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VANNUYS NAMED; M'NUTT BOOMED

HUGHES' PLANE REACHES OMSK IN 7-HOUR HOP

Airmen Roar Across Siberia
At 200-Mile Clip on
World Flight.

BRAVE ICE OVER EUROPE

Fliers Plan to Resume Dash
To Yakutsk After
Brief Stop.

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MOSCOW, July 12 (U. P.).—Howard Hughes, dashing around the world on a record-breaking flight from New York, brought his two-motored plane down tonight at Omsk, Siberia, at noon (Indianapolis Time), completing a flight of 1437 miles from Moscow.

On its arrival at Omsk the plane was 6763 miles out of New York in an elapsed time of 42 hours and 40 minutes.

It was well ahead of the record set by the late Wiley Post on his solo flight around the world in 1933, although there was no exact comparison at this point because Post did not stop here.

The scientifically equipped plane made the jump from Moscow to Omsk in 7 hours 25 minutes, which made its average flying speed since leaving New York 211.49 miles an hour.

The other two jumps were from New York to Paris and from Paris to Moscow. It was expected the plane would halt here briefly for refueling and continue its headlong flight eastward to Yakutsk, Siberia.

Weather Reported Good

The weather was reported good as far as Irkutsk, 1375 miles east of Omsk near Lake Baikal.

The plane rocketed across the Siberian wilds today after its departure from Moscow. Records were shattered as the plane roared on, conquering time and space. From New York to Paris, 16 hours 31 minutes, and from Paris to Moscow, 7 hours 51 minutes.

When it left Moscow for Omsk, Siberia, the next scheduled stop, at 4:31 a. m. (Indianapolis Time), the plane was only a little more than 24 hours elapsed time from New York. The actual flying time was 24 hours and 22 minutes, at an average speed of 218.17 miles.

In the flight from New York to Paris, Mr. Hughes had cut in half the time made by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh on his solo flight in 1927. When they arrived here, they were 17 hours and 13 minutes ahead of the elapsed time of Wiley Post on his record flight around the world in 1933.

When they left for Omsk, they had stayed 36 minutes less than Post on their elapsed time on departure was 17 hours and 51 minutes ahead of Post.

They had arrived here after a flight of 1675 miles from Paris, and 5315 miles from New York, at 2:15 a. m. (Indianapolis Time).

As they took off after a pause of only two hours and 16 minutes, they were gaining steadily on the present Post round-the-world record of 7 days 18 hours 49 minutes.

Mr. Hughes, multimillionaire oil man and motion picture producer, had left Le Bourget Airdrome, Paris, with his four companions at 6:24 p. m. (Indianapolis Time) yesterday in their silver monoplane "New York World's Fair of 1939."

Flying over Central and Eastern Europe high above thick cloud banks in constant danger if they flew too low of permitting ice to form on the plane, the aviators made the Paris-Moscow stage, second of their flight, at an average speed of a little less than 200 miles an hour.

A pair of cheerers went up from the (Continued on Page Two)

CALL FROM BROTHER CHEERS KING GEORGE

LONDON, July 12 (U. P.).—Phonographist King George today and reported that he was practically recovered from gastric influenza.

The King was said to have been greatly cheered by a telephone call from his brother, the Duke of Windsor, who called from his Chateau on the French Riviera. They talked for about five minutes.

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"McNutt! McNutt! McNutt!" was the war cry of parading delegates at the Democratic state convention at the Coliseum today. Cheering and waving their county placards, they marched around and around in a tumultuous ovation for the High Commissioner to the Philippines.



"Congratulations, Fred," said the Governor of Indiana to the renominated Senator, Senator from Indiana to the Governor (other photos, Pages Three and Six).

LEADERS TO MAP PLANS FOR SESSION

Gadget Law and Building
Program Topics.

With the special session of the State Legislature set for a week from today, Governor Townsend was to meet with Democratic Senate leaders this afternoon to discuss the proposed repeal of the auto windshield title card holder law and the State institutional building program.

The Governor, acknowledging that the "gadget law" has aroused widespread criticism, commented: "I believe in democracy and if the people don't want it, the law should be changed."

He said he now is considering inclusion of two new projects in the building program that will utilize PWA funds. They are auditoriums at Purdue and Indiana Universities.

The Governor said he favors an ability-to-pay basis for allocation of State funds to help pay County social security costs.

"I prefer that the allocation be made on a basis of County tax rates," he said. "But I would be willing to accept some other plan that was founded on an ability-to-pay basis."

The Indiana Farm Bureau and representatives of 10 taxpayers' associations said the tax rate basis is unfair because of the wide variance of assessed valuations between coun-

Mercury in High 80s Here; Heat Claims 3 in Indiana

The sun burst through thinning clouds this afternoon, sending the mercury into the high 80s.

