

# Expect Veterans' Housing To Be Hottest Legion Issue

## Group to Hear Appeal to Back T-E-W Bill

### UMT Up for Debate At Spring Meeting

Veterans' housing was expected to be the hottest issue to come before the American Legion today at its annual spring meeting. Meanwhile Legionnaires from throughout the nation have become embroiled in national and international problems midway in the three-day session of the National Executive Committee, which will put the finishing touches on its work here at noon tomorrow.

Walter Alessandroni, Philadelphia, chairman of the housing committee, was to present a resolution on veterans' housing to the National Economic Commission early this afternoon. It is anticipated that the resolution which will recommend that the Legion drop its long-standing opposition to the Taft-Henderson housing bill will precipitate heated arguments.

Mr. Alessandroni and his World War II committee are said to have changed their views on the T-E-W bill since it was amended to give veterans priority in low-cost housing.

High on the Legion docket is child welfare. The problem is of extreme importance. Legion officials said, because more than 50 per cent of all the children in the United States are those of veterans.

The major project of the Legion in this respect is to develop a plan to secure more federal aid for local agencies through public assistance programs.

Universal military training was to be in for an airing at the meeting today of the National Security Commission. The Legion was expected to reiterate its position for the project which at present is being soft-pedaled in Congress, according to lobbyists for the organization.

Another highlight was to be a report by Milo J. Warner, Toledo, on plans for enlarging national Legion headquarters here.

Climax of the spring meeting will be the banquet for the National Executive Committee at 7 p. m. today in the Indianapolis Athletic Club. It will be given by James F. O'Neil, national commander.

John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy, who was scheduled to arrive here by air late this afternoon, will be the principal speaker.

In the closing session tomorrow Ralph B. Gregg, national judge advocate, is expected to blast legal maneuvering used by Communists in this country to gain their "infamous ends."

Recommended Action Legion officials asked the government yesterday to assure the nations of Western Europe that the U. S. was co-operating with them militarily "in the event of aggression."

In a series of resolutions on foreign policy, the Legion leaders recommended action to "thwart a plan for world domination and to prevent a third and devastating world war."

The executive committee also adopted resolutions urging co-operation in resisting aggression, strengthening the United Nations, maintaining the armed forces at "wholly adequate levels," world-wide dissemination of information and continued support of the European Recovery Plan.

## Experts to Confer On 'Family Life'

WASHINGTON, May 4 (UP)—In the whirl of modern living the ties that bind families together are getting loose.

The high rate of divorce and juvenile delinquency and a dozen other "symptoms" are worrying the experts who believe the family unit is basic to American democracy.

Experts from 127 major organizations will begin gathering here today for a four-day "National Conference on Family Life." They will see if they can agree on what's happening, why it's happening and what should be done about it.

The conference is privately sponsored, but has the best wishes of the government, including President Truman. As evidence of "my official and personal interest," Mr. Truman offered the use of the White House as a place for the group's opening news conference late today.

## WCTU Declares Strikers No Help

SYDNEY, Australia, May 4—Sydney's brewery workers, on strike for the last two months, aren't helping the temperance cause much.

So thinks Mrs. Grace Tossell, Women's Christian Temperance Union executive. "It seems a very roundabout way to prevent people from taking alcohol," she says of the strike.

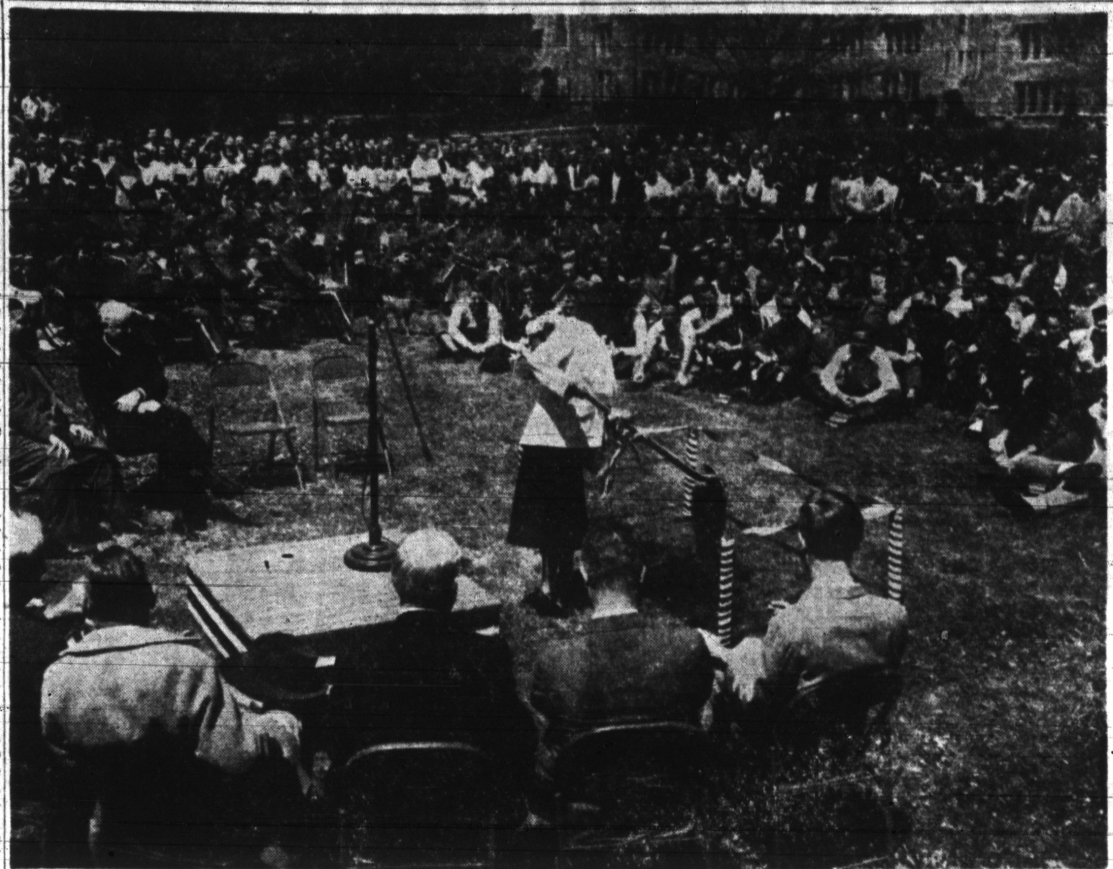
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## Succeeds Mountbatten

