

PLAN PROBE OF FORCED LABOR

WMC's Own Policy Committee Charges 'Sabotage' of Voluntary Recruitment to Show Need for Drafting Workers.

WASHINGTON, March 21 (U.P.)—Congress was expected today to look into charges that the administration sabotaged voluntary labor recruiting methods in order to prove the need for a labor draft.

The sabotage charges were made yesterday by the war manpower commission's own labor-management policy committee, a group of agriculture, industry and labor representatives.

In a blistering statement, the committee said the WMC's attempt to force workers in New Bedford, Mass., to leave their textile jobs for work in tire cord mills was done "for the purpose of lobbying congress in support of compulsory service legislation."

Studying Compromise

Administration leaders, including President Roosevelt, War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes and heads of the war and navy departments, have maintained that voluntary manpower controls have failed and that a labor draft is needed to keep war production going.

Senate-house conferees now are studying a compromise manpower proposal which would permit a work draft of all men aged 18 to 45 if voluntary methods were tried first and failed.

The labor-management committee said the WMC appeared to have been used as a "cat's paw" by "certain Washington officials."

It accused the agency of putting the New Bedford scheme into effect without consulting the local labor-management policy committee.

Few Switch Jobs

Few workers in New Bedford have switched jobs under the WMC's so-called "test draft," which consisted of reducing labor ceilings so textile companies would have to discharge workers. Most workers, however, refused to go into the tire cord plants.

The labor-management committee called on WMC Chief Paul V. McNutt to abandon the plan and let the citizens of New Bedford solve their problems "without a shotgun at their heads."

McNutt replied that it would be continued until the community submitted "a plan which gives concrete evidence that the staffing of critical tire plants will be accomplished without delay."

Fuel for Anti-Draft

The committee's charges appeared certain to provide fuel for anti-draft senators who support the labor-industry view that voluntary methods are the only way to meet industrial manpower needs.

Senate-house conferees, in recess until Thursday, are studying a new proposal by Senator Warren R. Austin which would attempt to fuse the house work-or-jail bill with the senate's plan to give legal force to WMC labor ceilings and hiring practices.

G. O. P. LEGISLATOR DIES

CORYDON, March 21 (U.P.)—Roy Duggins, a member of the Indiana house of representatives, died in a New Albany hospital. The 63-year-old Republican, represented Harrison and Crawford counties during the 1945 session of the legislature.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Red Cross campaign. Pastoral relations committee, general council of the Presbyterian church, meeting, Indianapolis Athletic club.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Indiana Shippers, Motor Carriers, convention, Lincoln hotel. Indiana Employment Service division luncheon, Washington hotel, 6 to 8 p.m. Pastoral Relations committee, general council of the Presbyterian church, meeting, Indianapolis Athletic club. Red Cross campaign.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

George W. Morrison; Nellie C. Healey, Henry Clayton West, Ft. Harrison; Patricia Sue Guthrie, 420 E. 49th. Charles Barbara Barger, Ft. Harrison; Charles Guzman, Terre Haute; Rose Elizabeth, 3617 N. Capitol. Bernard M. Cox, 120 E. North; Helen Virginia Cox, 3752 Salem. Roy Wiley, Stouf Field; Jean Sims, 2018 College. Stanton Mosier, Billings General hospital; Bertha Lucille Gray, WAC, Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N.Y. John Edward Owsian, Ft. Harrison; Kathleen Jane Davis, Seattle, Wash. Fred B. Cook, 1850 N. Delaware; Lucille L. Gregson, 600 N. 18th. Charles Benjamin Warthen, 1959 Caroline; Alfred Evelyn Crooke, 531 Dorman. George Conner, U.S. Army. Anna Alberta Hackney, 1706 E. 12th. James Joseph O'Shea, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C. Judith Robinet, 2937 Park.

