

ENLARGED CITY ASPHALT PLANT HELD POSSIBLE

Action May Be Taken Unless Private Prices Drop, City Hall Hints.

Possibility that the City Asphalt Plant may be expanded to increase its output for certain types of paving jobs was foreseen by officials today unless the local price on asphalt is reduced.

The Works Board yesterday, rejecting two bids on asphalt for the Senate Ave. reconstruction, ordered City Engineer M. G. Johnson to use City asphalt for the job. Board members were unanimous in asserting the bids were "too high."

Although the main body of the reconstructed roadway on Senate Ave. is to be concrete, asphalt will be needed to bind the 12-foot cement strip with the old roadway. The strip is replacing car tracks from Indiana Ave. to 16th St.

Two Companies Bid

Bids received from the Union Asphalt Construction Co. and the Indiana Asphalt Paving Co. listed asphalt binder at \$7.73 and listed asphalt at \$8.73 and \$8.50 a ton, respectively.

The Indiana Asphalt Paving Co. was low bidder. Its bid, however, was 55 cents more on binder and 75 cents higher on sheet asphalt than the City Engineer's estimate of \$6.95 a ton for binder and \$7.95 for sheet asphalt.

Leo F. Welch, board vice president, cited asphalt prices on other City construction jobs which had been used as a basis for the engineer's estimate. He said both bids were "entirely too high."

Questioned on Supply

Board members then asked Mr. Johnson whether the Municipal Asphalt Plant which supplies paving materials for patching and small resurfacing jobs could be utilized to supply the asphalt.

Mr. Johnson said the production at the plant could be stepped up to provide the asphalt.

"Our plant, though small, is one of the finest and best equipped in the country," he said.

Considerable comment went around City Hall yesterday on the board's decision. It was indicated that although "certain difficulties" lay in the path of the City competing with private enterprise in paving materials, the City could compete if it wanted to expand its plant.

OCEAN CLIPPER OFF ON FIRST NORTH TRIP

PORT WASHINGTON, N. Y., July 8 (U. P.).—Pan-American Airways' Yankee Clipper took off at 7:22 a. m. (Indianapolis Time) today on the first scheduled passenger flight to Europe by the North Atlantic route.

There were 19 passengers, including 10 publicists, on board the clipper, Capt. E. E. Woodhouse, and crew, Guido Coen, speeding to the bedside of a son who was believed dying of infantile paralysis at Florence, Italy.

Roy W. Howard of the Scripps-Howard newspaper was a passenger. Mr. Coen said the condition of his son, Luciano, 6, was critical.

The clipper is bound for Southampton with stops scheduled at Shetland, N. B., Bedford, Newfoundland, and Foyers, Ireland. It is due at Southampton in 24½ hours.

Mr. Coen's mission made a mercy trip of the inaugural flight. He is a resident of the United States and intends to become a citizen here, but has a wife and two children in Florence. He planned to proceed immediately from Southampton to Florence by airplane.

The clipper ordinarily has room for 40 passengers but additional gasoline and oil were carried, requiring the space that would have accommodated 17 passengers.

DOUBLE RITES TODAY FOR CRASH VICTIMS

Double funeral services for Harry P. Wolfe, 69, and his grandson, Maurice Bourgain, 18, both of 940 Udel St., who were killed in an auto crash near Lebanon early yesterday, will be held at 2 p. m. today at the Montgomery Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Crown Hill. They were en route to Chicago for a load of road oil when their tank truck, driven by Mr. Wolfe, collided with a truck. Mr. Wolfe was killed instantly. His grandson died a short time later of burns received in the blaze which followed the crash.

Mr. Wolfe was born at Richmond and lived here 40 years. He formerly was a partner in a South Meridian furniture store. He was a member of the Seventh Christian Church and the Masons.

Survivors are his wife, Minnie; a daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Bourgain, mother of the dead youth, and a son, George, of Indianapolis.

