

Top Democrats Admit Error on Utilities Bill

Arbitration Measure Permitted to Die In Tactical Mixup

Top Indiana Democratic leaders agreed today that a "tactical blunder" was responsible for their failure to pass Gov. Schickler's "voluntary" utilities arbitration law.

The voluntary version was a last minute Democratic substitute measure after the Republican Senate killed the outright repeal of compulsory arbitration.

Yesterday, Senate Republicans defeated five administration attempts to revive a voluntary form of utilities arbitration. The proposal was postponed indefinitely, a move which automatically kills the measure.

Debate Heated

Defeat of the proposal followed a heated debate. Sen. Harold Handley (R-LaPorte) one of six rebel Republicans who originally favored outright repeal of compulsory arbitration refused to go along with the Democrats yesterday.

In a scorching attack on the Democrats, Sen. Handley charged they were practicing "hypocrisy." He said he couldn't go along with the administration "bungling" attempts to appease labor.

"You stabbed labor in the back," he roared as the hour-long battle ended.

Plan Dietetic Day At Medical Center

A "Hospital Career Day in Dietetics" will be held tomorrow in Indiana University Medical Center for sophomore and junior girls of 15 colleges, sponsored by the Indiana Dietetic Association.

Registration is to begin at 9 a. m. After a model dietetic clinic demonstration, conducted by Dr. C. L. Rudolph, clinical professor of medicine, tours will be conducted over the Medical Center campus.

A luncheon for students and dietitians will be followed by talks on the duties of a hospital dietitian and on dietetics as a career, given by dietetic workers in Indianapolis medical institutions.

Rob Dry Goods Store

NEW CASTLE, Mar. 4.—Thieves broke into the dry goods and notion store operated by Lewis Smalley in Spiceland, seven miles south of here, yesterday and obtained money and merchandise valued at about \$875.

STRAUSS SAYS:

NEW BLOUSES

Bring a breath of Spring to ME TOO'S of all ages. A new group—with a number of sparkling styles—has arrived in the ME TOO SHOP.



SIZE 3 to 6 BLOUSE—of fine-count broadcloth—sanforized—with tiny collar and yoke effect trimmed in eyelid embroidery.

1.89



SIZE 7 to 12 BLOUSE—of sanforized broadcloth—with ruffle trim—eyelid embroidered yoke—and push-up sleeves.

2.50

L. STRAUSS & CO.
Me Too Shop
Fourth Floor

Foils Holdup



When a would-be holdup man produced a rusty gun and announced "This is a stickup," late yesterday, Mr. Albert Mitchell (above), 24, of 842 Fletcher Ave., manager of the Davis Cleaners station at 1202 Nordyke St., screamed and the bandit fled.

Lausche Refuses To Spare Hoosier

Killer Must Die In Chair Tonight

COLUMBUS, O., Mar. 4 (UP)—Gov. Frank J. Lausche today refused to halt the scheduled execution tonight of Lester Nichols for the 147 slaying of the Rev. Louis Whitaker in Allen County.

The U. S. Supreme Court earlier had declined Nichols' appeal and his execution had been set for tonight.

Nichols, 43, of Silver Lake, Ind., was found guilty of first degree murder in the fatal shooting on May 6, 1947, of Whitaker, his father-in-law, pastor of the Pentecostal Church of God in West Newton, O.

The Rev. Mr. Newton was shot in his home when Nichols broke into the house to see his estranged wife, Nora. He shot the preacher, critically wounded his wife and then attempted to shoot himself in the head, but suffered only a slight flesh wound.

Nichols will eat his last meal tonight with two other prisoners whom he met in prison.

MIGHT BE AN IDEA

CHICAGO, Mar. 4 (UP)—American Airlines reported today that its planes have flown 4,154,637,050 miles during the last three years without a fatal passenger accident. The company said this distance was enough to fly New York City's entire population to Detroit.

8 Russians Hurry Away After Yanks Lift Blockade

Moscow Expels U. S. Graves Units From Soviet Sector in Germany

FRANKFURT, Mar. 4 (UP)—Eight members of the Soviet repatriation mission drove out of their blockaded mansion at dawn today and headed for the Soviet zone border after Moscow finally gave them permission to leave.

In retaliation, Moscow ordered all American Graves Registration teams to get out of the Soviet zone of Germany and not come back. There were two teams totaling six men. All returned to Berlin late yesterday. Apparently they had been told to leave before the Russians pulled out their own men.

