

Proposes U. S. Seizure To Protect Public From Strikes

La Guardia Asks Power Be Permanent

Seeks Operation 'By Any Means'

WASHINGTON, March 8 (U. P.).—Fiorello H. La Guardia today proposed that the government be given permanent power to seize strike-bound properties when the strikes endanger public health, welfare and safety.

The former mayor of New York and co-author of the Norris-La Guardia act—which outlawed the use of injunctions in strikes—also said he agreed with the supreme court's decision in the John L. Lewis case.

Mr. La Guardia, fiery New Dealer, told the senate labor committee he never intended that the act should apply to the government when it was an employer.

By Any Means

Mr. La Guardia said the government should be permanently empowered to step in and operate essential industries "by any means" when private management is unable to keep its workers on the job.

Government seizure powers, however, should not be administered in such a way that management is allowed to retaliate against the public, Mr. La Guardia said. He advocated a formula that would permit the government to retain a large share of the profits during the period of federal operation.

Earlier, Mr. La Guardia, proposed that congress intervene directly to help America's labor unions merge into a "congress of labor organizations."

Revise Wagner Act

Mr. La Guardia told the senate committee he now believes the Wagner act must be revised to give unions "responsibility" in keeping with their newly acquired rights. But he warned against "hasty" action.

Mr. La Guardia recommended that a joint labor-industry-congressional committee be established to study the entire problem of labor relations and report back to congress by Oct. 1, 1947.

Other congressional developments:

Labor Racketeering

The house labor committee opened an investigation to learn whether Communists and labor racketeers are involved in the two-year-old jurisdictional dispute in the Hollywood movie industry.

Appropriations

House Democrats said they might offer the Republican leadership a plan for "real economy" in the treasury's budget for fiscal 1948. Democrats contended that the house appropriations committee had pulled a "phony" in cutting the treasury budget by \$82,716,850.

Budget

It was indicated that house and senate Republican leaders would try to reach an informal agreement on a budget ceiling resolution before a formal conference committee meeting is held. The conference committee has been assigned the job of compromising between a house cut of \$6 billion and a senate cut of \$4½ billion.

Brings Weapons Into Courtroom

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 8.—Homer Robinson, 36-year-old mechanic who barged into the office of Judge C. Austin East carrying an array of deadly weapons and demanding "justice," yesterday was judged insane by three physicians who were appointed by the court to examine him.

An automatic pistol, a blackjack, and a knife were taken from Robinson by Deputy Sheriff Opal Koonits.

Robinson will be committed to the state hospital for the insane.

\$600 Is Found In Death Bed

LEBANON, Ind., March 8.—Funeral services were held today for Carl Allen, 57, janitor at nearby Jamestown. After his death in Witham hospital here, \$600 was found hidden in a mattress.

A diary kept for 34 years, was found with the money.

Mr. Allen was stricken with a paralytic stroke while walking on a Jamestown street.

