

T-H Backers in House Claim Enough Votes To Keep Act in Books

*'Just Whistling in the Dark,'
Says Administration Floor Leader*

By United Press
Southern foes of the administration's labor bill said today at least 219 House members will vote against any attempt to repeal the Taft-Hartley act.

They said that a "noe count" of their own party and an "estimate" of GOP Taft-Hartley supporters showed that 69 Democrats and 130 Republicans are ready to keep the law on the statute books.

At present, there are 434 House members so 219 would be a clear majority.

When the administration's bill comes to the House floor, the Southerners and some Republicans plan to throw their support behind a substitute measure by Rep. John S. Wood (D. Ga.). This proposal would re-enact the Taft-Hartley law with relatively minor revisions.

Whistling in Dark

Chairman John Lesinski (D. Mich.) of the House Labor Committee, which drafted the administration bill, said the Southerners are "merely whistling in the dark."

"We've got enough votes to beat the Wood bill," he said. "It will be close, but we've got enough to beat it."

The administration bill is now pending before the House Rules Committee which is expected to act on the measure this week. Mr. Lesinski said he would not bring it up for debate, however, until late this month or early in May.

Other congressional developments:

Air Force

A House Appropriations Subcommittee favors giving the Air Force \$800 million which President Truman originally earmarked to start a universal military training program.

The recommended transfer of funds will be contained in a bill to appropriate about \$34.5 billion for the Army, Navy and Air Forces in fiscal 1950. The full appropriations committee will act on the measure late this week and the House will take it up next week.

Spies

A Senate Judiciary Subcommittee opened hearings on the administration's bill to eliminate loopholes in the nation's espionage laws.

Committee members predicted the measure will win early congressional approval, now that its sponsors have deleted a controversial section which would have made information obtained by wire-tapping admissible in court trials.

Atlantic Pact

Chairman Tom Connally (D. Tex.) called his Senate Foreign Relations Committee into session to consider procedure for its hearings on the North Atlantic Secu-

Contestants Come Through With Flying Colors



Among the contestants in the Times Spelling Bee at Coleman Community Center last night were (left to right) Mary Jane Krebs, 7th grade Holy Trinity; Doris Deal, 5th grade, Holy Trinity; Henry Trauner, 8th grade Holy Trinity; Jimmy Gatlin, 7B at School 52, and Gladys Jackson, 8th grade at School 52. Pronouncing the words is Miss Frieda Herbst, principal of School 52.

Six More Preliminaries Tonight In Spelling Bee

Five Community Centers, North Side Church Scheduled to Open Activity at 7:30

By ART WRIGHT

Six more contests in the Times Spelling Bee will be held tonight. They will start at 7:30 p.m. at the following centers for the schools listed:

Brookside Community Center, 16th and Olney Sts.—Schools 15, 33, 54, 65, 81, Little Flower, St. Phillips, St. Peter's Evangelical, Garfield Park Community Center, S. East and Raymond Sts.—Schools 18, 19, 20, 31, 34, 35, 64, Gilchrist, 13, St. Joseph; Joe Mc-72, St. Catherine's, St. Roch, 13, St. Joseph; Joe Mc-Sacred Heart Grade, St. Mark's School.

Evangelist.

South Side Community Center, 1200 Shelby St.—Schools 7, 8, 13, 28, 39, St. Patrick's, Emmanuel, St. Paul's, Evangelical.

Coleman Community Center—Nancy Zore, 10, Holy Trinity; Evelyn Littlezman, 12, St. Anthony; Shirley Zironik, 12, Holy Trinity; Joan Haboush, 14, Holy Trinity; Patricia Krause, 14, Holy Trinity; Carol Welsh, 13, Holy Trinity; Henry Trauner, 10, Holy Trinity; Ronald Deal, 13, Holy Trinity; Kenneth Stroud, 14, Holy Trinity; Patricia Jackson, 12, School 82; Kathleen Sweeney, 14, Holy Trinity; Gladys Jackson, 15, School 82; Margaret Stanaford, 13, School 52; Francis Wolfe, 10, Holy Trinity.

Fairview Presbyterian Church, 46th St. and Kenwood Ave.—Schools 43, 70, 84, 88, Christ the King, St. Thomas Aquinas.

Winners in last night's first preliminary contests were:

Emerson Ave. Baptist Church—Rosalynn Hassell, 11, School 62; Barbara Henninger, 11, School 62; Northeast Community Center—Barbara Carter, 13, School 1; Christian Community Center—Don Lang, 18, Holy Name of Beech Grove; Tom Morrison, 14, Holy Name of Beech Grove.

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church—Diane McMahon, 13, St. Joan of Arc; Betty Zucker, 12, School 60.

CENTRAL YWCA—Marcia Ray, 12, Cathedral Grade School; Margaret McDougall, 12, Cathedral; Mary Donna Childers, 13, Cathedral Grade School; Patricia

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