

# Reds Concede Setback on U. S. Campuses

Dissolve AYD,  
Devised to Snare  
College Youths

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—

American Communists have just suffered a jarring defeat on the college campuses of the United States.

Their set-back among American youth is quite as important as the reverses recently suffered by Communists in their efforts to dominate or infiltrate big labor unions, especially within the CIO.

Communist propaganda is beginning to be a hard bill of goods to sell in the United States. The Communists themselves admit defeat on the campuses.

They invaded the colleges as patriots and believers in democracy. One of their great objectives was to obtain moral leadership of the hundreds of thousands of GI Bill of Rights students. That has failed. But the Communists concede defeat for the time being. Only they are backing up now for a new start.

Defeat Conceded  
Defeat was conceded by the Daily Worker, New York Communist newspaper, which has announced dissolution of an outfit known as American Youth for Democracy, AYD, for short.

AYD was invented by the Communists on Oct. 17, 1943, to snare young Americans in college. On that date the Communist authorities assembled a convention of an organization then in existence known as the Young Communist League.

Mr. Gates told the assembled delegates that the time had come for the YCL to disappear and the delegates voted the organization out of existence. Immediately the delegates organized themselves into American Youth for Democracy.

Out of Business  
The name change was intended to improve the chances of recruiting supporters. American Youth for Democracy was a fine sounding title with no hint of the Communist nature of its direction. It claimed to have organized at least 60 chapters in as many colleges and universities shortly after its creation in 1943.

AYD headquarters admitted existence of chapters in the District of Columbia and in 14 states. But AYD leaders were cautious about identifying campuses but one was known to be at Harvard.

AYD has now gone out of business. But it may reappear with a new name, so far undisclosed, as an undisguised Communist organization as it was in the beginning, or in a new mask.

## Red Inquiry to Ask Mrs. Strong to Testify

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (UP)—The House Un-American Committee is expected to ask pro-Soviet writer Anna Louise Strong to testify before it if it is convinced her ouster from Moscow is not a Communist trick.

Chairman John S. Wood (D. Ga.) said he plans to propose inviting her when the committee meets on Tuesday.

Rep. Richard M. Nixon (R. Cal.), a committee member, said he also wants to hear Mrs. Strong. But he said he didn't know yet why Moscow ordered her deported and "we should be careful we do not wind up playing their game."

Mrs. Strong, an American who has lived in Moscow for years as a fervent pro-Communist, has not yet shown up outside Russia.

## Greensboro Acquires New Pumper Truck

NEW CASTLE, Feb. 19—The town of Greensboro, near here, has added a one and one-half ton pumper truck to its fire fighting apparatus to become one of the best safeguarded communities in the county.

The campaign to purchase fire fighting equipment was launched following a \$20,000 fire on Jan. 6, 1947, in which several buildings were destroyed and seriously damaged.

## U. S. SHIPS AT GIBRALTAR

GIBRALTAR, Feb. 19 (UP)—Nine United States warships, including the submarine Spinax, arrived today from the Far East bound for home. The carrier Midway was expected soon. The ships were the carrier Tarawa, the cruiser Manchester, the destroyers Buckley and Hawkins and four minesweepers.

## Ice-O-Rama Skater Will Perform for Polio Fund



Cynthia Hanson, 5727 College Ave. . . one of The Times Ice-O-Rama Skaterettes who will perform Thursday night in the polio benefit extravaganza in the Fairgrounds Coliseum.

## Ice-O-Rama Advance Sale Of Tickets Breaks Record

Officials Predict Another Capacity Crowd  
For Thursday Night Coliseum Extravaganza

By ART WRIGHT

Another capacity crowd for The Times Ice-O-Rama Thursday night in the Fairgrounds Coliseum was predicted today as a result of a record-breaking advance sale of tickets.

Most of the tickets remaining are the 1700 East end mezzanine chairs which will be sold for 60 cents, including tax. There were few side mezzanine seats left after yesterday's sales but these should be sold out tomorrow. Then all that will remain will be the East end mezzanine. The only tickets available are on sale at the special booth in L. Strauss & Co. store.

The only tickets scheduled for sale at the Coliseum show night are those remaining unsold when the L. Strauss booth closes at 5 p. m. Thursday.

The Coliseum doors will open at 7 p. m. The 100-piece Butler University band will play from that time until the start of the show promptly at 8 p. m.

## Senate Prepares To Probe Roads

4-Man Committee  
To Make Inquiry

A full-scale investigation of Indiana's "crumbling" highways was in preparation last night by the Indiana State Senate.

Sen. John A. Watkins asked Senate party leaders to appoint a four-man non-political investigating committee.

The Senate adopted a resolution yesterday afternoon calling for a probe of state highway contracts. It was introduced by Sen. Dale E. Beck, Democrat and dairy farmer from Young America.

He demanded a probe after a bill liberalizing truck weight and height limits passed the Senate by a 36 to 8 vote.

