Bill Proposes Drastic Cut in Apportionment

County Would Lose 11 Seats

By IRVING LEIBOWITZ

Eleven of Marion County's 12 Representatives in the General Assembly would be abolished if a measure introduced in the Senate today eventually becomes a law.

The resolution is sponsored by Sen. Von A. Eichorn, veteran Democrat lawmaker representing Adams, Blackford and Wells Counties. It call for a referendum to amending the constitution on legislative apportionment.

Sen. Eichhorn said he had aimed the measure at protecting rural areas from "being swallowed up by large industrial sections" under proposed reapportionment.

Would Revise System

He proposes a new theory of reapportionment in which each county would be given one Representative and the present 50 Senators would be apportioned according to population.

All 12 of Marion County's Representatives are Democrats. It was certain Sen. Eichhorn would receive a giant-size boo from his own party.

Undaunted by this threat, the Senator said he was introducing the measure to counter another introduced by Sen. Dorothy Gardner (R. Ft. Wayne) calling for apportionment under present districts but based on figures of the 10-year census of the Federal government.

None Since 1930's

Present constitutional apportionment laws are based on Indiana census to be taken every six years, but no reapportionment has been made since the early 1930s.

Large cities are clamoring for more representation to compensate for increased population.

The Democratic Soldiers' Bonus Bill led an avalanche of party policy measures into the House hopper yesterday.

The measure was introduced by Reps. Joseph Klein (D. Gary) and Walter H. Maehling (D. Terre Haute). It provides for financing through doubling the gross income tax and would pay veterans $15 for each month of foreign service and $10 for each month of domestic service. Bonus would be paid after money is raised.

It carries a maximum of $350 and a minimum of $50.

A bill to repeal the Compulsory Arbitration Law which outlaws strikes in utilities was also introduced by Reps. James S. Hunter (D. East Chicago) and E. Rex Burks (D. Indianapolis). Governor Schricker had asked for this bill in his address to the assembly the day before.

Backed Governor

The Governor's bill for direct primary to nominate the Governor and U. S. Senator was also submitted by Reps. Carl F. Davis (D. Crown Point) and Harry T. Latham Jr. (D. Indianapolis). The measure would require the winner of each office to receive at least 35 per cent of the votes cast in the state-wide primary election or the nomination would revert to the old style convention. Other state officers would be nominated at conventions.

The Democrat reapportionment measure for a referendum to amend the constitution was introduced by Rep. Hunter. It would insure legislative reapportionment every 10 years on the basis of the U. S. census.

The office of public defender would be abolished if a bill introduced in the House by Rep. Louis F. Churilla (D. East Chicago) receives passage. The abolition measure is an outgrowth of circumstances several years ago in which the State Supreme Court fired Public Defender Frank Greenwald of Gary for accepting fees in the Ott Workman case. Workman was a Logootee farmer mysteriously paroled and later returned to prison.

Another measure proposed by Governor Schricker to repeal the railroad and utilities assessment act of 1947 was introduced by William F. Dentlinger (D. Connersville). It would, in effect, return authority to assess utilities to local governmental units which authority was given to the state by the 1947 legislature.

Arguments over the kind of time Indiana shall keep should be settled if a resolution introduced in the House by Rep. Earl M. Utterback (D. Kokomo) and Rep. Churilla is adopted. It calls for a referendum in which voters would choose between central standard, eastern standard or a combination of both.

The second bill calling for repeal of the 3 cent cigaret tax was submitted yesterday by Rep. Henry A. Kreft (R. Michigan City). The day before Reps. Thomas M. Long (R. Elkhart) and Herbert M. Copeland (R. Hanover) introduced a similar repealer.

Another time bill was introduced by Republicans Robert S. Webb of Arcadia and Alpha Hoesel of Kewanna in the House. It would make central time the only time for Indiana. A similar bill introduced in the Senate, but which excluded Lake County, was changed by a committee to include all of the state.