Mr. Bourgain was born here. He attended School 41 and Shortridge High School. His father, Maurice, died in March at the Veterans Hospital. He is survived by his mother and a sister, Rose.

50 MORE HOOSIERS ARRIVE AT C. M. T. C.

Fifty more Indiana youths today had arrived at the Citizens' Military Training Camp at Ft. Harrison as a result of the recent increase in the quota for the July camp to 2,275.

Trainees were to stand inspection in ranks today. Quarters and tents also were to be inspected for cleanliness and orderliness. Reserve officers of the 332d Ohio Infantry, on duty with the C. M. T. C. regiment, were to be in charge of the inspection.

Church services tomorrow will be held in the open-air arena under direction of Lieut. Col. John Hall, camp chaplain.

The Indiana Political Scene

Democrats Assemble New Talent; Hope to Recapture 7 Districts



Charles Bedwell



Oliver Cannon



Mrs. Emory B. Scholl

Most of Recruits for 1940 Congressional Campaign Are State Legislators; G. O. P. Plans Series of Forums.

By NOBLE REED

A fresh battery of Democratic Congressional talent has been assembled for the 1940 race in a party effort to recapture seven districts won by Republicans last year.

The Democratic candidates who must battle G. O. P. strongholds are being picked mostly from the ranks of state legislators.

In the Second District, which has turned out the heaviest Republican majorities of any area in the state for many years, State Senator Oliver Cannon (D. Knox) is being talked to oppose Rep. Charles Halleck, Republican, who has been re-elected for several terms.

State Rep. George W. Wolf (D. Peru) is being groomed for the Congressional race in the Fifth District. Rep. Forrest Harness is the present Republican Congressman from the Fifth District.

It is reported that State Rep. Howard Bateman (D. Terre Haute), champion of the City Manager cause in the last Legislature, will enter the Congressional race in the Sixth District where Mrs. Virginia Jencks (D. Terre Haute) lost to Rep. Noble Johnson, Republican, last year.

State Senator Charles Bedwell of Sullivan, home town of State Democratic Chairman Fred F. Bays, is being groomed to run in the Seventh District where Gerald Landis, Republican, and Townsend plan backer, won last year.

Mrs. Emory B. Scholl, Connersville, former state Democratic vice chairman, is mentioned prominently for the Congressional candidacy in the Republican Tenth District where Raymond Springer (R. Connersville) won in 1938.

The Fourth District, which also went Republican last year, may get its Congressional candidate Judge Clarence McNabb (D. Ft. Wayne). He is the present Fourth District Congressman.

State Senator Eugene Payton (D. South Bend) is regarded as the strongest Democratic candidate in the Third District where Robert Grant, Republican, won in 1938.

The Democratic Congressmen in the other five districts are expected to seek renomination.

State Republican leaders next week will plan a series of forums meeting over Indiana as a testing barometer for the trend of state issues in 1940.

State Chairman Arch N. Bobbitt has organized a committee to work with him on the forum idea, and has had its inception in a State Committee meeting in Brown County a week ago.

State Democratic leaders this week expressed elation over what they described as "nation-wide recognition" for Paul V. McNutt as Indiana's "favorite son" for the 1940 Presidential nomination.

State Chairman Bays said he reads like an installment of "My Day" by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. For he is the most energetic of all Washington callers, darting hither and yon and running the legs off reporters and photographers.

In fact, at the end of the handsome Hoosier's first day here the photographers seemed glad that Jim Farley's office refused to let them take any pictures and they left for their own offices without any sign of regret.

Whether it was Mr. Farley, Charles Michelson, the \$25,000-a-year Democratic press agent, or Mr. Farley's secretary, William Bray, who refused to permit the pictures, the incident is viewed as being very picaresque.

Although it is well known that Mr. Farley is a deadly political enemy of Mr. McNutt, the High Commissioner of the Philippines never has failed to pay the National Democratic Chairman a courtesy call, even back in the days when Mr. McNutt was Governor of Indiana.

