

Assembly Goes Into Last Half, Score 0 to 0

Measure Covering Its Own Pay Only Bill Passed in First 31 Days

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG

Indiana's 56th General Assembly begins the last half of its session tomorrow with all of its work still to be done.

Tomorrow will see the end of the period in which bills may be introduced in the regular manner. Thereafter the two houses will be required to suspend the rules in order to admit another measure.

Thus far 661 measures have been introduced in the two Houses, excluding resolutions.

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Of this number 425 have been introduced in the House and 236 in the Senate.

In the first 31 days of the session the Legislature has passed and sent to the governor only one bill, the measure which provides for their own pay.

Does Little Better

House committees have not passed down one-fourth of the total number of bills introduced in their assembly and Senate committees have done only little better.

Less than 50 bills of the Senate's 236 have passed that chamber and gone to the House. Likewise, less than 50 of the House's 425 bills have been passed and sent to the Senate.

Although the Assembly has received some criticism for its "do nothing" attitude, there are many who in past years thought the General Assembly passed too many measures. Those persons should be well satisfied with the 66th session.

House Biggest Issue

The Senate settled, momentarily, its two burning questions, bonus and time, by passing a bill on each. However, the two bills have been tucked in House committee cubbyholes and the Senate will soon receive House measures on each of these two questions.

Biggest issues in the lower assembly are the bonus bill calling for a one-fourth of 1 per cent increase in all gross income, tax rates and the multi-million dollar budget bill.

In addition to these, there are numerous measures for liberalizing laws regarding labor and teachers, reorganizing schools, the courts and state bureaus, and of course the perennial changes in the fish and game laws.

All Democrat policy bills are in the hopper with the possible exception of a few minor ones. For the next 30 days it will be a pell mell race for passage of the favored laws.

AAUW Visitor From Finland Finds Americans 'Sweet'

Studies Welfare

In U. S. Centers

By MARJORIE TURK

"They're sweet—all the people," said Miss Elna Rautanen, Helsinki, Finland, when commenting on Americans.

Miss Rautanen arrived in Indianapolis last night to spend four days as the guest of the Indianapolis Branch, American Association of University Women.

As for our children, the foreign visitor finds them the same as those at home. She is studying child welfare in Western Reserve University, Cleveland, on a fellowship awarded by the Indianapolis AAUW.

Before coming to the U. S. in September, Miss Rautanen worked six years with the Finnish government being responsible for 2000 children when they were evacuated from Finland to Sweden during the war.

Studies and Works Here in the States she divides her time between three days of study and three days working with Cleveland social agencies.

"In the needs of dependent children," she said, "there isn't any difference at all. All the problems I meet in Finland and Sweden I meet here, too."

She came to the U. S. because she felt it was the only place in the world where a welfare program had been preserved on a peace time level.

"The United States is the one country that is now able to give something to the other peoples in the world," she said.

Although the Finnish institutions are all state supported she objected to the word socialism, declaring, "We are the state. There are no rich men so when we need a hospital, we, that is the state, build it."

There is no foster home program in Finland to care for dependents because of the acute housing shortage. Everyone in the country is limited to one room per person.

Very Serious Minded

Miss Rautanen is a very serious minded young lady. She spent her Christmas vacation looking over the social welfare set-up in Chicago and New York. Speaking about American men, she said, "Honestly, I haven't had time to form any opinion but I guess they're O. K."

She had no opinion either on popular music but likes the symphony concerts and the many old masters in our art museums. Her first experience of the American theater was "Born Yesterday" and it didn't rate too high with her—there was "too much swearing around."

While in Indianapolis she will visit Riley Hospital, the Council of Mental Health, the Council of Social Agencies, Juvenile Court and the public schools.

VOLCANO COMES TO LIFE

TOKYO, Feb. 5 (UP)—Mount Yakeyama, considered a dead volcano since 1380, erupted today and showered volcanic ashes over southern Nigata prefecture. No casualties were reported.

21 Measures Aim to Better Veterans' Lot

6 Bonus Bills In Legislature Run Into Snags

By PHILIP F. CLIFFORD JR.

The Indiana legislature's answer to the people's mandate for a soldiers bonus yesterday added up to six different bonus bills proposed and not one passed.

Since the first pounding of the gavel in both Senate and the House of Representatives, signaling the opening of the session, more than 20 pieces of legislation (including the six bonus bills) have been tossed into the hopper for the financial improvement of the veterans.

The 20 include such items as exempting a bonus from Federal tax, and assistance to veterans organizations.

Both Democrats and Republicans alike agree the veteran should have a bonus and the soldier's policy bonus bills vary only slightly in the benefits to veterans.

Only in the question of payment do the legislators fall out. Republicans shout, "No increase in gross income."

