

## SENATE LABOR ACTION RUSHED

Group Hopes to Present Legislation by Feb. 1.

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Mr. Murray said, "and it is of the utmost importance that the outstanding problems between labor and management be settled fairly and justly so that both may go forward as partners to new horizons of prosperity and employment."

"I am sure that the committee, with its broad experience in labor legislation, will make every effort to bring out the truth on all sides of these problems so that we may have a full and clear understanding of the questions involved to the end that any legislation we may have will be sound, intelligent and constructive, not hasty and ill considered or based on misunderstanding and the passions of the moment."

**Destructive of Values**  
Mr. Davis told the committee that "settlement of labor disputes by government fiat is destructive of all the creative values of collective bargaining."

"The parties to a labor dispute, Mr. Davis said, must enter bargaining conferences with management's right to shut up shop and labor's right to strike unhampered. Compulsion, Davis said, should be used only in wartime or in peace-time cases involving public utilities."

Of the bills before the committee, Mr. Davis gave limited support to only one. He said mediation within the labor department should be strengthened by passage of legislation such as a measure by Senator Brien McMahon (D., Conn.).

Provisions which Mr. Davis liked would set up a mediation and conciliation service within the department. The administrator could set up panels of citizens to hear labor disputes.

**No 'Cooling-Off' Period**  
The measure would permit the boards to examine company books, but would not provide a "cooling-off" period to delay strikes. It would provide for arbitration if both sides were willing to abide by the decision of arbitrators.

Pointing out that this bill would not force disputing parties to do anything, Mr. Davis said: "The creative adventure of the conference table loses all color of reality if the workers have been deprived of their right to reject management's offer and quit, or if management has lost its right to refuse the workers' terms and close the plant."

Congress ignored Mr. Truman's request for rush enactment of the fact-finding legislation before the Christmas holiday. His proposal was for a 30-day cooling-off period before strikes and for authority permitting government wage scale investigators to have access to corporation books.

**Asked Cooling Period**  
House prospects for action on that bill brightened somewhat as congress returned. Acting Chairman Jennings Randolph (D., W. Va.) of the labor committee announced that he supported it in principle and that hearings would be resumed next week. He predicted some kind of compromise but had

## Catches Fugitives



Sgt. Robert Smith. Sharp eyes snagged four handits.



Donato Lorano. Charles Lockhart.



John Mansfield. Mary Lockhart.

## CRIME CAREER ENDS WITH HOTEL HOLDUP

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standing outside the car, went for their guns and attempted to escape as the police jumped out of the squad car.

They stopped short, however, when they discovered that all three police had guns drawn ready to shoot.

Handcuffed and held for state and Crawfordville police, the quartet was tentatively identified as Donato Lorano, 24, of El Paso, Tex.; John Mansfield, 21, Florida; and Charles and Mary Lockhart, both 25 and both of Danville, Ill.

While they were waiting in the filling station for another police car, members of the quartet shouted defiant insults and boasts, arresting officers said. Their threats indicated that the Crawfordville hold-up was just the first in a long string which they had planned, according to police.

Police found about \$16 in change and \$8 one-dollar bills in the glove compartment of the car. Lorano had a billfold containing \$140 on him, police said.

The quartet was returned to Crawfordville for identification by state and Crawfordville police.

no idea when legislation might be reported for consideration by the house.

Whatever house intentions toward the fact-finding bill may be, most observers believed the senate would enact, and possibly strengthen, the measure if given an opportunity to vote on it.

## ACTS IN 'WARM BEER' RACKET

ABC Holds Taverns Seek to Swell Liquor Sales.

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to the fact that sellers were deliberately withholding milder beverages in favor of the more expensive—and more intoxicating—liquors.

Police Chief Jesse McMurry said there was "no doubt that drunkenness has been on the increase during the past few months."

After their warning last month, it was reported, taverns began to make beer available to late customers, but failed to cool it. Warm beer, it was pointed out, is almost as discouraging to consumption as no beer at all.

