

Most Of Lawmakers Seek Renomination

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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Most Indiana lawmakers have one thing in common with the state's current flood refugees: When the crisis is over, they move right back to familiar territory, despite the risks involved.

"Never again," said many weary members when the 101-day record-breaking regular and special session of the 1963 Legislature ended.

Discouraged by criticism over their inability to compromise in more than three months of skirmishing over major issues of taxes and budgets, legislators threatened to quit or, at least, never to return to the lawmaking halls where they had more down than they had ups.

Two or three did quit. But the great bulk, in the 11 months which passed in the meantime, not only are willing to move back but they are ready to fight for the right.

Same Issues in '65?
This would seem explainable except that the 1965 issues very likely will be just about the same as those of 1963, and the incumbents know it.

Pressures now are on doing something about the hedge-Republican majority floor

podge of taxes which have made many Hoosiers unhappy. Doubtless there will be another record budget to reckon with.

With roughly one-half gone of the 31-day official period for filing declarations of candidacy for the May 5 primaries more than half of the 150 legislators have indicated they are seeking renomination.

Twenty-two senators will be back simply because they are "holdovers" — elected to four-year terms with two years yet to go. Another 13 whose terms expired have filed for new terms. Thus, at least 35 of the 50-seat Senate would be returnees if all who seek shall find.

At least 49 of the 99 present House members, all of whom must run for renomination this year, have filed their declarations. However, six of the 49 are trying for the Senate rather than the House. Nevertheless, it appears certain that considerably more than half the present House members will be there pitching this year, beginning for the right to tackle the old familiar problems next January.

Among the aspirants are the 1963 leaders as well as the rank and file.

Republican majority floor

leader Charles Edwards of Spencer, GOP caucus chairman Owen L. Crecelius of Crawfordsville, and Democratic minority caucus chairman Charles W. Kirk, Jr., New Albany, are among House candidates, and Republican majority caucus chairman Roy Conrad of Monticello is among Senate candidates. Sen. William Christy, Democratic caucus chairman, is a holdover.

The only 1963 legislative leader whose official status is unclear as far as the filings are concerned is House Speaker Richard W. Guthrie, Indianapolis Republican. He hasn't filed yet.

Have Higher Aspirations
Four leaders are out of legislative contention because of higher aspirations. Lt. Gov. Richard O. Ristine, presiding officer of the Senate, is running for governor. Even if he were not, his term would expire before the next session of the legislature.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
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Sunday 3:00 p.m.: "Why Do Children Turn Delinquent?" is the name of a public Bible lecture to be given by R. C. Steele, an assistant presiding minister of the local congregation.

Sunday 4:15 p.m.: Watchtower Bible study and discussion on the subject, "Messengers of Liberation." One of the scripture texts for consideration will be Luke 21:28, "Stand upright and hold your heads high, because your liberation is near."

Tuesday 8:00 p.m.: Area Bible studies in Study aid, "Babylon the Great Has Fallen, God's Kingdom Rules."

Friday 7:30 p.m.: Theocratic Ministry School followed by the Kingdom Service Meeting.

Sen. D. Russell Bontrager, R-Elihart, who was president pro tem of the Senate last time, is running for the nomination for the U. S. Senate.

Sen. Marshall F. Kizer, D-

Plymouth, who was Democratic floor leader, is running for governor, along with his 1963 House party counterpart, Rep. Robert L. Rock of Anderson.

The final countdown may

show that fewer incumbents than usual are seeking new terms. Or it may not. At any rate, when they talk in the future about not coming back, don't you believe them!



TWO NATIONAL TREASURES—Former President Harry Truman, who celebrates his 80th birthday May 8, brings his youth to the ancient Acropolis of Greece. In Athens to represent President Johnson at the funeral of King Paul of Greece, the spry octogenarian took some time out for sight-seeing.

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