

# LEGISLATORS VOTE SELVES \$5-A-DAY BONUS

## 1947 PAY RAISE ALSO APPROVED

Lieutenant Governor's Pay Accidentally Cut; Dawson Gets Apology.

Whether or not Indiana legislators receive their \$5 a day for "expenses" depends on Governor Schricker.

The bill to give house and senate members a \$305 bonus for the session was passed by the senate yesterday afternoon, concurred in immediately by the house and sent to the governor for his approval.

Proponents of the raise said that Governor Schricker had sent up word he would approve the bill.

Members of the legislature now receive \$610 salary per session. The measure passed by the senate yesterday would provide them with a \$5-a-day "cost of living" bonus, or \$305 for the session.

An amendment, introduced by Senator Clyde Black (R. Logansport) and adopted by the senate, would raise the pay of all legislature members to a flat \$1200 a year starting in 1947.

Senator Black said that Indiana's legislators are among the lowest paid in the nation. He said many qualified men could not afford to leave their businesses to come to Indianapolis for 61 days when they received only \$10 a day.

### Apologize to Dawson

"Unless we raise the salaries of the legislators the house and senate will become just rich men's clubs," Senator Black declared.

The amendment was adopted before it was discovered that it accidentally reduced the salary of the lieutenant governor, presiding officer of the senate from \$12 to \$7 a day while the legislature is in session.

Although this does not go into effect for four years, Senator Black apologized to Charles Dawson, the present lieutenant-governor.

As the pay raise bill passed the senate yesterday, the 11 Democrats voted solidly for it while the Republican majority divided evenly. The vote was 29 to 18.

Senator Thurman Biddinger, Republican floor leader, said, "The action of the legislature in passing this bill to make it apply to us is one of the sneakiest, meanest ways this could be handled."

He said he was in favor of the last-minute amendment which would give the legislators \$100 a month salary, starting in 1947, but "I'm not in favor of any increase while we are still in office."

### Assails House Members

More than a dozen members of the house of representatives which had originated the expense money bill lined the walls of the senate chamber while the bitter debate over the measure was taking more than an hour and a half.

Senator C. Omer Free (R. Vincennes), who opposed the measure, pointed to the representatives and called them "high-pressure boys."

So many of the representatives had come over to the senate that before the vote was completed, the quorum was broken in the lower chamber and the house doorkeeper came over to "arrest" them.

Lieut. Gov. Dawson, presiding officer of the senate, remarked sarcastically:

"The senate is happy to extend to members of the house an invitation to spend the rest of the evening."

### Defended by Vermillion

Two days ago the entire house membership descended on the senate to demand immediate action on the bill, causing a halt in the legislative procedure that afternoon.

Senator Walter Vermillion, Democratic floor leader, took Senator Biddinger to task for his statement against the bill.

"The Republican floor leader's speech was merely political," he said. "The people of Indiana believe this is fair. We are going to vote for it as are sincere as you are."

Senator Albert Ferris, chairman of the senate finance committee, said before the vote, if the bill passed, "it will look like we are more interested in feathering our own nest than in helping our nation at war."

### Here's Roll Call

The senate vote was as follows:

For: Republicans—Armstrong, Bates, Beveridge, Black, Brookhaven, Coble, Funderburg, Higgs, Isler, Johnson (Madison), Maguire, Moore, Pfeil, Phelps, Thompson (Vanderburg), Thompson (Vermillion), and Wysong.

For: Democrats—Aldridge, Crook, Elchorn, Fleming, Gonas, Jewett, Johnson (Morgan), Lucas, Morris, O'Grady, Stemle, Sunderland and Vermillion.

Against: Republicans—Atherton, Bala, Batterson, Deaman, Beardsley, Biddinger, Brooks, Chamberlin, Ferris, Free, Johnson (Morgan), Kinder, Lane, Miller, Shull, Somers, Strasswein and Van Ness.

### Against: Democrats—None.

**BRASS CO. WORKER IS FOUND INJURED**

Clyde, W. Coppa, 29, of 1554 E. Naomi st., was found unconscious in Holt road last night a short distance from the Bridgeport Brass Co. about a half hour after he left his work there.

He was taken to City hospital where the extent of head injuries has not been determined.

Authorities have not determined how he was hurt. They said there were no auto skid marks in the snow to indicate that he had been struck by a car.

## WASHINGTON Calling

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ganda technique is to convince the world that the "bourgeois" democracies are impotent and that communism is the only hope of tomorrow.