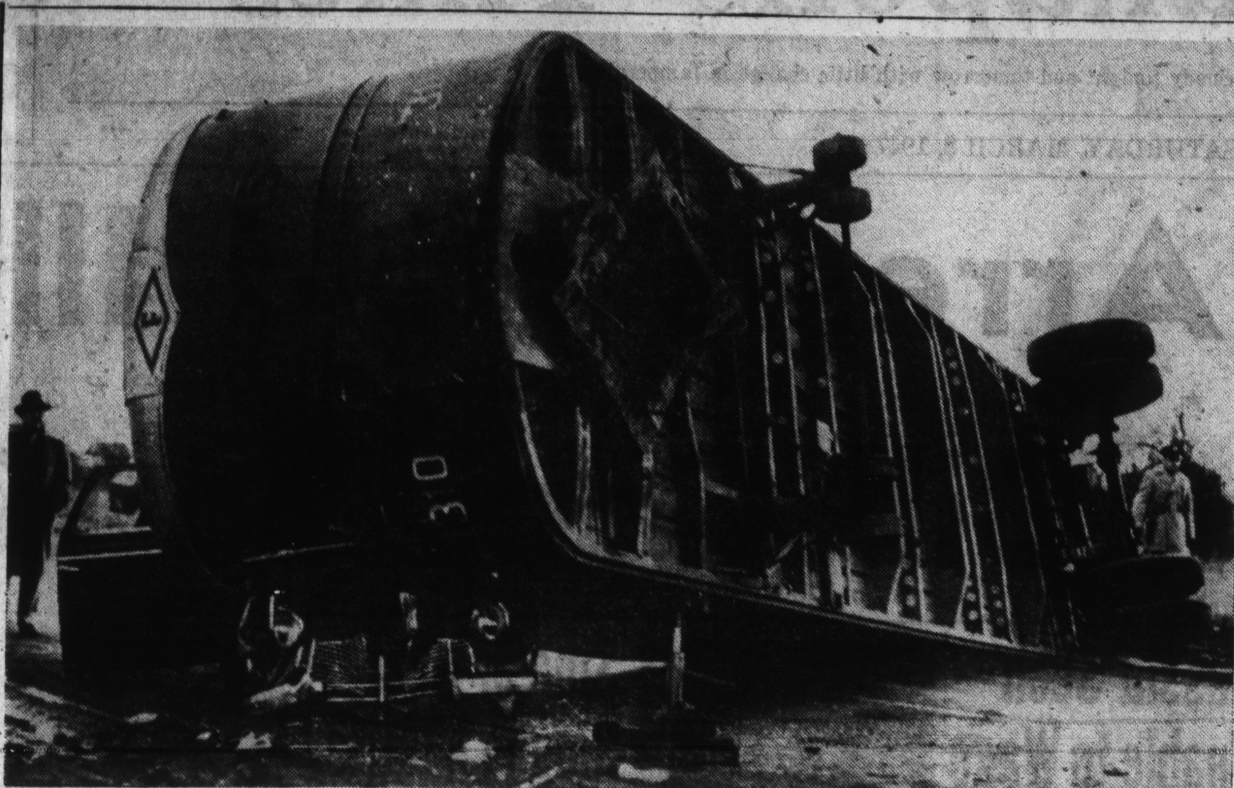
Brothers Sentenced For 1944 Burglary

MONTICELLO, Ind., March 8.—Taken in custody at the gate of the Indiana reformatory after completing a minimum two years of a 5-year burglary sentence from Elkhart county, two Goshen brothers were brought here to face another charge that had been waiting three years.

In White circuit court this week, George Musser, 27, and Ollie Musser, 30, received suspended two to five year terms in the reformatory after pleading guilty to breaking into a tavern at Wolcott in 1944.

WU Hits Bloomington

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 8.—School physician Dr. W. N. Culmer describes the influenza epidemic here as "terrific." The disease, which cut the city schools' attendance sharply this week, likewise affected many Indiana university students.



PANCAKE—The drivers of both these vehicles escaped with only minor injuries yesterday in an accident near Hightstown, N. J. They both jumped clear when this loaded trailer-truck jackknifed and turned over on the car. Three persons in another car were killed when they crashed into the overturned trailer.

Five Major Bills Still Tied Up

Committees, Changes Holding Measures

Five major legislative issues still hung in the balance today as the 85th general assembly entered its next-to-last day of the session.

Bills on these issues had not yet gone to the governor for signature. Instead they are either tied up in conference committees or are awaiting concurrence to amendments by one house or the other.

The governor does not need to sign a receipt for the bills which he receives today or Monday and if he does not sign them or veto them they die in his waste basket. He has never used that means of killing a bill, however.

The budget bill and the bill prohibiting strikes in public utilities are awaiting house concurrence to senate amendments.

Teachers' Pay in Senate

Teachers' minimum pay bill and its companion regulating the amount to be distributed by the state towards teacher minimum pay are both in the senate awaiting concurrence to house amendments.

These two bills hit a snag yesterday when the question arose over how much the state should distribute in each year of the biennium. Teachers are holding out for \$99½ million each year and the administration will concede to only \$96 million the first year and \$93½ million the second. This controversy is expected to be ironed out today.

The two new tax measures, the 3-cent pack cigarette tax and the 1-cent gallon gas tax, have not yet cleared the assembly. The house is expected to send the cigarette tax to the governor today after it concurs in minor senate amendments.