Waste No Time

The blockaded Russians wasted no time once they heard from their superiors. They received the word last night and spent most of the night packing. Lights in the mansion were turned on again for their convenience.

Some 46 hours after the American blockade was started, three sedans and two trucks bearing the Russians and their luggage sped out of the mansion's gate and slipped past waiting newsmen.

The convoy headed for Helmstedt, 250 miles away—the only legal border crossing point between the Western and Soviet zones.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Producers Meeting Association Convention—Claypool Hotel.
Matinee Musical, Soprano—Guitarist—2 p. m. J. S. Ayres Auditorium.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Basketball Tournament—Turner's Hall.
Mease St. Bowling Tournament—Delaware Alley.
Indiana Symphony Concert, Guest Conductor—3 p. m. M. M. Theatre.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Donald E. Lewis, 25, Plainfield; Dolores Mae Mitchell, 17, 416 Millerville Road.
Floyd Mallin, 36, Lafayette; Thelma Helen Taylor, 31, Lafayette.
Pete F. Madden, 35, Muncie; Lucy Florence James, 36, 518 Indiana.
Don Henry, 21, 1138 E. Washington; Gertrude Harrison, 18, 1024 E. Market.
John E. DeWitt, 25, Shelbyville; Wilma L. Koopman, 23, R. 3, Box 423.
Richard Stanley Ellis, 21, Morgantown; Dolores Houston, 20, 709 E. Morgan.
Raymond E. Cruser, 22, 128 N. East; Helen M. McLean, 24, 109 N. Delaware.
Fred Arthur Burton, 27, 646 E. 6th; Lois Anne Leckie, 25, 719 N. Lindwood.
Arduus Brown, 34, 925 Massachusetts; Charlotte Mary Giddens, 28, 925 Massachusetts.
Paul Tetrack, 48, Greensburg; Stella Kirchhoff, 26, Greensburg.
Harry Earl Conrad, 41, 250 E. 63d; Frances E. Brown, 34, 3013 N. Meridian.
Charles George Schneider, 65, 1418 S. Harding; Lida Olga Fischer, 50, 1529 S. Richmond.
Howard Travis Jr., 30, 5361 N. Pennsylvania; Maxine A. White, 21, 2448 Riverside.
Edward G. Nordholt, 21, 2459 Madison; Carolyn Frances Baker, 25, 1234 Linden.
Logan Cecil Bell, 22, 1238 Broadway; Jewel Anderson, 21, 615 Lockertie.
Ronald Dean Pulliam, 23, 1026 W. 33d; Goad Carol Davenport, 19, 646 W. 30th.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Juanita vs. Leamon H. Harrod.
Houston M. vs. Orville Helen Gaines.
Luigi vs. Zelle Mion.
Betty vs. Carl Huxon.
Edgar vs. Opal George.
Phyllis McCollum vs. Richard Alfred Schults.
Leona Jean vs. Victor Rollins.
Doris C. vs. John E. Hancock.
Carolyn M. vs. William E. Robinson.
Mabel vs. Arthur Harrington.
Lois vs. Herman T. DeJarnatt.
Frances vs. Harold W. Jackson.
Evelyn M. vs. Carl Waldo Rush.
Laura Bell vs. Henry Paul Jones.
Jeanie vs. Russell Smith.
Josephine vs. Clarence Robert Hurst.

BIRTHS

Boys
At Home—Mondia Geneva Sandefur, 1244.
Eugene Eugene Edna Cropper, 2006 Hoyt.
Lawrence, Nola Howard, 2518 N. Call.
At Methodist—Evelyn Alice Dickey; Marshall, Frances Willis; Harvey, Louise Thomas; Walter, Wade Spencer; Don-

2-Ply Tax To Pay Bonus Gains Favor

Levies Proposed On Gross Income And Tobacco

By ROBERT BLOEM

Combination of a small gross income tax increase and a tobacco tax ranging up to six cents on a pack of cigarettes appeared to be gaining favor today as a way to pay the soldiers' bonus.

No agreement was reached in a session of the House and Senate today, but the committee heard facts and figures on what several proposed taxes would yield in revenue.

The committee learned that the combination would yield as much as \$30 million annually—enough to pay a bonus four years from now.

Round Three

Round three of the drive by the conference group to reach a compromise was scheduled for 4 p. m. The proposal, which seemed to be most acceptable so far, would double the present three-cent tax on cigarettes, add a heavy duty on other tobacco products and provide a special gross income tax of one-eighth to one-quarter of one per cent.

