

Congress—

# House Group OK's \$2 Billion Spending Bill

## Labor Department and Security Agency Benefited by Action

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (UP)—The House Appropriations Committee today approved a \$2,211,794,085 spending bill for the Labor Department and federal security agency, but it warned that more money may be needed later if unemployment continues to rise.

The bill would give \$16,550,000 to the Labor Department for the 1950 fiscal year, \$216,200 less than budget requests. It would allot \$1,478,428,585 for the Federal Security Agency, \$23,055,400 less than budget requests.

### Omni NLRB Requests

The measure also carries \$928,500 for the National Mediation Board, and \$715,829,000 for the Railroad Retirement Board.

The committee omitted requests of \$9 million for the National Labor Relations Board, and \$2,815,000 for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service until Congress acts on legislation which may put these independent agencies back under the department.

To meet the cost of unemployment compensation and employment service offices, the committee recommended \$135 million as proposed by the Budget Bureau. But it inserted a provision in the money bill which would permit the spending of as much as \$157 million, if emergencies develop.

Other congressional developments:

### Filibuster

Senate Democratic leaders conceded privately today that their attempt to write filibuster curbs into Senate rules has failed.

With an anxious eye on the calendar, they were looking for a graceful way out of the filibuster fight in hopes of salvaging other features of President Truman's legislative program.

Administration strategists were particularly concerned about the possibility that the filibuster row might interfere with legislation to extend rent controls and the foreign aid program. Both are slated to expire in a few weeks.

### Rents

House leaders today cleared for action a bill to extend rent controls 15 months from Mar. 31.

Rules Committee members voted, with one dissent, to send the bill to the House for a vote under a rule allowing five hours general debate and unlimited amendment.

The measure, drafted by the House Banking and Currency Committee, would continue controls and strengthen enforcement procedure.

### Taxes

House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr., of Massachusetts, planned to ask his GOP colleagues at a party conference later today to go on record in favor of his bill to cut excise taxes to their pre-war levels. The House GOP Policy Committee approved the bill last week.

### Veterans Pension

The administration today formally turned thumbs down on the Rankin pension bill.

Budget Director Frank Pace Jr., said "it is not possible to justify" the controversial meas-

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# Army Favors Gen. Clark for German Post

See Texas Protest If 6th Army Commander Succeeds Gen. Clay

By JIM G. LUCAS  
Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 8—Mark W. Clark, a four-star general with no love for the Russians and 11 years to go before he retires, is the Army's choice to succeed Gen. Lucius D. Clay in Germany, a responsible Pentagon source said today. He now commands the Sixth Army in San Francisco.

Gen. Clay has reached retirement age. He wants to quit "as soon as they release me." He hopes to leave between April and July.

Originally, Gen. Clark and Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer were considered. The Pentagon source said, however, the Army feels Gen. Wedemeyer, deputy chief of staff for plans and combat operations, cannot be spared now. It is probable that no appointment will be made until the new defense secretary, Louis A. Johnson, takes office April 1.

Choice of Gen. Clark probably will be fought by Chairman Tom Connally (D. Tex.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee promised to press for early Senate action on legislation to extend the European recovery program for 15 months beyond its present April 3 expiration date.

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### Takes Reds' Measure

Gen. Clark's appointment would not be good news to the Russians.

Commander of the 5th Army during the war, he later represented United States in Austria. Returning in 1947, he compared American-Soviet relations to a strip-poker game—"after they take your shirt and pants and you're in your shorts they say 'Let's compromise.'"

### Commands Respect

He is over six feet, has strong, heavy shoulders. One war correspondent described him as an officer "enlisted men would instinctively address as 'Sir' even if regulations didn't prescribe it."

General Clark was born in 1896 at Madison Barracks, N. Y., where his father, the late Col. Charles C. Clark, was stationed.

He grew up on Army posts. Two weeks before he entered World War I he was graduated from West Point.

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### It's Monday in Assembly Though Tuesday Out Here

Today was Tuesday to everyone in Indiana but the 86th General Assembly. To them it's still Monday.

Sometime before this "Monday" ends the General Assembly still has to pass the budget. A joint House and Senate conference committee was scheduled to meet with Gov. Schricker to iron out a couple of million-dollar bulges in the general fund.

They will not meet at 10 a. m. today. They will meet at what would be 10 a. m. today if it weren't still 11:20 p. m. yesterday by the legislative clock.

Principal bulge to be ironed out of the budget, which somehow has swelled even larger than when it was introduced four weeks ago as an all-time record, is \$1 million for Indiana University.

It was put in by the Senate but the House disapproved. That and what members of the committee called a "few minor details" still need to be ironed out.