The Weather Bureau, however, predicted that yesterday's heat record for the year of 93.6 would not be broken today. The mercury stood at 84 at noon.

Three deaths in Indiana were attributed to the heat.

Meanwhile, drenching rains in southern Indiana last night poured into the swollen White and Wabash Rivers and caused them to rise in some places.

Tonight and tomorrow are to be fair and somewhat warmer, the Bureau reported.

One Dead in Southern Indiana Storm

By United Press

Many southern Indiana communities were today digging their way out of debris and wreckage caused by a severe wind and electrical storm which struck early last night, killing one person and causing thousands of dollars of property damage.

Two others died in the extreme heat that preceded the storm.

Charles Wolfe, 44, Orleans town marshal, was killed when he touched a high tension wire which had been blown down.

Ernest E. Cramer, 58, Martinsville farmer, was overcome by heat while plowing corn and died later at his home.

J. C. Mitchell, 62, Noblesville farmer, became nauseated by the suffocating temperature and collapsed, striking his head on a stone and dying of a fractured skull.

Washington was hardest hit, with

COUNTY FUNDS FOR NEW SPAN LACKING

Can't Buy Rights-of-Way,
Commissioners Report.

County Commissioners announced today that "no money is available" to buy rights-of-way for the proposed construction of a grade elevation bridge on High School Road near Municipal Airport.

The State Highway Commission reported yesterday that a \$115,000 Federal grant had been approved for the project if the right-of-way were obtained by the County.

Although the State Highway Commission has undertaken the project, the County owns the road. Highway engineers said none of the Federal money can be used to buy rights-of-way and that failure of the County to buy them will mean delay of the project.

"It is ridiculous to expect the County to dig up \$50,000 to buy those rights-of-way when we got only \$188,000 gasoline tax money to maintain 1200 miles of county roads," Commissioner John S. Newhouse said.

"Marion County's share of the gasoline tax was far out of proportion to the \$625,000 received by the City of Indianapolis," he said. "We will not have enough funds to carry on the emergency maintenance work on roads for the rest of the year—\$50,000 for rights-of-way is impossible."

State engineers said expansion of the airport with a new experimental station has made correction of traffic hazards in that vicinity important.

Fire in State House

Fire starting in an electric service box in the State House basement sent smoke billowing up the elevator shaft to the fourth floor.

Damage was believed slight since only electrical cables and grease were burned. Firemen blamed a short circuit for the blaze.

21-GUN SALUTE OPENS DRIVE FOR FAVORITE SON; UNITY PLAN TRIUMPHS

PLANKS EVADE BEER, TAX AND MERIT ISSUES

Roosevelt Gets 'Enthusiastic
Approval'; Hoosiers in
Congress Praised.

The Democratic state convention this afternoon approved a platform making no direct recommendation for gross income tax reductions, direct primary nomination for Governor and Senator, nor for extension of the merit system.

The platform, prepared by the Resolutions Committee, also refers only indirectly to the beer port-of-entry system, repeal of which had been urged upon the committee, and no mention was made of repeal of the windshield gadget law.

Other planks urge revision of election laws to safeguard the sanctity of the ballot and consideration of a system of central tabulation of ballots; defend the "Two Per Cent Club," favor strict enforcement of the law against sale of alcoholic beverages to minors, and "proudly presents" High Commissioner Paul V. McNutt to the national Democratic Party as a Presidential candidate in 1940.

Roosevelt Indorsed

The National Affairs plank "enthusiastically approve and indorse" President Roosevelt's record and Administration and commends "the Democratic Senators and members of the House of Representatives for their support of the President and the assistance they have rendered in making possible the accomplishments of his Administration."

The plank pays high tribute to Senator Minton, declaring:

"The wisdom displayed by the Democratic convention in 1934 in the nomination of Senator Sherman Minton has been sustained. The Democracy of Indiana has noted with increasing pride the distinguished position which Senator Sherman Minton occupies in national affairs and the extent to which he enjoys the confidence of our progressive President. We commend him for his courageous championship of the measures and policies of President Roosevelt."

The Alcoholic Beverage Control plank, after praising results of the present law, suggests that the Alcoholic Beverage Commission be given authority to enter into reciprocal relations with other States in the following words:

"The Democratic Party has repeatedly declared and carried out its declarations that the Alcoholic Beverage Act, from time to time be modified as conditions may require, and we believe that in the light of the evolving construction of the 21st Amendment of the Constitution of the United States under Federal decisions interpreting the same, proper provisions should be made to protect Indiana industries and the labor capital employed therein against discriminations in interstate commerce. We commend the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for its honest and efficient enforcement of the law."

