

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."

Deceptive 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 aimed at ending the practice.

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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:

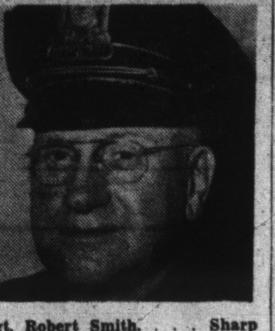
"The creative adventure of the conference table loses all color of reality if the workers have been deprived of their right to reject management's offer and quit, or if management has lost its right to refuse the workers' terms and close the plant."

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



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.

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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 Feighner, 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 to 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."

Police found about \$16 in change and 58 one-dollar bills in the glove compartment of the car. Lorano had a billfold containing \$48 on him, police said.

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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 announced.

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.

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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

GARRET, 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 100, Degree of Pocahontas, will hold installation ceremonies

at 8 p. m. tomorrow at the Washington st. Officers to be installed will include

Mrs. Gertrude Corp, prophetess; Mrs.

Irvin, prophet; Mrs. Ethelreda Bailey, Wrenson; George Hasted, Pow-

hatan; Mrs. Mervin Vins, keeper of records, and Mrs. Mabel Goss, keeper of war

pups. Mrs. Sarah Craig will be installing

officer.

The ladies auxiliary, Sahar Grotto, will

meet at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the Grotto

home, 4107 E. Washington st.

Ceremony chapter 456, O. E. S. will

meet at 8 p. m. tomorrow with a

pitch-in dinner at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow

at 2519 W. Washington st. A regular

meeting will be held at 8 p. m. tomorrow.

His work of 1875 will be completed.

Rachel Goodwin, worthy matron and Mr.

Claude Goodwin, worthy patron.

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

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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 1,350,000 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.

Hit Criticism

He hit back at those who charged

that the army sought to slow up de-

molition in order to get congressional action on a peace-time military 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 delay demobilization to military training were "utterly false."

A military training program

would not supply one man for ser-

vice, he said, and "our problem would only more acute."

He said there is no point in try-

ing to get a military training pro-

gram until the army has completed

its reconversion.

He also pointed out that of the

1500 general officers in the army on

V-E day, 780 have been separated.

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 with-

in 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.

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Paul G. Hoffman, South Bend

industrialist and president of the

Local Safety Council, and Lew Wallace,

Chicago, a representative of the

National Safety Council,