### Primary Unsettled

Another major question still to be settled was whether Hoosier Republicans and Democrats will nominate their candidates for U. S. senator, governor and lieutenant governor in primary elections instead of in political conventions from now on.

The conference committee working on that question is the second to try it. The first was fired by the House and Senate when it failed to agree.

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Lectures on Piano Teaching—10 a. m. L. S. Ayres Auditorium. Songs Recital, Negro Spirituals—8:15 p. m. p. m.

### EVENTS TOMORROW

Annual Stockholders Meeting of the Indiana Farm Bureau Co-Operative—Claypool Hotel, 10 a. m. Indianapolis Open Forum, Margaret Mead—8:15 p. m., Kirshbaum Community Center.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Richard M. Hughes, 42, 2878 Boulevard; Louise P. Jackson, 34, 215 W. 18th.

Doris Gordon, Fisher, 21, 201 N. Galt.

Lawrence W. Brown, 58, 218 S. Audubon.

One Rumpf, 34, 215 S. Addison.

Russell Sennett, 21, 101 N. Viola May.

Crouch, 1019 S. La Crosse.

Hughes, 21, 1019 S. Danville; Florence

M. McKay, 24, 242 W. 18th.

Charles M. Griffin, 24, 1058 W. 29th.

Glen C. Alexander, 21, 1058 W. 29th.

Naomi Muri, Moore, 51, 1058 W. 29th.

William J. Connell, 52, Dayton, O. Thelma D. Burger, 40, Dayton, O.

### DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Margaret vs. Alonso Dellingar; Barbara

vs. Robert Bullard; Edgar G. vs. Laura P.

vs. Mille Douglas; Maude Gies vs. Morris

Brashman; Francis vs. Elizabeth McGuire;

Robert W. vs. Elizabeth A. Allen;

Lillian F. vs. E. M. Mathias;

Robert Earl Smith; Donald L. vs. Ruby

Dell Cave; Legena A. vs. Floyd A. Flies;

Vivian J. vs. Kenneth A. McGuire.

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# THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

## Capital Mourns Death Of Congressman Sol Bloom

### Expert in U. S. Foreign Affairs

(Editorial, Page 12)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (UP)—President Truman and members of Congress today mourned the death of Rep. Sol Bloom, the immigrant's son who rose from street peddler to foreign policy chief of the House.

In a telegram to Mr. Bloom's only daughter, Vera, Mr. Truman said he was "shocked and saddened" by the New York Congressman's death last night at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

As a member of twice chairman of the great (House) committee on Foreign Affairs, he was a tower of strength to his country in the most critical period of our international relations," Mr. Truman said.

Hospital authorities attributed Mr. Bloom's death to a "sudden acute heart attack." Mr. Bloom had entered the hospital Friday for a check-up and treatment for an "acute upper respiratory infection."

### Planned Celebration

Death came to the Democratic foreign policy spokesman just two days before his 70th birthday. As was his custom, Mr. Bloom had planned to have his friends in Congress—a category that included virtually every member—drop in at his office tomorrow afternoon for a quiet celebration.

Invitations over his signature were posted in the House press gallery just a few hours before his death.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at West Side Institutional Synagogue, New York City. Burial will be at Mt. Eden Cemetery, Westchester Hills, N. Y.

Funeral arrangements were not announced. Mr. Bloom leaves only his daughter. His wife died in 1941.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, a long-time friend of Mr. Bloom's, said the House would adjourn without doing any business today out of respect to Mr. Bloom.

### Second in 2 Days

Mr. Bloom was the second member of Congress to die within the past two days. Sen. J. Melville Broughton (D. N. C.) died Sunday of a heart attack.

Secretary of State Dean G. Acheson said Mr. Bloom was "a bulwark in the foreign affairs of the United States."

Mr. Bloom was born in Pekin, Ill., in 1870, and at the age of eight was an apprentice brushmaker in San Francisco.

In the years that followed, Mr. Bloom worked as a newspaper and flower vendor, song-and-dance man, music publisher, promoter, salesman and real estate operator.

He moved to New York in 1903. After operating a successful real estate business there, he went into politics. He was first elected to Congress in 1923 and had served in the House ever since.

Indiana today has a sex crimes law with "teeth" in it.

The measure which swept through both houses of the 86th General Assembly was signed yesterday by Gov. Schricker.

It provides for the examination and confinement of persons who, in the judgment of a court, are considered to be criminal sexual psychopaths.

Any person over the age of 16, suffering from a mental disorder and not considered insane or feeble-minded, but who shows tendencies to commit sex offenses, is liable to prosecution as a criminal sexual psychopath under the new law.

The exception is in cases of murder or manslaughter, or rape of a girl under the age of 12.

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