Merit System Reference

"The only reference to the merit system, which various groups have sought to extend to penal and hospital institutions, is:

"We believe that public positions should be held by the best qualified (Continued on Page Four)

SIX LIKELY TO SHARE IN HORLICK WEALTH

RACINE, Wis., July 12 (U. P.).—Six persons are expected to share in the estate of Mrs. Arabella Horlick, 88, widow of the founder of a malted milk fortune, who died at her home in Racine Saturday.

William Horlick Sr. died in 1936, leaving an estimated 20 million dollars which was divided among members of his family.

Sharing in Mrs. Horlick's estate were expected to be her two sons, William Jr., 62, and A. J., 64, vice presidents of the Horlick Malted Milk Co.; her three grandchildren, Mrs. Harold Bond and Mrs. John F. Bowles Jr., of Greenview, Conn., and William Horlick Sledge of Racine, and Chicago, and her brother, Joseph A. Horlick of Horlickville, Wis.

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Entire State Ticket Nominated by Acclamation as Last-Minute Contestants Withdraw in Favor of Slate.

GOVERNOR, MINTON LAUD NEW DEAL

H. Nathan Swaim, Indianapolis Controller, Chosen as Supreme Court Candidate; Senior Senator Asks United Front.

(TEXTS: Platform, Minton Address, McNutt Greetings, Page Nine; Townsend Address, Page Five; Senator VanNuys' Life History, Page Eleven.)

A mammoth McNutt-for-President demonstration was the high point in a wildly cheering Democratic state convention here today that indorsed the New Deal and renominated Senator VanNuys by acclamation.

The recent bitter feud, which split the party between Townsend and VanNuys factions, appeared forgotten and forgiven as the 2258 perspiring delegates responded enthusiastically to the harmony program engineered by the jovial Frank McHale, National Committeeman and McNutt spokesman.

Even the platform's evasion of such recently-disputed issues as the beer port-of-entry system, primary election reforms, gross income tax revision and merit system extension, failed to provoke a sputter in the well-oiled convention motor.

A threatened minority revolt against the three-way McNutt-Townsend-VanNuys program to be led by Senator

*Minton and Clarence (Pat) Manion, National Emergency Council director for Indiana, failed to materialize.

The first McNutt demonstration was touched off when Mr. McHale read a letter from the U. S. High Commissioner to the Philippines. Mr. McNutt, in his greeting to the convention, praised Indiana Democrats for their loyal support of their "great leaders," President Roosevelt and Governor Townsend, and appealed for a continued "united and united" battle for humanity in the future.

Plank Praises McNutt

But the biggest demonstration, accompanied by sirens and a 21-gun Presidential salute, came later when Mr. McHale read the platform plank enthusiastically praising the record of Mr. McNutt and supporting his presidential aspirations. That plank stated in part:

"The Democratic Party of Indiana, in convention assembled, proudly presents to the national Democratic Party as a candidate for President of the United States in 1940, the former Governor of Indiana and present U. S. High Commissioner to the Philippine Islands—Paul V. McNutt."

It was the first state convention declaration in the country to name a favorite son for the coming Presidential campaign.

Despite earlier reports of contests for two state offices, all 12 nominations on the state ticket were by acclamation. H. Nathan Swaim, Indianapolis City Controller, was unopposed for the Supreme Court, Third District, nomination, Chief Justice James P. Hughes, Greencastle, the incumbent, was unopposed for the coming Presidential campaign.

In my 26 years on the bench, I have tried to do my best judgment. And my best judgment now is that Mr. Swaim should be nominated," he said.

DeVoss Is Nominated

Another incumbent, Judge Alphonso Wood of the Appellate Court, second district, was not placed in nomination. His place went to Judge Hubert M. DeVoss, Decatur.

The convention nominated the following: Secretary of State—Edward D. Koenemann, Evansville.

State Treasurer—Joseph M. Robinson, Brownstown.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction—Floyd L. McMurray, Lebanon, incumbent.

Supreme and Appellate Court Clerk—Paul Stump, Crawfordsville, incumbent.

Appellate Court, First District—William H. Bridwell, Sullivan, incumbent, and A. J. Stevenson, Danville.

Appellate Court, Second District—Hubert M. DeVoss, Decatur, and Harvey G. Curtis, Gary.

Supreme Court, Third District—H. Nathan Swaim, Indianapolis.

Supreme Court, First District—Curtis G. Shake, Vincennes, incumbent.

Supreme Court—Fifth District—Michael L. Fansler, Logansport, incumbent.

State Auditor—Frank G. Thompson, Ellettsburg.

A battle for the Auditor nomination was averted when John P. Ellettsburg withdrew shortly before the (Continued on Page Three)