

# VOTE MEASURE PROVISIONS DUE

Policy Committee to Outline Controversial Bill at Today's Session.

By NOBLE REED

Provisions of the controversial bill to revamp Indiana's antiquated election machinery are expected to be outlined this afternoon by the Republican legislative policy committee.

Few of the Republican leaders have been able to agree on all provisions of the bill which will follow an outline submitted recently by the state elections reorganization commission.

Any measure agreed upon by the policy committee is certain to precipitate a fight on the floor of both houses.

## Full-Time Board

The election commission recommended provisions to take away from all county clerks and other elected officials control over election machinery and place it under a three-member, full-time board.

The commission also proposed a provision to permit voters to cast ballots by affidavit even if their names are not found on registration sheets.

The G. O. P. policy committee also scheduled to outline its general recommendations for an aviation development bill.

## Material Voluminous

Voluminous material on the subject, including reports made by the Indiana economic council and the governor's commission on aviation, will form the nucleus of the legislation. It will authorize plans for 75 to 100 new airports in Indiana and provide regulations designed to speed aviation development in the state for the next 10 years.

A state commission on aviation is expected to be created by the bill.

The Indiana State Teachers' association outlined a three-point program before the policy committee yesterday.

Robert Wyatt, association secretary, listed the groups' aims for a new minimum salary law for teachers to stop the general exodus from school jobs; reorganization of the state education board into three divisions and improvement in teachers' pension and retirement machinery.

# DAUGHTERS INSTALL OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Recently installed officers of Capitol city council, No. 53, Daughters of America are:

Miss Stella Martin, junior past counselor; Mrs. Juanita Lahr, associate junior past counselor; Mrs. Ruth Wooten, counselor; Miss Laura Johnson, associate counselor; Mrs. Wilma Lahr, vice counselor; and Mrs. Lucille Harnes, associate vice counselor.

Also Mrs. Dorothy Plough, conductor; Mrs. Norris Wray, warden; Mrs. Helen Tully, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Mabel Wood, inside sentinel; Mrs. Elsie Sterrett, outside sentinel; Mrs. Alice Clark, trustee; Mrs. Bertha Thompson, and Mrs. Emma Henshaw, flag bearers.

Officers who were installed in July, 1944 and will serve until July, 1945, are Mrs. Fannie E. Draper, recording secretary; Mrs. Inez Exner, financial secretary; and Mrs. Grace Cubert, assistant financial secretary.

Mrs. Emma Smith, deputy state councilor was installing officer.

# MILLER TO ADDRESS MEDICAL GATHERING

Congressman Arthur L. Miller of Nebraska will be one of the speakers at the 20th annual secretaries' conference of the Indiana State Medical association Sunday at Claypool hotel.

Author of the Miller bills now before the house of representatives, the congressman will speak on "Uncle Sam Practices Medicine."

Other speakers will include Dr. N. K. Forster, Hammond, president of the state medical association; Dr. John D. VanNuy, medical director of Indiana University Medical center, and several nationally known medical authorities.

# NORA GRADUATION IS SLATED FRIDAY

Mid-year graduation exercises of Nora school will be held at 1:30 p. m. Friday in the auditorium.

Those graduating are Donald Bossemeyer, Frank Shoptaugh, Sara Jane Overbey and James Hugsby.

The P-T. A. will meet the same day and be entertained by the school Boy and Girl Scout groups.

# Star for Hoosier



Pfc. Willard H. Lenox, U.S.M.C. (left), received the silver star from Capt. A. J. Prince, commanding officer of the 1st casual company, Great Lakes.

On June 22, 1944, Marine Pfc. Willard H. Lenox, EY E 234 st., engaged some entrenched Japanese in a hand grenade duel on Saipan.

His action made it possible for his buddies to circle the nest and clean it out. In the engagement he was seriously wounded in the right eye, shoulder and side. For this he holds the purple heart, and has now been presented the Silver Star.

Pfc. Lenox joined the marines in March, 1943. Soon, he will be discharged and he and his wife, Roberta, will move to Pennsylvania where he will work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.

# CIGARET RATION PLAN PREPARED

Industry Will Undertake Fair Distribution of Scarce Smokes.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16 (U. P.)—Cigarette ration cards—good for a pack a punch—were ready for distribution to the nation's 1,000,000 retailers today under an industry-sponsored program through which the National Association of Tobacco Dealers hopes to put an end to the daily nation-wide scramble for smokes.

The plan, approved yesterday by distributors attending a wartime conference here, would not supplement existing supplies but would assure a more equitable distribution through local outlets.

The association admitted the system would be unfeasible for chain stores and the so-called transient outlets, such as hotel and railroad stands. These account for 15 per cent of the supply. It was predicted that the plan would prevent raids by hoarders who shop every possible outlet.

## Smokers to Get Cards

Within the next two weeks, numbered cards are to be distributed to consumers, who will be requested to sign a declaration that they hold only one card.

The cards will be distributed by local retailers, presumably only to their regular customers and will be honored only by the issuing dealer. The cards will be punched each time the holders purchase a pack of cigarettes and when all the punches have been used up, a new one will be issued.

The card won't be worth any specific number of cigarettes—or for that matter, any at all—association officials emphasized. However, the program is expected to enable dealers to apportion their current supplies fairly and eventually limit smokers to a single source of supply.

## OPA Seems Agreeable

The office of Price administration has expressed no disapproval to the proposal, he said, pointing out that the OPA itself has avoided rationing only because of the difficulty of determining how many people are cigarette smokers.

