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Pres. Johnson Appeals To Auto Workers Union Avoid Wage-Price Spiral

Native Of Decatur Dies At Fort Wayne

Sherwood S. Sprunger, Jr., 12, of 926 E. Columbia Ave., Fort Wayne, and a native of Decatur, was dead on arrival at 7:50 a.m. Sunday at the Parkview memorial hospital.

He was born in Decatur, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman S. Sprunger, Sr. The father is employed at the Fort Wayne post office. The lad was a member of the Harvester Avenue Missionary church.

Surviving in addition to the parents are a brother, Wendell, at home; two sisters, Susan and Sandra, both at home; and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sprunger of Berne, and Mrs. Virginia Ball of Denver, Colo.

Funeral rites will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the D. O. McComb & Sons funeral home, with the Rev. Oscar A. Eicher officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn memorial park. Friends may call at the funeral home until time of the services.

Political Activity Quicken In State

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Governor Welsh pointedly ignored today a telegram from a supporter of Gov. George C. Wallace asking Welsh to withdraw from the Indiana presidential preference primary.

Welsh planned to file his petition this afternoon for a place on the ballot of the Democratic primary May 5, a "favorite son" move aimed at blocking the segregationist Alabama governor from capturing the Hoosier delegation's first-ballot votes at the national convention.

With the deadline for filing due Thursday midnight, the pace of activity quickened and there were these developments:

—Sen. Barry Goldwater's name was entered officially in the Republican presidential primary, and his Hoosier campaign leaders said the Arizona would make at least one major speech and a one-day hedge-hopping tour.

—Former Minnesota Gov. Harold Stassen may file against Goldwater Tuesday or Wednesday after appearing as a speaker at DePauw University at Greencastle.

—Frank R. Beckwith, Indianapolis Negro attorney who polled nearly 20,000 votes in competition with Vice President Richard M. Nixon in 1960, said he will file his petition for the GOP primary Tuesday morning.

Wallace has not yet filed, but there is every indication he will go through with his previously announced plans of entering. This was what stimulated the Democratic state leadership into action. Wallace could file by mail in a letter postmarked near midnight Thursday, and the letter could arrive several days later and still fully qualify the governor. Thus, if nobody filed before the deadline to block his candidacy, Wallace would be the sole aspirant and Hoosier delegates would be bound to vote for him at Atlantic City on the first ballot.

Citizen States Rights
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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UPI)—President Johnson appealed to the United Auto Workers Union today to avoid a settlement in auto negotiations this year that would choke off economic expansion or start a price-wage spiral.

The Chief Executive, who received an ovation from the UAW delegates, said bargaining with the auto industry this year should protect the public interest in stabilizing prices and costs.

He told the delegates that the UAW policy of seeking pay-benefit gains that do not force price increases was a correct policy.

Johnson urged a strike-free "responsible" settlement at the union's bargaining sessions with Big Three auto producers starting July 1.

In an unusual appeal for union support, Johnson said:

"I ask your heart and your voice and your vote and stand up with me and be counted."

The delegates, some wearing Johnson-style Texas hats, cheered and applauded and almost all of them stood.

The President said he hopes that responsibility would be present on both sides of the

bargaining table this summer in the UAW's key negotiations. He said he was speaking with a single voice to management and labor in appealing for a settlement that would not upset the stability of costs and prices.

Walter P. Reuther, UAW president, has declared the auto corporations can afford sizable pay increases and fringe benefits without raising car prices because of record profits and rising productivity.

"Your sense of responsibility . . . is the foundation on which our hopes rest in the coming year," the President said.

Quotes Kennedy

Johnson read many of the statements concerning the auto-negotiations from a speech delivered by the late President John F. Kennedy at the union's 1962 convention.

A huge banner at the rear of the convention hall welcomed Johnson and a placard held aloft by balloons read: "Region 6 all the way with LBJ."

In his address, Johnson also touched on these topics:

—Declared that the civil rights bill will be passed by the Senate "if it takes all summer."

—Said the nation's economy was never stronger in the lifetime of the delegates and 1963 was the most prosperous this country has ever known.

