FIREWORKS MEASURE AMONG 108 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

38 Special Taxes and Obsolete Laws Repealed—More Scheduled For Action Wednesday

The long-discussed measure prohibiting the indiscriminate use and sale of fireworks, as well as some 38 other bills repealing various special taxes and obselete laws, were among 103 measures enacted into law last week by Gov. Herbert R. O'Conor.

Commenting upon the fireworks bill, in connection with the signing of which the Maryland Society for the Prevention of Blindness had arranged special ceremonies, Governor O'Conor declared:

"I derived much satisfaction from giving executive approval to House Bill No. 29, thus enacting into law the measure prohibiting the indiscriminate use and sale of fireworks.

"It was because I felt that the interest of the public, particularly that of little children, demanded this restriction that I placed the administration squarely behind the Fireworks Bill, and actively supported it in the Legislature. As a result of its passage, I feel certain that serious accidents marring the sight, and even jeopardizing the lives of children, will be reduced.

"The unfavorable report by the American Medical Associatioin, emphasizing the great increase in Baltimore City of accidents causing blindness, was such as to challenge the attention of us all. The humanitarian aspect of this entire situation was most appealing, and it is a source of gratification that the twenty year fight to bring about this needed legislation has now been successful.

"The simple truth is that all the enjoyment and pleasure, which the people could expect, can be had under the terms of the bill, because the supervised use of fireworks is permitted. But, fortunately, proper restrictions surround the use and sale of fireworks, and as a result the lives and safety, and the sight of our people will be better protected".

Mr. John W. Avirett, II, President of the Association, and Francis F. Symington, Chairman of the Fireworks Act Committee, responded on behalf of the Association for the Prevention of Blindness.

Many local measures affecting various counties were included in the bills signed by Governor Herbert O'Conor. Further action upon some of the 800 bills remaining will be taken Wednesday morning, in the presence of the presiding officers of the Senate and House, and the Chief Clerks of the two bodies.

I AM AN AMERICAN DAY

For the third successive year, the people of the United States will celebrate I AM AN AMERICAN DAY, on May 18. The President, at the request of the Congress, has just issued a proclamation to that effect.

I AM AN AMERICAN DAY has special significance this year. Probably never in the history of the United States has American citizenship and its implications meant more than it does today. In times like these, when our Democracy stands out in strong contrast to governments that have sugjugated their people, it is important to observe and commemorate the privileges of American citizenship as widely as possible.

The Department of Justice, of which the Immigration and Naturalization Service is a part, wishes to do everything it can to encourage observance of I AM AN AMERICAN DAY. The ceremonies and celebrations will be sponsored by national and local organizations, such as civic clubs, patriotic organizations, agencies, and other interested groups in each community.

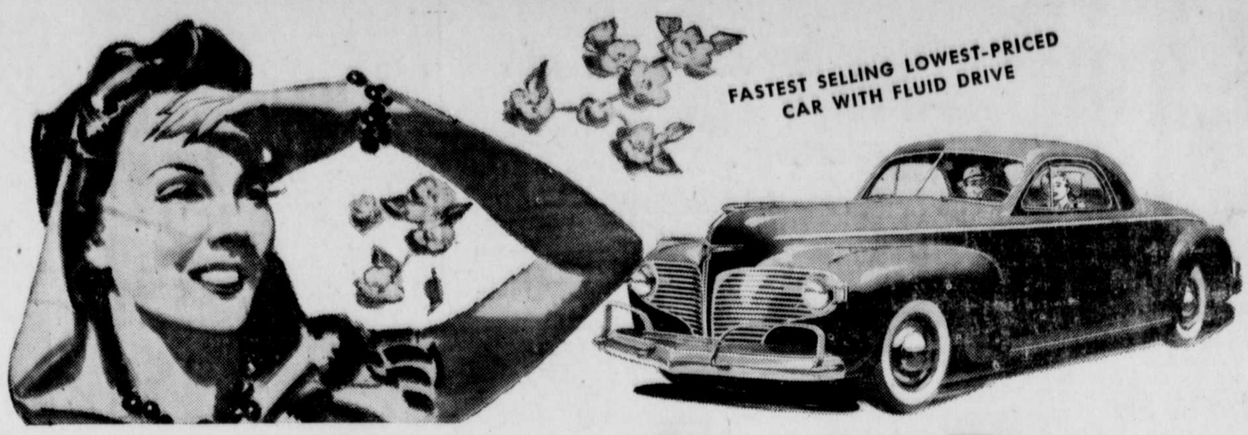
I AM AN AMERICAN DAY has nationwide interest, for it affects directly two large groups of new citizens in the United States; those who have been born in the United States and have recently attained the full rights of citizenship by reaching their twenty-first birthday; and those who, having been born in foreign countries and have just recently proved their fitness for membership in our Democracy and have been inducted into the full rights of citizenship by a naturalization court. These two groups number more than two and a half million people. Actually, I AM AN AMERICAN DAY affects all of us, for it helps bring home the value and responsibilities of our citizenship and it gives us an opportunity to welcome into our American membership those who have become citizens in the past year.