Opposition to Gas Tax

The gas tax, however, met with marked opposition yesterday when it moved to the house for concurrence in senate amendments. The senate amendment which the house did not like was actually the tax itself.

When the bill originally passed the house it included only a schedule for distribution of present gas tax collections. The senate hung the 1-cent tax on an amendment and sent it back to the house. The lower body would not concur and the bill is now in a conference committee.

A hike in truck registration fees re-entered the legislative picture yesterday after being killed earlier in the session. The new bill, which would raise fees approximately 80 per cent, was introduced in the form of an amendment to a house bill by Senator Harry M. Shull (R. Auburn). The senate passed the amended bill and sent it to the house for concurrence.

Fireman Resigns After 38 Years

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., March 8.—Emory C. Krug has resigned after 38 years of service with the Crawfordsville fire department. He served four years as fire chief, four years as captain, and 21 years as assistant chief.

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Horse Opera Queen Quits To Sing in Evening Gowns

Dale Evans, Roy Rogers' Cowgirl Heroine, Starts New Film Career as Glamour Girl

By PATRICIA CLARY

United Press Staff Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD, March 8.—Dale Evans abdicated today as first lady of fildom's cow country.

Tired of getting second billing to a horse, she traded in her riding breeches for a satin evening gown and started a new movie career as a glamour girl.

"I knew the only way I could get star billing was to get out of westerns," she said. "I couldn't beat that horse."

For the first time on the screen, Miss Evans gets kissed in Republic's "The Tropicana." The only caresses in Roy Rogers' westerns were the ones he gave his horse, Trigger.

"We made 20 movies together and he never even held my hand," she complained.

Miss Evans' first picture under the horsemanship shows her as a night club singer. It happens that is what she was before Republic put her into horse operas.

"I'd never ridden a horse before," she said. "Now that I'm through with them I never intend to ride one again."

There was no love lost between Miss Evans and Trigger. He showed off in all their scenes. His contract specified closeups and that he be billed above everybody—but Mr. Rogers himself. He got more fan mail. When she rode him he bucked her off.

The actress hasn't decided what to do with the wardrobe of western outfits she has accumulated. Her evening gowns indicated here and there by a piece of fringe, a cowhide belt, or a rhinestone-encrusted horse's head that she was of the west. Her bathing suit sports a hand-painted bucking bronco across the tummy.

Otherwise, her conversion is complete. "I walked by Trigger's corral yesterday," she said. "He didn't even recognize me."

Teacher Can Dish It Out And Take It Too

SPRINGFIELD, Tenn., March 8 (U. P.).—Husky, 28-year-old Victor Baggett, substitute teacher in the Adams community near here, can dish it out—castor oil style—and take it—rough and tumble style.

Some of Mr. Baggett's pupils chewed bubble gum in class. He didn't like it.

He passed out small doses of castor oil. The pupils didn't like that.

They told their fathers. Some of the fathers didn't like it, either.

Seven of the parents parked in a truck in front of the school yesterday and waited until Mr. Baggett was about to enter.

"That's the guy who gave our kids castor oil," one shouted. "Let's give it back to him."

MR. BAGGETT knocked the first two men down. The other five knocked him to the ground and pummed him up a bit. But their big plan failed. They couldn't make Mr. Baggett drink the bottle of castor oil they had.

The story got out today when Mr. Baggett came to Springfield and told the sheriff about it. He said he wouldn't prefer any charges—and wouldn't stop giving his pupils castor oil if they chewed bubble gum in class.

Adams has a population of about 400.

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Brunton Protests WAA Job Shift

State Legion Head Demands Explanation

W. I. Brunton, state American Legion commander, today protested the shift of a war assets administration official charged with inefficiency from one top post to a higher agency.

The protest was made in a telegram to Lt. Gen. Robert M. Littlejohn, WAA administrator in Washington, demanding an explanation of the appointment of Rowland D. Schell as assistant WAA zone administrator at Chicago.

Mr. Schell was relieved of his WAA regional directorship at Cincinnati last month after a federal probe charged inefficiency in war surplus sales operations.

