

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. Elcher officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn memorial park. Friends may call at the funeral home until time of the services.

Political Activity Quickens 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 Arizonaan would make at least one major speech and a one-day hedge-hopping tour.

Stassen May File
—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.

Cites States Rights
Joseph T. Conwell, Huntsville, Ala., an attorney, asked Welsh to remove himself from the "favorite son" Democratic presidential role.

"As a state governor, you should be for states rights and free enterprise," Conwell said. "George Wallace believes in these principles and I hope you will withdraw and let Wallace have the field. The rights of the state must be preserved."

James McManus, Welsh's news secretary, said that although the governor usually answers all communications, he

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 vice presidential nomination.

Reuther, who is sure to support Johnson for a four-year term in the White House, has not expressed a preference on 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.

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 Russians had promised to free Holland and Kessler was made Sunday in a nationwide television interview.

The announcement came four days after the United States had warned Russia that delay in releasing the fliers "clearly jeopardizes possibilities for expanding areas of United States-Soviet cooperation."

Rusk said release of 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 destinations and... not let instances of this sort disturb general relations.'"

Holy Week Services At Catholic Church

Holy Week services opened today at St. Mary's Catholic church. Confessions will be heard prior to the 5:10 o'clock mass this evening, and also prior to the 5:10 p. m. mass Tuesday.

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.

On Holy Thursday, a low mass will be said at 8 a. m., and holy communion distributed. A solemn liturgical service will be held at 5:10 p. m., with distribution of communion. There will be adoration at the repository until midnight.

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 with 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.

Miss Estelle Smith Dies This Morning

Miss Estelle M. Smith, 71, member of a prominent Decatur family, and lifelong resident of this city, died suddenly at 4 o'clock this morning at her home, 403 West Madison street, following a heart attack.

She was born in Decatur Aug. 27, 1892, a daughter of Benjamin J. and Elizabeth Forbush-Smith, and was associated with the Smith Drug Co.

Miss Smith was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, the Catholic Ladies of Columbia and the Rosary society.

Surviving are two sisters, Miss Virginia Smith and Mrs. Carl (Rose Mary) Klepper, both of Decatur; one brother, Elmo A. Smith, of Decatur, and a number of nieces and nephews. One brother preceded her in death.

Funeral rites will be conducted at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic church, with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmitt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The body was removed to the Gillig & Dean funeral home, where friends may call after 7 p. m. today until time of the services. The Rosary society will hold services at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

Wm. Fritzinger Seeks Nomination

William Fritzinger, 45, Root Township farmer and carpenter, announced today that he is a candidate for commissioner, first district, subject to the decision of the voters in the Republican primary May 5.

A native and life-long resident of Root township, Fritzinger owns his own 80-acre farm, where he lives with his wife, Mabel, and their four children; Eileen, a junior at Monmouth; Marlene, a sophomore; Margaret, seventh grade, and James, 3, at home. The Fritzingers are a pioneer family in Adams county, and William was graduated from the same high school which his children attend.

The Fritzingers are members of the Zion United Church of Christ in Decatur, and attend the Monmouth PTA. Fritzinger has been a devoted Republican and active in the local party.

Suit For \$25,000 Damages Is Filed

\$25,000 damage suit has been filed in the Adams circuit court by Gerald D. Hammond, of 717 Mercer Ave., against L. R. Zintmaster, a resident of route 3, Decatur.

The suit stems from a traffic accident involving a motorcycle driven by Hammond and a car driven by Zintmaster, that occurred on May 22, 1962.

In his suit, Hammond claims he was traveling north on Fifth street, on the motorcycle, when Zintmaster pulled his auto from a parking space on the east side of the street, into the path of the motorcycle.

In his suit, filed by his attorney, Hubert R. McClenahan, Hammond states he incurred medical bills of \$1,600, as a result of injuries, and claims he received injuries that have left him permanently and partially disabled and demands a judgment in the sum of \$25,000.