Penney Co. to Have Zone Offices Here

The J. C. Penney Co. operating more than 1000 retail outlets, will establish zone headquarters in Indianapolis on the 14th floor of Circle Tower, it was announced yesterday.

Ralph Betz will manage the office here. It will be established prior to the development of the new Penney store on the English Hotel site on the Circle.

Mast Services To Be Tomorrow

Services for Mrs. Luella Guthrie Mast, former Indianapolis resident who died Tuesday in her Terre Haute home, were to be held there today, followed by services at 10 a. m. tomorrow in Hisey & Titus Mortuary. Burial will be in Washington Park.

Mrs. Mast, who was 41, was a native of Indianapolis. She lived here until her marriage to Dr. G. R. Mast, Terre Haute dentist. She was a member of the Broadway Methodist Church.

Other survivors include a son, James Mast, Terre Haute; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Guthrie, Indianapolis, and five brothers, Edward, John, Benjamin, Frank and Dawson Guthrie, all of Indianapolis.

Veterinarians Open Convention

Dr. L. M. Hurt Principal Speaker

Dr. L. M. Hurt of Los Angeles, president of the American Veterinary Medical Association, will be among the principal speakers at the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association convention which opened today at the Severin Hotel.

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Dr. Hurt will speak tomorrow morning and again tomorrow night at a convention banquet.

Dr. Charles C. Dobson of New Augusta, president of the state organization, is presiding over the 65th annual parley which will last through Saturday.

Lauds PTA Groups

Mrs. H. W. Demsey of Huntington, president of the women's auxiliary, today lauded the Indiana Congress of Parent Teacher Associations for starting an educational campaign to acquaint the public with the facts on rabies control.

Dr. J. W. Cunkelman of Ft. Dodge, Ia., spoke this morning on "Bovine Sterility."

"The Role of the Veterinary in Today's Army" was the subject of Lt. Col. E. W. Young of Ft. Benjamin Harrison, who spoke this afternoon.

Bill Gives Mayor Gas Company Vote

Measure Opens Up Board Meetings

Mayors of Indianapolis will have one vote on the board of directors of Citizens Gas and Coke Utility if a bill introduced in the Indiana Senate becomes a law.

The measure was submitted yesterday by Indianapolis Democrat Sen. Judson West and Sen. John A. Kendall of Danville, a Republican.

It would make the Mayor a member of the board by virtue of his office and would in no other way change the law governing the utility.

Mayor Feeney has waged a one-man battle against the utility since he took office more than a year ago. His efforts have included attempts to obtain more money from it in lieu of taxes and to learn of the organization's business transactions.

Must Sign Bonds

The utility was created by Indiana statute as a public charitable trust, unique in its organization. Although the utility is considered to be a part of the municipal government it is answerable to no city official. The Mayor is mandated by law to sign bond issues of Citizens Gas.

The law governing the utility was passed several years ago, expressly to take politics out of its operations.

Mayor Feeney has contended that since the utility is virtually a part of the municipality the city administration should have at least an insight into its inner workings.

He said today he was interested in the Senate bill only in that it would give the public knowledge of the utility's administration.

Citizens Gas officials were not available today to express their reaction to the possibility of having the Mayor sit in on their private sessions.

Capper Pledges Prohibition Fight

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (UP) —Former Sen. Arthur Capper headed back to his home state of Kansas today, pledged to carry on his long crusadef or prohibition.

The 83-year-old Republican Legislator said goodby to his friends and colleagues at the completion of 30 years of Senate service. He did not run for reelection last year.

N. Y. Woman Cleared Of Mink Coat Charges

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 13 (UP)—The New York socialite wife of a Texas oil and cattleman was free today of grand theft charges growing out of her buying a $750 mink coat on her husband's charge account.

Charges were dismissed yesterday against Mrs. Nadine Crummey Parker, 24, heiress of a Goshen, N. Y., banking family and the estranged wife of Earl N. Parker, Ft. Worth, Tex. Their divorce suit is pending. She was arrested here last month following grand jury indictment in Ft. Worth.