**Study Law for Remedy**  
Continued complaints, according to ABC Chairman Burrell E. Diefendorf and Commissioner James Doss Jr., led the commission to instruct Deputy Attorney General Wilbur Donner to make a study of the liquor laws for power to check the alleged withholding of beer and, if necessary, to draft a new regulation aimed at ending the practice.

William G. Johnson, head of the local Brewery and Soft Drink Workers union, pointed out at the time of the retailers' sessions that while certain brands might be scarce, no actual shortage of beer existed.

"Some of the operators who have been accused of claiming to be out of beer after 8 p. m. were ordering less than their quotas," Mr. Johnson said.

**No Beer Shortage**  
He said today that some of the same operators now were offering only warm beer during the evening hours. He cited one such case, where an operator complained that he lacked facilities for cooling enough beer to last all day and said that "beer in the cooler this evening has to be saved for tomorrow's trade."

"If that's true," Mr. Johnson said, "such an operator doesn't qualify for a license."

Harold Feightner, secretary of the Indiana Brewers association, confirmed Mr. Johnson's contention that there is no shortage of beer. Commission members pointed out that since a license to sell liquor by the drink cannot be obtained unless the operator also has a license to sell the milder beverages, beer and wine, failure to supply cold beer to customers who ask for it, and to whom it could be sold legally is a "violation of the intent, if not the letter, of the law."

## TWO HOOSIERS ON MISSING U. S. PLANES

An Indiana officer and an enlisted man were reported missing today aboard an army transport plane which disappeared Dec. 9 while flying between Dakar and Johannesburg, Africa. Twelve other military personnel and two civilians were aboard, the war department announcement said.

The two from Indiana are: First Lt. Bernard Edwin Fiedler, son of Dan S. Fiedler, Ridgeville, and Cpl. Milton S. Tyler, son of Isabel Tyler, Gary.

## Ike Pledges All 2-Year GI's To Be on Way Home by July

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In these estimates, or we cannot do the job as promised."

Adm. Denfeld said that in slightly less than five months ending Jan. 12, the navy had released 1,359,601 persons.

**Ahead of Schedule**  
This, he said, was ahead of schedule, which had been revised upward on at least two occasions since demobilization began in August.

"We stated to congress we would return to civilian life one-half of the navy by the end of January or early in February," Denfeld said. "That commitment is on schedule and will be met. We further said that our goal would be complete demobilization down to the post-war strength by Sept. 1. We see nothing to prevent us from meeting that commitment also."

Chairman Elbert Thomas (D., Utah) of the senate military affairs committee, said Eisenhower and Nimitz gave "information the country needs."

Chairman Andrew J. May (D., Ky.) of the house military affairs committee expressed belief the presentation "will iron out" congressional demobilization complaints.

Eisenhower was introduced by Undersecretary of War Kenneth C. Royall.

He noted that at a similar meeting last September former Chief of Staff Marshall told congress discharges would average 750,000 men a month for last October, November and December.

**Million a Month**  
Actually, he said, they averaged 1,200,000 a month, "and the result was that 1,650,000 men have gone to their homes who had no right to expect it."

If discharges had continued at that rate, the chief of staff said, "the army would have been out of men by March."

Wearing his famous field jacket, Eisenhower bluntly told the members of congress that the army has three big jobs.

"It has the job of reconverting Germany, of reconverting Japan, and of reconverting itself," he said.

The army must occupy former enemy territory and it must take care of billions of dollars of surplus property until it can be taken over by the proper civilian agency, Eisenhower said.

**Hits Criticism**  
He hit back at those who charged that the army sought to slow up demobilization in order to get congressional training program and at those who declared high ranking officers wanted to maintain a big army to keep their temporary high ratings.

Eisenhower said charges that the army sought to relate demobilization to military training were "utterly false."

A military training program would not supply one man for service, he said, and "our problem would be only more acute."

He said there is no point in trying to get a military training program until the army has completed its reconversion.

He also pointed out that of the 1500 general officers in the army on V-E day, 788 have been separated.

reduced in rating, or scheduled for reduction in 60 days.

Before the meeting, Rep. John E. Rankin (D., Miss.), had made it known that he did not believe Eisenhower and Nimitz would be able to satisfy critics of the demobilization program.