Earl Dawald Sues Limberlost Group

Earl E. Dawald, Geneva resident and a teacher at Monmouth, has filed a suit in the Adams circuit court against five directors of the Limberlost conservation association. Dawald filed the suit through his attorney, Oliver Eggers of Fort Wayne.

Named as defendants in the suit are James Briggs, Jr., Joseph Suhr, Dr. Rufus VanGuntlen, Robert Long, and H. K. Rippey, who were elected at a meeting of the association in January of this year. Rippey resides in Portland, the other four in Geneva or at Rainbow Lake.

Dawald demands in the suit that the defendants be removed from office as directors of the association, and that their actions since the January 27 meeting be declared null and void. He also demands that he be declared a member of the board.

After serving as secretary of the association for a number of years, Dawald was ousted when an entire new slate of directors was elected at the meeting held on the 27th of January.

New Slate
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."

Dawald claims, however, that at the outset of the meeting, chairman Eli C. Stucky announced the meeting was held for the purpose of electing two new members, but then asked for nominations from the floor for an entirely new board of directors.

Five Named
The five defendants, according to the suit, were nominated and elected to the board of directors. Dawald claims the defendants "are now usurping the offices."

According to Dawald, the election was held by secret ballot, with the ballots being burned immediately after the election.

INDIANA WEATHER

Mostly cloudy, windy and warmer tonight with scattered showers and possibly a few thundershowers likely late tonight. Tuesday cloudy, showers likely, and mild. Low tonight 35 to 40. High Tuesday 48 to 56. Sunset today 7 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday 6:43 a.m. Outlook for Wednesday: Rain likely, windy and turning colder. Lows 35 to 45. Highs 40 to 48.

Court Upholds Cuban Seizure

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Supreme Court ruled today that U.S. courts must treat as valid Fidel Castro's nationalization of American property in Cuba.

As a result, Cuba can legally collect \$175,000 realized from the sale of some sugar belonging to a seized American company. The case will have a bearing on many others with millions of dollars at stake.

Since Congress has frozen all Cuban funds in this country, however, the Castro regime cannot get its hands on the money. The 8 to 1 decision will have a bearing on numerous other court challenges here to Cuban nationalizations. The government reported 37 cases in New York alone.

Justice Department Upheld
The Cuban decision upheld the position of the Justice Department, which argued that generally speaking U.S. courts must recognize as valid acts of a recognized foreign government affecting ownership of property in that country.

This is known as the "act of state" doctrine. The department contended that U.S. foreign relations could be adversely affected if U.S. courts made judgments in this area.

Today's case dealt with Castro's seizure of a shipload of sugar on Aug. 6, 1960, in Ju-carro Harbor. The sugar belonged to one of 26 companies seized by the Castro regime on that day.

A New York commodity broker, Farr, Whitlock, & Co., had already contracted to sell the shipment to a customer in Morocco. The firm went ahead with the deal and realized \$175,000. On order of a New York state court, these funds were placed in escrow for the stockholders of the original owners, most of whom live in the United States.

Bank Filed Suit
The Banco Nacional de Cuba, financial agent of the Castro government, sued to recover the money.

Federal District Judge Edward J. Dimock dismissed the suit and was upheld by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The second circuit said Cuba violated international law when it took the property and therefore did not have legal title to the funds.

Justice John M. Harlan spoke for the court today in a 39-page opinion.

Bitter Spring Snow Storm Onto Plains

By United Press International
A bitter spring snow storm which rivalled winter's worst blew out of the Rockies into the Western Plains today.

Snows more than two feet deep piled up on the Rockies' eastern slopes and temperatures dropped as low as 15 below zero. The 14 above at Spokane, Wash., was a March 23 record.

Spring weather had a cutting edge in other parts of the nation. Nearly an inch of rain started mudslides across the same Los Angeles foothills areas where giant tinder fires raged last week. The mud forced families to flee and filled at least one backyard swimming pool with muck.

