

Production Seen As Inflation Curb

Bankers Hear Executive of Insurance Firm

Says Output to Be Up 52 Per Cent

By HAROLD HARTLEY
Production may have inflation on the ropes by 1950.
This was the picture presented the Indiana Bankers Association at the opening luncheon of its 51st annual convention today by Dr. Claude L. Benner, vice president of the Continental American Life Insurance Co., Wilmington, Del., at the Claypool Hotel.

Dr. Benner told the bankers that the production of American industry will be increased 52 per cent when post-war expansion is completed.

Steel Still Short
He said 64 per cent of industrial expansion was completed at the end of 1947, and that 85 per cent will have been completed by the end of 1948.

The speaker said that while steel is still in short supply due to capital expenditures there is danger that it is obstructing other lines of production.

"It is this post-war expansion in plant and equipment more than the demand caused by filling up the pipelines with consumer goods that is responsible for the boom," he said.

Warns Against Loans
"It is not possible for this nation to continue for long the building of plant and equipment at the same rate which it has during the past three years."

He said he did not believe we could continue to absorb a continued 50 per cent higher output at inflation prices.

He warned against high urban residence mortgages and long-term commercial loans.

Advices Caution
"This is no time to throw away the compass and sail out to sea," he said. "Caution rather indicates that you (the bankers) keep close to shore."

Howard E. Nyhart, president of the Howard Nyhart Co., outlined employee security programs and told the convention that 40 per cent of all wage earners have no life insurance and 30 per cent have less than \$10,000.

He urged a sound personnel program as a part of good public and employee relations which, he said, reflects itself in dividends and production.

Address Scheduled
In the afternoon the bankers were scheduled to hear the address of Robert D. Mathias, president, Old National Bank, Evansville, and a report on the treasury.

Lewis F. Gordon, vice president of the Citizens and Southern National Bank, Atlanta, Ga., was scheduled for an address on "The Atomic Energy of Banking."

ABC Extends Delay of Licenses
Fraternal and patriotic clubs seeking new liquor permits are out of luck for at least six months.

The Alcoholic Beverages Commission today extended its moratorium on issuance of new liquor licenses. And this time included the clubs which had been exempt under the old order.

Currently the ABC will issue no new liquor licenses but still will issue new beer dealer permits, temporary beer permits and dining car permits. Under the present moratorium which has been in effect since Nov. 15 last year, clubs also have been able to get permits.

Commission members pointed out that applications to extend beer permits already issued to two or three way permits would not be considered as new applications under the moratorium.

Hold 2 Youths For Firing Home
Two Decatur Central grade school boys, 9 and 10, were held by deputy sheriffs for juvenile court today after they admitted starting a fire at the home of Frank Redmon, R. R. 20, Box 479, while playing hookey from school yesterday.

While ransacking the Redmon home the boys said they poured some paint thinner on a model airplane and set fire to it. The highly inflammable fluid spread flames over the room and the boys fled.

Damage to the residence was estimated at \$3500 before town-ship firemen were able to extinguish the blaze.

Club to Show History Of '500' Race on Screen
The Men's Newcomers Club of Indianapolis will show a technical sound film of the history of the 500-mile race from 1911 to 1946 at the meeting at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Marquette Hotel.

Herman G. Deupree, public relations chairman of Speedway, will speak.



GREET BANKERS—These past presidents of the Indiana Bankers Association were on hand as members of the reception committee to welcome incoming bankers of the state to the association's 51st annual meeting here today and tomorrow at the Claypool Hotel. They are (from left) Felix McWhirter, president of the Peoples State Bank; J. P. Frenzel Jr., board chairman of the Merchants National Bank; and Elmer W. Stout, board chairman of the American National Bank, all of Indianapolis.

'Iron Curtain' Not Worth Getting Black Eye Over

Maybe Film Did Stir Up 17,000 Demonstrators In New York, but It Shouldn't Here

By HENRY BUTLER
You won't catch me rioting one way or the other about "The Iron Curtain," which opened today at the Indiana.

Maybe the film did stir up 17,000 demonstrators at its New York premiere at the RKO Theater yesterday.

Let me assure you it's not worth your getting a black eye or a bloody nose in street brawls.

Another Spy Drama
It's just another spy drama, in this case based on the story of Soviet Lt. Igor Gouzenko, who revealed to Canadian authorities in 1945 a plot to smuggle A-bomb information to the USSR.

I can see where Moscow would not like it, as Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor William Philip Simms reported from Washington in "The Times" yesterday, for it represents the Soviet Union and its agents in most unflattering terms. It gives some notion of what the terror and discipline of a police state can be.

Picture Slow
That, however, is nothing new, even in films. And if people are swinging fists and calling each other "Communist" and "Fascist," I can't believe they got that amount of energetic inspiration from "The Iron Curtain."