Rankin said he intends to push his campaign to release from a house military affairs committee pigeonhole his measure to require almost wholesale releases from the services.

**Press Release Demand**  
Eisenhower said that there are now 662,000 U. S. army men in Europe. By July 1, he said, this would be cut to 335,000.

In the Pacific today there are 865,000 troops, a force which will be cut down to 375,000 by July 1, Eisenhower said.

Speaking rapidly, Eisenhower summarized some of the jobs which American troops must perform in Germany, which he reminded was "still enemy territory."

Approximately 3000 military installations have to be destroyed; an inter-zone boundary of 2000 miles must be guarded; 365 installations for displaced persons must be maintained; and vital public installations, which would be the target for sabotage, must be guarded.

**Pressure Necessary**  
Eisenhower then stepped forward and said:

"When you see firemen playing checkers in the firehouse, you don't send them home because there's nothing to do. And it's the same in Germany. The soldiers may be sitting around with nothing to do, or so they think. But their presence there is very necessary."

He reminded that in Europe alone there is more than \$70,000,000,000 in U. S. property to be guarded, in addition to a lot of equipment captured from the enemy.

The situation in the Pacific is even more difficult because of geography and climate.

"It's complicated by the necessity of occupying so many bases," he said. "Our Pacific islands are piled up with supplies far more than in Europe, and Gen. MacArthur's got the job to take care of that. We cannot walk off and leave this property."

In the Philippines, he said, there are now 273,000 troops. This will be cut down to 79,000 by July 1, the minimum that Gen. MacArthur "can drop them to."

He also said that a garrison of 33,000 is now stationed at Okinawa and that this strategically important place must be kept guarded.

## Patterson Opposed To Mass Protests

SEOUL, Korea, Jan. 15 (U. P.)—Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson declared today that he was opposed to mass demonstrations of soldiers to protest army demobilization and redeployment policies.

Mr. Patterson said he believed soldiers should take their complaints and questions to their commanding officers without resorting to public demonstrations.

The statement was made at a press conference after Mr. Patterson had met with a G. I. committee which asked him about war department demobilization plans.

## Broad Ripple Plaque Is Home

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Ripple tank was treated with special care by the forces on Luzon. An officer to whom ex-Sgt. Davis made a request for a new tank picked the one sent by Broad Ripple because he knew the tankman was an Indianapolis boy.

INSTEAD of being issued the tank in regular G. I. fashion, the local veteran received the vehicle in an impromptu ceremony in the motor pool.

"I couldn't understand why the officer said it was a present, until I saw the plaque," Mr. Davis said. "Then when I saw it was something from Indianapolis I knew it was for me."

AND THE high school's gift attracted more attention in battle. All during the fighting the school received a flow of letters both from Mr. Davis, telling of the action the tank was seeing, and from other soldiers who spotted the plaque on the tank and wrote to thank the high school for its gift.

Mr. Davis, who came back with five battle stars and an arrowhead for initial invasion action, was discharged last month. A former student at Technical high school, he had been in service since December, 1942.

**ACTOR'S FATHER DIES**  
HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 15 (U. P.)—Funeral services for Joseph Keaton, 79, veteran vaudeville actor and father of screen comedian Buster Keaton, will be held tomorrow. He died Sunday night.

**HOOSIER PASTOR DIES**  
GARRETT, Ind., Jan. 15 (U. P.)—The Rev. Lawrence J. Weber, 48, pastor of Immaculate Conception church at Auburn, died last night at Sacred Heart hospital here. He had been ill several months.

## Organizations

The Meta council 199, Degree of Pochmias, will hold installation ceremonies at 8 p. m. tonight at 2908 1/2 W. Michigan st. Officers to be installed will include Mrs. Gertrude Coy, president; Mrs. Irene Qualters, Pochmias; Mrs. Edna Bailey, Wendenah; George Rathford, Pochmias; Mrs. Marie Vise, keeper of records; and Miss Lillie Gentry, collector of dues.

The ladies auxiliary, Sahara Grotto, will meet at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the Grotto home, 4107 W. Washington st.