**DON'T BE TOO SURPRISED** if meat rationing comes before the end of the month. And when the small ration hits you in the belt, note the smaller British ration: 14 ounces a week.

**NAVY DEPARTMENT** says those stories about women pilots in Jap planes aren't so. It's investigated, hasn't been able to confirm rumors.

### Willkie to Have It Hard

**WENDELL WILLKIE** will find rough going if he tries for the Republican nomination by the state primary route. Only 16 states have presidential primaries and in most of these the bosses have erected various "keep out" devices (favorite sons, uninstructed delegations) so they can retain control.

Tom Dewey tried the same scheme in 1940, got the largest number of pledged delegates—but lost the nomination.

Watch for the step-Willkie movement to center around Governor Bricker of Ohio, whose handlers are also studying primary prospects. Willkie's stock goes up—unexpectedly—in Indiana.

### Republicans Show a Crack

First rift in Republican unity in the house cheers the downcast Democrats.

Republican Leader Joe Martin put the heat on for the new standing committee on aviation but lost resoundingly. Many of his party members deserted him—and they are still smarting from the pressure he used. It will be a while before they recover.

Real cause of Joe's defeat was unpopularity of Rep. Jack Nichols, who sponsored the proposal and who probably would have been committee chairman despite his disavowal of candidacy.

**ADD POLITICS:** In the South, at least, Farley's anti-fourth-term tour made little impression. It wasn't devotion to Roosevelt that kept the South cool, but a feeling that Farley expected to cut himself in either as top man or second man on the Democratic ticket.

**TEEN SUPPORTING** Secretary Knox's warning of 10 per cent casualties: Navy is ordering 123,000 purple heart medals. They go to men wounded in action.

### Trouble Ahead for OWI

**HONEYMOON'S OVER** for OWI. It faces congressional investigation, trouble getting new appropriations.

Repercussions from its "Victory magazine" and pamphlet on F. D. R. probably will bring congressional ukase that hereafter one copy of every document printed at government expense shall go to congress first.

**SOME MANUFACTURERS** try to halt clothes-buying panic by refusing to fill rush orders. Retailers selling out too fast would have to wait awhile before getting new stocks.

**ANOTHER SUGGESTION:** Induce stores to take their clerks of commission basis, pay them salaries. Clerks phone customers, whisper rumors behind their hands, build up big sales.

**ARMY NURSES** don't get a fair break, their friends say. Government doesn't furnish their summer uniforms—though it does furnish them to the WAACs. Nurses may get a congressional champion.

**HEALING WOUNDS** in WPB

**UNITY PROGRAM** goes into effect at WPB. New strong man, Charles Wilson, uses Eberstadt methods, Eberstadt appointees; heals old wounds. Credit for quieting down array, navy anger at the change, getting concessions for them at WPB, goes to valuable, behind-the-scenes diplomacy of Baruch.

**DIFFERENCES DEVELOP** among officials over need for buying up 250,000 used typewriters. Budget bureau says it's too many; points to 200 unused machines on its shelves. WPB says requirements of armed forces, war agencies call for that many. Growing scarcity of older machines for civilian needs prompts OPA to revise price control schedules.

**SUPREME COURT** helps raise the cost of living. It has upped fees for admitting lawyers to practice before it from \$15 to \$25.

**INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION** is divided on whether it should require competitive bidding on railroad securities, as the SEC now requires in financings by registered utilities. It side-stepped the issue in current fight over \$14,000,000 refunding by Erie railroad, in which the investment banking "monopoly" is under fire.

## Snow at Atterbury Greets WAACs Trained in Florida

### Times Special

**CAMP ATTERBURY**, March 6—In brief ceremonies cut short because of the cold weather and a snowstorm, 140 WAACs dressed in khaki were welcomed here today. They came from Daytona Beach, Fla., where they were trained.

They are members of the 44th WAAC headquarters company, and will take over routine jobs to relieve men for fighting service.

Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander, welcomed them. "We

are proud of our camp and hope you will live up to our standards," he said.

The group was led by Second Officer Helen Grote, commandant. With her were her executive officer, Third Officer Mary L. Porter, and the supply and mess officer, Third Officer Mildred Peterson.

Included in the company are a clerical platoon, a service platoon, theater ushers, motor transport drivers, cooks, bakers and basics.

## Believe MacArthur 'Hatching' Land-Air Drive Toward Lae

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, March 6 (UPI)—Allied planes have renewed their trip-hammer blow on Lae, Japan's biggest remaining base in New Guinea, after wiping out the last enemy survivors of the battle of the Bismarck sea as they sought to escape in lifeboats, barges and rafts, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

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