

\$90-a-Month Pension OK'd For Veterans

Committee Approves Plan After Six Democrats Bolt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP)—An angry divided House Veterans Committee today voted for \$90-a-month pensions starting at age 65 for all veterans of both world wars.

The vote was taken at a secret session after six Democratic members stormed out protesting against the "dictatorial tactics" of Chairman John E. Rankin (D. Miss.).

The pension bill, a pared down version of Mr. Rankin's original proposal, would cost \$125,000,000 at the start, according to the Veterans Administration.

The cost would rise year by year as more veterans reached the pension age. Mr. Rankin's original bill would have cost \$2 billion to start with.

OK of Bill Seen

The administration opposes the measure, and a fight against it is promised when it gets to the House floor. But prospects for passage of the bill by the House look pretty good. Under the bill all veterans, rich and poor, would be eligible for the pension.

The walkout of the six Democrats followed a Rankin procedural ruling. One of the bolters, Rep. Walter Huber (D. O.), said he left because he was "sick and tired" of Mr. Rankin's "high-handed tactics." Another, Rep. Earl Chudoff (D. Pa.) said the walkout was in protest against Mr. Rankin's "dictatorial tactics."

Other congressional developments:

Labor Law

AFL President William Green asked repeal of the Taft-Hartley law and enactment of the administration's new labor bill with a few small amendments. He said the Taft-Hartley law hampers unions in efforts to get rid of Communists.

Under the law's union shop restrictions, Mr. Green said, a union could suspend a Communist member but could not require the employer to fire him.

Security Pact

Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge (R. Mass.) asked Secretary of State Dean Acheson for assurances that any military secret exchanged under the North Atlantic security pact will not fall into Communist hands.

In a letter to the secretary, Sen. Lodge also suggested that the Senate will want to know, before approving the pact, whether the European participants are willing to fight in a unified force in the event of an emergency.

Condon

Chairman John S. Wood, D. Ga., said his House Un-American Activities Committee will give Atomic Scientist Edward U. Condon a public hearing any time he asks for it. Mr. Condon, head of the National Bureau of Standards, was accused by a House subcommittee last year of being "one of the weakest links" in our atomic security.

Freedom Train

Rep. John W. McCormack (D. Mass.) said in the no-segregation policy of the Freedom Train will remain in effect if the train is put on the road again this year. Memphis, Tenn., and Birmingham, Ala., refused to display the train with its historic documents because of the no-segregation edict. The House already has voted to send the train on a new tour, and the Senate is expected to follow suit shortly.

Taxes

President Truman decided at a conference with House tax writers today to make a statement to the public Thursday on expansion of social security.

The decision was announced at the White House by Speaker Sam Rayburn after Mr. Truman had spent more than an hour with the Speaker and Democratic members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The President has asked a \$2 billion hike in social security payroll taxes in order to extend coverage and increase benefits.

Handwork From the Juvenile Home



Mrs. Patricia Maddox (center), probation officer, exhibits handcrafted articles made by children in the Juvenile Home to Mrs. John C. Mueller, wife of the director of the Marion County Welfare Department; her daughter, Ann, and to A. J. Thetecher, city recreation director.

Scout Plane Goes AWOL After Take-Off on Its Own

PT. LEWIS, Wash., Feb. 15 (UP)—A little, single-engine Army scout plane which went AWOL on a pilotless "solo" flight from the airfield here, was believed today to have crashed in some remote region of western Washington state.

The L-16 plane made a virtually perfect take-off on its own yesterday. The flight started after pilot Herbert A. Winter cranked the plane and passenger William G. Keiser opened the front cockpit for him.

In attempting to open the cockpit, Mr. Keiser accidentally shoved the throttle on full.

2d Gas Measure Due Up in House Gives Mayor Seat On Utility Board

The second legislative proposal to make the Mayor of Indianapolis a member of the board of directors of Citizens Gas & Coke Utility comes up today for a deciding vote in the House of Representatives.