—Said he was unaccustomed to such "unrestrained enthusiasm" shown by the crowd that included about 12,000 persons, most of them visitors to the convention.

Reuther, thanking Johnson after his first labor convention appearance as President, declared "We will give you all the help we are capable of with our hands and our hearts."

Reuther Sunday blocked a move to give the UAW's endorsement to Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Reuther, who is sure to support Johnson for a four-year term in the White House, has not expressed a preference of a running mate. Some of his top aides are known to favor Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, D-Minn.

"We could do nothing more damaging to Bobby Kennedy than to get him involved in the race for vice presidential under these circumstances," Reuther told the delegates. "Sometimes your best friends are your worst enemies."

John McCarrell, president of UAW Local 544 in Pittsburgh, triggered Reuther's comment by telling the convention that liberals should make it known they will not accept anyone but the attorney general as Johnson's running mate.

Convention's Business
Reuther said that was matter for the Democratic convention to decide and noted that Johnson would have a great deal to say about the choice.

will not reply to Conwell's. Although Welsh's petition requires only 500 signatures, party leaders said it had many more than the required number.

Welsh's name would not be placed in nomination in the convention, however, and the Hoosier delegates would be free to vote for President Johnson, whom they expect to be a hands-down favorite for the nomination.

Goldwater Coming April 20
Goldwater's petition was filed with 830 signatures by Leslie Duvall, president of the Indiana Goldwater for President Committee. Duvall had a letter of authorization from Goldwater saying "it is a rare privilege to place myself in your hands and in the hands of the people of your fine state."

"Indiana, the heartland of the United States, will, I know, be an accurate reflection of the temper of the times, and I look forward to the results of this primary with great anticipation," he said.

Duvall said Goldwater's only Indiana campaign appearance has been set for April 20, probably at the Southport High School gymnasium, for a rally of his backers. He said the senator probably will make a "hedge-hop" flight visiting four or five Hoosier cities on April 19 or 21, the day before or day after the speech.

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Await Release Of Two Fliers

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A Soviet promise to release two American airmen held in East Germany kept alive today hopes for improving relations between the United States and Russia.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk said the Soviet Union had promised to free the two fliers in the "very nearest future." They were aboard a U.S. RB66 reconnaissance bomber shot down in East Germany on March 10.

The two Air Force officers are Capt. David I. Holland, 35, of Holland, Minn., pilot, and Capt. Melvin J. Kessler, 30, of Philadelphia. There had been fears the Communists might accuse them of spying at a "showcase" trial.

A third crew member of the RB66, 1st Lt. Harold W. Welch, 24, of Detroit, Mich., was returned to U.S. authorities Saturday. He received a broken arm and broken leg when he parachuted from the plane.

Rusk's statement that the American fliers was "not an exchange." But he said President Johnson had ordered additional steps "to insure that this sort of accident does not occur again."

The secretary did not say what steps had been taken but he expressed hope that "when, if by any chance, accidentally another such incident occurred, both sides would deal with the matter "in a normal way, to that we can guide planes to their proper destination and . . . not let instances of this sort disturb general relations."

Wednesday, the blessing of seeds and soil will be held before the 8 a.m. mass, confessions will be heard from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m., and before the 5:10 p.m. mass Tuesday.

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On Good Friday, all members of the parish are urged to make a visit at the repository from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The Three Hours will be observed from 12:15 to 3:15 p.m., with a solemn liturgical service at 12:15 p.m., private devotions and confessions at 1:15 p.m., public devotions at 2:15 p.m., with way of the cross, prayers, and blessing of the relic of the True Cross.

Way of the cross and confessions will be at 7:30 p.m.

There will be no devotions during the day on Holy Saturday, with confessions heard from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Easter vigil service will open at 8 p.m., with blessing of new fire, paschal candle, baptismal font, etc.

Easter Sunday masses will follow the regular Sunday schedule.

According to the suit filed by Dawald, the Limberlost conservation association published notice of the meeting in six newspapers of the area, and the notice included the statement "and for the purpose of electing two members of the board of directors."

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