Yesterday's first meeting of the two Senators and two Representatives on the committee took the circle route to nowhere in particular. But although the bonus payment solution appeared no nearer, the conferees found they could agree on three starting points:

ONE: That they all want to find a way to pay the bonus.

TWO: That no matter what way they figure out, "somebody isn't going to like it."

THREE: They needed more facts and figures on taxes than have already been suggested.

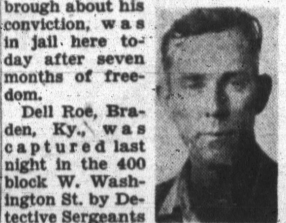
Seven representatives of veterans' organizations who kept an ear in the proceedings agreed to produce someone for today's meeting who could give facts and figures.

Cites Disadvantage
Rep. Joseph Klein (D. Gary) said the GOP proposal to use the cigarette tax along with a privilege tax on sale of other tobacco had a certain disadvantage. The administration, he said, had sort of counted on using the cigarette tax for other things.

Sen. Bates mentioned sales tax again. Mr. Klein said as far as Democrats were concerned that was out. Sen. Bates said in that case as far as Republicans were concerned the Democrat quarter of 1 per cent gross income tax was "out," too.

Escapee Who Vowed to Kill Landlady Captured Here

A 48-year-old escapee from Indiana State Prison, who once vowed he would kill the Indianapolis woman whose testimony brought about his conviction, was in jail here today after seven months of freedom.



Dell Roe, Braden, Ky., was captured last night in the 400 block W. Washington St. by Detective Sergeants Edward Gerdt and Paul Kennedy on a tip from the convict's cousin.

Roe was serving a 1-to-10-year sentence for the stabbing of his former landlady, Mrs. Margaret South, 65, of 554 Fletcher Ave. at the time of his escape last August. He was convicted of assault and battery with intent to kill.

Police said he stabbed Mrs. South 11 times with a knife as she lay in bed in her home in November, 1944. A piece of the knife still is embedded near her heart.

An elderly roomer who came to Mrs. South's aid and slugged Roe as he stood over her bed died of shock the following day.

After his escape from the Michigan City prison, Roe went to Mrs. South's summer home. After failing to find her, he went to a hideout in Kentucky, police said.

Meanwhile, Roe's relatives kept in close touch with Mrs. South, informing her of his movements after his prison vow to kill her. Once, she said, she went to Cincinnati upon learning of his intention to come here.

Roe formerly lived in Mrs. South's home with his wife who sued for divorce in 1948. He worked as a furniture mover and often brought Mrs. South flowers, she said.

Yesterday Roe called at the home of a cousin here who released him admittance. The cousin called Mrs. South who informed police Roe was in the city. Roe has a record of numerous arrests, police said. Earlier in 1944, he was convicted of another assault and battery charge and sentenced to the State Farm.

Ex-Legion Chief First in Cabinet

Johnson Only One To Achieve Rank

By his appointment as Secretary of Defense to succeed James V. Forrestal, Louis Johnson of Clarksville, W. Va., became today the first past national commander of the American Legion to achieve cabinet rank.

Mr. Johnson was elected Legion head in 1932 and made Indianapolis his headquarters during his years in office. Since then he has attended sessions of the Legion's national executive committee held here each May and November.

Trained at Fort
Mr. Johnson also became well acquainted with Indianapolis as a member of the first Officers' Training Camp at Ft. Harrison. He was graduated from the camp in November, 1917, with the rank of infantry captain.

The newly designated Secretary of Defense has been active in the American Legion since 1919. He served as chairman of the West Virginia delegation to the Paris convention in 1927 and became

Student Arrested On Draft Charge

Richard H. Graves, 25, of Richmond, one of several college students who refused to register for the draft, today was arrested by FBI agents and charged with violating the Selective Service Act of 1948, according to Harvey G. Foster, special agent in charge, Indianapolis FBI office.

Graves, whose parents live in West Lafayette, was arrested on a warrant issued by U. S. Attorney H. Howard Caughran after the student said in a letter to a federal official that he would refuse to comply with the draft law.

He will be arraigned today before the U. S. Commissioner here to answer the charge of failure to register.

Chairman of the national executive committee in 1930.

In 1937 Mr. Johnson was appointed assistant Secretary of War by President Roosevelt. More recently, he served in India and the Near East as personal representative of the President with the rank of minister.