A similar measure, introduced in the Senate, was defeated by the Republican majority in that chamber. The measure which was to be voted on today was introduced in the House after the first bill was defeated in the Senate.

Two other controversial measures, elimination of segregation in the public schools and the fair employment practice commission bill, were scheduled to be brought out on the House floor for argument and possibly amendment.

The anti-segregation bill prohibits discrimination in all public schools of the state. It was introduced by Reps. James S. Hunter (D. East Chicago) and George M. Bindner (D. Indianapolis). It proposes the elimination of segregation on a gradual basis to be completed in 1954.

The FEPC bill would create a board on fair employment within the Division of Labor to prohibit discrimination in employment or by labor organizations because of race or creed.

It was introduced by Reps. Forrest Littlejohn (D. Indianapolis) and Joseph Klein (D. Gary). It has been recommended for passage by the House Labor Committee.

Envoys of 39 States To Meet With Pope

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 15 (UP)—Diplomatic representatives of 39 states will gather in the Vatican tomorrow to attend an unprecedented mass audience with His Holiness Pope Pius.

Carlo Azeglio Velez, Colombian ambassador to the Holy See and dean of the diplomatic corps, will deliver a speech. He will "express the sorrow of the corps for the sentencing of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty," an announcement of the audience said.

Bill Proposes Legislators File Personal Data

Requires Listing Of Business Affiliations

Hoosier Senators were today considering a bill which would require them to file a complete listing of their political and business affiliations.

The bill, which passed the House yesterday after a token resistance, was introduced by Rep. Edward M. Woodward, Bloomington Republican.

Under provisions of the measure, members of the General Assembly would be required to file with the principal clerk of their respective houses, facts of their business employment and names of any persons they represent in any matter which may come before the legislature.

Had One in Mind

In urging passage of the bill, Mr. Woodward said he had in mind at least one former member of the General Assembly, who subordinated his duties as a lawmaker in favor of corporations for whom he was "lobbying pet matters."

"This bill," Mr. Woodward declared, "has been designed not only in the best interests of the voter back home but for the legislators themselves."

In effect, he added, the measure would clear General Assembly members of any charges of ulterior motives and "establishes our sincerity of purpose to the people whom we are here to represent."

Rep. Obed T. Kilgore (D. Indianapolis), proposed an amendment to the original bill. He said the measure would tend to subordinate the legislative branch to the executive, if House and Senate members were required to file the data with the Secretary of State.

His proposed amendment won support of both Democrats and Republicans.

Industrial Nurses Meet Tomorrow

A meeting of the Industrial Nurses Section of the Central District will be held tomorrow evening in the Lincoln Hotel.

Margaret Boudard, R. N., will be hostess and Robert Coulette, general superintendent, International Harvester Co., will preside.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Will F. Lyon, chief of the International Harvester Co. Medical Department, Chicago.

Storage Tank Explodes in N. J.

LINDEN, N. J., Feb. 15 (UP)—A storage tank containing 40,000 barrels of oil exploded at Carteret, N. J., across a narrow kill from Staten Island, today, but firemen from several adjoining towns kept the flames under control.

Fire fighters from Carteret, Woodbridge and Linden used chemicals to keep the flames in check and wetted down adjoining oil tanks to keep the fire from spreading.

Observers on Staten Island, N. Y., less than five miles away, reported that the flames could be seen shooting 200 feet in the air.

Official Weather

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU
—Feb. 15, 1949—

Sunrise 6:38 Sunset 5:25
Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a.m. 1.70
Excess since Jan. 1 4.44

The following table shows the temperature in other cities:

| City | High | Low |
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| Chicago | 23 | 20 |
| Cincinnati | 24 | 22 |
| Cleveland | 25 | 22 |
| Denver | 23 | 15 |
| Des Moines | 22 | 15 |
| St. Louis | 24 | 21 |
| St. Paul | 23 | 20 |
| Wichita | 24 | 21 |
| Albuquerque | 25 | 22 |
| Phoenix | 26 | 23 |
| San Francisco | 24 | 21 |
| Seattle | 25 | 22 |
| Portland | 26 | 23 |
| San Diego | 27 | 24 |
| Los Angeles | 28 | 25 |
| Honolulu | 29 | 26 |

Urges Interest in Government



Kiwanis boss . . . likes red in ties, not government.