LONDON, May 4 (UP)—Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, one-time associate of the late Mohandas K. Gandhi in the India independence movement, has been appointed Governor General of the Indian Dominion, it was announced today. He will succeed Earl Mountbatten, cousin of King George VI.

## SETS LIMESTONE WEEK

The week of June 14-19 today was proclaimed Indiana Limestone Week by Gov. Gates.



GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY—Butler University officials and students watch as Miss Mary Elizabeth Swann, president of the Student Council, breaks ground for the new Student Union building.

## Ground Broken For Student Union

### Butler to Put Up \$1 Million Building

Workers were busy today clearing the site for Butler University's new \$1,000,000 Student Union building, following official ground-breaking ceremonies yesterday.

Students, faculty, alumni and representatives of the board of directors participated in the ceremony on Fairview campus, 200 feet south of Arthur Jordan Memorial Hall.

Speaking briefly as they turned a shovelful of ground were Hilton U. Brown, president of the board of directors; J. I. Holcomb, chairman of the board building committee; Dr. George F. Leonard, director of the evening division; J. Russell Townsend, president of the Butler Alumni Association, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Swann, president of the Butler Student Council.

The Rev. Roy B. Connor Jr., will serve as president of the Indianapolis Ministerial Association for 1948-49. The Rev. Mr. Connor is pastor of the Methodist Church.

The Rev. R. H. Peoples, pastor of the Second Christian Church, has been named association vice president; the Rev. Herman Rose, pastor of the North Side Assembly of God, secretary, and the Rev. Robert Gemmer, associate pastor of the First Friends Church, treasurer.

The officers, elected yesterday, will assume their new duties June 1. Dr. Richard Rettig, pastor of the Carrollton Avenue Evangelical and Reformed Church, is the retiring president.

Liederkranz to Give Final Concert Saturday

The Indianapolis Liederkranz, Prof. W. Carl Meyer directing, will give its final concert of the season at 8:15 p. m. Saturday in the hall at 1417 E. Washington St.

Soloist will be Consuelo Couchman Dunmeyer, cellist, accompanied by Carolyn Ayres Turner.

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## Services Thursday For Pfc. Dillow

Services for Pfc. Robert Willert Dillow, who was killed on Iwo Jima Feb. 22, 1945, will be held at 1:30 p. m. Thursday in the J. C. Wilson Chapel of the Chimes. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Pfc. Dillow, RR 20, Box 739, was 22. He served with the Marines 14 months, five of which he spent overseas. A native Hoosier, he lived here most of his life and was graduated from Southport High School in 1941.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess W. Dillow, and a brother, Russell Dillow, all of Indianapolis.

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## House Eyes Staffs Of Retired 'Brass'

### May Probe Duties Of GI Assistants

WASHINGTON, May 4 (UP)—A congressional committee may investigate the Armed Forces' practice of giving retired (retiree) officers GI assistants at the taxpayers' expense, it was disclosed today.

Chairman Clare Hoffman (R. Mich.) said his House Executive Expenditures Committee "certainly will investigate if anybody complains about it to me."

The issue was raised on the House floor yesterday by three Congressmen who pointed out that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has had two Army men and a War warrant officer assigned to him in New York. The Army promptly explained that the former Chief of Staff still is cleaning up Army business.

"That's an old excuse," scoffed Mr. Hoffman. "They'll be using that for the next 20 years."

Only Ike Mentioned Gen. Eisenhower was the only officer mentioned by name in the House discussion.

