

Veterans Bonus Primary Job For New State Legion Head

Fail to Agree On Method of Raising Money

Organization Votes 65-Cent Dues Hike

Mobilizing forces behind a state bonus for Hoosier war veterans was the first job facing Joseph F. Lutes, Indianapolis, as he assumed his duties today as new commander of the Indiana American Legion.

Mr. Lutes, Indianapolis businessman and leader in Legion activities for 25 years, was elected commander to succeed Harold Morris, Gary, by a unanimous vote of delegates without an opposition candidate.

His election followed adoption, over light opposition, of a state bonus resolution, calling for an all-out campaign by the Legion in support of benefit payments for all war veterans of both wars.

The resolution was handed to the floor without recommendation of any plan for raising the bonus payment money. This phase of the bonus question was dropped in committee after members debated two days without reaching an agreement on a fund-raising policy.

Votes Dues Hike

After a bitter two-hour debate on the floor, Legion delegates finally voted to increase their dues 65 cents a year, raising per capita fees to the state department to \$2 a year.

In addition to Mr. Lutes, who is general superintendent of the Advance Independent Electrotype Co. and former 11th district Legion commander, the delegates elected four vice commanders: John K. George, Knox, and Paul H. Graham, Tipton, representing the northern districts; Jack W. McIntire, Indianapolis, and John A. Cartwright, Green castle, for the southern districts.

Reelected Treasurer

J. W. Freiburg, Indianapolis, attorney, was re-elected treasurer for the second consecutive year and Rabbi Albert Shulman, South Bend, World War II veteran, was elected state chaplain, defeating Donald H. Wickner, eighth district chaplain. It was the first time in Legion's history that a rabbi was elected chaplain.

Hayworth Smith of Liberty, was elected state sergeant-at-arms. Delegates to the Miami national convention are Mr. Lutes, Mr. Morris, W. I. Brunton, Scottsburg; Elmer Sherwood, Indianapolis, and John A. Stelle, Brazil.

Earlham Authorities Deny "Circularization"

RICHMOND, Ind., Aug. 18 (UPI)—Earlham College officials said today that students there had not been circularized with pamphlets urging them to refuse to register for the draft.

The state American Legion convention yesterday adopted a resolution calling for an investigation of the alleged distribution of such pamphlets. The resolution said the pamphlets were circulated at Earlham, a Quaker school, and "possibly" at other schools. It said they urged draft-age youth to refuse to register or serve in the Army.

William C. Dennis, president emeritus of the college, said that "as far as I know, students here have not been circularized."

REPORTS \$350 MISSING

Robert Sommers, 29, reported his wallet containing \$50 cash and \$300 in checks was missing when he arrived at the Terminal Bus Station from Toledo last night.

Ex-FDR Aid Admits Knowing Accuser Before Spy Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UPI)—House investigators said today the admission of Alger Hiss, former State Department official, that he knew Communist Whitaker Chambers as a "major break" in their spy inquiry, "This is one of the most important developments of the past week," said a jubilant member of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The break came last night in a New York hotel room where Mr. Hiss and Mr. Chambers confronted each other for the first time since the investigation began. The meeting was arranged secretly by a subcommittee.

Mr. Chambers, now a senior editor of Time Magazine, had charged Mr. Hiss with membership in a pre-war "elite" Communist underground. Mr. Hiss said the charges were "complete fabrications" and that he had never known Mr. Chambers.

He stuck to his denial of Communist affiliations after the meeting ended last night. But he said that he finally recognized Mr. Chambers as "George Crosley," a writer he knew in 1934 and 1935.

Had Had Bad Teeth

At the time, Mr. Hiss was a legal assistant to the Nye committee investigating the munitions industry. He said he handled press relations for the group and that "Crosley" contacted him in that capacity.

"He told me he was a writer and wanted to do a series of magazine articles on the committee," Mr. Hiss said at a press conference. "I had lunch with him several times and later rented him my apartment."

Mr. Hiss said he did not recognize Mr. Chambers when the latter first walked into the hotel room. But he was permitted to ask the magazine editor several questions.

"I looked at his teeth and told him that the man I knew had had bad teeth," Mr. Hiss said. "He replied that he had had a lot of



Airlift Breaks Russ Blockade, British State

More Planes to Fly On More Airfields

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UPI)—The Soviet blockade of Berlin, Aug. 18, has been broken by the British. The British-American air lift not only has passed the point where it can now feed the 2,500,000 Berliners in the western zones of the German capital, but can continue to do so.

This does not mean that the British can get plenty of everything—like all the coal they want, for example, they have not had that in the last eight years, but they will be able to get along and the situation is improving.

Now No Difficulty

W. P. N. Edwards, head of the British Information Services in the United States, has just returned from a flying trip to Berlin.

"Unbelievable thought it would have seemed only a few weeks ago," he reports, "there is now no difficulty in meeting—and going on meeting—the food requirements of 2,500,000 people entirely by air."

