morning on "Nutrition and the Veterinary Practitioner."

Dr. Frank Breed, director of Norden Laboratories at Lincoln, Neb., declared at today's session that the problem of erysipelas in swine is one of the most difficult veterinarians have encountered.

"This disease in swine is infectious to man and apparently has the ability to penetrate through the human skin," he said, urging liberal use of vaccines and serums to stop the spread of the disease.

Other speakers tonight, tomorrow and Thursday include Dr. L. P. Doyle, associate pathologist in the Purdue University Department of Veterinary Science, and Dr. Carl F. Schlotthauer, of the Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minn.

MacArthur Wins Opening Round of Artillery Battle

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against the Japanese on two far Pacific fronts—that of the East Indies and Burma.

On the Singapore front there was a hint in the British statement that air control over Malasia will be wrested from the Japanese within three days and that U. S. warplanes may be about to go into action there.

There was no hint of the route by which American planes are reaching the far Pacific front. However, it was reported that the main Japanese battle fleet has taken up positions in the Japanese-mandated Caroline and Marshall Islands ready to strike at any effort by American seapower to re-

inforce the southwest Pacific or to make a foray toward Japan.

This makes it likely that any U. S. reinforcements for the Dutch Indies, Malaya and Burma must travel the long route around the world across the Atlantic, Africa and India.

It was presumed that air operations are under the general control of Lieut. Gen. George H. Brett, second to Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell in command of the southwest Pacific. Gen. Brett is a United States air force officer. For tactical purposes, however, the Americans are probably brigaded with Dutch squadrons.

NAVY CALLING 'KOKOMO KID'

Kenneth Little Typical of 600 Hoosiers Trying to Enlist Same Day.

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alert and morally fit to become their comrades.

When 40 or 50 were found suited for the service, including the kid from Kokomo and the First World War sailor's son, they appeared as a group before Comm. R. H. G. Mathews, officer in charge of Navy recruiting in Indiana.

All young men in the group raised their right hands, swore that they would "bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America," and to "serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever."

Ample Room at Top

After the ceremony, Comm. Mathews made a brief speech.

"The Navy is the only slot machine on which you're sure to hit the jackpot if you play hard enough," he declared. "You will get out of the Navy what you put into it. If you apply yourself you can count on promotion. There is plenty of room at the top."

"Our responsibility to you isn't over when you leave here. If you have family problems, or anything worrying you, write to us. We will help you out. That's what we're for."

The group of 40 or 50 departed for Great Lakes, Ill.

Eventually another group is culled out for the long line in the corridor where the kid from Kokomo took the war in his stride by lying down. So 40 or 50 more Hoosier lads, raise their right hands, start for Great Lakes.

HITLER FLEES AS REDS GAIN

Leaves Smolensk; Nazis Fall Back All Along Moscow Front.

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round and cut off German strong points.

Stockholm dispatches said that the Russians trapped at least two German regiments, numbering 6000 men and 250 tanks, by surrounding Orel, 200 miles south of Moscow.

A Kuibyshev dispatch intimated that Kharkov, great Donets River industrial center 210 miles south of Orel, might soon be in Russian hands again.

Stockholm reported additional Russian troop landings on the Crimean coast, near the north end of the peninsula.

This would mean that, in combination with the threat from the Kerch Peninsula on the east and Sevastopol and the Yevpatoriya landing point on the southwest coast, the big German-Italian-Rumanian army in the Crimea was in serious danger.

On the Leningrad front the Russians were reported advancing steadily toward Novgorod, 90 miles south of Leningrad, and that the Russians had taken two additional points on the south Finnish front. The Finns were quoted as admitting that Russia forces were now moving across Lake Onega.

DONATE DAY'S PAY TO RED CROSS FUND

A day's pay was contributed by employees of seven additional business firms here yesterday as the drive to raise \$350,000 in Indianapolis and Marion County for the Red Cross got underway.

Firms whose employees agreed to the gifts were the Fidelity Trust Co., Bush-Fezle Sporting Goods Co., Universal Beverage Co., Indianapolis Electric Sign Co., Liquid Carbonic Corp., Washington Park Cemetery and L. E. Morrison & Co. Workers in the various divisions of the drive took out supplies to cover more than 75,000 contributors, and despite the fact that most of yesterday's time was taken up in distributing supplies more than \$2000 in gifts were received in the downtown district.

Pledge cards were distributed by workers in the residential division. Gifts must be at least five times those of previous campaigns if the City and County are to reach their goal, George S. Olive, general campaign chairman, said.

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Today's War Moves

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are factors bound to have a bad effect on morale.

In connection with supply difficulties, the German Transocean news agency carried a dispatch saying the daily transport of food, clothing and equipment to Rumanian troops east of the Dnieper had been "temporarily" discontinued. If this means the troops are expected to live off the country, they will find it next to impossible.

From the military standpoint, the German position remains bad. The Russian advances continue all along the line and Hitler is reported reliably to have abandoned his headquarters at Smolensk in face of the Russian threat.

There seems to be no question of a German counter offensive this winter, but only of how far the army will withdraw before it finds positions it can hold. The increasing difficulties of winter transportation over the extended German lines may make that withdrawal deep.

Reports from Berlin say that Germany is calling up army reservists and starting a recruiting drive. This is explained by a Berlin spokesman as advance preparation for a spring campaign. However, it seems more likely that it would be to reinforce the sagging German lines and make up for the dwindling support of the Rumanian and Hungarian Allies.

Rations Reduced at Home

At home, the Germans are living on reduced meat rations and their slender clothing allowance has been sharply cut. It has not been possible to keep them in complete ignorance of the setbacks in Russia, the heavy casualties nor the sufferings of the men. The entry of the United States into the war has not raised their spirits.

In the occupied countries, the

to subdue the fighting Serbs. The latter are even reported to have obtained airplanes to use against their invaders, who have been forced out of a large part of the country.

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