

State Bonus Favored by College GI's

Student Veterans
Want Payment Soon

By ROBERT BLOEM
World War II veterans in Indiana colleges and universities are overwhelmingly in favor of a state bonus, but most of them don't know what it's all about.

A survey of five schools showed about four out of five veterans want the bonus. They want Indiana to pay it. They want it in cash. They want it soon.

The bonus referendum, on the basis of the survey, appears likely to bring out a disproportionately heavy veteran vote at the polls.

And yet, while much has been done by veterans' and other organizations to encourage veterans in the belief that the bonus is possible, little has been done to give them a practical view of the prospects?

Five Schools Canvassed

The survey was conducted at Indiana University, Purdue, Wabash College, DePauw University and Butler University.

While a huge majority of the veterans questioned believe the bonus should be paid and will vote "yes" in the referendum Nov. 2, only an occasional one of those who favor it had given any consideration to how the money should be raised.

The referendum ballot also will offer five alternatives on this point—higher gross income tax, sales tax, a net income tax, indirect payment in the form of income tax exemptions, indirect

and personal property tax exemptions.

So great was the variety of reaction of the nearly 200 veterans surveyed on the question of raising the revenue that tabulation was impossible. Commonest method suggested was one not on the ballot—allocation of the cigarette tax for bonus payments.

Can't Issue State Bonds

Most veterans were unfamiliar with the provision in the state constitution providing that Indiana cannot go into debt and may not issue bonds. Other states which have passed bonus laws have been able to float bonds, pay the bonus now and retire the bonds later, but veterans were generally surprised to learn that any cash bonus here will have to wait until after the money has been raised.

A Butler student said:

"Indiana shouldn't be an exception among the states. The average vet is entitled to a bonus."

Another went so far as to add: "The rest of the states have given a bonus. Indiana should recognize her vets, too."

9 States Pay Bonus

Both were obviously under the impression that state bonuses are general. The facts are that only nine states have passed bonus laws, eight others will vote on them this fall. In 17 states bonus legislation failed to pass in legislatures. If states have made no attempt to pay a bonus, and one state, Maine, actually defeated a bonus plan, in referendum vote.

A Purdue student qualified his pro-bonus attitude by saying: "I see an immediate cash bonus as an inflationary step. I suggest payment in the form of securities of some sort."

Others, at other schools, also suggested that veterans be given bonds which would not mature for several years when they might need money even more than they do now. Under the state constitution, however, such bonds would be out of the question.

The restriction was no deterrent to the Purdue veteran who said:

"I am definitely in favor of the bonus but I wasn't aware of the state debt restriction. I paid \$4 for the privilege to vote and I intend to use this right to vote for the bonus Nov. 2."

Exemptions Not Popular

Generally, the tax exemptions were unpopular, but a substantial number of those who favored the bonus agreed that deferred payment might be desirable. They were willing to wait until the state could raise the cash.

Highest percentage of veterans opposed to the bonus idea was found on the Purdue campus where about 20 per cent expressed initial opposition but the number doubled when the tax implications were discussed.

Another misconception general among the GI's was probably the result of politicians' talking about the state's huge treasury surplus. Many were under the impression that "the state can easily afford a bonus" and most were astounded when informed that the surplus probably wouldn't be more than about 20 per cent of the total sum necessary.

Traffic Accidents Injure Seven Here

Seven persons, five pedestrians, were injured last night in Indianapolis traffic accidents.

One of the injured received a broken leg and hospital physicians said X-rays may show a fractured skull. Others were not seriously hurt.

The seriously injured were Jack Redmond, 68, of 706 E. 10th St., who was struck by an automobile at Lincoln and East Sts.

Others treated at General Hospital and released, were:

Ronald E. Moore, 4, of 959 Udell St., who received a broken shoulder when struck by a bicycle in front of his home.

Mrs. Rosalie Hopkins, 21, of 209 Carrollton Ave., pedestrian.

May Williams, 47, of 430 Massachusetts Ave., pedestrian.

Velma Rodert, 26, of 220 W. Ohio St., pedestrian.

Willey Clark, 68, of 2233 Linden St.

May C. Carter, 29, of 933 Park Ave.



ROOTING SECTION—Nearly 400 Indianapolis, Illinois and Purdue rooters rode over on a special Illini Club of Indianapolis train to Champaign, Ill., yesterday to see Illinois trounce Purdue, 10 to 6. This picture was shot by a Sunday Times photographer and shows the special section reserved for the Indianapolis alumni of the colleges.

