

## DEATH TAKES CHIEF COUNSEL OF REPUBLICANS

James Francis Burke, One of Keenest Strategists of Party, Stricken.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—James Francis Burke, one of the keenest strategists of the Republican party was dead today at the outset of a campaign that promises to be unusually hard fought.

General counsel of the Republican national committee, the 65-year-old Pittsburgh lawyer, was stricken while visiting at the White House Monday night, and died shortly thereafter.

Always dapper and lively, Burke had been one of President Hoover's closest political advisors.

He had been in the thick of Republican campaign battles for forty years. Only a few hours before his death, Burke had conferred twice with Mr. Hoover regarding the notification cer-

mories Thursday evening, and the President's acceptance address. He told newspaper men at the White House that the address would be the best Mr. Hoover ever delivered, and that Thursday would be "the great day of the campaign."

### Intended to Sail Tonight

"I am sorry I shall not be here," Burke added. He explained he intended to sail from New York tonight for a brief holiday in Europe. But President Hoover, in conference, had noted that Burke was not feeling well.

He prevailed on him to be examined by Dr. Joel T. Boone, White House physician. Dr. Boone ordered him to Garfield hospital and accompanied him there.

Burke died a short time later, with Dr. Boone at his side. A White House announcement said coronary thrombosis—a blood clot in the heart—caused death.

Son of a Pennsylvania oil producer, Burke was born in Petroleum Center, Pa., in 1867.

### Central Campaign Figure

In 1895, the year of his graduation from the University of Michigan, he organized Republican clubs in colleges throughout the country. As a reward for this work he was made secretary of the Republican national committee at the age of 25.

From that time on he had a central part in Republican campaigns and became the adviser of Presidents.

For ten years, beginning in 1904, he represented the Thirty-first Pennsylvania district in congress.

He was counsel for former Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon in hearing before a senate committee on oil cases involving Mellon.

Burke is survived by his widow, a son, Francis Burke, and a daughter, Mrs. Rogers, all of Pittsburgh.

### CRACKS BACK AT MATE

Frightened by Toy Explosive, Wife Calls Cops; Find Bottle of Whisky.

"Fourth of July" antics in August gave a wife the last laugh Monday night.

Police were called to 919 North Pennsylvania street, apartment 4, home of Earl Deal, and his wife, Johynda. He was absent when they arrived. Mrs. Deal told the officers Earl had set off a fire cracker to frighten her during an argument.

Invited into the kitchen, the officers said they found a gallon bottle partly filled with corn whisky.

Deal returned while the officers were in the apartment. He was arrested on a blind tiger charge.

### ART SAYS:

Little boys who used to aspire to the Presidency now want to grow up to become receivers.

The Hay Fever quartet will now sing that famous ballad: "I'm sneezing with tears in my eyes."

The new trackless trolleys will at least be able to develop a flat tire without annoying the whole neighborhood.

Nothing makes a man feel worse than to note the paper profits he could have made if he had bought stocks at the recent low.

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## MILLIONS FAVOR THOMAS

Socialist Candidate to Poll Big Vote



Here are Norman Thomas, leader of the Socialists, and his running mate, James H. Maurer, vice-presidential candidate.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—There is no possibility that Norman Thomas, the respected ex-preacher, ex-social worker and ex-Princetonian, will be elected president on the Socialist ticket, but it is evident that most of the voters dissatisfied with the old parties will vote for him, rather than the Communists.

This is because Thomas and his party are fighting for an orderly revolution by a definite, clean-cut program, whereas the Communists, extreme left wing radicals, insist that violence is necessary.

And the average American, accustomed to nonviolence in the country since the Civil War, fears the consequences of a bloody revolt.

Thus Thomas, denounced by capitalists whom he wishes to overthrow and bitterly opposed by Communists, will fight for election between two fires. But this position will bring votes.

How many? Estimates have been as high as 5,000,000. Even if the figure is much less, it will be a significant protest vote and will lay a foundation for building a stronger Socialist party in 1936.

