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## Auto Industry Hindered By Maze of Uncertainties

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the same models it was building when automobile production stopped more than two years ago.

And one high probability: A tremendous demand for new cars which, if only initial production can get under way quickly, can provide booming markets for a good many years.

And one great fear: That delays beyond its own power to overcome will rob the industry of its opportunity to attain record-breaking production and employment and so help the country achieve an era of sound prosperity.

### Speed Reconversion

Post-war planning among the automobile makers, therefore, is largely a matter of trying to show the government how urgently necessary it is to do certain things now, and to permit certain preparatory steps, none of which would divert manpower from war work, but all of which would go far toward clearing the way for speedy reconversion when the right time comes.

The industry has been talking to congress about some of these things for months. Its leaders will talk to the war production board about others when the new automobile industry advisory committee meets April 17. Here are a few of the moves it hopes government will make very soon:

1. Adoption of policies that will insure immediate removal of government machines and materials from automobile plants, as recommended in the Baruch report. As long as those plants are clogged with government property they can't even begin to get ready to build cars.

### In Baruch Report

2. Action by congress to authorize quick negotiated settlements of canceled war contracts, final except for fraud—is also a Baruch recommendation—and assurance that the working capital of automobile companies and thousands of suppliers won't be tied up for months or years by an attempt at detailed auditing of hundreds of thousands of contracts and sub-contracts.

3. Permission for the companies to place orders now for "bottle-neck" machines and tools which they must have before they can build cars again. Many of the industry's own machines, unusable for war production, were hustled

### DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT OFFICE MEETING

Myron Hilt, Chicago, national director, will be guest speaker at the meeting of the National Office Management association tonight in the Riley hotel.

Miller Bennett and Dick Layton

will lead the discussion on stabilized

rates and rate ranges established

by the Chicago regional war labor

board.

### Must Have Tools

Large temporary unemployment probably is inevitable immediately after the war. If it's to be prevented from stretching out for many months—it the danger of letting it become permanent is to be avoided—the industry will have to take every short-cut on the reconversion road.

Before it can provide a million jobs, as it hopes to do, it must have plant space for people to work in, machines and tools ready for them to work with, a steady supply of parts and materials.

And it can't be certain of having any of these things in time unless it gets fullest co-operation from the government, starting now and continuing right down the line.

## FARMER LEADS HOOSIER G. O. P.

John Lauer Elected State  
Chairman After Gates  
Resigns.

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among the district chairman and party leaders, his friends said.

"He was decided upon," one of his supporters explained, "because he was about the only party leader in the state who was not identified in some way with a candidate running for office or a factional group."

### Native of Dana

Mr. Lauer had little to say about his future campaign plans and policies. He wouldn't even make the usual flat predictions of his predecessors that "the Republicans will win."

"I'm not making any predictions just yet," he retorted wryly.

The new chairman is a native of Dana, Ind., born and raised on a farm and has owned and lived on farms all his life.

### Friend of Ernie Pyle

As a young man he was a close friend of Ernie Pyle, now famed war correspondent, and he grew up to become a leader in Vermillion county affairs.

He was G. O. P. chairman of Vermillion county from 1924 to 1933 when he broadened his political activities throughout the sixth district.

The federal government bought out all his farm lands in Vermillion two years ago for the big munitions plant there and he moved to Warren county where he bought another farm and now lives with his wife in Williamsport.

He has one son, Lt. Frederick Lauer in the army, and was the army himself during world war I. The only public office the new chairman ever held was about 10 years ago when he was appointed appraiser for the Federal Land bank of Louisville.

### Gates Expresses Regrets

Mr. Gates expressed his regrets at resigning from the chairmanship.

"Yet, each of you know that for many months I have been beset with demands from countless friends and party workers to seek the Republican nomination for governor," he said.

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## Allison Makes 50,000th Motor For War Planes

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hawk, Bell Airacobra, North American Mustang and Invader and Lockheed Lightning to greater attacks on the enemy.

Since the war in Europe the Allison plant has sent 60 million horsepower to war in fighting planes of the U. S., England, Russia and China, he stated.

### Engine Tours Plant

Following the ceremony Mr. Newill and Gen. Curry, who is to speak at the Col. Weir Cook memorial dinner tonight, took engine No. 50,000 on a tour of the plant. Joining the parade were 50 representative Allison workers, the Stout field band and the color guard from the Allison plant protection department.

The engine then was taken to the airport where it was exchanged for Allison Engine No. 1, brought here from Wright field, Dayton, O., where it has been rounding out its final tour of duty in experimental and instructional work. The No. 1 engine will go on display at the aviation exhibit at the World War memorial about 3 p. m. today.

## W. O. ADAMS ASKS POST IN ASSEMBLY

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Wayne O. Adams, 2056 Central, an inspector at Allison's today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for state representative from Marion.

Mr. Adams was a supervisor and engineer during construction of the Panama canal and was awarded a medal of honor for his work by President Theodore Roosevelt.