Proposes Bonds Democrats would increase gross income and amend the constitution so that the state might issue bonds for the multi-million dollar bonus debt.

The Democrat financing proposal was submitted in the House last week by Rep. Joseph Klein (D. Gary), chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee.

His measure would require amending the state constitution to permit issuance of up to \$150 million in bonds and amending his party's present bonus bill to include a gross income surtax of one-fourth of 1 per cent.

Of the more than two score measures introduced in both houses stipulating benefits and privileges for Hoppler veterans, only six have been earmarked for bonus payments.

They include: ONE: An administration backed bill introduced by Reps. Klein and Walter H. Maehling (D. Terre Haute). This calls for a \$500 top and \$20 minimum.

TWO: The GOP's bill, co-authored by Sens. William Caleb Bates (R. New Albany) and Milford E. Annes (R. Metamora), which would provide \$400 for domestic service, \$600 for a combination of domestic and foreign duty, \$800 for the beneficiary, and an additional \$100 for service-connected disability.

THREE: SB 168 introduced by Sen. John Blunt (D. Little York) and Wesley Malone (R. Clinton) offers \$10 and \$15 a month for domestic and foreign service respectively, with a maximum payment of \$600. It is supported by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled Veterans of America.

FOUR: Identical benefits are found in SB 35, offered by Sen. Louis F. Baldoni (D. South Bend). FIVE: Under HB 178 introduced by Rep. Roscoe G. Scott (D. Greencastle), veterans would receive \$200 for service overseas and \$100 for domestic service. The bill would levy a blanket tax on cigarettes and all alcoholic beverages.

SIX: A long-range bonus payment plan is embodied in HB 39 co-authored by Reps. Harry E. Danielson (R. Plymouth) and Charles T. Misser (R. Garrett). The measure would set aside entire proceeds of cigarette tax for 10 years. First half of bonus would be paid in five years and the balance at the end of the 10 year period.

Many stateshouse observers are wondering if the highly controversial bonus question still will be unanswered, come the end of the current session.

It's just a political football, they say, and neither team has a man strong enough to run the field for a touchdown.

Purdue Center to Open Registrations Thursday

Registrations for students taking college credit courses at Purdue University Center here will open Thursday and continue through Saturday for both day and evening classes.

For the first time, a course in advanced calculus will be offered, with Dr. James Heyda of the Naval Ordnance Plant as instructor.

Other courses will include Modern English and American Poetry, Creative Writing, Industrial Management, International Relations, Psychology, Speech, Chemistry and Advanced Mathematics.

On Thursday and Friday, registrations will be held from noon until 8 p. m. on Feb. 8 and 9 until noon on Saturday.

First class sessions for the spring semester at Indiana University extension center will be held tomorrow. Enrollments will be continued throughout the week.

The curriculum will include about 19 courses, school administrators said, and there are still openings in the courses, especially in pre-medical and pre-business classes.

Extension classes composed of a lecture series for adults not working toward a degree will be offered in labor contracts, development of map, interior decoration, vocabulary improvement, great books, and several other subjects.

Administrators said the total enrollment for courses during the fall semester reached 2792.

State Funds Aid 4 Veteran Groups

4 More Outfits Also Want Money

By IRVING LEIBOWITZ

Indiana taxpayers are contributing to four organized veterans groups today while faced with the prospect of paying out \$150 million for a soldiers' bonus.

More than \$40,000 is lifted out of the state treasury each year to subsidize the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic.

The biggest single veterans group subsidy still being paid by Indiana taxpayers is the \$2.5 million outlay for a building to house the American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis. Not until 1951 will the building debt be paid and the one mill tax cease.

Push For Funds Now, all the other veterans' organizations want to get in on the act. Four other GI groups are militantly pushing four separate bills to give them a total of \$23,500 each year.

The American Veterans Committee is asking the state Senate \$50,000, while its former commander-in-chief, the AMVETS, want \$10,500. The Lower House has received requests for \$5000 from the Marine Corps League and \$3000 from the Indiana Squadron Navy Club.

The problem of supplying all the veteran groups with cash on the line, is just a trifle embarrassing to the "economy-minded" administration.

The General Assembly can't turn the later-day veterans down for fear they will raise the cry of "discrimination." Neither does it have enough in its jeans to pass out "gratuities."

Thus, the state finds itself in the position of being virtually obligated to subsidize the various GI organizations and pay a soldiers' bonus.

Named by Mayor



Edward A. Gardner... Fills Democrat vacancy on Works Board.

Balance Restored On Works Board

Feeney Appoints Republican Member

Bi-partisan balance of the four-member City Works Board was restored yesterday with the appointment of Edward A. Gardner, mental works proprietor, to fill the Democrat vacancy.