In fact, it was Governor McNutt who delivered to Mr. Farley a fat check from the Hoosier Democrats when the National Committee was sorely in need of money. And there was no questioning of whether the funds came from the Two Per Cent Club, either.

For of Mr. McNutt's chances for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1940 is said here to be one of the reasons why the Postmaster General continues to carry on his feud with Indiana's favorite son.

Should President Roosevelt support the Hoosier's nomination, Mr. Farley might have to take it on the chin, it has been pointed out.

Although he had little to offer at his press conference upon his arrival here Thursday morning, the former Indiana Governor seemed to make a good impression upon the Washington reporters.

His press war far more favorable than the time he came here for the 20,000 gallon cocktail party given in the name of Senator Minton (D. Ind.).

Even the all-wise columnists are taking him seriously now and

200 ON STATE PROJECT QUIT

Threats Blamed in Walkout Of Vermillion County Road Workers.

Striking carpenters on a WPA school gymnasium project at Bicknell, Ind., are to return to work Monday, Stanton T. Bryan, WPA deputy state administrator said today.

At the same time a new WPA dispute was reported in Vermillion County.

Workmen on the Bicknell project, agreed to return to work Monday after the school board decided to provide the difference between the 48 cents per hour paid by the WPA and the 75 cents per hour the workers demanded.

Protest to Washington

Approximately 200 other workers, however, agreed upon a resolution protesting the increased working hours and the resultant pay slash and said it would be taken to Washington and laid before Senators Minton and VanNunns.

Previous to the strike, the carpenters were paid \$63 a month for 63 working hours, while under the new regulations they would work 130 hours per month for the same monthly wage.

In Vermillion County approximately 200 workers on road construction projects were idle as a result of what officials said was "intimidation" and threats of violence from strike organizers who toured the county in a motorcade of more than 100 cars.

Threats Are Blamed

Workers were reported to have said projects were halted because of threats received and not because the majority favored a strike. Foremen were advised by officials to abandon the projects if physical violence was threatened.

Under instructions issued by Col. F. C. Harrington and relayed to all Indiana projects by Mr. Bryan, all workers who remain on strike for five days will be dropped from the WPA rolls.

BUTLER FACES OPERATION
PHILADELPHIA, July 8 (U. P.).—Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler, U. S. Marine Corps, retired, will undergo a hernia operation at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital Monday afternoon, officials disclosed today.

Butler, 62, was reported to have been in the hospital since July 1, suffering from a hernia. He is recovering from the operation.

Butler, who was a member of the House of Representatives from 1917 to 1925, was a hero of the World War.

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PARLEY CALLED BY HARRINGTON ON WPA HOURS

State Administrators Get Summons to Chicago; Walkouts Spread.

WASHINGTON, July 8 (U. P.).—Work Projects Commissioner F. C. Harrington today ordered state WPA administrators to confer with him in Chicago Wednesday and Thursday on new relief regulations including bitterly controversial wage-hour provisions.

The WPA officials will review all new provisions of the \$1,755,600,000 relief bill, including termination of the policy of paying prevailing wages which has resulted in a nationwide series of strikes affecting at least 150,000 workers.

WPA officials emphasized, however, that the meeting was planned prior to the strikes in protest against a requirement that all project employees work 130 hours monthly for security wages.

Concerned Over Walkouts
They explained that the meeting, which will also be attended by WPA regional directors, is designed to clarify and discuss changes written into the new relief act. But they admitted that the problem of work stoppage will be considered also if the situation has not yet cleared up.

Mr. Harrington said the protest strikes were spreading slowly.

In addition to Mr. Harrington, Deputy Work Projects Commissioner Howard O. Hunter and other officials will attend. It is similar to a meeting called in Chicago last February after Congress wrote new regulations to revise the relief bill passed only last week.

Pressure by the A. F. of L.—C. I. O.—and the Workers Alliance against 130-hour month for relief workers today may result in Congressional moves to revise the relief bill passed only last week.