Norman Thomas does not believe that a revolution is imminent, although "the man on the street," intellectuals, and even capitalists constantly talk about it. This writer asked Thomas if he thought the bonus army riots were forerunners of an actual revolt this winter.

"I DO not think there will be a revolution this winter," was his reply. "But I hate to think of what will happen. I predict that there will be a combination of actual starvation with riots, and that unemployed armies will be routed by troops with sadistic fervor."

"The tempo of modern life is so fast that our crises are crowded into a short time. We, as Socialists, will stake our efforts on an orderly revolution, because modern engines of war are so destructive and horrible. We want to avoid catastrophe, if we can."

Thomas, as leader of the Socialists, wants:

A unified banking system to prevent bank failures, electrification of world industries, creation of a federal marketing agency to allow agriculturists to get a fair share of sales price for products, genuine disarmament, recognition of Russia so America can get a share of its enormous trade, cancellation of war debts, and entry into the League of Nations.

Thomas advocates further \$10,000,000,000 for self-supporting public works, such as reforestation; attack on slums by publicly-owned buildings certain to return 85 per cent of original investment; development of electrical supply for rural areas, building of necessary bridges and tunnels to be paid for by tolls, etc. All this is to relieve unemployment.

He denounces President Hoover for his action in the bonus army riots:

"It was one of the most outrageous things in American history. If the government had given proper unemployment relief we

would not have had such a situation."

"I should have advocated payment of the bonus to unemployed veterans, on the assumption that it has to be paid eventually anyway."

Thomas believes:

"OUR great fight is for Socialism. Our enemy is neither the Republican nor the Democratic party. It is Fascism, last stand of capitalism, which sweeps on with the aid of the old parties, or despite them."

"Its march is aided by the profound distrust of millions of our fellow citizens that anything vital can be done by politics."

"Is that not, in large part, the explanation of the strange absorption of both conventions in liquor, while men starve for bread? Prohibition, men cynically believe, the politicians can handle, but not poverty."

A telegram from the senator's secretary, John F. Hayes, to Dan W. LeGore, realty board president, said Watson personally presented a similar request to President Hoover.

Support of Indianapolis realtors, builders and bankers' plea for location of one of the eight to twelve banks here also is being given by Representative Louis Ludlow, who

wired that he already has conferred with each of the five members of the home loan board.

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movement by Fermor S. Cannon, Railroadmen's Building and Saving Association, who will address the home loan board.

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An outline of advantages of having one of the banks here has been prepared by the commerce chamber.

## PUSH DRIVE TO GET HOME LOAN BANK FOR CITY

Senator Watson Will Make Direct Appeal to New Hoover Council.

By United Press

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## BARKLEY AGAIN NOMINATED FOR POST IN SENATE

Incumbent Put Far Out in Front by Votes of Kentucky Democrats.

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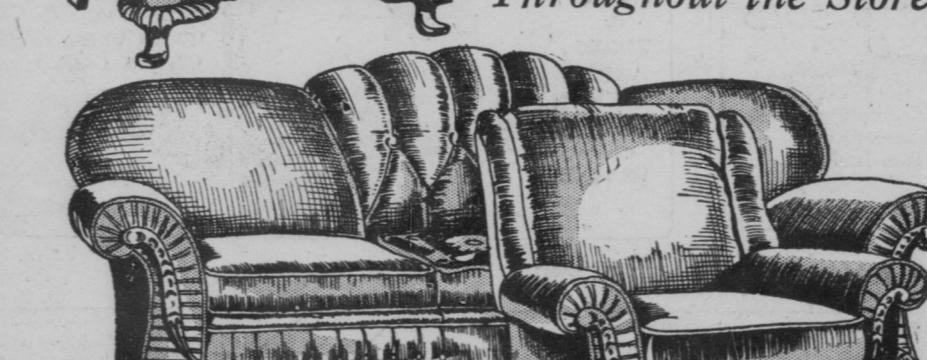
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