Mr. Gardner was named to the board by Mayor Feeney to replace Paul D. Cave, former board president, who had been on leave of absence since August. Mr. Cave resigned from the board last week to devote more time to his furniture business.

The appointment and a surprise reorganization of the board touched off a minor flurry at City Hall last week.

Feeney By-Passed Stanley Feeney, Democrat member who had been acting president under the Democrat city leave of absence, was by-passed in the reorganization and a Republican member Martin McDermott was given the presidency.

As Mr. Feeney was the only veteran Democrat member on the board, most observers felt he would be made permanent president under the Democrat city administration. When a board members met for their election they were told Mayor Feeney desired the presidency rotated, with each member holding the office one year.

Fourth member of the board is Carl N. Angst, Republican. With the appointment of Mr. Gardner the balance of two Republicans and two Democrats was restored.

Manual Graduate Mr. Gardner is manager of Joseph Gardner Co., sheet metal works, 147 Kentucky Ave., and owns an interest in the Gardner Realty Co. His wife is the former Helen Wiebke of Indianapolis.

He is a graduate of Manual High School and founder of Roines, Manual honorary organization. In 1928 he served as president of the Manual Alumni Club.

Mr. Gardner is president of the Indianapolis Sheet Metal Contractors Association, secretary and director of the General Protestant Orphan Association and a former director of the Indianapolis Board of Trade.

He is a member of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and Scottish Rite.

Kroger Executive To Address Council

Stephen A. Douglas, sales promotion, merchandising and advertising manager of the Kroger Co., Cincinnati, will address the Indianapolis Sales Executives council Monday evening, Feb. 14, in the Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel.

General Motors Plans Detroit Show

General Motors is staging its first complete automobile and product show in Detroit since before the war. It will be set up in Convention Hall, Apr. 9 through 15. GM will bring the "Transportation Unlimited" show which launched Chevrolet and Pontiac from New York's Waldorf Astoria for the exhibit.

REPORTS ON BLIZZARD WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (UP)—Defense Secretary James Forrestal reported to President Truman tonight that the western storm disaster is being brought under control.

FOUR DIE IN AIR CRASH CALL, Colombia, Feb. 5 (UE)—Four persons were killed and 10 injured today when a Catalina flying boat crashed while landing on Buenaventura Bay.

Winter Costs Lives of 579, \$236 Million

Bulldozers Save 25,131 Persons, 550,740 Cattle

(Blizzards have taken a heavy toll among human beings and livestock since New Year's Day. To obtain a summary of the weather's tremendous costs to date, 210 United Press correspondents checked officials in snowbound regions. Here is what they found.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 5 (UP)—This winter can be blamed for the deaths of Jan. 1 of 579 persons and property losses totaling more than \$236 million.

Meat-producing and bread-baked states of the West suffered the most. Gale-whipped snow, marooned communities and livestock. Human beings and animals froze to death. To a lesser extent, snow, ice and cold caused deaths and damage in the South, East and Midwest.

A nationwide survey, completed today, showed these losses for 35 days:

PERSONS KILLED: 235 by freezing and from exposure, in blizzards and tornadoes; 191 in highway accidents attributed to the weather; 96 in fires and 57 in miscellaneous accidents blamed on the weather.

TOTAL PROPERTY LOSS (including livestock and crops): \$236,036,000. That is \$10 million more than the assessed valuation of the state of Arizona. Crop loss alone totaled \$116 million.

LIVESTOCK KILLED: An estimated 174,206 cattle and 153,200 sheep, valued at \$29,096,000, most of them in the disaster areas of Wyoming, Nebraska and South Dakota. In addition, 4.7 million cattle and sheep, valued at nearly \$500 million are imperiled by lack of feed, but Army and Air Force rescue forces are cutting the total daily.

State and federal funds appropriated or allocated for relief in the West: \$2,360,000.

The cost of "operation bulldozer" by a Fifth Army disaster force in Wyoming, Nebraska and South Dakota, and the 10th Air Force "operation hayride" has not been estimated.

"Operation bulldozer" has in seven days liberated 25,131 persons, 550,740 cattle and nearly 100,000 other farm animals from snow-bound areas of South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska.

Hits Wool Supply Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, commanding the operation, said loss of life has been negligible since the rescue work began.

"We do know we've helped a lot of people," he said. "We can't say how many lives were saved."

Wool buyers and manufacturers said the sheep loss would affect the wool supply. Each sheep produces eight to nine pounds of wool.

It was doubtful what effect the loss of livestock would have on the price of meat at neighborhood butcher shops, because the final toll of the blizzards will not be known until spring.

New Storm Perils 'Haylift' Gains

CHICAGO, Feb. 5 (UP)—New snowstorms and high winds threatened today to wipe out the gains made in the blizzard-burdened West's struggle against one of the worst winters on record.