An industry spokesman predicted that most retailers would welcome rationing and co-operate to the fullest.

"Why shouldn't they?" it was added. "Most tobaccoists are eager to treat their customers fairly and are tired of operating their establishments like speakeasies."

The 15 per cent of dealers not affected by the program would have little effect on rationing if everyone else co-operated, he said.

During 1945 civilian smokers should average 15 cigarettes a day, or about two a day less than in the early part of last year, he estimated. The rationing will have no effect on overseas shipments to the armed forces, which will continue to come first.

# Criticism of Koiso Growing In Japan, Tokyo Radio Hints

By UNITED PRESS

Tokyo broadcasts indicated today that criticism of the Koiso government was increasing in high Japanese circles despite its adoption of a five-point "win-the-war" program. The Imperial Rule Assistance political society, parliamentary wing of Japan's mass totalitarian party and core of opposition to the government, scheduled further meetings to discuss the situation, Tokyo broadcasts recorded by the POC said.

The broadcasts indicated a move may be underfoot to unseat Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso because of his government's failure to halt the American conquest of the Philippines, and other Japanese war reverses.

Hinting that the going may not be as smooth as usual in the diet when it reconvenes Jan. 21, Tokyo said that two representatives of the political society would "interpellate upon the government's concrete administrative policies," including general governmental administration and governmental renovations.

"In addition," Tokyo said, "these two men will indicate those things that the people desire to a perfect degree, and will express constructive opinions. They will spur the government on to action, and request the powerful execution of the many and varied policies."

The Koiso cabinet's five-point "win-the-war" program, adopted last Friday, called for strengthened air defense measures, increased output of munitions, increased food production, better mobilization of the labor supply and maximum utilization of material resources.

Tokyo acknowledged that the most urgent problem confronting the government was the production of "great numbers" of planes.

## INDIAN LEADER FREED

NEW DELHI, Jan. 16 (U. P.)—Dr. Rafulla Chander Ghose, congress party member of the working committee, who was arrested in 1942 and held in Ahmednagar, has been released unconditionally entirely on medical grounds, it was announced today.

# 3 BLACK MARKETERS FINED IN INDIANA

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 16 (U. P.)

U. S. Judge Luther M. Swygert passed sentences against three defendants involved in black market negotiations yesterday when the federal grand jury met to clean up its slate for northern Indiana.

All the defendants had pleaded guilty to the charges at arraignment Dec. 16, 1944.

The Himmelstein Brothers, Inc., Ft. Wayne, were fined \$450 for selling produce above the ceiling prices.

In another similar case the Himmelstein firm was fined \$600. The firm's president, Max Himmelstein, and a salesman, Joseph Osterlag, each were fined \$250 and given a year's suspended sentence on the same charges.

Dan Death, of near Deatur, was given a year and a day suspended sentence and placed on probation for two years for making false claims on a government check.

A three-year probation sentence was given to Dale Ulrich-Golling, Ft. Wayne, who pleaded guilty to transporting forged checks across state lines.

# Connally Sure Senate Will O. K. Peace Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (U. P.)

Chairman Tom Connally (D. Tex.), of the senate foreign relations committee, said today he was confident that the senate, despite isolationist opposition, would "overwhelmingly" approve American participation in a world peace organization.

Talk of possible senate rejection of a peace treaty involving a new league of nations was revived as a result of an intense foreign policy debate in which Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.), ardent pre-war isolationist, bitterly denounced the Dumbarton Oaks world security plan.

Senator Claude Pepper (D. Fla.), responding to Wheeler, blamed senate rejection of the league of nations for the present war and expressed a fear that "history may be repeated" after this war ends.

Connally, however, recalled that the senate already had approved by a vote of 85 to 5, a resolution favoring U. S. participation in an international peace organization.

Connally sat glumly silent through most of yesterday's four-hour debate. He made no response to

Wheeler, holding to his position that there should be no debate which might injure present delicate international relations before the impending Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting.

Pepper, however, accused Wheeler of contributing to dissension among the allies. He charged that Wheeler's denunciation of the "unconditional surrender" slogan was "a gift for the mill of Nazi propagandist, Joseph Goebbels."

## Point of History

Pepper's charge that rejection of the league of nations was partly responsible for the present war drew him into a debate with Senator Eugene D. Millikin (R. Colo.). Millikin argued that France and Britain must bear their share of the responsibility.

"How can you put the blood of this war on the hands of this senate or those who preceded us here when others lacked the guts to protect their own interests?" demanded Millikin, referring to French failure to prevent German occupation of the Rhineland.

Pepper accused Millikin of "quarreling with history."

"I do not quarrel with history," Millikin retorted, "I co-operate with the inevitable."

The debate ended with Wheeler hoarsely protesting against the implication that his speech was intended to help the enemy.

He denounced the Dumbarton Oaks plan as a "grim military alliance." He urged in its stead a general federation of European nations. Unless there is a peaceful federation, he said, he foresaw three alternatives: A Europe dismembered into 20-odd nations; a Europe dominated by Russia; or a Europe partitioned into British and Russian spheres of influence.

# JANE BRISBY HEADS C.Y.O. SKATE PARTY

Miss Jane Brisby of St. Joan of Arc parish is chairman of the Catholic Youth organization annual city-wide skating party at Riverside rink tomorrow.

Assisting are Carolyn Neff, St. Philip parish; Patricia Quinlan, Cathedral parish; Toni Scheller, St. Catherine parish, and Clara Fox, Holy Trinity parish.

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