

Anti-Taft-Hartley Act Resolutions Swamp State Labor Meeting

Special Committee Proposed to Handle Topic; 1000 at Opening of Federation Convention

TERRE HAUTE, Sept. 16.—An impending flood of Taft-Hartley law resolutions at the 62d annual convention of the Indiana Federation of Labor today led to a proposal for a separate resolutions committee just to handle that topic.

President Carl Mullen of the state federation said he would seek approval by the convention of the separate committee.

An estimated 1000 delegates were on hand for the opening sessions.

Even before the convention got fairly well under way at 10 a. m. about 30 resolutions were ready to be offered, nearly a third of them on Taft-Hartley. There were three other resolutions dealing with Indiana's new utilities anti-strike law. Without exception, the early offerings condemned the two labor laws.

Civil Service Setup Asked

Other resolutions ready for the convention hopper ranged from a proposal for a civil service setup in the state labor division to a suggestion that the question of statewide daylight saving time be put on the ballot in the next general election.

Total attendance at the four-day convention was expected to top 3000 as the session opened on the heels of a series of minor union conclaves. The main state federation convention will end Friday night.

A two-day meeting of the state building trades council ended yesterday.

Among 15 resolutions adopted at the closing session of the construction trades council were several pledging all crafts of the council to fight the Taft-Hartley labor regulation bill.

Labor Day Holiday Urged

Delegates also asked that Labor day be made an official state holiday for all school children. It pointed out that while the majority of the city schools in Indiana observe Labor day by closing, or by waiting until after the holiday to open the fall semester, many country schools open on that day.

Officers of the building trades council, elected at the closing session, included:

State Labor Commissioner Charles Kern, steamfitters, Indian-

P. & L. Co. Asks PSC to Approve Stock Issue

\$35 Million Building Program Planned

Indianapolis Power & Light Co. today petitioned the public service commission for approval of a plan to finance part of its four-year, \$35,200,152 construction program.

The company asks authority to issue and sell 214,451 shares of its no-par common stock and 50,000 shares of preferred stock of \$100 per share value.

The commission will set a public hearing date and at that time decide whether the securities will be offered for competitive bidding or whether the company may negotiate with bankers for sale of the stocks.

Plan Two Issues

Sale of the stock, the company says, would bring approximately \$3,420,000. The remainder of the funds needed for construction will come from treasury funds and sale of additional securities at a later date, officials declare.

The company's construction budget for remainder of 1947 through 1950 includes \$13,829,504 for the new White river generating station and its transmission line to Indianapolis. The station is located about 18 miles southwest of the city and work is now in progress there.

Program is Needed

Included in the 1947-1950 construction budget is \$6,620,158 for developing the four existing power plants; \$13,443,860 for extending and improving transmission and distribution systems; \$192,500 for improvements to steam distribution

and electric power generation; \$1,000,000 for plant expansion needs.

The petition points out that the proposed financing will "improve the company's financial structure by increasing the proportion of stock and decreasing the proportion of funded debt to its total capitalization."

The company claims the program must be carried out to "provide adequately for electric customers and the large load increases in prospect for subsequent years."

Lafayette Boy Drowns in Sewer Excavation

LAFAYETTE, Sept. 16 (U. P.)—Four-year-old Ralph Eugene Lowther, son of Mrs. John Briscoe, was drowned yesterday in an open, water-filled sewer excavation near his home.

George, 3-year-old brother of the victim, also slipped into the water but managed to get out and notify his mother of the accident.

AN EGG A DAY

Americans ate an average of 382 eggs per person in 1946.

Library Group Elects President

Miss Norma G. Baumann, R. R. 1, chief medical record librarian at Methodist hospital, has been elected president of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians.

Miss Baumann, a graduate of the Northwest Institute of Medical Technology, has been at Methodist hospital since 1944. She did graduate work at the University of California.

She is vice president of the Indiana Association of Medical Record Librarians, a former president of the Minnesota State association, and former secretary-treasurer of the Northern California association.

Drive on Excessive Street Noise Opens

A campaign to stop excessive noise in Indianapolis, was begun today by Mayor Denny and the safety board.

The mayor asked that police break up the practice of wedding parties and football game celebrants driving around the Monument Circle blowing horns and making hilarious noise.

City schools will be called upon to aid in the drive. Mayor Denny said the parades were not only noisy, but added to traffic congestion since the games end at the time downtown afternoon traffic is heaviest.

Police were notified to keep an ear cocked for motorists who use their auto horns "needlessly and excessively." A present ordinance makes the practice a traffic violation.

Letters Declared

The letter declared that authorizing the inspection of company books for violations is "we believe unjust, unconstitutional and leaning towards fascism."

In the letter Mr. Garber also

claimed he believed the proposed ordinance "vests too much power in the combustion engineer when the power should be vested in the air pollution board."

Returns for Discharge

Pfc. Robert Williams, son of Mrs. Williams, 616 E. Miami st., formerly stationed at Gifu, Japan, with the 24th infantry division, has returned to the United States for discharge.

The body, found 100 feet off shore

near the Hudson lake casino, was

taken to a funeral home in New

Carlisle.

For the past seven years, Mr. Shearer had lived in Battleground.

Services will be at 1 p. m. to-

morrow in Rogers & Henderson

funeral home, Lafayette. Burial will

be in Swanders, O.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Anne

B. Shearer; a son, Warren W.

Shearer Jr., Crawfordsville; a sister,

Mrs. Edgar McCormick, Pittsburgh,

Pa., and a brother, C. M. Shearer,

Minneapolis, Minn.

The commodities exchange

authority launched a "pressure cam-

aign" to reduce grain ex-

changes to double margins (down

payments) in grain transactions.

Price Controls Urged

THREE: A congressional commit-

tee investigating prices at Prov-

Proposed Smoke Code Attacked

'Too Broad Grant

Of Power' Charged

Proposed changes in the city's smoke code ordinance were under attack today by members of the Warm Air Heating Contractors association.

Changes in the code are being

made by the office of combustion

engineer as the city legal depart-

ment prepares a recodification of

all ordinances.

More than 50 furnace salesmen,

coal dealers and railroad repre-

sentatives appeared at city council

meeting last night under the im-

pression that the new smoke code

was coming up for discussion.

Vote Due Later

However, the recodified ordinances

which will carry the changes in

the smoke code will not come up

for approval for several weeks.

Robert Wolf, city combustion en-

gineer, said all changes in the

smoke code conform to a model

ordinance suggested by the Ameri-

can Society of Mechanical En-

gineers.

He said changes in the ordinance

would require reporting of the use

of heating equipment. Other

changes would authorize the com-

bustion engineer or his office to in-

spect a company's books for viola-

tions of ordinance, and permit the

sealing of heating plants which

violate provisions of the measure.

William E. Garber Jr., presiden-

t of Warm Air Heating Contract-

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Mark Twain Group To Meet Friday

Miss Laura J. Molleauer will speak at the first meeting of the

Mark Twain Association of Indiana, Inc., to be held at 7:30 p. m.

Friday in the Indiana World War Memorial.

Miss Molleauer, a New York resident, will discuss "Mark Twain and Music."

Mr. Wilbert P. Sarber is program chairman. Miss Mary Susan Singer is founder.

The meeting will be open to the public.

Hinkle to Address Butler Alumni Club

Paul D. Hinkle, Butler university football coach and athletic di-

rector, will be guest speaker at the

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