

State Will Pay Bonus in 1952, Says Klein

Gary Legislator
Expects New Tax
Will Be Needed

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The man who fathered the Indiana state bonus predicted yesterday that Hoosier veterans will start collecting payments in 1952.

State Rep. Joseph Klein (D-Gary), chairman of the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, told officials of veterans' groups here the bonus is still the hottest thing before the legislature.

"They'll have to pay off in 1952," Rep. Klein said. "It's a presidential election year."

Mr. Klein, in town to talk with American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars officials, said the legislature will be "obliged" to add an additional tax to raise \$25 million more for the bonus.

Expects New Tax

The gross income tax won't give the state enough money in time," he said. "The state will have to decide what the people want—a tobacco or sales tax."

The Lake County representative, who introduced the bonus bill early in the 1949 session of the legislature, visited the State House but declined to see the Governor.

He said political pressure on the legislature in 1951 will result in a new tax for the bonus and quick payment.

Rep. Klein speculated that the lawmakers would favor a tobacco tax rather than a sales tax.

Before large groups of Legion and VFW posts, he denounced reports that the bonus will not be paid in 20 or 75 years.

Touring posts in Lake County and surrounding cities, Rep. Klein asserted:

"The bonus will be paid in 1952. Neither Democrats nor Republicans will allow payments to be started later than that year."

Purdue to Open 'Town Hall' Series

The first of a series of Town Hall meetings sponsored by the Indianapolis Center of Purdue University will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Purdue-Marott Building, 902 N. Meridian St.

"Problems of College Teaching" will be discussed by professors M. D. Adams and Howard Wisner of the Purdue faculty, and Robert A. Douglas and Paul V. Johnson, Purdue students. Prof. Sterling Shaw will act as moderator.

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