

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 prefers not to be a candidate again but insists that the 100 per cent New Deal line of succession be continued. Secretary Hopkins succeeded Daniel C. Roper, a political figure since the days of the Woodrow Wilson Administration. Governor Murphy takes over from H. 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 a half-angry Congress might still hold.

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 meeting of the New Deal 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, Labor Secretary Perkins and Mr. Farley already are charged against that state, although Mr. Hopkins was rated an Iowa last May when he was trying to "purge" Senator Gillee, 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 a reputation in 1930 as a reformer, when he undertook to feed the clamorous and potentially 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, unheeded 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 commandeered 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.

Sideline Policy Disputed

Governor Murphy was in the middle of the sidwown strike epidemic which hit the automobile area in 1937 and brought those industrial hives close to bloodshed. His handling of the sidwown phenomena was denounced in October before the Dies Committee Investigating Un-American Activities as treasonable 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 that the Committee had "permitted itself to be used in a flagrantly unfair and un-American attempt to influence an election."

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

Democrats Who'll Pull Senate Strings



Senate leaders elected at a Democratic caucus in Washington were (left to right)—Senators J. Hamilton Lewis (Ill.), party whip; Albert W. Barkley (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.

The President probably will be 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 750 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 for the new fiscal year. It will be necessary to tabulate income tax figures in March before it will be known if new levies will be necessary to finance such an outlay. Senate and House tax experts believe it will be necessary only to extend present corporation levies and income taxes which are scheduled to expire.

Conservative attacks on both existing and proposed New Deal reform measures were expected. Republicans interpret their November gains as a mandate from the people to revise the Wagner act and Administration farm legislation.

Farm Act to Be Attacked

Criticism of the labor act is expected to crystallize when the Senate takes up the reappointment of Donald Wakefield Smith to the National Labor Relations Board. Mr. Smith was opposed by the A. F. of L., which also seeks revision of the entire Wagner act, and endorsed by the C. I. O., which favors continuance of the act in its present form. Agricultural legislation is expected to be a point of controversy. Vice-President Garner is reported to have denounced the entire New Deal farm program as a "lot of hogwash."

Senator Holt (D. Va.), will introduce a resolution, probably in the first days of the session, opposing a third term for Mr. Roosevelt—a resolution expected to institute a sharp controversy.

McCOLLOCH IS APPOINTED

James E. McCulloch, formerly traveling agent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co., at Des Moines, has been appointed to succeed the late T. L. Manning as general agent of the Rock Island Railroad at Indianapolis. Mr. McCulloch began with the Rock Island in 1907 as telegraph clerk. His headquarters at Indianapolis will be at 1412 Merchants Bank 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 cut 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 auto, auto-truck, auto-trailer 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."

"Because of impairments, elderly persons often do the wrong thing in crossing streets even if they don't violate a law."

"But because a pedestrian does the wrong thing he should not be subjected to a death sentence," Lieut. McCarty said.

Records show that seven pedestrians died from auto injuries last month. The youngest was 37.

Also, because records show that more than 50 per cent of the pedestrians killed lost their lives at street intersections, Lieut. McCarty said a program of investigation of street intersections was planned. The program would call for a survey of all intersections every three months.

Collisions of cars accounted for 29 deaths, 10 lives were snuffed out when their autos and 10 others were killed when their own cars crashed.

One killed in an auto-street collision and another lost his life while alighting from a street car. Three children died when autos struck bicycles and two others fell from trucks and were killed. One man was crushed between two trucks and a motorcycle rider died in another crash.

Spring, Summer Safest

Mayor Sullivan said that a day-by-day, year-round campaign against traffic violations will be his policy and the policy of the Police Department.

He declared: "Particular attention will be paid to speeding, ignoring stop signs, and other more serious violations. I believe that consistent enforcement of the existing traffic laws, not only by the police, but by the courts, will do more than anything else to cut down the heavy traffic toll."

