

# PARTIES POINT TO '40 IN DRIVE FOR LOCAL RULE

Other Issues Secondary in Indiana Municipal Vote Contests.

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An accepted political axiom is that the ultimate strength of any political organization rests in its lowest units—the precincts and municipalities.

And so both major political parties naturally are bending every effort this fall to gain control of Indiana cities and towns.

A state-wide survey completed today by the United Press discloses that many local issues becloud the picture in the state's 20 largest cities, but from this emerges one salient fact—that each party is looking toward the Presidential election of 1940 in attempting to obtain control of the municipalities.

Indiana's municipal elections this year have such issues as: gambling, vice and corruption (these are particularly noticeable in Indianapolis, Kokomo, Terre Haute, Jeffersonville, New Albany, South Bend, Muncie and Gary); public utilities (Huntington, Logansport, and Goshen); municipal expenditures (Ft. Wayne and Elkhart); the New Deal and WPA and several others.

Starting at random to discuss individual cities, it is found that in Hammond, the New Deal and WPA are playing a principal part in the campaign of Democratic Mayor Frank R. Martin for re-election over his Republican opponent, Roscoe Hemstock.

Mr. Martin was quoted as a 3-to-1 favorite because he was a "Roosevelt devotee from Chicago, 1932" and has succeeded in obtaining \$2,000,000 in PWA funds for construction of three new schools and a \$600,000 civic center in addition to getting the PWA to earmark \$1,400,000 for a new sewage disposal plant.

## Muncie Lists Challenged

Mr. Hemstock's supporters are basing their hopes on: 1, the garbage collection problem, which they claim Mr. Martin has not solved; 2, the tax rate increase, which has gone from 84 cents to \$1.04; 3, opposition from a Democratic faction headed by Charles Baran; 4, some of Mr. Martin's municipal appointments; 5, a united G. O. P. front for the first time in several years; and 6, the presence of two Hammond Republicans on the County ticket.

At Muncie, one of the city's most bitter campaigns is drawing to a close as the Republican organization challenges the voting rights of 8074 registered voters. The G. O. P. claims that the registration lists include many persons who are dead or have moved from the city or into another precinct.

Organized labor is taking an active part in the campaign, with the C. I. O. and most of the A. F. of L. lining up behind Democratic Mayor Rollin H. Bunch. Ira J. Wilson, the Republican candidate, is claiming some labor support, however.

In addition to the Republicans, Mr. Bunch is being opposed by a disgruntled group of former Democrats.

## Bangs Forms Own Party

Mayor Clair W. H. Bangs, who was defeated for renomination by the Republicans, provides the color in Huntington's three-cornered mayoralty race although he is accorded little chance to win. Mr. Bangs, who spent several months in his own jail for violating court orders while fighting a private utility, organized the Citizens Party when he lost out in the primary.

Foster E. Cutshall won the Republican nomination from Mayor Bangs. Ray L. Ditzler is the Democratic candidate. Mayor Bangs has promised to continue his fight to obtain a municipally owned utility if he is re-elected.

Democratic candidates at Richmond, headed by Mayor Joseph Waltermann, are boasting of a reduced tax rate, numerous City improvements and salary boosts for City employees. John Britten, Republican nominee for Mayor, maintains, however, that these would not have been possible without dividends amounting to \$315,000 annually from the City light plant.

The Richmond Council races assume importance because of a fight to raise the City's share for a proposed \$227,000 gymnasium-auditorium. Present City officials are considering having the light plant take up bonds for this purpose.

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# Democrats Plan Parade To Precede Mass Meeting; Women's Head to Speak

Cox Charges Wolff Lauded, Then Threatened to Oust Chief Morrissey; Townsend Cites New Deal Farm Aid; VanNuys Talks Friday.

Democratic leaders made preparations today for a downtown parade tomorrow night preceding a major mass meeting at Cadle Tabernacle.

The principal speaker will be Mrs. Dorothy McAllister, Washington, D. C., director of the Women's Division of the National Democratic Committee. Others will be Reginald H. Sullivan, Democratic mayoralty candidate; Circuit Court Judge Earl R. Cox and James E. Deery.

A mass meeting is scheduled for tonight at the Softball Stadium at Minnesota St. and Belmont Ave., where Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Cox will be the principal speakers.

Democratic headquarters today issued a statement asserting that the "only public record made by Herman C. Wolff, Republican mayoralty candidate, is his handling of insurance for the City schools."

"In 1934, Mr. Wolff was vice chairman of the Citizens School Committee and he announced he would make a survey of the insurance carried on school property. He made that survey and has been handling the school insurance since that time," the statement said.

Mr. Wolff could not be reached for comment on the statement, but on other occasions he has said that his record was "open for inspection."

**Other Meetings Listed**  
Democratic meetings tonight besides the rally at the Softball Stadium include:

1551 Massachusetts Ave., 8 p. m. Speakers: Judge Smiley Chambers, Prosecutor Herbert M. Spencer, Judge Wilfred Bradshaw and Thomas Quinn.

2436 Winthrop Ave., 8 p. m. Speakers: Mr. Spencer, Judge Herbert Wilson, Mr. Quinn, David Lewis and Judge Chambers.

541 Indiana Ave., 8 p. m. Speakers: Mr. Spencer, Judge Wilson and Mr. Lewis.

945 E. Morris St., 8 p. m. Speakers: Henry O. Goett, Judge Bradshaw, Miss Hannah Noone, Mr. Quinn and Charles E. Ettinger.