The picture is slow and often dull. Dana Andrews as Lt. Gouzenko and Gene Tierney as his wife do their best with strict-

ly routine roles. The supporting cast contains some menacing characters (Berry Kroeger, Stefan Schnabel and Frederic Tozere, to mention three) who give an authentic atmosphere of conspiracy.

Lots of Talk
There's a lot of talk, including the voice of a portentous announcer who fills in gaps in the story and does quite a bit of editorializing. There's good photography and background, especially in the sinister-looking Soviet embassy in Ottawa and in the location-based scenes of the Canadian capital.

If you remember the Gouzenko story, you'll recall that he decided to throw in his lot with Canada rather than the Soviet Union because Canada was freer. Nobody but Moscow would blame him for that.

Hollywood's attempt to inflate the story into another prodigious epic results in plenty of inflation in the windy worded department, but no epic.

Could Russians Be Trying To Lull Americans to Sleep?
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public. Ordinary courtesy requires that two countries agree upon a simultaneous publication date.

Chance on Killing
As it was, Russia saw a chance to make a killing in the matter of propaganda, and grabbed it regardless. This in itself, is significant.

The contents of the notes themselves, it is further pointed out, reveal the utter futility of any east-west meeting at this time.

American Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith told Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov bluntly that his policy of playing bull in the matter of democracy's china shop was what was blocking the road to a decent and reasonable relationship between the two countries.

Mr. Molotov denied everything and blamed all of mankind's ills on the United States.

Which, it is remarked, leaves the whole thing precisely where it was.

Forced Dictatorships
Moreover, diplomats go on to say, the record is there for those who talk of a new peace meeting to read.

The United States adheres to the principles of the Atlantic Charter. Russia signed the Charter, then threw it out of the window.

The United States insists on the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live. Russia has forced minority dictatorships on practically every one of her neighbors.

The United States frowns on fifth columns and all interference in the internal affairs of other nations. Moscow already has overthrown government after government and is now trying to do the same to France, Italy, Greece, China and others.

The United States believes in freedom of speech, of the press, of religion, of labor's right to organize freely and work where when and as it pleases. Russia seeks to impose police states everywhere, destroy all freedoms and make people slaves of governments.

Last of Arabs Start March On Palestine

British Turn Over Jaffa to Hagannah

By United Press
Last units of the Arab Legion were entering Palestine today, Arab sources reported at Amman, Trans-Jordan. The crack British-trained troops chanted Bedouin war songs as they left Amman.

Meanwhile, the British prepared to hand the former Arab port of Jaffa, just south of Tel Aviv, over to Jewish Hagannah forces. Hagannah forces will walk into Jaffa, apparently without opposition.

Jewish possession of the port of Jaffa will mean that they hold all the good harbors of Palestine—Jaffa, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Leaving Jerusalem
And at Jerusalem British troops began evacuating the Holy City amid the roar of battle from fighting Arab and Jewish forces.

A British convoy four blocks long pulled out this morning along the northern highway to Haifa, where two troop transports already were loading other thousands of Britons. Both ships were scheduled to sail at midnight.

Officials indicated the British evacuation will take three days.

Mandate Expiring
High Commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham, who had been scheduled to leave with the troops today announced he would leave Friday. The British mandate, granted by the old League of Nations, expires Friday midnight.

The British security zone of Jerusalem was in a confused state, resembling a massive moving day. Furniture was piled high in the streets to be loaded on trucks.

Hint Woman Aided Gas Station Theft

Believed Sent Ahead To Survey Victim

A bandit, after apparently sending a woman ahead to survey his victim, robbed a filling station at 738 N. Illinois St. of \$18 last night.

William Shaffer, 19, of 32 W. 30th St., station attendant, said shortly after a woman came in to ask about fixing a tire, a man walked in with a gun, forced him into a rear room and took \$18 out of the cash drawer.

Bandit Warns Victim
"Stay in that room . . . two men are across the street watching and if you come out they will shoot," he quoted the bandit as saying as he left.

In another holdup, Hazel Kaufman, 43, of 746 Union St., said a man grabbed her purse containing \$34 and ran down an alley as she was walking on Ray St. near Meridian St. last night.

Mrs. Ralph Lemcke, 6245 N. Pennsylvania St., reported a diamond ring valued at \$500 missing from her home.

Officer Bitten Severely By Dog; Arrest Owner
Patrolman Charles Dashiell was bitten severely by a dog while he was walking into a rear yard in the 1100 block, W. 25th St., last night.

He was given treatment at General Hospital and the owner of the dog, Garnet Ryan, 1126 W. 25th St., was arrested on a charge of harboring a vicious dog.