BIRTHS

Twins. Gaylord, Maurice Jean, girl, at St. Vincent's. Girls. Michael Dick Aims, at St. Francis. Marvin, Mildred Garrison, at St. Francis. Harry, Helen Gibbs, at St. Francis. Edward, Robert, at St. Francis. Russell, Jeanne McClain, at St. Francis. Robert, Sarah Walls, at St. Francis. Edward, John, at St. Francis. Arthur, Patricia White, at St. Francis. Arabel, Helen Crast, at City. Victoria, Helen, at St. Francis. Harry, Alvina, Helen Mabern, at Coleman. Theodore, Helen Patterson, at Coleman. Shirley, Alice, at St. Francis. Robert, Ophelia Beach, at St. Francis. Alfred, Elizabeth Burger, at Methodist. Shirley, Marie Coffey, at Methodist. Alvin, Lois, at City. Mildred, at Methodist. Adolphine, Mildred Fischer, at Methodist. Ruth, Georgia Stewart, at Methodist. Hans, Edith, at Methodist. Charles, Velma Dill, at St. Vincent's. Ivan, Delia Kermode, at St. Vincent's. Thomas, Madeline Schuck, at St. Vincent's. John, William Surber, at St. Vincent's. Lee, Marie, William, at Methodist. John, Maxine Hudson, 226 E. 12th. Boys.

Walter, Joseph Norwell, at St. Francis. Ralph, Irene, William, at St. Francis. Richard, Jean Duncan, at St. Francis. Marshall, Maurice May, at St. Francis. James, Corn, McDonald, at St. Francis. Harry, Donald, William, at St. Francis. Arvid, Helen Caldwell, at City. Ethel, Helen, at City. Henry, Georgia Walker, at City. Charles, Helen Fisher, at Coleman. Donald, Jean, at Coleman. Carmen, Harry, Wanette, Brown, at Methodist. Paul, Eddie, Sam, at Methodist. Paul, Margaret Stamm, at Methodist.

COUNTY'S ROAD REPAIRS HALTED

Checks Refused, Department Shut Down.

The county highway department has been shut down partially and 20 workmen dismissed on the refusal of Auditor Ralph Moore to pay checks.

His refusal was based on yesterday's opinion from Atty. Gen. James A. Emmert that a recent night meeting of the county council was illegal.

The council had met to approve the allocation of state gasoline tax money to the highway department.

Calls Meeting Illegal

The council meeting had been set for 10 a.m. March 10. Only President Addison J. Parry appeared. He recessed the meeting until 7:30 p.m., at which time the appropriation was made.

Mr. Emmert said the night meeting was illegal and consequently the appropriation was illegal. He added that sanction of the council "would open the door to him in the rear of 320 N. Illinois st.

LAWYER NAMED FOR PRISONERS

Gary Attorney Is Appointed Public Defender.

Frank L. Greenwald, Gary attorney, today became Indiana's first public defender.

Governor Gates announced his appointment to the \$500-a-year post, created by the recent legislature.

The state tax board also invalidated an ordinance granting \$20-\$34 to build six bridges in the county destroyed by flood waters.

Councilmen first had refused to appropriate the funds. Later they did so by adding an amendment to another ordinance. It was this method of appropriating the funds that was held improper by the tax body.

ENGLAND HIT BY NAZI PLANES

LONDON, March 21 (U.P.)—A few German planes bombed northern and southern England last night for the first time in nearly two weeks.

ROBBED BY 2 WOMEN

Pvt. James A. Haley, 41, Linden hotel, was robbed of \$19 last night when two women drew knives on him in the rear of 320 N. Illinois st.

CROOKS OF LEBANON

Mr. Hunter succeeds Claude Crooks of Lebanon, whose term ex-

SEEK WORKERS FOR WAR DEPARTMENT

Story on U-Bomb Blast Must Wait

SOUTHERN ENGLAND, March 21 (U.P.)—United Press Correspondent Robert Musel will have an interesting story to tell some day—that is, when censorship permits.

He will be able to tell what a V-bomb looks like coming down, what happens when it lands less than 100 yards from an unwary pedestrian and how it feels to find himself with a mouthful of English soil.

The censors don't allow those stories to be told right now, so all that Musel can say is:

"British soil tastes about the same as the dirt he used to taste on American football fields."

Pedestrians can't out-run V-bombs.

There are more pleasant forms of exercise than being bounced around by a blast.

STUDY NURSE DRAFT

WASHINGTON, March 21 (U.P.)—An amendment to extend the proposed nurse draft to married women, who have no dependents or essential wartime jobs was under considera-

tion today.

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