

\$250 Soldier Bonus Bill Dumped Into Senate Lap

By SHERLEY UHL

A "soldier bonus" bill which would make Indiana servicemen eligible for maximum state allotments up to \$250 was among nine measures dumped unexpectedly into the lap of the senate today. It would appropriate \$2,000,000 out of the state general fund to pay the bonus.

Introduced by Senator Charles A. Phelps (R. Ft. Wayne), the bill, designed to "facilitate the economic rehabilitation of state war veterans," provides for the payment of \$20 per month to every discharged serviceman for each month over four months spent within the continental United States.

For each month over four months served overseas, servicemen would receive \$25. Half the total payment would be allotted upon approval of the discharged servicemen's application, with the remainder paid out in equal monthly installments.

G. O. P. Holding Firm
There appeared to be little likelihood that the soldier bonus bill would be even considered in the special session since G. O. P. majority leaders are holding firm to their intentions to limit legislation to soldier vote and tax exemption measures.

Site for Hospital

Another proposal, introduced by Senators Phelps and Lucas, would enable the state to turn over to the federal government not more than 300 acres in the Indiana Dunes state park as a site for a veterans' hospital.

Two election bills called for extension of the state poll-closing time from 6 p. m. to 9 p. m. in a move to facilitate voting by war workers.

Public welfare payments to aged persons could not be less than \$50 a month under provisions of a bill submitted by Senator Fleming. Forty dollars is the present maximum.

Tax Exemptions Asked

Purchasers of real estate under "executory contracts" of sale would receive \$1000 tax exemptions under provisions of an emergency bill introduced by Senators Lucas and Fleming.

Senator Gonas and Thurman C. Crook (D. South Bend), submitted a resolution seeking to lower the voting age-limit from 21 to 18 years.

Another resolution called for a legislative reapportionment of senators and representatives in 1947 and every six years thereafter.

Another measure introduced by Senator Thurman C. Crook (D. South Bend) would cover Governor Schricker's proposal to eliminate the 7-cent tax rate for state aid for a period of one year, making up for the loss by taking funds from the surplus in the state treasury.

New Club President Takes Gavel



H. Robert Uhl, retiring president of the Co-operative club (left), presents the presidential gavel to his successor, E. R. Grisell. Others elected are D. T. Campbell, first vice president; A. W. Voorhis, second vice president; P. C. Neidlinger, third vice president; P. D. Goecke, sergeant-at-arms; William H. Polk, treasurer, and E. V. Mitchell, secretary. Directors are F. W. Asperger, L. R. Evans, C. J. Gardner and J. T. Irvine.

BURNS CITY DEPOT TO BE PERMANENT

The navy today planned to establish the Crane naval ammunition depot at Burns City as a permanent institution with further development of the station in the offing.

Adm. G. F. Hussey Jr., chief of the bureau of ordnance, outlined the part Crane will play in the future and estimated the depot's budget for 1945 at nearly eight million dollars.

Crane, he told the committee, "provides for the storage and assembly of gun ammunition, bomb type ammunition" and is the East coast reservoir for spare parts which are distributed to stations which issue them directly to ships.

Personnel of the depot stands at 6574 of which number 5345 are civilians. Adm. Hussey countered charges that more unemployed civilians in the area be used with: "It is back-breaking work. The ordinary man will not do it."

Hotel Loses Suit For \$5000 Damages

A superior court 4 jury has awarded \$5000 to Lester C. Nagley Sr. of Nashville against the Hotel Washington for alleged damages to a photographic negative of James Whitcomb Riley.

Mr. Nagley testified the glass plate negative, the last one taken of the Hoosier poet, was broken while in the custody of the hotel management. He said he left it at the hotel in 1938 for safe keeping and that six months later when he went to get the plate, it was broken.

Attorneys for the hotel argued that the damage occurred while the hotel was being operated by another corporation and that the present management could not be held responsible.

MISSION IN MOSCOW
MOSCOW, April 13 (U. P.)—A military mission of the Yugoslav national committee of liberation arrived in Moscow today.