At least one Senator was ready to introduce amendments eliminating the new security wage.

More Stoppages Scheduled
It was substitution of the security wage for the former prevailing wage that precipitated strikes in major cities throughout the country. WPA construction projects employing an estimated 150,000 workers have been affected by the protests.

More strikes—ranging from one to three-day protests—were scheduled for next week when the WPA construction projects were to begin work on normal work. Most WPA workers are idle on Saturday.

Threat to Arrest Strikers Resisted
NEW YORK, July 8 (U. P.).—The threat of local WPA officials to arrest WPA strikers who interfere with projects—a statement interpreted by labor officials to include pickets—was described today by Thomas B. Murray, president of the A. F. of L. building trades council, as "the most unspeakable, shameful and vicious attack ever made on American workers in the entire history of our country."

Lieut. Col. Brehon B. Somervell, district WPA administrator, who originally threatened criminal action against fomenters of WPA strikes, declined meanwhile to state directly whether he considers that picketing constituted "interference" with projects.

FAIR OFFERS 200,000 HALF-PRICE TICKETS
The sale of 200,000 half-priced tickets to the State Fair opening Sept. 1 will begin Monday, Harry G. Templeton, manager, announced today.

The number of 25-cent tickets to be offered in the advance sale is 25,000 more than were sold last year within three weeks. The full price will be charged for tickets after 6 p. m. the day before the fair opens regardless of whether the supply of half-priced tickets is exhausted.

The advance sale is conducted as a form of rain insurance. The tickets may be obtained through county agents, farm bureau secretaries, Hooks and Haags' drug stores, banks and by direct application to the Fairgrounds office.

EDDIE DOWLING'S KIN DIES
UPPER DARBY, Pa., July 8 (U. P.).—Funeral services were planned today for Mrs. Mary Dooley, 78, mother of a family of dancers and comedians and mother-in-law of Eddie Dowling, widely-known actor and producer.

The shop is managed by Mrs. Sara Messing Stern, whose father, Mayer Messing, was rabbi of the Hebrew Congregation here for 63 years. Volunteers are eager to assist in serving customers or picking up and delivering the baked goods which are a major source of income, Mrs. Stern says.

The refugee assistant is the only paid worker and light and telephone bills constitute almost the only other items of expense.

To meet these expenses, about \$150 a day is needed, according to Mrs. Stern. The state refugee committee provided the money to open the shop, and operating expenses are met by memorial donations and other gifts and by the baked goods given for sale by Indianapolis housewives.

THE shop's chief function, however, is to serve as a clearing house for salvaged articles.

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Senator Danaher (R. Conn.) seems to be one of Senator Minton's pet pees. About every time the Connecticut senator arises to speak up pops the junior Senator from Indiana with some sassy questions.

Here is a sample taken from the Congressional Record: Senator Danaher— "Just what is the point the Senator is endeavoring to make?" Senator Minton—"I can only state the point. I cannot be responsible for the Senator's inability to grasp it."

SENATOR VANNUNTS (D. Ind.) broke his anti-administration record in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this week. He voted approval of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain for exchange of American cotton for rubber.

This is one of the few times the Senator has supported anything the Administration has done this session.

Ben Stern, VanNunns' secretary, who at one time was so articulate that he used to be mistaken for the Senator, never peeps any more. His silence is such that many Washington reporters do not stop at his office, which once was considered a very fertile news source.

Short and Snappy Mail Service



Finish of the world's shortest airmail route—six-mile flight from roof of Philadelphia postoffice to airport at Camden, N. J. Helpers take the mail sacks from autogiro, piloted by Capt. John Miller in first flight of regular service designed to speed delivery. Five daily round trips by air are expected to require but 10 minutes each—35 minutes faster than round trip by truck.

Refugee Shop Assists 175 in Building Terror-Free Lives

Noodles, Corsages, Pastels and Heirlooms Mingle In E. 14th St. Show Window.

