

# Congress— Veterans Bill Puts Democrat Chiefs on Spot

**Rankin Proposal  
For Old-Age Pensions  
Would Wreck Budget**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (UP)—A states' rights Democrat appeared today to have put administration leaders over a barrel by proposing new veterans' benefits.

Chairman John E. Rankin (D. Miss.) of the House Veterans Committee plans to open hearings tomorrow on a bill to provide old-age pensions for all veterans of World Wars I and II. Mr. Rankin said he's confident the measure will win committee approval and eventually be passed by the House. Veterans bills traditionally are tough to block once they reach the House floor.

Democratic congressional leaders are wondering where the money will come from if the bill does become law. President Truman has asked \$5.5 billion for veterans' programs and administration leaders were hoping that would be the maximum.

Mr. Rankin's pension bill could cost the government something like \$500 million the first year.

Other congressional developments:

## World Co-op

CONGRESSIONAL sources said the State Department already is at work on the "world co-op" plan which President Truman outlined in his inaugural address. Under the President's proposal, U. S. technical know-how and risk capital would be used to raise living standards in backward countries of the world.

## Cattle

A GROUP of western Senators asked President Truman to release an additional \$150,000 from his disaster relief fund to aid western cattlemen. The Chief Executive earlier this week authorized \$100,000 from this fund for emergency relief in the snow-bound range lands.

## Labor Law

SOME Republican Senators are talking of a proposal to relax the present ban on the closed shop under any new labor law that is written. Under their plan, the closed shop would be permitted in those industries and plants where it had been in existence in the past. The closed shop was outlawed by the Taft-Hartley act.

## Filibuster

SENATOR JOHN C. STENNIS (D. Miss.), a leader in the southern fight against curbing Senate filibusters, said today he would "gladly support" any move to prevent prolonged debate on emergency measures affecting national security. But he made it plain that he will not retreat from his opposition to various antifilibuster proposals.

## Housing

A GROUP of Republican Senators today put the finishing touches on their own long-range housing bill and probably will introduce it tomorrow. The measure will be their challenge to administration-supported housing legislation which calls for 1,050,000 public housing units in seven years, a big scale slum clearance program, and loans and grants for rural housing.

## Allocations

THE SENATE Banking Committee voted unanimously today to approve a seven-month extension of the voluntary allocation program under which some scarce materials are rationed among industrial users. The action came after Democrats on the committee voted solidly against a Republican move to extend the program, now due to expire Mar. 1, for 13 months.

## Steering

HOUSE Republican leaders have agreed tentatively to a change in their steering committee which governs GOP policy in the House. It was reported today. Under the proposed new setup, the size of the steering committee would be increased and membership would be determined largely on a geographical basis.

## Webb

JAMES E. WEBB appeared certain today of quick Senate confirmation as Undersecretary of State. In recommending Mr. Webb's approval yesterday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee made clear that it foresees an important administrative, rather than policy, role for him. The full Senate will act on the nomination tomorrow.

## Services Tomorrow

## For Senate Chaplain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (UP)—Funeral services for the Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall, chaplain of the Senate, will be held tomorrow at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church where he was pastor.

Dr. Marshall died unexpectedly yesterday of a heart ailment. He was 46.

His passing drew expressions of sorrow from both congressional and religious leaders.

## Schricker to Award

## Forestry Contest Prizes

Gov. Henry F. Schricker will present awards to winners of the Forestry Contest Friday afternoon in the 31st annual meeting of the Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association. Hardwood lumber manufacturers and wholesalers in Indiana and adjoining states, comprising the association, will meet tomorrow and Friday in the Seavaria Hotel.

# Hit Production's Rehearsals Never End



Earnestly studying musical theory on the Murat stage between performances of "Oklahoma!" are (left to right): Ann Sparkman, Ann Crowley, who sings Laurey in the show; Margo Carmen, Michelo Burke, Patricia Johnson, Helen Moller and Ruth Vernon, with John Larson, stage manager, and Will Irwin, orchestra director and music teacher.

## Pins Broadcasts On 'Axis Sally'

### Ex-German Tells Of Berlin Meetings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (UP)—Hans von Richter, former member of the German consular staff in Cleveland, testified today he had seen honey-voiced Mildred Gillars making her "Axis Sally" broadcasts over the Nazi radio.

Mr. Von Richter is a 38-year-old former German wartime radio official whose testimony has helped convict two former American newsmen of treason.