TIMBER AREAS ARE VAST

More than 8,500,000 acres of land are included in the big timber areas of New Mexico.

Suspends Draft For Next 2 Months

Army Cuts Quota For Men in State

Here's welcome news for some 125 Indiana potential draftees:

The Army will suspend inductions during February and March and no further armed forces physical examinations will be conducted after today, Col. F. Lyle Summers, director of Selective Service in Indiana, announced today.

An unofficial announcement came from Washington earlier in the week, but the official directive arrived today, Col. Summers said.

Indiana will send 145 men to the Army during the remainder of January to complete its quota.

January and February quotas were originall yset at 500 men, Col. Summers said. But in December the January quota was cut to 250 and the February number pared to 125. The March quota had not been announced.

Honored Airman

Staff Sgt. Bernis C. Hays, son of Mrs. Frankie Hays, Richmond, has been selected as the outstanding Airman of the Month for the 3d Food Service Squadron, Fifth Air Force, at Yokota Air Force Base, Japan.

Admit Refugees, Pope Urges U. S.

Pius Exhorts Clergy To Redouble Efforts

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 13 (UP) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII urged today that the United States open its doors wider to refugees, including exiled priests.

He exhorted the Catholic clergy of the United States to redouble their efforts to obtain admittance to America not only "for refugees torn from their kin, but also for their families and exiled priests."

His appeal was contained in a letter in Latin published in the Osservatore Romano and addressed to Msgr. John T. Nicholas, archbishop of Cincinnati and president of the National Catholic Welfare Conference central office.

He praised American priests for their part in sponsoring introduction of last year's bill in Congress to admit 250,000 persons in the United States.

'Kidnap' Report Backfires On Hazing Sigma Nus

Police Fail to See Humor When 'Victim' Doesn't Identify Abductors as Pledges

A "man bites dog" stunt backfired on some Butler University Sigma Nu pledges last night when police failed to see the humor of a false "kidnaping" report.

The pledges tried to "turn the tables" on an active member by "taking him for a ride." Their victim in turn "turned the tables" on the pledges by reporting the incident to police as a bona fide kidnaping-robbery.

Police, after they learned they had been roped in on a prank, turned the tables on the whole group by rounding them up for a stern lecture on the seriousness of false reports.

School Investigating

Today it appeared as if the pranksters faced still more trouble. The university announced it was conducting a "full investigation" of the incident.

The affair started when Harold Dormer, senior and a Sigma Nu member, phoned state police to report he was kidnaped, robbed and choked by four men in a convertible who ejected him from the car near Oaklandon. He turned in the license number of the car of his alleged attackers.

The number was broadcast to all city and state police cars. Three state police cars were assigned from other duty to the search.

In the city, Sgt. John Kestler's squad checked the registration and found the number was issued to E. R. Kingston, 4530 N. Capitol Ave. At the Kingston home they found the car had just been returned by 19-year-old John W. Kingston, a student at Butler.

Kingston said that he and three other fraternity pledges had decided to take Dormer "for a ride." He said the boys felt that Dormer an ex-Army officer, "was giving us a rough time." in hazing.

They were bewildered when they learned Dormer had reported them. Kingston told officers there was no question that Dormer knew their identities and surmised Dormer had made the report "to get even."

Police Sgt. Kestler said he gave the Kingston boy a "good talking to" and Dormer was taken to state police headquarters for questioning.

Today Dormer said he was sorry about the incident and that he had reported his abductors to police "without thinking about it."

"I realize now it was the wrong thing to do," he said.

Elsewhere in the Sigma Nu house there was a bad case of "hazing hangover." Members said they they preferred to "forget about the incident."

Truck Strike Averted

CHICAGO, Jan. 13 (UP)—A trucking strike that would have halted all food deliveries in Chicago was averted early today when union representatives accepted a 25-cent hourly wage increase for 14,000 truck drivers.

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