State highway officials oppose any liberalization of the present truck weight limits. They contend overloaded trucks are tearing up Indiana's roads.

"Long Overdue"  
Trucking firms maintain, however, that the state's newer highways can't stand the load. They have inferred at road committee hearings that the highways are poorly constructed.

John Van Ness, Republican Senate leader, and Sen. Walter Vermillion, minority leader, have pledged full support of the investigation.

Sen. Mary Garrett (D. Indianapolis), a former state highway department worker, said an investigation of the state's roads was "long overdue."

## 4 Children Die In Flash Fire

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 19 (UP)—Four children, the oldest 13, were burned to death today despite frantic efforts of their mother to save them when a flash fire raced through their frame home.

All were trapped in their beds. The bodies were burned beyond recognition.

The victims were the children of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark-Shirley 13; Stanley, 12; Edward, 10, and Ronnie, 9.

## 100,000 Laid Off, Rail Unions Figure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (UP)—Railroad unions estimated today that 100,000 rail workers have been laid off in the last 60 days.

The Interstate Commerce Commission put the drop at 50,273 between Dec. 15 and Jan. 15 alone. A spokesman said the number has increased since then.

The New Haven Railroad said in Boston today that it would lay off 1150 employees next Wednesday at its Readville, Mass., and Van Ness, N. Y., repair shops.

## Many Measures Doomed in House

4 Major Problems  
Still Await Action

By PHILIP F. CLIFFORD JR.

As Indiana's House of Representatives entered the final two weeks of the current session, it appeared likely that a generous portion of legislation introduced in that assembly was doomed.

Despite an extra session yesterday, House lawmakers in the House had passed on for Senate action only 137 bills. All told, there have been 496 pieces of legislation offered by the representatives for consideration.

Of this number, 10 have been defeated by joint Democrat and Republican action.

A few major measures are still in the legislative mill of the House. With them are the bulk of the measures introduced which if enacted into law would benefit particular individuals and communities.

Buried in Committees  
Most of these inconsequential bills are destined never to see the light of day, so deep have they been buried in committees.

When the House convenes Monday it will be faced with four major problems which originated within its walls—privilege tax, teachers legislation, liquor and reassessment.

The privilege tax introduced by Rep. Carroll M. Dennis (D. Beech Grove), would levy a tax on products manufactured in Indiana but sold outside the state's boundaries.

Republican House members thus far, had tried to bar discussion and possible passage of the bill.

W. O. Hughes, Goshen Republican, charged passage of the bill would "only serve as a severe penalty on small business." He said he would "fight to the bitter end" to keep it from discussion on the House floor.

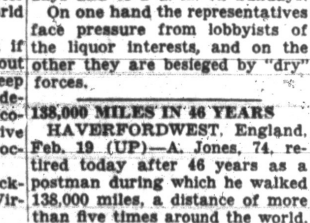
The teacher's lobby, one of the most active in the House and Senate, would like to see a \$200-a-year increase in the salary of teachers who have from two to five years training. The bill also provides a maximum increase of \$445 for college graduate teachers and \$356 for teachers with five years training and 24 years experience.

While the veterans bonus bill was considered a "hot number" during its stormy existence in the House, the current hot potato is the bill that would extend tavern closing hours to 1 a. m. week days and to 2 a. m. on Sundays.

On one hand the representatives face pressure from lobbyists of the liquor interests, and on the other they are besieged by "dry" forces.

## Today's Weather Fotocast

Partly cloudy and cloudy areas



Today and tomorrow—Unsettled weather, designated by weather symbols and shading, will cover a wide section of the country as a storm center moves into the Middle West. Snow is expected in the Central Plains and the Great Lakes. Rising winds will keep the mercury below zero in the Northern Plains. Dark areas in the lower map denote clouded areas, stripes partial cloudiness. Watch out for slick roads in the Central States, for the cold may turn occasional drizzles into ice.

# Senate Chugs, Feuds Toward Major Bills

Trivia Absorbs  
Fussing Chamber  
As Session Ebbs

By IRVING LEIBOWITZ

Like a rickety, old, jalopy, Indiana's State Senate slowly chugs along on major legislation to the tune of "Feudin', Fighthin' and a Fussin'."

However, the Senate machine has established a near-record for traveling up and down mountains of trivia.

It has left for last a tour of important legislation.

Labor, trying to "hitchhike" a ride on the old Senate jalopy, has been shunted aside for bills on goats, fish, motor boats and automobile legislation.

On tap for Senate action tomorrow are 71 bills. Only two of them directly affect the entire state.

They are the Democrat version of the direct primary and the repeal of the utilities compulsory arbitration act. Both are eligible for amendments, corrections or improvement.

## Forget About Them

As for the remainder of the bills Walter Vermillion, Senate minority leader, opined that the state would be better off if the Senate forgot about them.