Official Weather
UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU (Central Daylight Saving Time)
Source . . . 5:54 | Sunset . . . 7:49
Precipitation 24 hrs. end 7:30 a. m. trace
Total precipitation since Jan. 1 . . . 15.85
Below zero days . . . 12
The following table shows the temperature yesterday in other cities:

	High	Low
Baltimore	64	44
Atlanta	64	44
Boston	64	44
Chicago	64	44
Cincinnati	64	44
Denver	64	44
Des Moines	64	44
Indianapolis	64	44
Kansas City	64	44
Los Angeles	64	44
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New York	64	44
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Pittsburgh	64	44
San Francisco	64	44
St. Louis	64	44
Washington, D. C.	64	44

Today's Weather Fotocast



TONIGHT AND TOMORROW—Forecasters believe that the eastern third of the U. S. is in for some rainy weather tonight and early tomorrow. Moist southerly winds from the Gulf of Mexico will determine weather over this section. It will also be rather chilly in the Ohio Valley where the mercury is expected to dip into the 40's near daybreak.

Zionist Leader To Address Group

Rabbi James G. Heller, spiritual director of the Isaac M. Wise Temple, Cincinnati, a distinguished musician and leading Zionist, will address the Indianapolis Round Table of Christians and Jews tomorrow.



The luncheon meeting will be held at 12:15 p. m. in the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

Rabbi Heller for 18 years was the author of the program notes for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. He has written musical compositions for voice, strings and other chamber music. The rabbi is a southerner, born in New Orleans, and a longtime chairman of the administrative council of the Zionist Organization of America.

Church Federation Reports Surplus

Officers Elected at Annual Session Here

By EMMA RIVERS MILNER
The Indianapolis Church Federation stands in the clear financially with new officers to carry on its spiritual and social program.

The federation held its annual dinner last night in the Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church when this heartening report of its financial status was made. The interracial award was given and a full slate of officers either re-elected or elected.

Jerrus M. Bryant again was named president. Dr. Richard Rettig, pastor of the Carrollton Avenue Evangelical and Reformed Church, received the interracial award presented by Miss Anna Stout.

Baumgartel Leads List
Dr. Howard J. Baumgartel, executive secretary of the federation, led the list of 10 persons, cited by Miss Stout and a committee, for contributions to better race relations and goodwill in the city.

Dr. Samuel C. Kincheole of the Federated Theological Faculty of Chicago spoke on "What Is Left for the Churches to Do in the Modern Community."

Even though music, art, recreation, counseling and health have moved from under the jurisdiction of the church, there is plenty left for churches to do, Dr. Kincheole pointed out.

"Every aspect of life is needing to be purified," he said. "Don't go back. Go forward. And don't forget that the church is a society of people of faith united to the will of God looking to Jesus Christ for the way and the power."

'The Lost Chord' Sung
Another highlight of the evening was the singing of spirituals and "The Lost Chord" by the Modernettes directed by Beatrice Rowlette and accompanied by Etolia Bransford.

The Church Federation is an association of 147 congregations of different denominations. These reported last night through the treasurer, Don Keilum, that the federation's 1947 income was \$33,962. Of this, \$31,855 was disbursed, leaving a surplus in the treasury to begin the new fiscal year.

Reports also were made by James W. Minton, Charles A. Breece, C. Oliver Holmes and H. C. Gemmer. The staff of the federation was recognized, including Dr. Grover L. Hartman, secretary of the department of social service, and Dr. Daniel R. Ehalt, secretary of the department of religious education.

List of Officers
Officers elected or re-elected in addition to Mr. Bryant include Dr. Dallas L. Browning, Dr. Jean S. Milner and Mrs. Dorsey D. King, vice presidents; The Rev. R. H. Lindstrom, recording secretary; James W. Minton, treasurer; J. Harold Wright, finance chairman; Ray Holcomb and Roy Combs, finance vice chairman.

Directors of the class of 1950 are Paul Keller and Herbert E. Walker, of 1851, Larry Brandon, Mr. Bryant, Ludwig G. Burk, J. H. Jefferson, Dr. Roy H. Turley, and Mrs. Walter J. Twine.

Chairmen of standing committees, officers of the religious education department, a chairman, directors and trustees of the social service department and directors for the board of week-day religious education board all were elected.

The persons cited in the field of race relations in addition to Dr. Baumgartel were: Mrs. John T. Towns, Dr. Chester W. Wharton, Mrs. Jessie Jacobs, Joe Shepherd, William J. Stout, Charles Posner, Joe Pearson, Gilbert Forbes, Radio Station WFBM and Mrs. Royal L. McClain.

School Board Pays Tribute To Sidener

THE INDIANAPOLIS Board of School Commissioners placed on record a tribute to the memory of Merle Sidener, who died Monday, in its meeting last night.

The tribute praised Mr. Sidener's service to the board during his tenure of membership on it from 1930 to 1936.

WHILE PRESIDENT of the board in 1935 he guided the formulation of the 10-point program which set forth the board's general policies and principles.

Mr. Sidener was keenly interested in maintaining high standards for the Indianapolis schools, and he served as a member of the Board of School Commissioners with a deep sense of civic duty.

After his term of office expired, his interest in the schools, as in other worthwhile civic affairs, was unabated, the tribute set forth.

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