

## 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 hopped 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

Resolutions 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, Indianapolis.

## 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 \$9,420,000. 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 systems.

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."

## Library Group Elects President

Miss Norma G. Baumann, R. R. L. 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 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 celebrations 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 the 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.

## New Carlisle Woman Drowns in Hudson Lake

NEW CARLISLE, Ind., Sept. 16.—Clara Rink, about 70, of Route 2, New Carlisle, a deaf mute, drowned this morning in Hudson lake, state police reported.

The body, found 100 feet off shore near the Hudson lake casino, was taken to a funeral home in New Carlisle.

## 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 department prepares a recodification of all ordinances.

More than 50 furnace salesmen, coal dealers and railroad representatives appeared at city council meeting last night under the impression 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 engineer, said all changes in the smoke code conform to a model ordinance suggested by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

He said changes in the ordinance would require reporting of all sales of heating equipment. Other changes would authorize the combustion engineer or his office to inspect a company's books for violations of ordinance, and permit the sealing of heating plants which violate provisions of the measure.

William E. Garber Jr., president of Warm Air Heating Contractors association, voiced the organization's objections in a letter to the air pollution board and Mr. Wolf.

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.

## Mark Twain Group To Meet Friday

Miss Laura J. Mollenauer 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 Mollenauer, a New York resident, will discuss "Mark Twain and Music."

Mrs. Wilbert P. Miss Mollenauer 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 director, will be guest speaker at the first meeting of the year of the Butler university Alumni club to be held in the Canary Cottage at 6 p. m. next Monday.

Seward Baker, '31, president of the organization, will announce committee appointments for the year. Included in the program will be several songs by Frank Parrish, '29, local radio performer.

Other officers of the club are Mrs. Lawrence Turner, '32, vice-president; George Arnold, '37, treasurer, and Mrs. DeForest O'Dell, '26, secretary.

## Former Resident Here Dies in Lafayette

Warren W. Shearer, former resident of Indianapolis for 18 years, died yesterday at St. Elizabeth hospital in Lafayette. He was 74.

For the past seven years, Mr. Shearer had lived in Battleground. Services will be at 1 p. m. tomorrow 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., Crawfordville; a sister, Mrs. Edgar McCormick, Pittsburgh, Pa., and a brother, C. M. Shearer, Minneapolis, Minn.

## Drive for Lower Prices Brings Decline in Grains

Wheat, Corn Off Sharply; Steers Hit 1947 High of \$35.75 at Chicago

Grain prices dropped sharply at the nation's big trading centers today as the government began multiple campaigns to force prices down and still provide food for a hungry world.

At Chicago's big union stockyards, however, a new 1947 high of \$35.75 a hundred pounds was paid for two loads of prime steers.

The National Restaurant association, meanwhile, reported that many of the nation's eating places had been forced to strike high quality meat dishes from their menus because so few customers could afford them.

The grain price decline was touched off by a government request that the Chicago, Kansas City and Minneapolis grain markets increase their margin requirements to prevent speculation.

Wheat, Corn Drop

On the Chicago board of trade, wheat dropped as much as 7 cents a bushel from yesterday's closing price. Corn was off 6 cents a bushel and oats dropped as much as 5 cents.

Minneapolis wheat dropped 3 1/2 cents a bushel, with oats off 3 cents. At Kansas City, wheat declined as much as 2 1/2 cents.

At Springfield, O., housewives planned a mass meeting for tomorrow to organize a fight against rising food prices.

At Boston, the chairman of the Boston chapter of the National Association of Consumers called for an immediate special session of congress to declare "a moratorium on all further price increases."

Union Plans Store

At Decatur, Ill., union labor pushed plans for a co-operative retail store to combat the rise in prices.

These were the new points of the government's attack:

ONE: Attorney General Tom Clark asked the people to report any price-fixing attempts to local district attorneys. He ordered his district attorneys to campaign against price agreements which keep the cost of living out of range.

TWO: The commodities exchange authority launched a "pressure campaign" to reduce grain speculations. It asked the nation's big grain exchanges to double margins (down payments) in grain transactions.

THREE: A congressional committee investigating prices at Provi-

city hall.

## Emerson-21st St. Sidewalk Asked

The Glenridge Civic league last night took action to protect the lives of children of the community from traffic hazards.

Because there are no sidewalks along Emerson ave. at 21st st. which is flanked by weeds and mud children walk too close to the street. League members, accordingly, voted last night to appeal to the property owners of the community to lay sidewalks. If this fails, an official committee has been authorized to request the street commissioners' office to make a crushed stone walk.

The league passed a motion to urge Thomas R. Jacoby, city engineer, to resurface 21st before winter. The street is in bad condition, residents report.

Playground to Be Surfaced

Mrs. Mary Beamon, president of the parent-teacher association of school 68, stated that William Evans of the school board had assured her that the school playground will be surfaced before winter.

Members of the civic league also voted their opposition to a used car lot in the 4400 block of 21st st. Members wishing to express individual disapproval of the lot were asked to appear at the zoning board hearing at 3:30 p. m. Monday in city hall.

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