In the Midwest, the 600 residents of old Shawneetown, Ill., were able to relax a little behind the levees protecting them against the flooding Ohio River.

The levee was soft and seeping, but the Ohio had dropped a foot from its Friday night crest and Sheriff Ernie Rogers said "it looks like the river is going to continue to fall fast."

In the Western storm area, the Weather Bureau issued heavy snow warnings for stockmen in most of the Dakotas, Wyoming, central and western Nebraska, northwest Kansas, eastern Colorado, and northern Arizona. Cold wave warnings were up through Wyoming, northeast Colorado, the northern Rockies and all of the Rockies' eastern slopes.

Arctic winds ranging from 40 to 60 miles per hour drove the snow out of the mountains. Snows 14 inches deep were measured at Unionville, Mont. Billings had more snow — 10 inches of it — in the past two days than it had received all year. Utah snows piled up 11 inches deep in Salt Lake City and other communities.

Cold wave warnings were posted eastward into Nebraska for tonight and heavy snow was forecast from Wyoming to Nevada.

Residents of about 20 homes in the Los Angeles foothills fled their homes in the face of mud-

slides oozing down hillsides burned bare by last week's forest fires. A backyard swimming pool near Eagle Rock was filled with mud.

Police and firemen joined homeowners in building sandbag barricades to stop the onslaught of mud. Nearly an inch of rain soaked the Los Angeles area Sunday and left deep snow piled up in mountain areas.

Earl K. Shoaf Dies Suddenly Saturday

Earl K. Shoaf, 43, of nine miles northeast of Decatur, died suddenly of a heart attack at 2:25 p. m. Saturday at the Adams county memorial hospital. He had been ill since Nov. 18 of last year but his death was unexpected.

Born in Decatur March 1, 1921, he was a son of Roy and Martha Hammie-Shoaf, and was married to Miss Harriet Gilson Jan. 1, 1942.

Mr. Shoaf, a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad for 25 years, was a veteran of World War II, enlisting in the Army in October of 1942, and serving until November of 1945. He graduated from the Pleasant Mills high school in 1939.

He was a member of the Zion United Church of Christ, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Moose Lodge and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Engineers.

Surviving are his wife; three children, Donna, Linda and Danny, all at home; his mother, Mrs. Martha Shoaf of Decatur route 6; one brother, Richard Shoaf of Decatur route 6, and one sister, Mrs. Frank (Winifred) Conn of Van Wert, O.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the Zwick funeral home, with the Rev. William C. Feller officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery, with military rites by the V. F. W. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p. m. today until time of the services. The Moose lodge will hold services at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Lenten Meditation

(By Rev. Gerald I. Gerig, Missionary Church)

"HOPE THAT HELPS"

The text for today is found in Acts 1: 6-14. In this passage of Scripture we have the announcement by the two men in white apparel that Christ will return to this world to rule and to reign. In the meantime, we are urged to be endued with power from the Holy Spirit to carry on the work of the church until Christ returns. We are in desperate need of both of these truths in the church today—we need power and we need hope.

We are guilty many times in focusing our eyes only on the situations around us and failing to remember the fact that our pilgrimage here is only temporary and that one of these days we will be ruling and reigning with the One who died and rose again from the grave. If we could see beyond our problems and see a returning Christ, it would change our attitudes to many of the testings of this life.

We are also in desperate need of new power these days in the lives of God's people. We live too much of the time as if Easter is still a future event. By watching some Christians, one would come to the conclusion that Christ is still in the grave.

During these Lenten days, let us remember that our Christ lives—that He is coming again to this earth—and that there is power available for Christians living today!



THE NEW OFFICE of the city utilities in the newly-remodeled city hall is pictured above. Miss Janet Habegger, left, and Mrs. Monica Huffine, secretaries, are shown in front, and utilities head Edwin Kauffman is seated at his desk in the rear.—(Photo by Cole.)