He expressed confidence that municipal judges will support police in their efforts to cut down traffic fatalities.

5 MAD CONVICTS IN OHIO BREAK STILL AT LARGE

Escaped Gang Is Hunted in Midwest; Fugitives Are Armed.

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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 Blatz, 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 inmate is one of the largest of his kind in the world and houses nearly 1300 criminally insane.

Police Here Watch For Escaped Madmen

Indianapolis police today watched for the escapees from the Lima State Hospital for the criminally insane, who escaped from an Ohio hospital for the insane, and for a bank bandit who escaped from G-men in Alabama after a running gun battle.

At the same time, they sought to suppress reports of a crime, including a series of purse snatchings and other crimes.

Meanwhile, an elderly man is being held in the theft of a revolver and a pair of handcuffs from the Rev. W. W. Seide, 2538 N. Meridian St., former investigator for the Prosecutor.

Revolver Is Found

Police, answering a report of powers at 2415 N. Alabama St., arrested the suspect and found the handcuffs in his pocket, they said. They reported finding the revolver after climbing three guards, 2538 N. Meridian St., former investigator for the Prosecutor.

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The Alabama fugitive last seen near Memphis, Tenn., and was believed headed toward Indianapolis in a car with the windshield shot out. He was wanted for a \$2,225 robbery.

Mrs. Lola Shepard, 49, of 961 1/2 W. 28th St., told police she was knocked down and beaten by a man who attempted to snatch her purse. Miss Sarah Chambers, 21, of 2010 N. Meridian St., screamed and frightened away a man who attempted to grab her purse and drag her into an alley on S. Illinois St.

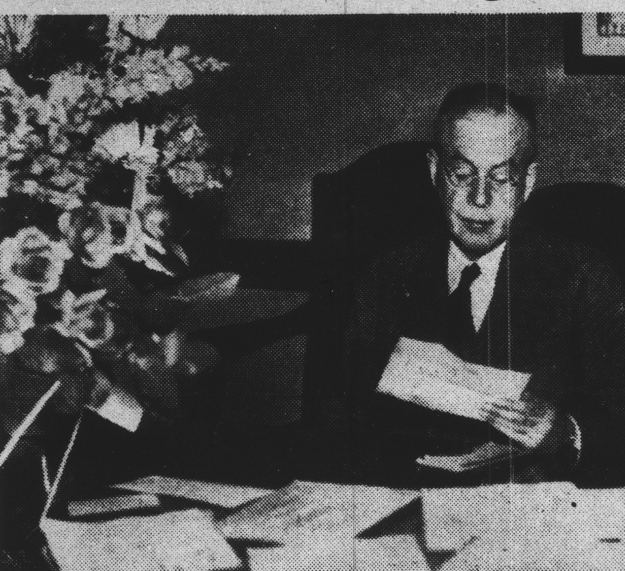
A man and woman jumped from their car at Senate Ave. and Washington St., and grabbed a purse containing \$11 from Mrs. Lillian Malone, Mrs. Herman Stratton, 41, of 1116 N. Capitol Ave., reported that a man snatched her purse as she walked at 11th and Illinois Sts.

Beaten by Thief Mrs. Cecelia Haller, 116 E. Palmer St., reported that she was knocked down by a man who escaped with her purse containing \$23. Several purses, containing about \$10 in all, were stolen from the home of Miss Gertrude Phillips, 309 E. 21st St. The thief reached through a side window in the home of Miss Eugene Keating, 19, of 1957 Euclid St., and stole a purse containing \$7. I. F. Ward, Rushville, reported that his wallet containing \$48 cash and \$777 in checks was stolen while he was in a tavern.

Other crimes reported included a holdup at a liquor store at 1006 W. Michigan St., in which two bandits stole several bottles of liquor and \$35 in cash. A liquor store at 320 E. Washington St. was held up by a bandit who obtained an undetermined amount of cash. Cigarettes valued at \$75 were stolen from a tavern at 248 Indiana Ave.