Kiwanis Chief Is In Town, And He's a Little Worried

J. Belmont Mosser Decries Lethargy That Kept Citizens From Polls

By HAROLD HARTLEY, Times Business Editor

The president of Kiwanis International was in town today, and he was worried.

J. Belmont Mosser, neatly barbered, had the country's voting figures on the tip of his tongue. "Twenty-five per cent of the people elected this President of the United States," he said. "We're in a bad state when 93 million can vote and only 47 million go to the polls."

Mr. Mosser, who hails from St. Marys, Pa., pointed to the success of vigorous Communist minorities in Europe.

"We're dedicated to fight that sort of thing in Kiwanis but we won't get far unless people take greater interest in their government."

Business Executive

Mr. Mosser, who is vice president and sales manager of the Speer Carbon Co. and vice president of the International Graphite Co., said we ought to back the United Nations and be nationally prepared until such time as the United Nations earns the confidence of the nations of the world.

"We ought to be willing to spend as much to win a peace as we would to win a war," he said. "If we had done that before, we would have saved 300,000 lives. As it is, we are not only lost our sons but poured \$300 billion dollars into the effort, and we still do not have peace."

He stressed the program of Kiwanis which distributes booklets titled "It's Fun to Live in America," 16,000,000 copies last year, 24,000,000 this year.

Mr. Mosser, who will speak before 600 Indiana Kiwanians and their wives tonight in the Claypool, just returned from the Pacific Coast where Californians are apologizing for their weather with every other breath.

Judge to Talk Here

Paul Lennington of Muncie, judge of Delaware Circuit Court, will be the speaker at a dinner meeting of Republicans United at 6:15 p. m. today in Canary Club.

Senators Lift 'Works' Out of Bill on Time

Kill Referendum, Prohibit All but Central Standard

The Democrat administration's bill to settle the Indiana time question today had its entire "works" removed by a Senate committee and a completely "new movement" installed.

The time bill which the House passed several days ago called for a referendum in which the voters at the next general election would choose between Central Standard, Eastern Standard or a combination of both. That bill passed the House and was sent to the Senate.

Today the Republican-dominated Senate committee to which the bill was assigned reported to the Upper House it was recommending passage of the bill.

However, the committee had taken out the entire wording of the referendum bill and had substituted an amendment which would prohibit state, county or city units from operating on other than Central Standard Time.

Time Will Tell

The wording of the Senate amendment is the same as that in a bill introduced earlier in the session by Sen. O. Bruce Lane (R. Bainbridge) and which was passed by the Senate after a heated wrangle.

The original Lane bill which the Senate passed and sent to the House is buried in a House committee.

If the amended measure now passes the Senate it will go back to the House for approval. The House will not be likely to approve the amended measure and it will be referred to a conference committee made up of members of both houses. That committee is supposed to reach a decision which will be acceptable to both sides. Time will tell.

Vicious Dogs Block Deliveries of Mail

NAPA, Cal., Feb. 15 (UP)—There will be no mail delivery to 1500 persons on the outskirts of Napa until vicious dogs are brought under control. Postmaster George Provine said today.

Mr. Provine halted delivery yesterday after a dog bit a mail carrier for the fifth time in two months.

The ban was put on when Postman Alden Rastler stood on his rights under postal regulations which say delivery will be halted when it constitutes a danger to carriers.

Burglar Gets Bird As Blunder Spoils Shakedown Plan

Times Foreign Service
AUCKLAND, Australia, Feb. 15—The self-styled "president of the Auckland Burglars' Society" had a double sized brainstorm. He would steal an \$800 movie projector from the school. Then he'd leave two caged carrier pigeons on the caretaker's lawn together with a note threatening to destroy the machine unless \$300 was sent in the receptacles attached to the birds' legs. He stole the projector all right. But the caretaker happened to be away and the curious neighbor who released the pigeons failed to find the note under the cage. Copyright, 1949, by The Indianapolis Times and Chicago Daily News, Inc.