Even in these days when talk of stratospheric sums is commonplace, statistics relating to the life insurance industry are staggering to the imagination.

During the last year, for instance, life insurance companies paid American families an average of more than $7,000,000 each and every day.

The assets behind the nation's life insurance policies now total more than $30,000,000,000—about as much as we plan to spend over a period of years for defense.

Those figures mean that we Americans have far greater economic protection than any other people in the world.



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THE PUBLIC IS OPPOSED TO STRIKES

J. E. Jones

Washington, April 14--A few weeks ago most strikes were too often only part of a mad race of two big unions for more members and the national emergency furnished opportunities to fight out old disputes for supremacy. Government and State officials engaged in watchful waiting.

But the strike epidemic soon interfered with National Defense. It apparently paralyzed the National Labor Relations Board, thwarted the good intentions and efforts of Government conciliators, and began to wear down the patience of the President, Congress and the American public.

The sitdown strikes of a few year sago demonstrated that groups of workers with real or imaginary grievances didn't run risks when they took the law in their own hands. Unfortunately too many strike leaders seem to think they can make the old game work. Strikes in Chicago, Milwaukee, Pennsylvania, California, New Jersey, Michigan, Indiana, New York, Ohio and other parts of the country have been watched with disfavor by the public. The War Departmet has pointed out that in three months there had been idleness directly chargeable to strikes amounting to more than 1,059,791 man-days and that the total ratio of idleness attributable to strikes was daily increasing. A report from the Office of Production Management to Congress shows that in 73 defense strikes 42 strikes involved directly, or in part, union recognition. Meantime, strikes have increased.

The President recently appointed an 11-member National Defense Mediation Board. Defiance arose in the strike regions when Secretary of the Navy Knox and OPM Director Knudsen demanded immediate reopening of a plant that had been shut down 64 days. In the meantime a sort of smear campaign started against the Mediation Board, and noisy challengers claimed that "it won't work" At this point the Secretary of Labor certified some of the disputes to the Mediation Board, and proposals were brought up in Congress to give the Board clear authority to end strikes. President Roosevelt indicated that workers should show cause before going on strike. Letters began to reach Senators and Congressmen, and their contens backed up the Gallup Poll, which showed that nearly three-fourths of the public believed certain labor leaders "were racketeering at the expense of their members and the public in general".

The workers, themselves, have usually assumed the pose that they were merely "standing up for our side", like good Elks at a feast; without intent to hamper their own Government. The President upon returning from Florida, backed up the Mediation Board and demanded that it be given a chance to demonstrate whether it could bring order out of chaos.

The Washington Post says that the strikes are actually against the Government. Mr. Meyer was recently named as a member of the Mediation Board, and the editorial position stated in his newspaper represents the general sentiment in official circles at the National Capital.

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Believing In Signs

The United States has the finest highways in the World, but there are hazards in motoring, nearly all of them traced to careless drivers. The fact is generally realized that many drivers who are pretty good at the wheel thing they are so near perfect that they too often fail to recognize the fact that driving is a full-time job and doesn't allow time for thoughts to go wandering over multitudes of things that do not concern the duties of the man at the wheel. The worst things happen usually when least expected, and safety depends on the "other fellow", and yourself.

An automobile traveling 30 to 50 miles an hour cannot be stopped within 75 to 175 feet, depending on exact speed; and it cannot be put around a curve with safety when it is going at high speed. When you drive a car, you cannot pass another car on a hill, even if the other car is "dragging". There may be an oncoming car racing up to the brow of the hill. Just hold back until you can see clear road ahead. Don't pass over a railroad crossing without stopping to look and listen. Bicycle riders or pedestrians must be given wide berths, and don't gamble on which way children decide to go.