Miss Gillars, a native of Portland, Me., is on trial here for treason. She is alleged to have attempted to break down the morale of American troops with her broadcasts during the war over the Nazi radio.

Mr. Von Richter testified last year in the treason trials of Douglas Chandler and Robert H. Best, who are now serving prison terms for treason.

### Visited His Home

Under the Constitution, the government must offer testimony from two witnesses to the actual act of treason in order to prove treason.

Mr. Von Richter said he met Miss Gillars in Berlin in December, 1942. He said that he saw her "quite often" at work at the microphone and that she twice visited his home.

Asked if he saw Miss Gillars in the courtroom, the witness identified her as the woman "in the black dress." He looked at her steadily for moment, while she moved uneasily in her chair.

As Mr. Von Richter began his testimony, he was asked by Judge Edward M. Curran if he were chewing gum.

## 'Oklahoma!' Cast Attends Classes Between Shows

### Murat Attraction Kept at Top of Sellout List by 'Extra Curricular' Training

By HENRY BUTLER  
Not many touring shows conduct classes between performances. But that's what "Oklahoma!" currently at the Murat, does to keep show personnel on their toes and teach them acting, dancing and music.

Under the general direction of John Larson, stage manager for the Rodgers-Hammerstein musical, six hours of instruction are given each week. Two hours of acting, with Mr. Larson in charge; two hours of ballet, directed by Vladimir Kostenko, who does remarkable work in the show as Jud in the dream ballet, and two hours of music taught by Will Irwin, the orchestra director.

Chides Aspirant  
Yesterday's class program was somewhat interrupted by a series of auditions. Mr. Larson has to keep training understudies for the principals, and understudies for the understudies. In a big show with a strenuous schedule (five towns in eight days last month, as an example), actors may get sick and have to be replaced on short notice.

Mr. Larson yesterday chided one aspirant for making mistakes in fundamental acting technique. "If you'd come to these classes regularly, you'd know more about what not to do. Don't focus attention on yourself when somebody else has a line," he said, with calm emphasis.

A chance as understudy may be the big chance, and that's why Mr. Larson's youngsters take the auditions seriously.

In music, Mr. Irwin teaches both principals and chorus members fundamentals of ear training and sight singing. "Lawrence Langner of the Theater Guild thought it would be a good idea to start the teaching program.

### Mail Theft-Suspect Awaits Arraignment

A 32-year-old man, charged with the theft of mail, was free on his own recognizance today, awaiting arraignment in Federal District Court. Charges filed against Paul Trout, 1070 E. Washington St., accused him of stealing a \$14 Christmas fund check.

Meanwhile, two admitted narcotics users waived preliminary hearings before U. S. Commissioner Asa J. Smith yesterday and were held under \$2000 bonds on charges of forging narcotics prescriptions.

Mrs. Esther Smith, 37, and Peggy Mae Clifford, 35, of 2127 N. New Jersey St., were arrested by Federal narcotics agents in the apartment house where they lived.

## Broad Ripple Church Plans Benefit Dinner

Members and friends of the Broad Ripple Christian Church will attend a chicken dinner for the benefit of the building fund Friday from 5 to 8 p. m. in the church dining room.

Reservations are being telephoned to Br. 2608 or Br. 2311. Mrs. Arnold Settle is dinner chairman.

The women's council will sponsor Mrs. Gerald McDaniels of the Indianapolis Council of Churches in a talk at the afternoon session of its all-day meeting tomorrow in the church. The 10:15 a. m. executive meeting and a general meeting at 11 a. m. will precede noon luncheon.

## Reception to Honor Local Pastor, Wife

The Central Christian Church will give a reception and dinner tomorrow night in honor of Dr. and Mrs. William A. Shullenberger who are beginning the 24th year of service to the pastorate. The reception at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30 p. m. also will mark the completion of 10 years as children's minister and youth advisor by Miss Nellie C. Young.

## Tanker Run Aground

DEAL, England, Jan. 26 (UP)—The 800-ton Italian tanker G. Mattotti grounded today on the treacherous Goodwin Sands off Deal and was reported by lookouts from the South Goodwin lightship to be "lying in a dangerous position."

## Special Music Will Be Given Preceding the Dinner

Special music will be given preceding the dinner. Dr. James S. McBride is dinner chairman and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. McKee, co-chairmen of the reception.

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