Vandals Ransack Baptist Church

The River Avenue Baptist Church and School 38 were among three places entered by vandals last night and early today.

H. D. Kinman, 28, of R. R. 3, Box 495, church custodian, told police the building has been ransacked and filing cabinets broken open. Nothing was reported missing.

Mrs. Helen E. Grey, 3939 Parker Court, principal of School 38, reported vandals had broken the glass in a door and entered the building. A pair of brown cloth gloves, evidently left behind by burglars, was found in a storage room.

Vandals threw concrete bricks through two windows in the Industrial Sand Blasting Co., 229 Shelby St., the owner, Walter Simmons, 54, of 516 E. Drive, Woodruff Place, reported to police.

Motorist Shot During Scuffle

A Kentucky man passing through Indianapolis on his way to a funeral was critically injured last night when he was shot in a "scuffle" with a friend.

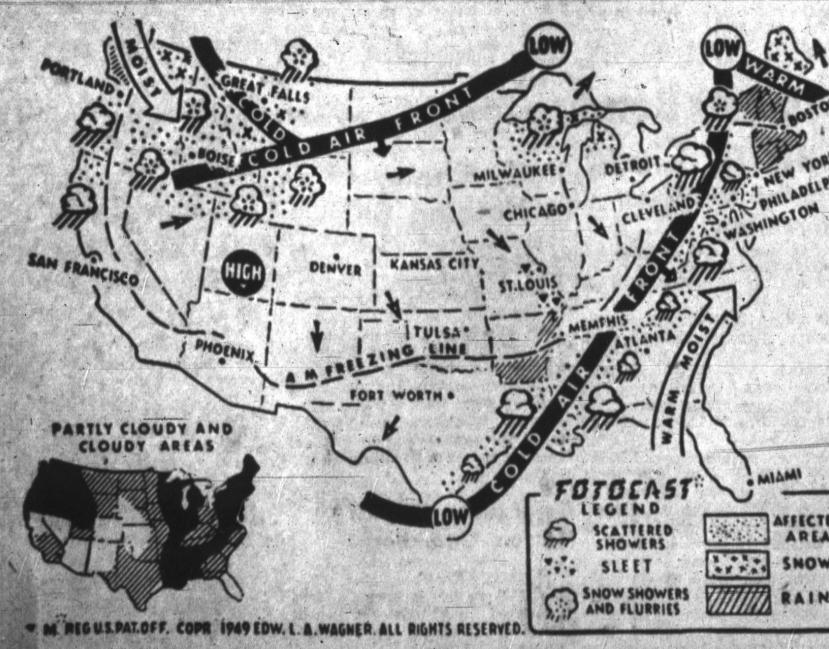
The victim, Sam Tucker, 48, of Carrollton, Ky., was in critical condition in General Hospital today. His companion, General Brown, 41, Hazelwood, O., was held on a charge of assault and battery with intent to murder.

The shooting took place in a filling station at Illinois and St. Clair Sts. where Brown, who was driving to Evanston, Ill., with his wife, Elizabeth, and Tucker, stopped for gas. Brown and Tucker got into a "scuffle" and Brown drew a .22-caliber gun and fired one shot.

SOUTHPORT OES TO MEET

Initiation and reception of new members will be held at a regular meeting of Southport OES Chapter at 8 p. m. Friday.

Today's Weather Fotocast



TODAY AND TOMORROW—Continued mild temperatures are predicted in the East tonight and early tomorrow, with a warmer trend in the Great Plains. Lows in the 20's are forecast through Indiana and Illinois to Kansas and Oklahoma. There will be snow along most of the Canadian border and showers on the Pacific Coast. A cooler trend is moving eastward but seasonably mild weather can be expected in most areas.

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