A storm front swirling across the Rocky Mountains increased the peril to 4.7 million cattle and sheep threatened with starvation on frozen rangelands.

U. S. weather forecasters predicted that winds of 30 to 40 miles per hour would whistle across the western and central Nebraska plains tonight and tomorrow, with "considerable blowing and drifting snow."

It was feared that the new storm would blow shut many of the roads the Army bulldozer crews had labored to clear during the last seven days.

Ready to Shift The new threat arose just when it appeared that rescue crews were gaining the upper hand in the struggle to save starving livestock and relieve human suffering.

Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, commander of Operation Snowbound, said that if the new storm develops, the Army bulldozer crews "will turn around from their work, on secondary roads and winter let state highway departments in clearing main highways."

Hungarian Prelate Prays for Court, State: Will Hear Sentence of Reds on Tuesday

Prosecutor Asks 'Heaviest Penalty'; Drags Truman's Name Into Trial

By EDWARD KERRY, United Press Staff Correspondent

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Feb. 5—Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty stood tonight before a People's Court in the shadow of a possible death sentence and prayed for the court and the Hungarian state.

In a dramatic final statement, the 56-year-old Primate of Hungary said he stood by his admission of guilt in "principle" to the charges the government brought against him. But he insisted he was innocent of plotting to overthrow the Hungarian government or of sabotaging its economic program.

The Cardinal's prayer, delivered in a clear, distinct voice in the presence of his judges, ended his trial and that of six co-defendants on charges of espionage, seeking to restore the Hapsburg monarchy and black marketeering.

Sentences will be pronounced at 2 a. m. Tuesday, Indianapolis time.

Only a few hours after he had heard the state prosecutor demand the "heaviest punishment"—death by hanging—for himself and the six other defendants, Cardinal Mindszenty rose from his bench and told the hushed courtroom:

"This morning, the following prayer came to my lips: 'God give peace in these days. Not for the near future or the distant future, but in these days. I ask this peace for my church, my love for which I brought here, also for the Hungarian state toward which I showed by obedience, and peace for my own soul. I ask the Lord to give the court the wisdom that it can pass a sentence which will guarantee a solution abroad and here.'"

He did not elaborate on his reference to a "solution abroad." His mention of a solution "here" presumably referred to the dispute between the Catholic Church and the Hungarian state.

The atmosphere was tense as Cardinal Mindszenty, clad in a black cassock, made his final appeal. He looked straight at Dr. Volmos Olti, youthful president of

peace he quietly resumed his place on the defendants' bench. Gyula Alapi, state prosecutor, by tradition did not ask specifically for a death sentence. He asked only that the defendants be given the "heaviest punishment." The "heaviest punishment" for treason and plotting to overthrow the government is death by hanging.

Dr. Kiczo Kalman, defense counsel, reminded the court that Hungarian law granted it the power to grant clemency and reduce its own sentence by one degree, for example, from death to life imprisonment.

He said Cardinal Mindszenty's appeal from a jail cell to U. S. Minister Selden Chapin for help in escaping Budapest was "another indication of his naivete." He said the Cardinal had lived in "an ivory tower."

Prosecutor Alapi brought the names of President "Truman, Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York; H. P. Schoenfeld, former U. S. Minister to Budapest, and Mr. Chapin, Schoenfeld's successor, into the state's summary of the case.

He said the Cardinal Mindszenty repeatedly asked for American intervention in Hungary's internal affairs in his desire to overthrow the government and restore the Hapsburg monarchy.

Called Nonsense "He even wanted a declaration of war," exclaimed Alapi. "Again and again he urged first Schoenfeld, then Chapin and even President Truman to intervene," Mr. Alapi said.

He did not elaborate in his reference to Mr. Truman. He said Mr. Schoenfeld finally "clamped down on Mindszenty's most ardent wishes."

DIMES LEAD TO JAIL CHICAGO, Feb. 5 (UP)—Five thousand dimes put James Henley, 57, behind bars for eight months. A judge found him guilty of stealing them from his brother-in-law.

STRAUSS SAYS: The Cardinal then pointed out that the Hungarian Board of Bishops had approved of land reform under which the big estates of Hungary were broken up and given to small landholders.

He pointed out that the Vatican did not disapprove of this point of view.

"I thank God," he said, "that in the course of the investigation, to my own severe conscience, I did not prove to be an enemy of the people."

"I was never against peace between church and state, but I emphasized that there were conditions for it, and I wanted it to be a lasting peace."

"As far as the fact is concerned that I got into conflict with the law beyond my own will in one respect or another, I did confess that, and as to the financial damages I have done, I have offered to repay it, and I meant that."

After the Cardinal concluded his statement with his prayer for



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