He is a member of the Methodist church, the Masonic lodge, Knights of Pythias and Sons of Veterans and is district representative of the Allison labor union. He has five sons in the army air corps and navy and is national representative of American War Dads. He was one of the first national directors of the American Farm Bureau and was president of the Randolph county farm bureau.

Mr. Adams said he was interested in winning the war and in the employment and future welfare of returning veterans. He was defeated in the last primary.

### PROBE FT. WAYNE FIRE

PT. WAYNE, Ind., March 28 (UPI)—Fire Chief Carter Bowser said today that it was impossible to determine yet the cause of the fire in Sears, Roebuck & Co., which was estimated unofficially at a loss of \$250,000.

## RUSS MASTER OF SITUATION

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Nazi Hopes of Regaining  
Initiative Crushed  
By Soviets.

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passes are so defensible, but they may find the Russians storming at their fortress along the Tisza in the north and the Rumanian plain south of the mountains.

The critical test may come on either or both of those fronts.

Growing German anxiety over allied invasion plans from the west is perhaps indicated by a change of tactics in which the enemy planes turned from fire raids on London to wide sweeps extending to western England and Wales. London believed they were looking for signs of the massing of troops and material at other than east coast ports in preparation for invasion.

Several other developments presented gathering storm clouds for the Germans. They included:

ONE: Marshal Josip (Tito) Brozich's headquarters announced that Jugoslav partisans, with allied aid, had captured the strategic island of Hvar, in the Adriatic 25 miles below the Dalmatian port of Split. The island would make a possible base for an allied landing in Jugoslavia, and in any event its possession would facilitate the flow of supplies to the partisans.

TWO: The Polish exile government was reported to have changed its attitude and ordered the Polish underground to co-operate actively with the Russians advancing into that country. The Polish telegraph agency said the underground commander at Rovno in eastern Poland already had put himself at the disposition of Russian occupying authorities.

THREE: Stockholm reported that German reinforcements had arrived at Turku (Abo) and Hango in southwestern Finland and hinted that the Germans may be planning to occupy the country.

FOUR: The Dutch news agency Aneta reported that Marshal Erwin Rommel, German anti-invasion commander, had set up headquarters in southern Holland and that the populace was being forced to help erect defenses around the city.

FIVE: The nature and extent of the German occupation of Hungary was indicated by a Budapest broadcast which said an anti-Jewish program would be instituted at once.

## 1800 Expected at Dinner Dedicating Airport Tonight

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"In a grave on a distant Isle on the opposite side of this troubled world lie the mortal remains of Harvey Weir Cook, a distinguished Hoosier whose valor we assemble to honor."

"We shall remember him as friendly to an extent that endeared him to all. Those who ventured to inflict a foreign system on the free country he worshipped found him otherwise. . . . He preferred to regard aviation as the agency of peace rather than the instrument of war. But when the instigators of conflict challenged the right of back at the controls, fiercely defending what he conceived to be right—defending to the death."

"His memory will illuminate the skies like a beacon as pilgrims of the airways . . . find safety and refuge on the smooth runways of the airport which fittingly bears his name."

Musical entertainment will be provided at 2 p. m. by the 52d college training detachment band and at 7:30 p. m. the Billings general hospital band will play.

### D. OF A. WILL HONOR MRS. HAZEL COOK

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Miss Ethel Mae Warren, counselor of community council, 47.

Earle L. Johnson of Washington, national commander of the CAP, Governor Schricker will introduce Mrs. Hazel Cook, state associate counselor at 8 p. m. Thursday in Maywood.

Miss Warren will be assisted by Mrs. Pearl Roberson, Mrs. Opal Anderson, Mrs. Louise Teegu, Mrs. Myrtle Miller and Mrs. Rose Hohlt.

STRAUSS SAYS: . . . IT'S ONE DAY NEARER VICTORY



## IN INDIANAPOLIS

### EVENTS TODAY

Red Cross annual fund campaign.

Easter seal campaign.

Waste paper collection, at schools 41, 68.

St. Joan of Arc and St. Therese schools.

World War II Memorial dinner, Scottish Rite cathedral, night.

Venegest Hardware Co., free garden

stakeout, Washington and St. Agnes academy, play, Cathedral high school theater, night.

Warren Central high school, play, school

Marion County Democratic Women's club,

Indiana Democratic club, 8 p. m.

Neighborhood club, U. S. C. Indianapolis

42, Central Y. M. C. A., 8 p. m.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Red Cross annual fund campaign.

Easter seal campaign.

Waste paper collection, at schools 41, 68.

Indianapolis League of Women Voters, Ho-

liday Inn, noon.

Indianapolis Aggregates association,

Claypool Hotel, 6 p. m.

Junior Chamber of Commerce, Washington

Indianapolis Control of the Controllers In-

stitute of America, Hotel Lincoln, 6 p. m.

Community club, World War memorial,

8:30 p. m.

Farm Security Administration, Wash-

ington.

Wednesday Rock Review club, Ayres'

auditorium, 3 p. m.

Male and Female Red Cross sewing unit, Ft. Friend-

ly.

Beach Grove, O. E. S., installa-

tion, Beach Grove Masonic temple,

8 p. m.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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