Move Illogical

Mr. Brunton said "we consider it illogical to discharge one man (John H. Bingham, director of the Indianapolis sub-regional office) and promote another (Schell) when the one promoted made the most mistakes."

The executive post of assistant zone administrator calls for a \$12,000 salary, according to federal pay scales. Mr. Schell received \$10,000 as regional chief.

Mr. Bingham was suspended as director of the local office after the probe and an appeal is pending. One of the charges against Mr. Bingham was insubordination.

The Indiana Legion instigated the probe early last January, charging a tieup of veteran sales by maladministration of WAA.

Police Here Hold Robbery Suspects

Police today held John B. Whitte, 22, alleged abductor of a Morris Plan employee, and three of Whitte's companions on suspicion of strong-arm robbery.

The loan company employee, William E. Foley, told Muncie police that Whitte forced him to drive to Muncie Thursday night.

He said the young man robbed him of \$90 which police found in John B. Whitte's possession.

Muncie police said Whitte admitted being involved with three others in the strong-arming of an Indianapolis man in a downtown hotel several weeks ago.

He was returned from Muncie yesterday to the city jail here where he is held in \$3000 bond.

The companions he was alleged to have named to Muncie police were arrested pending investigation.

The four men will be arraigned in municipal court Friday.

C. OF C. EXECUTIVE ILL

ANDERSON, Ind., March 8.—George T. Hils Sr., executive secretary of the Anderson Chamber of Commerce, has been admitted to St. John's hospital here for observation and treatment.

Plan Anderson By-Pass Route

ANDERSON, Ind., March 8.—Local city officials said today they had been informed by John H. Lauer, chairman of the Indiana highway commission, that the commission plans to take bids in April for construction of the proposed new by-pass route of state road 9 east of Anderson.

State highway engineers already have completed plans for the by-pass, which will include the construction of four and one-half miles of new road and two new bridges. Anderson, which has been closed for several weeks while a new grade and curve elimination project was completed, has been re-opened to traffic.

The curve eliminated had been the scene of numerous accidents. Work of resurfacing and widening a section of state road 28 that extends through Elwood will be started as soon as weather conditions permit.

The road will be resurfaced with blacktop and widened in places from a point five miles east of Elwood to the west limits of the city.

End Strike Threat, Lewis Is Warned

U. S. Will Delay Soft Coal Talks

WASHINGTON, March 8 (U. P.).—The government put John L. Lewis on notice today that it would make no move to promote new soft coal contract talks until he cancels his March 31 strike threat. The threat has been ordered canceled by the supreme court.

Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug, federal mine boss, said that until Mr. Lewis acts, "we are not going to make any move toward negotiations with either miners or mine owners."

In a radio broadcast, Mr. Krug said the supreme court had "temporarily reduced the threat of a strike on June 30." Then government control of the mines held under the President's war powers, is scheduled to end.

He went on to say, however, that so long as the possibility of a strike remained the government would stand ready to "handle any situation."

Mr. Krug hinted that if necessary the administration might ask congress to extend the government's powers to seize and hold properties in labor disputes beyond June 30, the present expiration date.

"I cannot say at this time whether or not we will ask congress to extend that power," Mr. Krug said.

Mr. Krug's statement came as another top government official—Attorney General Tom C. Clark—moved to force Mr. Lewis into line quickly.

Mongrel Saves Life of Boy, 5, Attacked by Chow

PORT HURON, Mich., March 8 (U. P.).—Buster, a mongrel dog which answered his young master's screams, today was credited with saving the boy's life. Buster pulled a heavier dog from his 5-year-old master's throat in the nick of time.

Hospital authorities said that Billy Hurlbert would recover from bites on the head, face and neck.

He was playing in the snow when he steered his sled into a neighbor's yard. There he was attacked by a large chow dog chained in the yard.

THE CHOW had torn away part of Billy's scalp and bitten through his left hand. Buster heard the boy's screams.

The 3-year-old part collie streaked across the yard. He leaped a wide drainage ditch and attacked the bigger chow.