Dapper 'Vampire' Admits 5 Killings

Plunged Victims Into Acid Baths

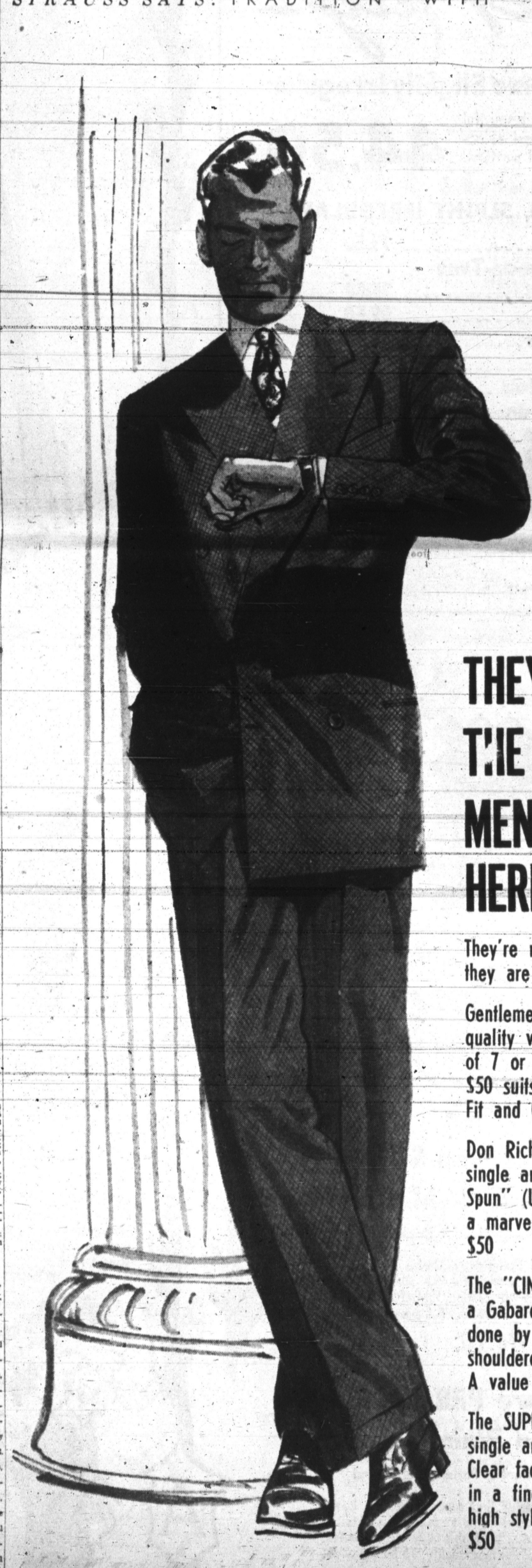
LONDON, Mar. 4 (UP)—Dapper John George Haigh, charged with the acid-bath murder of wealthy widow, Mrs. Olive Durant-Deacon, has confessed the killings of at least five other persons and the list may still be incomplete, reliable sources said today.

The debonair slayer, drinking cups of tea in chain fashion, with his little finger always carefully crooked, was reported to have astounded veteran police stenographers with his tales of murder.

Authorities were inclined to believe Haigh's characterization of himself as a vampire might be an attempt to build up an insanity defense.

But they said other facets of his crimes, including the fact that he plunged his victims into sulphuric acid baths, made them the most gruesome series in the annals of the British police.

STRAUSS SAYS: TRADITION WITH A TOUCH OF TOMORROW!



THEY'RE BACK!
THE "FAMOUS FIFTIES"
MEN'S SUITS /
HERE & NOW!

They're new—they're ahead—they are non-touchable in Value!

Gentlemen's Suits almost on a par in quality with the Strauss' celebrated "Fifties" of 7 or 8 years ago—and ahead of the great \$50 suits of recent memory—in Fashion and Fit and Comfort.

Don Richard's GABARDINE SUITS single and double breasted styles, of "French Spun" (USA) 2-ply gabardine—soft, staunch, a marvelous value at \$50

The "CINEMA FIFTY"—a Gabardine Suit that looks like something done by a top Los Angeles tailor—broad shouldered—full draped—hand stitched edge—A value new to your experience—\$50

The SUPER WORSTEDS single and double breasted Clear face worsteds—including nail heads—in a finely tailored suit with a smart high style expression! \$50

L. STRAUSS & COMPANY, INC., THE MAN'S STORE