

F.D.R. MAY FILL COURT VACANCY FROM FAR WEST

Murphy Is Nominated for Attorney General by Roosevelt.

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interpreted as a possible boost of Mr. Hopkins toward the 1940 Presidential nomination if Mr. Roosevelt proves not to be a candidate again. But it insists that the two persons, New Deal line of successors, are continued. Secretary Hopkins succeeded Daniel C. Roper, a political figure since the days of the Woodrow Wilson Administration. Governor Murphy takes over from Homer S. Cummings, who helped devise the 1937 Supreme Court Reorganization Bill which split the New Deal Democratic Party so wide open that there has never since been much chance to heal the breach. But Mr. Cummings, like Mr. Roper, was an old-time Democrat, loyal to Mr. Roosevelt but capable of speaking the language of other old times in Congress and out.

Jackson Left Out

These shifts may foretell a battle royal in the 76th Congress, which meets tomorrow, for further New Deal reform or reorganization. But it is likely, also, that the Administration will be so busy defending itself this year against the assaults of Republicans and conservative Democrats that there will be little time to do more than protect as far as possible the New Deal territory captured since 1933. Confirmation of both Secretary Hopkins and Attorney General Murphy is expected, although the half-angry Congress might still bolt.

Mr. Roosevelt passed over Solicitor General Robert A. Jackson for the Attorney Generalship. Little more than a year ago Mr. Jackson was judged to be the President's choice for 1938 Democratic candidate for Governor of New York. With Interior Secretary Ickes, Mr. Jackson in December, 1938, blasted at the great money accumulations in this country and the national response was not altogether favorable.

Putting Mr. Jackson in the Cabinet would have added a New Yorker and Secretary Hopkins a Labor Secretary. Perkins and Mr. Farley already are charged against that state, although Mr. Hopkins underrated an Iowan last May when he was trying to "purge" Senator Gillette, a comparatively conservative Democrat.

Mr. Jackson is rumored for a Supreme Court berth, although not necessarily the next one. It is expected that Mr. Roosevelt will hand the existing place on the bench to some man who votes west of the Mississippi River.

Veteran New Dealer

Governor Murphy's New Year's present was strictly a reward. He first gained attention in 1930 as Democratic Mayor, who he underlined to feed the unemployed and particularly riotous unemployed in the automobile capital. He was a headliner among the country's unorganized political progressives by the time the Democrats met in 1932 to nominate a Presidential candidate.

Mr. Murphy appeared at the Chicago convention introducing a robust, unheard-of clerical friend who bowed to the name of the Rev. Fr. Charles E. Coughlin, Governor Murphy and the priest were on the political fringe of activity as Mr. Farley maneuvered Mr. Roosevelt to the nomination. But Governor Murphy was a sturdy campaigner in the 1932 attack on President Hoover and in 1933 he quickly got his reward: Governor General of the Philippines.

His job still was in Manila in 1936 when he returned for the Philadelphia Democratic Convention, where he confided sorrowfully to friends that the New Deal had commanded him to run for Michigan Governor. The red haired Mr. Murphy would have preferred the calm of the Far East, but he took his assignment like a soldier and was elected to two tumultuous years which ended with his defeat last November. Frank D. Fitzgerald, the new Governor, was inaugurated yesterday. Former Governor McNutt of Indiana succeeded him in Manila.

Sidtowm Policy Disputed

Governor Murphy was in the middle of the sidtowm strike epidemic which hit the automobile area in 1937 and brought those industrial hives close to bloodshed. His handling of the sidtowm phenomena was denounced in October before the Dic Committee investigating Un-American Activities as reasonable and Mr. Roosevelt hurried to Governor Murphy's defense.

The President said the charges were brought by disgruntled Republicans against a "profoundly religious, able and law-abiding Governor" and the Committee had "permitted itself to be used in a propagandistic and an American attempt to influence an election."

Whatever the effect the Committee testimony may have had, it was the consensus that the rural districts of Michigan and small businesses turned against Mr. Murphy in protest against activities of labor organizations, notably the C. I. O.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County Deaths	Speeding	7
(To Date)		
1939 1	Reckless driving	2
1938 120	Driving	2
City Deaths		
(To Date)		
1939 1	Running	2
1938 77	preferential Streets	2
Jan. 1	Running red lights	3
Accidents 42	Driving	0
Injured 13	Driving	0
Dead 1	Driving	0
Arrests 20	Others	6

MEETINGS TODAY

Indiana Swine Breeders' Association, meeting, Claypool Hotel, 7:30 p. m.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Rotary Club, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Auto Club, luncheon, Spink-Arms Hotel, noon.

Mercator Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Universals Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

University of Michigan Club, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Lutheran Service Club, luncheon, Canary Club, noon.

Indiana Association of County and Industrial Fairs, meeting, Claypool Hotel, 1 p. m.

Indiana Inders of Photoplays, meeting, Claypool Hotel, 10 a. m.

Democrats Who'll Pull Senate Strings



Times-Acme Photo.
(Ky.), re-elected majority leader, and Indiana's Sherman Minton, who was named assistant party whip.

HARMONY GOAL OF DEMOCRATS

Likely G. O. P. Leader Says 'Rubber-Stamp' Era Is Ended.