Clark Wheeler, 4510 N. Meridian St., reported that a \$500 brooch either was lost by or stolen from his wife while she attended a New Year's Eve party.

Sullivan Gets Running Start



Mayor Sullivan got a running start in the affairs of City Hall Saturday when he swung into the official chair a few hours ahead of the New Year's bells to get the "feel" of things. Today being an official holiday the new Mayor will not get down to actual work until tomorrow.

It's 1939 or 5699—Owing To System

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Though most of us are today celebrating the beginning of the year 1939, it is a quite different year according to other calendars, some of which are used among millions of people in other parts of the world. According to the Julian calendar, which was in use before the 1582 reforms, Pope Gregory, it is still 1938 for the New Year will not come until Jan. 14 by that reckoning.

In the Jewish reckoning this is the year 5699, which began last Sept. 25. The year 2891 A. U. C., or "from the founding of the city," which was used in ancient Rome, began last Jan. 14. In the Japanese era, the new year begins today but the number is 2599.

This is the year 2250 in the Grecian era, otherwise called the era of Seleucidae, which began last Sept. 14. Good Mohammedans regard this still as the year 1357, which began at sunset last March 2, to honor the flight of Mohammed from Mecca.

In the Byzantine reckoning, the year 7447 began last Sept. 14, and in the era of Nabonassar, used by the Babylonians, the year 2887 started on May 9. In the era of Diocletian, this is the year 1655, which began last Sept. 11.

The Julian day count of the astronomers is simply the total number of days since Jan. 1, 4713 B. C. This date is chosen because several chronological cycles then converged. Today is 2,422,265 by the Julian day number.

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NEW WATER CO. UNIT RUSHED AS ACCOUNTS GAIN

Number of Consumers Hits 68-Year High With Total of 77,400.

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Beginning 1939 with the largest number of customers in its 68 years of business, the Indianapolis Water Co. today announced plans to rush the construction of the new water treatment and filtration plant, included in its expansion program now under way.

The first unit in this new plant already is under construction. At least two years will be required to finish the entire project.

Steady gains in accounts were noted throughout the year, with corresponding gains in pumpage, H. S. Moore, company manager, announced. Most of the gains occurred in domestic services. A total of 77,400 accounts are on the company's books, the net gain during 1938 having been slightly more than 1100.

Erection of an elevated pressure tank in the Butler-Fairview neighborhood, another major project in the company's expansion program, already is partially completed and work will continue throughout the winter.

In Operation by Spring

Foundations and underground columns are in place, ready for the tank to be fabricated and erected early in the spring. The company expects to have this new tank in operation by late April or early May.

Nine miles of new water mains were laid during the past year to keep pace with the city's growth and to meet the recommendations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, pertaining to the volume and pressure of water available for public fire protection; 478 miles of water mains are in use.

At the present time there are 6151 public fire hydrants in service. This figure represents a gain of 82 hydrants during the past 12 months and assures Indianapolis its preferred classification as determined by national fire insurance authorities, the company reported.

96 Per Cent in Use In addition to serving the city of Indianapolis, the water company has its lines extending to Beech Grove, Muncie, Hill and Lafayette Heights, the last named suburb having been added to the company's system late in 1938.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

(To Date)		1	Reckless driving	2
1938		120		
City Deaths (To Date)			Running preferential Streets	2
1938		77	Running red lights	2
Jan. 1				
Accidents	42		Drunken	0
Injured	13			
Dead	2			
Other				

OFFICE WEATHER	
By U. S. Weather Bureau	
INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Fair tomorrow; somewhat warmer tomorrow.	
2	Sunrise .7:07 Sunset .4:10
TEMPERATURE	
7 a. m.	31
BAROMETER	
7 a. m.	30.0
PRECIPITATION	
Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m., 1939	
Total precipitation since Jan. 1, 1939	
Efficiency since Jan. 1, 1939	