The operations, he went on to say, frequently involve 500 sorties a day. The British carrying about 45 per cent of the load and the Americans the rest. The joint effort compares, in planning and gasoline consumed, to the 10,000-bomber operations of World War II.

More C-47's to Come

Currently, said Mr. Edwards, there is an allied plane going into or out of Berlin every two minutes 24 hours a day, more and bigger loads are in prospect. New air strips are being built.

There is a limit, however, to the number of planes a field can accommodate, and the Berlin fields have nearly reached the saturation point. This gives special significance, therefore, to the trial runs of the big American C-74.

The C-74 carries 25 tons—two and a half times as much as the C-47. At present there is only one C-74 on the Berlin run but there are more where it came from. It is a production model and we already have "several."

Around the World—

Soviet Freezes Out West In Votes at Danube Parley

U. S., Britain and France Won't Sign Convention That Seals Grip on River

The Danube conference ended today with Russia in complete possession of the Danube River and the world in possession of further evidence that negotiations with the Soviet Union is virtually hopeless.

Approved by the Russian-dominated 10-national conference was a draft convention which gives Russia full control of the Danube interests. All other national interests were summarily dismissed.

Every sentence of the 250-word document was approved verbatim by the Soviet-dominated majority. Every amendment submitted by the United States, Britain and France was defeated.

The U. S., Britain and France will refuse to sign the convention without a vote.

Greece

Greek military reports said today that only four villages still are held by guerrillas in the Grammos mountain area, and the Athens afternoon newspaper *Estia* claimed that rebel leader Gen. Markos Vafiades has fled into the Holy City.

The grand mufti said his irregular forces were holding the Arab lines in Jerusalem and that Jewish forces had gone on the offensive in the Holy City, within the past few days.

The mufti said his forces numbered 15,000 but that they could not hold out indefinitely.

Italy

Two Italian music critics settled today with swords a dispute which began in their columns in rival newspapers.

The duel ended when the challenged critic, Domenico de Paoli, got out on the arm. This satisfied challenger Mario Corti Coleoni, who felt himself avenged for the "fourth grade insult."

It all began when Corti Coleoni was the only music critic to support the successful candidate for the job of superintendent of the Rome opera.

De Paoli in his column asked Corti Coleoni how much he was paid for his support.

The Italian code of honor decreed that this was a "fourth grade insult."

China

Uncle Sam finally has opened the door of his arsenal — part way, at least — to China's Nationalist armies.

That doesn't mean the country is preparing to underwrite Nanking's war against the Communists. Military aid to China still has strict dollar limits. But President Truman has ordered

she said she committed the deeds because she was "scared" of the man, Otto Hansen, 48, with whom she had lived for two years and for fear that authorities would learn of his death.

Allies Get Ready For Berlin Crisis

Prepare to Act Without Russians

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (UPI)—The western powers are reported to day to have a complete program for Germany lined up in case the Moscow negotiations should fail.

Diplomatic sources indicated the talks have bogged down on Russian demands which the western powers find unacceptable.

Unless Russia backs down, these sources said, the Berlin crisis will be back where it was in July, before the talks started.

Should this happen, the western powers first will concentrate on increasing the airlift to Berlin, these sources said, and second will speed up creation of a western German state, leaving Russia to her own devices in the Soviet zone.

Meanwhile, the Communist police chief of Berlin's Soviet sector, Paul Markgraf, who refused to accept dismissal by the city council, threatened to create new incidents.

Chief Markgraf, quoted by the Communist paper *Neues Deutschland*, said he would send his Communist police into all the western sectors of Berlin if necessary to maintain security and order.

Several times recently Communist police have invaded the western sectors, allegedly on black market raids, but each time they have been stoned by angry German residents.

Hoosier Named U. S. Attorney for 30

HAMMOND, Ind., Aug. 18 (UPI)—Gilmore S. Haynie, 30, today became one of the nation's youngest U. S. attorneys.

Mr. Haynie was sworn in yesterday by Federal Judge Luther M. Swiger, to succeed Alex M. Campbell of Ft. Wayne.

Mr. Campbell resigned last week to become assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division of the Justice Department.

Mr. Haynie had been an assistant U. S. attorney since 1945. A graduate of the Indiana University law school, he served in the Navy for three years.



New Instructions For Allied Envoys

Talks at Kremlin Believed Deadlocked

LONDON, Aug. 18 (UPI)—The western powers sent new instructions to their envoys in Moscow today in preparation for another Kremlin meeting.

Officials declined to say whether the next meeting would be with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov or both Mr. Molotov and Premier Josef Stalin.

The secrecy ban in the west has successfully concealed full details of the talks, but all evidence points to a deadlock.

WINS WINGS

WINS IN WYOMING

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 18 (UPI)—Gov. Lester C. Hunt of Wyoming won Wyoming's Democratic senatorial nomination by a 15-to-1 margin, returns from the state primary election showed today.

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