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dynamite will be dropped in the lap of the Senate within a few hours after Vice President Garner bangs the upper house to order tomorrow. It is the report of the Senate Committee Investigating Campaign Expenditures which is expected to allege that relief funds were used and relief workers influenced in primary campaigns in Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

The report will open up the entire subject of relief for a thorough Congressional airing—an airing which may figure in Senate consideration of former WPA Director Harry L. Hopkins appointment as Commerce Secretary.

President Roosevelt was represented as being willing to make concessions to critics of relief administration by agreeing to partial decentralization of relief under a plan by which WPA activities would be supervised by nonpartisan boards. He was said to be not willing, however, to return administration of relief to the state while the Federal Government is supplying the funds.

Nine Billion Budget Possible

The President probably will include his views of the future of the relief problem in his budget message, in which he is expected to ask for \$75 million dollars to finance WPA until the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1.

Best estimates were that the budget would call for between eight and nine billion dollars in expenditures.

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MCOLLOCH IS APPOINTED

James E. McColloch, formerly traveling agent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co. at Des Moines, has been appointed to succeed the late T. L. Martin as general agent of the Rock Island Railroad at Indianapolis. Mr. McColloch began with the Rock Island in 1907 as telegraph clerk. His headquarters at Indianapolis will be at 1412 Merchants Banc Building.

Two Dead in 1939 Traffic; Safety Drive Intensified

Morrissey Drafts Drastic Changes in Program; 1938 Toll 120.

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further before making recommendations to the City officials.

But it appears now that Chief Morrissey will act before the Citizens' body makes the recommendations officially.

While Chief Morrissey planned to take immediate steps to tighten control over the traffic problem, his Accident Prevention Bureau looked at the traffic record and planned a drive to pedestrian fatalities.

Of the 77 City traffic fatalities in 1938, 53 were pedestrians. The majority of the pedestrians were more than 50 years of age, records show.

The number of pedestrian fatalities remained about the same, while other fatalities resulting from automobile-truck, auto-street-car and other types of collisions decreased.

The record calls for an increased campaign in pedestrian accidents, Lieut. Lawrence McCarty, Bureau head, declared, and it must take the form of a "dual education campaign for both drivers and pedestrians."

Impairment Blamed

"The fact that a majority of the pedestrians killed are over 50 is proof that impairment of eyesight, hearing and other faculties is partially responsible for the accidents," Lieut. McCarty said.

"Because of this, more consideration must be given the pedestrian by the motorist."

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SEVEN BURNED BY FLAMING GASOLINE

ARGOS, Ind., Jan. 2 (U. P.)—Seven persons were recovering today from burns received when a freight train, the Nickel Plate road, were charged too fast into a siding, overturning the engine and wrecking six cars, one of which exploded and threw burning gasoline.

The injured were R. R. Darnell, Ft. Wayne, brakeman; Mrs. Leo Roofing, Mr. and Mrs. Carlson, and their son; J. P. Berry, and Arthur Sheraland, all of Argos. All suffered burns about the face and body.

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As Rescued Miners Reached Safety

Times-Acme Photo.

Entombed 168 feet underground behind a barrier of burning flames when an explosion, set off by an electric spark, trapped 20 men in Crown Hill Mine No. 6 near Clinton, Ind. John Yeago is shown, swathed in blankets, as he emerged from the mine shaft after rescue crews had reached the entry in which the trapped miners were at work. One man was killed, several injured (Story, Page One.)

5 MAD CONVICTS IN OHIO BREAK STILL AT LARGE

Escaped Gang Is Hunted in Midwest; Fugitives Are Armed.

LIMA, O., Jan. 2 (U. P.)—Five mad convicts who escaped from the Lima State Hospital for the criminally insane, armed with razors and an ax, still were at large today. Police of several Midwest states hunted them. The five fled the institution early yesterday after threatening a superintendent with a hatchet and razor and slugging two guards.

Hospital authorities said the men were Willard Brucks, 34, Cincinnati, murderer; William Eubank, 31, Cleveland, robber; Frank Haines, 36, Columbus, robber; Marion Pierce, 42, Negro, Indianapolis, robber, and Russell Nickels, 25, West Virginia, robber.

Authorities said they fled in a five-year-old Ford coupe after menacing Jerry Wilcox, a night superintendent. The car bore the Ohio license 621-YN.

Wilcox was sleeping in his room, they said, when Haines crawled through a transom, held a hatchet to the night superintendent's head and a razor to his throat and ordered him to call Paul Craig, the day superintendent, who was carrying the keys.

The other four subdued Craig and slugged two unidentified guards. They took Wilcox to the garage, bound him and escaped in his automobile.

Police believe the five might have gone toward Chicago, where the wife of Haines is reported living.

The Lima institution is one of the largest of its kind in the world and houses nearly 1,300 criminally insane.

Police Here Watch For Escaped Madmen

Indianapolis police today watched roads leading into the City for five armed madmen who escaped from an Ohio hospital for the insane, and from a bandit who escaped from a G-men in Alabama after a running gun battle.

At the same time, they sought to prevent an outbreak of local crime, including a series of house snatching and other crimes.

Meanwhile, an elderly man is being held in the theft of a revolver and a pair of handcuffs from the parked car of Ray W. Seidle, 2258 N. Meridian St., former investigator for the Prosecutor.

Revolver Is Found

Policeman, answering a report of prowlers at 2415 N. Alabama St., arrested the suspect and found the revolver in his pocket, they said. The report said