

## Veterans Offer 15-Point Plan On State Bonus

### Omit Proposals On Raising Money

Indiana's three major veterans' organizations ganged up on the bonus question today with a 15-point agreement on what the bonus should provide.

None of the 15-points, however, offered the General Assembly any ideas on how the money for the "generous" bonus should be raised.

Meanwhile, a fourth veterans' organization, American Veterans Committee, charged the other three with "shameful, double-edged evasion of civic responsibility" in evading the financing problem. The AVC has advocated a graduated net income tax as the most equitable method of financing the bonus.

Here are the 15 points which grew from a meeting of the leading minds in the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans:

ONE: Veterans who served between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945, should be eligible for the bonus, but . . .

TWO: An honorable discharge should be an eligibility requirement except for conscientious objectors who shouldn't get any bonus in any event.

THREE: Minimum length of service for eligibility should be 90 days.

FOUR: Only veterans who lived in Indiana six months before entering service should be eligible.

FIVE: Veterans who left the state after their service should still get the bonus.

SIX: Each month of domestic service should add \$10 to the bonus.

SEVEN: Each month overseas should be worth \$15 in bonus.

EIGHT: Nobody should get less than \$30 if he gets any at all.

NINE: Nobody should get more than \$600 unless disabled, then \$100 extra.

TEN: Totally disabled vets should get the whole \$700 regardless of length of service.

ELEVEN: Bonus of \$700 for men who died in service should be paid their dependents.

TWELVE: Surviving spouses who haven't remarried, children, dependent parents or foster parents all should be included in the list of those eligible to receive bonus of deceased soldiers.

THIRTEEN: Priority of dependents should be in the order listed in point 12.

FOURTEEN: Veterans who chisel on the bonus should be treated as felons.

FIFTEEN: The bonus law should be administered by a board of five honorably discharged veterans.

Announcement of the agreement on the program closed with this paragraph:

"It was the unanimous opinion of the representatives of all three organizations that the matter of the method of taxation necessary to finance the bonus was strictly one for the state legislature."

To this, Fred A. Sondermann, state AVC vice chairman, declared: "We in the AVC had hoped that the days of the 'grab technique' were gone for veterans' organizations."

"The silence of the American Legion and other groups means that their own memberships may be particularly hard hit by a sales or a gross income tax, which will fall hardest on the average veteran," Mr. Sondermann continued.

### Dallas-Chicago Flight Made in 132 Minutes

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 (UP)—An American Airlines plane today held what was believed to be a new unofficial commercial record for a scheduled airline flight from Dallas to Chicago.

A DC-6 flagship, aided by 100-mile-an-hour tail winds, made the 960-mile flight in two hours and 12 minutes last night. The transport, piloted by Capt. Charles Curran, Ft. Worth, Tex., averaged 430 miles an hour.

The scheduled time—for the flight—is three hours and five minutes.

### Cleared in Slaying Over Sister's Honor

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6 (UP)—Mrs. Dorothy Reeves, 26, was acquitted last night of slaying her husband, Leslie Reeves, 29, because she feared he had dishonored her 18-year-old sister. Mr. Reeves, a Navy pharmacist's mate, was shot last Sept. 5 when he returned home from an all-night ride in his car with his sister-in-law, Peggy Miles. Miss Miles testified that he made repeated improper advances.

Mrs. Reeves said she would return to her former home in Nashville, Tenn., with her two children and Miss Miles.

### GI and Bride Make Up After Deportation Tiff

KANKAKEE, Ill., Jan. 6 (UP)—Donald Smith, 20-year-old Army private, was reunited today with his German war bride, Viola, 21, who charged he tried to have her deported.

Mr. Smith was charged with non-support Tuesday when his bride charged he sought information about deportation procedure. The couple arrived in America nine days ago.

Judge Irwin Taylor and Army officials reconciled them and they said they would live at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., until Mr. Smith is discharged Jan. 21.

### Dies for Love at 83

SYRACUSE, Sicily, Jan. 6 (UP)—Giuseppe "Schmuck" tried long to persuade his 19-year-old girl friend to marry him. His family and friends twitted him about his failure. Yesterday he hanged himself. He was 83.

## Hoosiers Discover This Automobile Is Strictly a 'Landlubber'



Two men who attempted to travel this road during Tuesday night's downpour got into more trouble than they had bargained for.



Bob Davis 5520 S. Meridian St., the driver, and Bill Steelman of Mooresville found themselves carried downstream. Bill jumped out but Bob was forced to make a hasty exit through one of the windows. The scene is the Spillway Road, one mile south of the Marion County line in Johnson County.



Aided by George Kopetsky who pole-vaulted to the car's top, the men began the difficult task of pulling out the vehicle. Bill Ruhton (right) threw a cable which was connected to the bumper but it was pulled off. Then they hooked it to the car's side and connected it to a truck.



Mr. Ruhton had to cut down a tree to make a path for the car to come out. The car was removed after the waters receded.

## Flood Waters Force Evacuation

### 300 Families Leave Homes at Columbus

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hours at Shelbyville yesterday and washed out an eight foot section of the Shelbyville levee last night. A dozen families living in the northwest section of Shelbyville were evacuated as flood waters entered their homes.

Today the water reached the pumping room of Indiana Gas & Water Co. power plant, which supplies Shelbyville's water. Fire trucks moved in to provide emergency pumping service to keep water away from pumps.