Cerinthian chapter 456, O. E. S., will entertain Evergreen lodge members with a pitch-in dinner at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow at 2515 W. Washington st. A regular meeting will follow at 8 p. m. and ritualistic work of 1979 will be exemplified. Mrs. Rachel Goodwin is worthy matron and Mr. Claude Goodwin, worthy patron.

## TALK SET TO AVERT PHONE STRIKE HERE

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closed up General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors. Some 2000 other U. E. W. members reported for work today as local 1001 stayed on the job at P. R. Mallory Co., Inc. Union officials said that no arrangements had been made for a strike there.

Telephone union members who will go into session with management Thursday include Ray O. Waldkoetter, president; Scott Stephens, vice president; R. N. Howerton, secretary; Roy Lunsford, Bloomington, and William Wells, South Bend.

**Continue Picketing**  
United Steel Workers (C. I. O.) pickets continued their vigil at the two local plants of Link-Belt Co. Though it was understood company representatives conferred most of the day yesterday, officials indicated this morning there were no new developments of the union's demands.

In addition to the \$2 daily wage increase which is at stake in the steel picture over the nation, Link-Belt and the U. S. W. are deadlocked over union proposals to set up insurance for workers and a 20-year retirement plan which together would absorb approximately 10 cents an hour from pay.

**3500 Workers Out**  
An estimated 3500 employees went on strike at the two plants late Sunday and since then only a few essential employees necessary to maintain and protect the plant and make emergency repairs have been permitted to pass through the picket lines.

Meanwhile the telephone situation remained unchanged with the exception that long distance went back to a normal pace. Washington, D. C., long distance operators remained out, however, and only emergency calls may be placed.

Local issues are involved in the walkout. Nevertheless I. T. W. U. will file a strike notice tomorrow in line with the nation-wide move of affiliates of the National Telephone Workers Federation.

If negotiations break down within the required 30-day period, the union will strike.

The union is asking for a two dollar a day raise and return to a 40-hour week. All workers are back on the job and pickets have been withdrawn.

## Frank Wocher, Banker Here Since 1889, Is Dead at 76

Frank F. Wocher, assistant cashier at the American National bank, died today in his residence at the Spink-Arms hotel. He was 76.

Mr. Wocher began his career with Indianapolis banks in 1889 when he was employed by the Fletcher National bank.

Following the consolidation in 1910, he became vice president of the Fletcher-American National bank. In 1933 this bank was reorganized as the American National bank and he was employed there as assistant cashier.

As a teller, Mr. Wocher became an expert in signature identification. He was called to San Francisco in 1912 to testify in this capacity in the trial against the McNamara brothers, who were charged in connection with the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times.

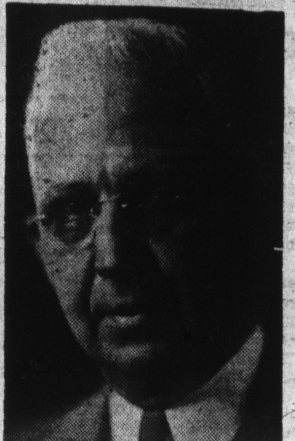
Mr. Wocher, whose wife, Carrie A. Wocher, died more than a year ago, is survived by a sister and three daughters, Mrs. H. E. McIlvaine, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Mrs. Verne L. Murray, Bronxville, N. Y.; and Mrs. William E. Keith, Chicago, Ill.

Services are being arranged by Hisey & Titus mortuary.

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## MEETING TO DISCUSS ACCIDENT PROGRAM

An aggressive accident prevention program to combat Indiana's mounting street and highway death toll will be discussed tomorrow afternoon at a joint session of the governor's co-ordinating safety committee and the Indiana Traffic Safety council.

Paul G. Hoffman, South Bend industrialist and president of the safety council, and Lew Wallace, Chicago, a representative of the National Safety council, will be present.

Last year's 850 state traffic fatalities and 51,000 reported accidents constitute "a solemn challenge to every Indiana citizen to work toward reducing this unnecessary loss of life," Governor Gates asserted. The result of the job will depend on the support of all motor vehicle operators, he said.

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