Rules that we find on the markers placed beside the highways are there to be obeyed, and most of these instructions are sensible warnings. If you are a driver who doesn't believe in signs, suppose you think matters over carefully, and consider the wisdom of Whittier who found that nature and thoughtful persons "speak in symbols and in signs". After all, most accidents may be charged up against lapses, and "wool-gathering", which leads to trouble on the open road and city streets.

TUBERCULOSIS EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Baltimore City and Baltimore County is sprinkled with tuberculosis posters and pamphlets.

This is part of the educational campaign conducted by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association to further acquaint everyone with the facts about the disease. This year the Association was aided by the Girl Scout Council of Baltimore City and Baltimore County, as each of its 200 troops distributed this material.

"Our educational work goes on all year", said William B. Matthews, Managing Director of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association. However, during the month of April, we call attention to the importance of the early discovery of this disease. Early discovery means early recovery, Mr. Matthews continued. The tragedy lies in the fact that 8 out of 10 patients entering the sanatorium are in the far advanced stages of tuberculosis, thereby making a cure a long and tedious task.

"This month, throughout the state, we wish to impress upon every one that the 'White Plague' can be cured and prevented", Mr. Matthews concluded.

The Association also announced that the observance of National Negro Health Week, celebrated in the counties during the first week of April, had been a success and that plans were now under way to cooperate with the Negro Health Week Committee of Baltimore City, which will hold its observance during the week of April 19th.

Americans can be as efficient as Germans when in pursuit of a profit, in public life they stall because neither will let the other lead.

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SOCIAL SECURITY AND THE NEW JOB

Old age and survivors insurance protection for the families of workers has been in effect only since January 1, 1940. If an insured worker has died since that date and left unmarried children under 18 years of age, benefits are provided for the children and for the widow, if she has the children in her care.

In claiming benefits for the children it is necessary to furnish their birth certificates or some proof of their ages, since they are not entitled to benefits after they reach 18 years of age, or after 16 if they are not attending school. A widow who has young children in her care is entitled to benefits no matter what her age. Therefore she does not have to furnish proof of her age. She must, however, have her wedding certificate or some other proof of her marriage to the insured worker.

Benefits are also provided for widows past 65. When they claim benefits, they must furnish proof of age as well as proof of their marriage to the insured worker.

In any case where a claim for benefits is filed, delay can be avoided if the required proofs are obtained beforehand. Any Social Security office will assist the cliamant in filing a claim and advise how the necessary proofs can be obtained.

Honesty may not be the best policy for the get-rich-quick promoter.

SOLDIERS' SERVICE COMMITTEE ORGANIZED

Following the suggestion of Col. D. John Markey, commanding officer of the 115th Infantry, a Soldiers' Service Committee has been organized at Elkton, the functions of which will be to look after the home interests of the local men now in training.

The committee will keep parents and dependants of soldiers informed as to the welfare of the boys; to correct false rumors about the regiment and service; offer counsel and advice and promote confidence, good will and understanding between the men in service and the people at home.

Headquarters will supply the committee with complete information regarding allowances and government insurance.

The members of the local committee are: Mrs. George H. Ash, Mrs. Russell M. George, Mrs. Arthur Van Lill, Mrs. George McCool, Mrs. Ellis Deibert, Mrs. Harold Perkins, and Mrs. Gifford Scarborough. The first meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. R. Ash. Mrs. Russell George was elected president.

The Balkan countries for several years have been dependent on Germany for chemicals and allied products, $75 worth being imported each minute from the Reich.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"Probation After Death" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, April 27.

The Golden Text will be from I Cor. 6:16, "God hath both raised up the Lord; and will raise him up by his own power".

Among the citations comprising the Lesson-Sermon will be the following from the Bible, James 5:11: "Behold, we count them happy that endure. We have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy."

The Lesson-Sermon also will include passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", by Mary Baker Eddy, among which is the following, page 569--"Every mortal at some period, here or hereafter, must grapple with and overcome the mortal belief in a power opposed to God."

Travel To Border Countries

Official statements showed that 13,592,429 visitors from the United States went to Canada in 1940 and 16,578,119 visitors in 1939. Only 6,448,500 Canadians visited the States in 1940, against 11,555,236 in 1939. Travel to and from Mexico shows little change.

Success never comes to a man who is afraid to face failure.