By JAMES THRASHER

THE story of Indianapolis' 175 refugees from Germany, Austria and Italy—the only story that most of them would dare make public—may be found in the windows and showcases of the Refugees' Handicraft Exchange, 22 E. 14th St.

There are jars of home-made noodles prepared by a woman who, in Germany, was the wife of a retired banker. The corsages of artificial flowers were made by a young matron whose husband was forced to flee Vienna when their baby was but 6 days old. The family is now reunited here, and the husband, a former textile executive, is employed in a South Side bakery.

In the window are pastels and etchings by Miss Clara Epstein, whose work was well known in European art centers. A pewter teapot, casserole and eight plates bear the manufacturer's crest and the date 1791. Other family heirlooms, snatched up in a hurried flight to America, include a Sheffield silver teapot, handwrought brass candlesticks, crystal wine glasses, an antique brass mortar and pestle, used in preparing for the Passover, and pieces of Dresden china.

THERE is perfume and orange blossom honey and marmalade from Palestine. The aprons on display are fruits of a once genteel pastime of needlework which now helps support a family. The shop was opened Feb. 21 by a local committee working under the Indiana Co-ordinating Committee for Refugees. Though not all the refugees are Jewish, the exchange is operated by Jewish volunteer workers. Its scope, however, is nonsectarian, and many of the contributions are from other than Jewish sources.

All equipment, including the room in the St. Regis Apartment building, has been donated, and all the staff except a refugee assistant serve without pay.

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M'NUTT PLEADS FOR U. S. WATCH ON PHILIPPINES

He Favors Giving Islands Status Like That of British Dominions.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., July 8 (U. P.).—The Philippine Islands should be given the status akin to those of the British Dominions, High Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, an advocate of a "realistic re-examination" of the question of Philippine independence, told the Institute of Public Affairs last night.

"We should feel free in case of any crisis to help preserve the democratic basis of the Philippine Government," he said.

Mr. McNutt told the institute that the Philippine Islands are surrounded by nations, whose "teeming millions are spilling over their national boundaries," and that the islands are threatened with racial extinction and economic disaster if the protecting hand of the United States is withdrawn.

Bright Spot of Orient

The islands, he added, "are the only bright, prosperous spot in the Orient. Their people enjoy the highest wages and best standard of living in the Far East. The deadly tropical diseases—smallpox, cholera, bubonic plague—which long decimated the population, have been wiped out. . . . the budget is balanced. Taxes are the lowest in the world."

Conditions have changed since the Hare-Hawes-Cutting independence bill was enacted in 1932, he stated.

Says Treaties Violated

"Treaties concerning the Orient have been violated," he said. "Over the major area of the Orient famine and pestilence and bloodshed are raging. Our open door policy has been more seriously challenged. Our policy of freedom of the seas and freedom of the air is in the balance."

If the United States withdraws completely from the islands, he said, "our monument will be destroyed. The things we counted on, our aspirations to point the way to a new benign colonialism, our handicraft will perish. Our grandchildren will read a history which will apply to us the word 'quitter'—a word which is just about the worst insult in the lexicon of a true American."

Many instances of gratitude and an appreciative loyalty to America have left her "feeling all choked up," Mrs. Stern says, and she has found the refugees' courage and resourcefulness remarkable.

"What is being done here for these people," she says, "is being done in a true American spirit."

M'CORMICK TRIAL IS SET FOR AUG. 30

Trial of Emmett J. McCormick, former police patrolman, on charges of assault and battery, has been continued at the request of police detectives until Aug. 30.

Fred Simon, chief of detectives, said that the State had to have time to assemble its witnesses. McCormick was arrested Thursday night on a warrant filed by a waitress, Miss Flora Jane Reichle, 928 E. Market St.

The former patrolman was dismissed last month from the Department by the Safety Board, following a trial in which the girl testified he had attempted to assault her after ordering her to get into his car. She said he was in uniform at the time.

McCormick is free on \$1000 bond. He denied the charges before the Safety Board, and has appealed from its ruling to Superior Court.

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