BLACK MARKET SUSPECTS HELD

Five Arrested on Warrants Issued by Federal Commissioner.

Five Indianapolis men, charged with participating in black market gasoline operations, were arraigned today before U. S. Commissioner Fae W. Patrick.

They are Lawrence A. West, 966 N. Meridian st.; Ralph Burries, 43 N. Randolph st.; Willard Willsey, 1630 Winfield ave.; Eugene Rouse, 1845 Calvin st., and Charles E. Lewis, 4011 Cornelius ave.

Issue Warrants

Warrants for the men's arrests were issued yesterday by Mr. Patrick and complaints were signed by Ronald E. Mangas, district OPA investigator. The warrants charged the men with possessing and transferring large quantities of counterfeit and forged gasoline coupons.

Evidence for the arrests was obtained through information received from one of four men sentenced to jail recently by Judge Robert C. Baitzell on charges of dealing in black market operations.

The men waived preliminary hearing and were bound over to the grand jury under \$1500 bond each.

Allies Strike on 4000-Mile Front in Pacific Air Offensive

By UNITED PRESS

The growing allied power in the Pacific was demonstrated today by a two-day aerial offensive that sent U. S. bombers over Japanese bases along a 4000-mile front from New Guinea to northern Japan and carried to within 1100 miles of Tokyo.

Striking in the Kuriles at the northern end of the Japanese empire Monday and Tuesday, Liberators from Aleutian bases hit Matsumoto, 1069 miles north of Tokyo twice for the third raid in a month; Omnekotan island, 100 miles south of Japan's big naval base at Paramushiro, and Shumushiro island between Paramushiro and the Kamchatka peninsula of Siberia.

Truk Raided Again

The big enemy base at Truk in the Carolines was raided for the 17th time in a month on Monday, when Central Pacific bombers hit Moen and Dubion islands, while other planes from the same force struck Ponape, 400 miles east of Truk three times in two days.

South Pacific Liberators raided Nomoi atoll, 150 miles southeast of Truk, Monday, and similar bombers from the Central Pacific the next day attacked Oroluk, 225 miles east of Truk, and Uhl, 150 miles northwest of Truk.

Army, navy and marine planes

raided isolated Japanese bases in the Marshalls on both days, hitting four on Monday and three on Tuesday, the latter possibly being the same targets of the preceding day.

Liberators and Billy Mitchell mediums from the Southwest Pacific

dropped 2700 miles due south of Tokyo, dropping 210 tons of bombs around Hansa bay; 59 tons on the Wewak area, 100 miles north of Hansa bay, and destroying a number of buildings at Marienburg in the Sepik valley, 50 miles below Hansa bay.

Fifteen barges were sunk or damaged along the New Guinea coast, and three others at New Britain in the Bismarck archipelago, where light bombers dropped 30 tons of bombs on Tobsa runway and Taithi bay.

Other speakers tomorrow will be F. E. Weed, regional engineer of the war production board, and Don E. Bloodgood, associate professor of sanitary engineering at Purdue university. A motion picture showing the construction of the Indianapolis impounding reservoir on Fall Creek will be presented by W. C. Mabee, chief engineer (retired) of the Indianapolis Water Co., and Claris Allen, assistant engineer.

SEWAGE EXPERTS PLAN PARLEY HERE

Post-war developments in the field of water works and sewage plants will be analyzed at the luncheon meeting of the Indiana section of American Water Works association tomorrow at the Antlers hotel.

Raymond Pike, director of the Indiana Economic Council, and E. L. Filby, New York city, field director of the committee on post-war developments in the water and sewage fields, will speak, followed by discussion by George A. Kuhn, chairman of the Indianapolis post-war planning committee.

The post-war planning clinic will be conducted by H. S. Morse, manager of the Indianapolis Water Co., and chairman of the city's post-war planning subcommittee on public utility service.

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HOUSING HEAD QUITTS

WASHINGTON, April 13 (U. P.)—Herbert Emmerich of Chicago resigned today as commissioner of the federal public housing authority.

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