Although there is no measuring equipment on Flat Rock River near Shelbyville, oldtimers said it was higher than in 1913.

On the East Fork of White River Columbus was in the grips of the worst flood since 1913.

Today more than 300 families living in a former summer camp site along the East Fork of White River were homeless. Red Cross set up two headquarters to care

for flood refugees, but for the most part homeless were housed in private residences.

Columbus, in a vulnerable spot where Blue and Flat Rock Rivers join with the East Fork of White River, reported the worst flood damages in the state.

In one section on the eastern edge of Columbus near the river the water was up to the roofs of some houses. The athletic field of Columbus High School, also located near the river, was inundated with water as high as the cross bars on the football goal posts.

At noon today it was reported White River had dropped three-fourths of a foot in the last hour and a half with a level of 15 feet.

In one section of the city families were returning to their homes. Fifty-eight persons were being housed in temporary quarters in the city park community center.

Another area along Haw Creek reported waters receding today. Many families forced to evacuate yesterday were able to return to their homes today.

The weatherman today said there was no immediate danger of more rain. He warned, however, that unseasonably mild weather will continue, causing a rapid runoff of large amounts of water from soaked ground.

## Gates Asks for Sales Tax To Finance Soldiers' Bonus

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reference . . . the voters gave a mandate not only for the payment of a bonus but as to the method of payment (sales tax)."

The Veterans' Affairs setup, he said, should be preserved as the agency for administering the bonus.

Recommending a serious study of highway problems, Gov. Gates attacked heavy trucking as the principal smasher of roads. He urged more dual lane construction, new sources of highway revenue. He added:

"If additional weights and lengths are granted to trucks, then the General Assembly should make certain the trucks pay their just share of highway upkeep."

On traffic safety Gov. Gates called for a prima facie speed limit of 60 miles an hour, lower speeds under certain conditions, more zoning of dangerous strips of road by the highway department.

For the state police he asked not only more troopers, but funds for renovation of the entire radio communication system of the department. He said the present

headquarters at Stout Field is "not entirely satisfactory."

"The state should provide a central state police headquarters here in Indianapolis," he concluded.

As in many other instances in the lengthy message, he praised his party for creation of the department of Commerce and Public Relations. He credited it with bringing much capital to Indiana, urged it be permitted to continue its work.

In his plea to save the law which prohibits strikes as a means of settling labor disputes in public utilities, Gov. Gates said:

"The state should at all times give the maximum of assistance and the minimum of interference—always keeping in mind that the rights and welfare of the general public shall come first."

Gov. Gates urged that the legislature set aside \$30 million of the \$60 million treasury balance he is leaving behind for the rainy day when state income

taxes start to drop. He gave his own administration a pat on the back by pointing out that it built the present treasury

balance from \$27 million left behind by Governor-elect Schricker's first administration.

He proposed that the legislature adopt the recommendations of a recent survey made on state penal institutions. It was recommended that all penal institutions be placed under unified management.

Gov. Gates paid a final tribute to his successor, Mr. Schricker, in parting.

"I know that no man has at heart more sincerely the welfare of his state than has Gov. Schricker," he said. "It is my wish that his term may be most

fruitful in the present setup in successful."

He touched the controversial questions of liquor and statewide direct primary elections only in passing, but urged caution in tampering with the present setup in successful."

## Heller Urges Fast GI Bonus

### Without Borrowing, He Tells Assembly

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Gov. John Watkins who will take office Monday.

The "counting-in" will be mere window dressing to comply with a constitutional provision since the election of the Democrats was assured Nov. 3.

### Discuss Party Policies

In last night's caucuses legislators discussed party policies on various major legislation but announced no results after their deliberations.

The Senate Republican majority literally smoked out the first bug in the new legislative layout yesterday afternoon when the ventilating system was unable to cope with smoke in the caucus room.

Tearful Senators came gasping out of the room after two hours, groping for a switch with which to step up the ventilators. One or two legislators got lost in the maze of halls in the new chambers but by today all were expected to be oriented.

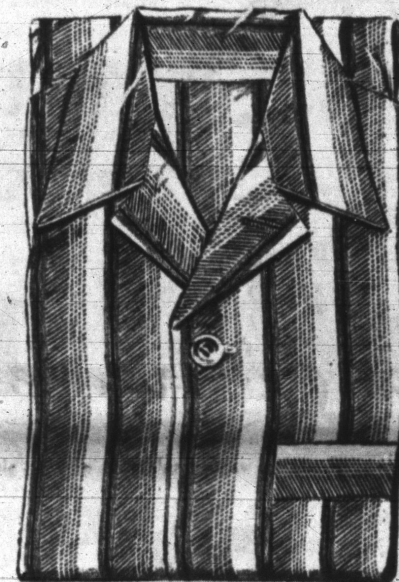
### Electrician Killed

SOUTH BEND, Jan. 6 (UP)—Clifford C. Pittman, 31, Lakeville, was shocked fatally last night while working at his job as an electrician at the Bendix Aviation Corp. Company spokesmen said he touched a 440-volt live power line.

### Jet Mechanic Killed

COVENTRY, England, Jan. 6 (UP)—S. W. Cooke, 45, an aviation mechanic, was killed today when he was sucked into the engine of a jet plane he was examining.

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