1144 Wisconsin St., 8 p. m. Speakers: Mr. Goett, Judge Bradshaw, Miss Noone, Mr. Quinn and Mr. Ettinger.

1828 S. Keystone Ave., 5 p. m. Meeting.

5512 E. Washington St., 8 p. m. Speakers: Judge Markley, Mr. Goett and Mr. Lewis.

## Charges Wolff Lauded, Threatened to Oust Chief

Circuit Court Judge Earl R. Cox last night, in an address at 5512 E. Washington St., charged that Herman C. Wolff, Republican candidate for mayor, "early this year told Police Chief Morrissey that he was the best chief Indianapolis ever had," and now promises to fire him if elected.

"Can Mr. Wolff," he said, "who apparently is running for City Manager instead of Mayor, explain his sudden reversal and decision to oust the man he praised without reservation?"

"Mr. Wolff would have you believe he is going to maintain the merit system in the city administration if he is elected. Yet he has turned on the one man in that administration whose record of service drew his unqualified indorsement."

## 'A Lot of Us Agree'

"Mr. Wolff would have you believe he is no politician. A lot of us will agree with him in that. But when he attempts to pose as one

Progress Toward Stability Claimed by Minton

MICHIGAN CITY, Nov. 2.—Government, business and labor are co-operating and making definite progress against economic instability, U. S. Senator Minton declared at a Democratic rally here last night.

Claiming that all basic industries have profited through the Federal Government's purchase of materials for the recovery program, he said: "Government has co-operated with business by making direct loans to small firms, by aid to

banks, by the operation of the relief and recovery programs and by a long-term, low-interest policy.

"The Reconstruction Finance Corp. has authorized loans totaling \$24 million dollars and the Federal Reserve banks have approved loans totaling 161 million to small business."

"Banks have been aided by RFC purchases of preferred stock, capital notes and debentures which have totaled one billion, 78 million dollars. Guaranteed bank deposits have further increased the stability of banking."

## New Deal Aid to Farmers Praised by Townsend

BROOKVILLE, Nov. 2.—The Democratic party has permitted farmers to get together with the help of the Government to conserve and make a profit out of the soil, Governor Townsend told a meeting of farmers here today.

"Farmers who could not as individuals operate to enrich the soil have been enabled to work with neighbors toward this end," he said. "Poor areas are now being restored to full fertility and the bread basket of America is in no danger of disappearing."

Pointing out that much of the national agricultural wealth comes from the "top six inches" of the soil, the Governor asserted that it had been wasted away because "farmers were forced to produce more and more in a desperate race with falling prices to make an income."

## 'Scandal-Mongering' Charged by Governor

FRANKFORT, Nov. 2.—Republican leaders have lost confidence in their issues and now are conducting a "scandal-mongering and mud-slinging campaign," Governor Townsend charged last night.

Speaking at a Democratic meeting here, the Governor evoked laughter when he said the Republicans were having a terrible time making up their minds since some of them called him a dictator and others said he was an errand boy.

"A drowning man will clutch at any kind of a straw, and the opposition apparently can find no other straws but absurd charges," he said.

## Manion Defends New Deal Spending

ELKHART, Nov. 2.—Clarence Manion, Indiana director of the National Emergency Council, today had asserted that the expenditures of the Roosevelt Administration had added no more to the national indebtedness than was added by the single presidential administration of Herbert Hoover.

In an address here last night, Mr. Manion asserted that when the two billion dollar soldiers' bonus and the amount of New Deal expenditures now secured by mortgages on the farms, homes and business properties of the country are subtracted from the sum total of the New Deal

expenditures, about "six billion dollars is all that is left."

## Hanna Lauds Democratic Services to Indiana

LAFEL, Nov. 2.—Ralph Hanna, public counselor for the Public Service Commission, today had cited the State's co-operation with the Federal Social Security program, reductions in utility rates and mediation services of the State Labor Division as outstanding services of the Democratic Party in Indiana.

Mr. Hanna addressed a rally here last night. He cited a 26 per cent reduction in traffic deaths under the Administration's safety program.

## VETERAN GENERAL DEAD

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2 (U. P.)—Ninth Corps Area headquarters announced today that funeral services with full military honors will be held tomorrow for Maj. Gen. George S. Simonds. Gen. Simonds died yesterday. He was a veteran of the Philippine Insurrection, the Boxer Rebellion and one of the ablest officers of the American forces in the World War.

## SON RETURNS, MOTHER DIES

DETROIT, Nov. 2 (U. P.)—The joy of having her son return from a four-year enlistment in the Navy was too great for Mrs. Florence Nernberger's heart. Mrs. Nernberger died of a heart attack only three hours after the son, Bernard Coggins, 22, returned.

## How to pass friends and recognize people

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# Goat Police To Get Goat At Hospital

When night mists cleared today, there was a goat on the St. Vincent's Hospital grounds. Some one called police.

"There's a goat out here," "What's it doing?" "Well, sometimes it eats grass and sometimes it doesn't."

"Billy or Nanny?" "We just don't know."

"Where is it now?" "Well, some one tied it to a tree."

"We'll be right out."

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