Purdue Spirit Far From Dead Aboard Illini Club Special

Sad Day It Was, It's True, at Champaign

But Just You Wait Until Next Year

By WILLIAM PITTMAN

(This is a black and white photograph of a group of people, likely students, gathered together. They are dressed in 1940s-style clothing, including coats and hats. Some are smiling, while others look more somber. The setting appears to be outdoors, possibly at a train station or on a platform.)

Dewey Advocates 'Strongest Navy'

**Governor Works
On Final Speeches**

—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, resting before the finish sprint of his presidential election race, said tonight that he wanted the American navy to be continued as "the strongest in the world."

The occasion for his remarks was a proclamation designating Oct. 27 as Navy Day in New York state. Oct. 27 also is the birthday of Theodore Roosevelt.

The Governor spent today in the Executive Mansion nursing a head cold and working on the four major speeches with which he will finish his campaign next week.

His staff reported that his cold improved overnight.

**STRAUSS
SAYS:**

Teacher Shortage Cited by Educator

Association Chief Lists Deficiencies

Shortage of trained elementary school teachers is the basic problem in the Hoosier public school system, R. E. Hood, Indiana State Teachers' Association president-elect, told The Times yesterday.

A Benton County school principal, Mr. Hood said the influx of children into the schools in the post-war period when teachers' salaries can't compete with those offered by industry has made the teacher shortage serious.

He said the shortage was particularly acute in township schools where salaries are lower than those offered in cities.

The Hoosier educator said reports of the Indiana School Study Commission would point up these deficiencies. These reports, he said, would determine in large measure policies of the Teachers' Association next year.

Explaining some of the resolutions adopted by the Association's two-day convention here Thursday and Friday, Mr. Hood said most teachers feel the office of superintendent of public instruction should be removed from the ballot more for reasons of policy than politics.

They do not believe superintendents can formulate policy during their two-year term of office, he said.

The Association, he said, will draw up its legislative program for presentation to the 1949 Legislature after the School Study Commission makes its report.

"The coming year," he said, "offers a great opportunity for improving our school system. We feel it will be most important."

The Association went on rec-

ommendations to the Indiana system of kindergartens in the school system, a movement which had gained strength in Indianapolis, and urging closer co-ordination of building programs and curricula in township schools.

**TAX COMMISSIONERS
TO EXAMINE BUDGETS**

State Tax Commissioners will examine the record city and county budgets tomorrow and Tuesday at hearings in the Marion County Court House.

Study of the tax rate for the county will get underway at 9 a. m. in Superior Court 2. The Indianapolis rate will be aired

Tuesday afternoon in Superior Court 4.

Dewey Times' Poll Lead Up As GOP Marks Biggest Day

**More Democrats Cross Party Line Than
On Any Previous Count, Straw Vote Shows**

By ART WRIGHT

Republicans today scored their biggest day in the eight-day tabulation of The Times' Straw Vote.

Gov. Dewey, the GOP's standard bearer for President, increased his lead over President Truman to the highest margin he has held thus far.

Sending Gov. Dewey into his 20.4 per cent lead were two im-

portant trends: (1) More

straight Republican ballots than any day of the poll were received, and (2) more Democrats than any time in the previous seven days crossing party lines to vote for Mr. Dewey.

Democrat Henry F. Schricker

felt the brunt of the Dewey surge by dropping to the lowest

margin he has yet held over Re-

publican Hobart Creighton.

PRESIDENT

For Thomas E. Dewey, Republican 59.2 57.3

For Harry S. Truman, Democrat 38.8 40.5

For Henry Wallace, Progressive 1.5 1.6

Incomplete Ballots 0.5 0.6

GOVERNOR

For Henry F. Schricker, Republican 54.4 56.5

For Hobart Creighton, Republican 44.5 42.8

For Walter F. Riddle, Progressive 0.7 0.6

Incomplete Ballots 2.6 3.0

CONGRESS

For George L. Denny, Republican 53.4 51.5

For Andrew Jacobs, Democrat 42.5 44.1

For Willard B. Ransom, Progressive 1.5 1.4

Incomplete Ballots 2.6 1.4

PARTY TRENDS

Straight Republican Votes 39.4 37.5

Straight Democrat Votes 31.2 32.7

Scratches 17.6 17.8

No Party Preference 11.1 10.6

Democrats for Republican Dewey 7.4 6.2

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