The spry, elder statesman from Anderson asserted the 1949 session of the General Assembly was "cluttered up with unimportant bills."

Practically all of the senators said yesterday they were doing "a poor job of lawmaking."

A typical Senate reaction to important legislation was expressed on the bill to repeal the utilities compulsory arbitration act.

A Republican plan to delay action on the repeal backedfire when a bloc of six GOP senators bolted to the Democrat side.

## Report Norway Votes for West

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OSLO, Norway, Feb. 19 (UP)—In a preliminary vote the Labor Party Congress today overwhelmingly approved a government proposal to join in the North Atlantic Security Alliance, an unimpeachable source said tonight.

The congress tentatively adopted a resolution recommending that Norway align itself with the Western democracies in the security and political fields. This source said. The vote was said to have been 329 to 5.

The source said a final vote on the resolution will be taken tomorrow. Political observers expected the convention to approve the governor's policy, but the size of the vote surprised them.

## Legislative Calendar

Feb. 19  
BILLS PASSED

HB 334 (Barnes)—Legal Fee Payment: Requires payment of legal fees direct to attorney in divorce proceedings. (77 ayes, 19 noes.)

HB 335 (Brennan-Webb)—Reciprocity Commission: Legalizes reciprocal contracts and agreements made by Indiana reciprocity commission. (79 ayes, 8 noes.)

HB 336 (Kilgus-Brennan)—Mechanics' Lien: Includes airplanes, highway maintenance and construction equipment and farm machinery among articles on which mechanic's lien may be placed. (78 ayes, 1 no.)

HB 337 (Brennan-Davis)—Alimony Installments: Provides for payment of alimony in installments. (72 ayes, 2 noes.)

HB 338 (Barnes)—Obscene Literature Ban: Prohibits firms, partnerships or corporations from selling obscene literature. (77 ayes, 1 no.)

HB 339 (Giles-Wadsworth)—Limited Partnership: Provides that persons may be served with process in cases where person upon whom process is served has left the state. (83 ayes, 5 noes.)

HB 340 (Bentley)—Anti-Diversion Law: Outlaws use of motor vehicle highway fund for purposes other than construction or maintenance of roads. (87 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 341 (Bentley)—Indianapolis Housing Authority: Establishes housing authority in Indianapolis which shall give housing preference to any area where a redevelopment project is now under way. (73 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 342 (Copeland-Webb)—Imaging Funds: Provides for disposition of funds belonging to deceased inmates of state institutions. (80 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 343 (Handley)—License Branches: Requires county commissioners to provide space for a license branch in each court house when practical. (37 ayes, 16 noes.)

HB 344 (Bentley)—Free Kindergarten: Gives state highway commission authority to designate highways as "heavy duty." Also liberalizes existing truck weight and height limits. (36 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 345 (Hunt-Bates)—Chronic Alcoholics: Authorizes circuit and superior courts to sentence persons chronic alcoholics upon testimony of a physician and commit them to a private or public institution. (27 ayes, 14 noes.)

HB 346 (Barnes)—Public Lake Channels: Authorizes land owners to construct channels into public lakes, provided channels are open to public fishing. (58 ayes, 6 noes.)

HB 347 (Barnes)—Port Wayne Highway: Authorizes Port Wayne to acquire real estate belonging to the Port Wayne School for the purpose of developing it for a highway. (38 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 348 (Johnson-Sinker)—School Bus Use: Permits transportation of paroled workers in school buses. (38 ayes, 0 noes.)

HB 349 (Johnson-Sinker)—Library Photography: Permits state library to establish a photographic laboratory. (41 ayes, 0 noes.)

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## Car Agency Burns In Jeffersonville

22 Autos Destroyed  
In \$150,000 Blaze

JEFFERSONVILLE, Feb. 19 (UP)—Fire and explosion destroyed Vissing's Auto Agency here today and Fire Chief W. E. Cox said the loss was approximately \$150,000.

A wrecker, 22 automobiles and garage equipment were destroyed in the fire, described by firemen as one of the biggest in the city's history.

Authorities said no one was injured.

Chief Cox said the fire was of undetermined origin. He said he was investigating the possibility of faulty wiring. Firemen from New Albany, Clarksville, Jeffersonville and the Army Depot fought the blaze for three hours.

A watchdog burned to death inside the building. Its mate, tied nearby, escaped when firemen freed it.

## Housing Administrator Slates State Conferences

Indiana Federal Housing Administrator R. Earl Peters said today that a series of economy housing conferences would be held in several Hoosier cities, including Ft. Wayne and South Bend, starting next month.

Mr. Peters said the first meeting would be held at South Bend Mar. 8. He said the dates for other conferences at Ft. Wayne, Kokomo, Evansville and Jeffersonville would be announced later.

## Cuban Barge Sinks

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 19 (UP)—A Cuban barge carrying buses, jeeps and other equipment from Miami, Fla., sank today 50 miles from Havana harbor, the Cuban navy announced today.



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