Billy's father, Donald E. Hurlbert, rushed up to help as Buster rolled the chow onto his back. Mr. Hurlbert said the chow was attempting to grab the boy's throat when Buster came to the rescue.

The chow was held at the city pound pending a test for rabies.

War Assets Administration May End One More Prospect of Helping Veterans Get Homes

California and some other states devised plan for getting veterans \$6000 homes as follows:

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Lilienthal Vote Set

WASHINGTON, March 8 (U. P.).—The senate atomic energy committee planned today to vote Monday morning on David E. Lilienthal's appointment as atomic commission chairman.

Washington Calling—Congress Seeks to Keep Cost of Living Down

Return of Controls Feared if Prices Continue to Soar Unchecked

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will remain near present levels until about mid-year, show a pronounced drop near year-end.

Beef and dairy products are due to start down soon, pork and lamb will remain high for a while.

Private predictions are that current price boom will fade by fall. Special conditions have affected individual commodities, experts say, but inflationary signs don't extend to all economy.

Chairman Wolcott says his bill to remove housing controls will be strictly experimental. If prices don't come down in three or four months, controls will go back on. That, he says, is the same policy Republicans followed in OPA dispute.

Administration may beat Mr. Wolcott to the punch by lifting housing controls before congress acts on his bill.

ADMINISTRATION plan to take over responsibility for Greece probably will win in congress, but first reactions there have been anti-British.

Congressional record is filled with complaints against British imperialism, British socialism. Plan will win without admission from either executive or legislative branch of future costs and responsibilities it carries with it.

Reasons it will win, despite heavy financial burden on U. S. taxpayer:

ONE: The argument that Communists will take over if we don't.

TWO: Greece is the key to protection of rich oil lands of Middle East, where American stake is as heavy as British stake.

THREE: Business publications point out vast commercial advantages to U. S. banks, insurance companies, shipping lines, foreign trade, that come to us with world police job.

No Peace Treaty

DON'T EXPECT much from Moscow conference.

It will last about 60 days and will break up without a German peace treaty. Next session will be held somewhere else. Secretary of State George C. Marshall will return to Washington by end of March, will direct U. S. team from here.

Moscow may spring surprise proposal to withdraw troops from Germany, knowing it will be turned down. Purpose: To get on good side of Germans. Before she can add Germany to her sphere of influence she must be more popular there.

THEY'RE KEEPING it out of the debates by mutual understanding, but Midwest Republicans by congress talk more belligerently about Russia than they ever did about Germany.

They have been cured of their pre-war isolationism, at least in this respect, but they loudly condemn Wendell Wilkie's "One World" idea. Their attitude is that U. S. should either rule or withdraw from any given area controversy.

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Bradley Fed Up

GEN. OMAR BRADLEY is more than fed up with his VA job. He's told congressmen he'll be out of it within a year. His despite fact that congressmen expressed confidence in him while voting investigation of his agency.

Army generals, fighting against appropriation cuts, are telling congress leaders that budget bureau trimmed \$4 billion from 1948 funds. They say this is all the out they can stand.

Navy hearings have been completed before appropriations committee but cuts won't be made till legislative budget is decided on. If overall cut of \$6 billion is agreed on, navy is likely to be trimmed by \$400 million. This compares with earlier forecasts of a \$750 million cut.

SHORTAGE of stiff-bosomed shirts is producing crisis in Washington society. (But there's no shortage of stuffed shirts.)

Even at formal White House parties, guests appear with frayed cuffs and patched fronts. Diplomats have organized underground movements in which chauffeurs make systematic tours of haberdasheries and waiters' supply houses, grabbing up starched shirts as soon as they arrive.

Commerce department's garment division says scarcely won't case this year, that manufacturers are making business and work shirts.

Still Aren't Speaking

WILLIAM GREEN and Phil Murray still aren't speaking to each other. But at a recent dinner party, with President Truman as guest, the two were only one seat apart.

They spent the evening needing each other through the young woman seated between them—Mrs. W. R. Devin, whose husband formerly was secretary of the war mobilization advisory board. She enjoyed it immensely.

Unkindest cut:

Supreme court, with its Lewis decision, took front page play from Truman reciprocal trade speech, long heralded as one of greatest importance.