Army sources disclosed, however, that Gen. H. H. (Hap) Arnold, wartime Air Force commander, has an Army-paid secretary and orderly on his California ranch. He also has access to a GI chauffeur when he needs one, these sources said.

The Navy said it provides an aide for Adm. William F. Halsey when he travels in uniform to make speeches. Adm. Halsey now is at the University of Virginia.

The Army said President Truman authorized such services in 1945 on the ground that "military elder statesmen" need office help.

6 Local Men Get Purdue Loyalty Certificates

Six Indianapolis graduates of Purdue University have received loyalty certificates. All are members of the classes of 1893 and 1898.

They are J. W. Burt and L. W. Heagy, members of the older group, and W. H. Miller, Thad D. Hall, Judson D. Moschelle and D. W. Buchanan.

Low Group to Install

Installation ceremonies will be held Saturday in the Indiana Supreme Court by the newly-chartered Ralph Hamill chapter of Phi Alpha Delta national legal fraternity. Leroy K. New has been named justice of the group. Comprising the initiation team will be Hugh Reynolds, Judge Joseph O. Hoffmann, Chester Zechel, Edward F. New and Robert D. Armstrong.

## Meat Strike Called In Ft. Wayne, Muncie

FT. WAYNE, May 4 (UP)—The CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America today called a strike among workers at the Muncie and Ft. Wayne plants of the Marhofer division of the Kuhn Packing Co.

The two plants were the first of 13 independent packing houses in district seven to be affected by the threatened walkout. District seven comprises plants in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan.

ONE: Officials of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers said Wilson & Co.'s threat to fire striking workers had not affected the nation-wide strike.

Two: CIO President Philip Murray accused the steel industry of making "poultry" cuts in steel prices in "mere shadow boxing for public exhibition."

Three: Soft coal operators moved to block any new wage demands by John L. Lewis and his United Mines Workers. The operators announced they had spent \$500 million for supplies, repairs and new equipment during 1947.

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## Mediators Glum About Rail Truce

### Douglass Fears Strike on May 11

Federal mediators at Chicago walked glumly into a conference room today for what may be their last attempt to head off a nationwide railroad strike set for a week from today.

Chairman Frank P. Douglass of the National Railway Mediation Board acknowledged that "there might be a strike May 11."

He and board member F. A. O'Neill met with representatives of the railroads this morning and scheduled a later meeting with the three railroad brotherhoods.

At Washington, meanwhile, White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said today that federal efforts to avert the strike could not yet be "labeled conclusively as a failure."

He added that he did not think there would be any railroad development from the White House today.

The brotherhoods, representing 150,000 engineers, firemen and switchmen, said they would leave their jobs on that date unless the railroads granted their demands for changes in the working rules and a 30 per cent wage increase.

Other labor developments: ONE: Officials of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers said Wilson & Co.'s threat to fire striking workers had not affected the nation-wide strike.

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## Stephen Douglas To Speak Here

Stephen A. Douglas, vice president in charge of sales promotion for the Kroger Co., will talk Friday evening to the Indianapolis Association of Manufacturers' Representatives.

His subject will be "Let's Do It the Promotional Way."

Before joining the Kroger Co., Mr. Douglas was a sales executive for the Swift Company. In addition to his other duties Mr. Douglas is vice president and director of the Cincinnati Rotary Club, and also a member of the Sales Executive Council of Cincinnati.

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## Kingan Strike Set for Sunday

### Date Announced After Parley Fails

Packinghouse workers at the Kingan & Co. plant here are scheduled to go on strike at 12:01 a. m. Sunday.

Burton LaRue, president of the Kingan local of the United Packinghouse Workers (CIO), said the strike date was set well ahead so all processed foods would be beyond the spoilage point before the workers walk out. The strike will affect about 2300 workers.

Negotiations for wage increases broke down yesterday after the union proposed a settlement of a 15-cent hourly wage increase or an agreement to let the dispute go to arbitration. Plant negotiators turned down both proposals, Mr. LaRue said.

Stop Stock Buying Kingan spokesmen acknowledged the strike notice and said livestock buying would be discontinued and operations would be brought to a stop as quickly as possible.

Elsewhere, too, unions were closing in on independent packers where workers had continued to work pending outcome of negotiations with the "big four" of the packing industry. After a strike strategy meeting in Chicago Sunday, Wayne Thurman, director of the Packinghouse Workers District 7, ordered union members in several other Hoosier cities to strike immediately unless plant managements met demands.

Struck Since March The "big four" consisting of Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Cudahy and Wilson, have been struck since Mar. 18. Armour officials recently pulled out of negotiations and announced intention to open their plants in the face of the continuing strike.

Other independents probably to be affected by the closing in strategy were the Marhofer Division of the Kuhn Packing Co. in Muncie and Ft. Wayne; the Well Packing Co. of Evansville; the Emge Packing Co. of Ft. Branch and the Hygrade Packing Co. of Mishawaka.



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