

REALTY HEADS STUDYING PLEA FOR HATCH LAW

Restraint Needed in Use of Public Money for Politics, Convention Told.

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fattens on patronage and payrolls furnished by the taxpayers. Machine politics have become an expensive luxury in every unit of government.

Overloading of payrolls to pay political obligations is a part of the cost of government in the state, county and cities of Indiana, and there is no one to pay it excepting taxpayers.

Discussing the rising trend of taxes in the light of increased public service, Mr. Cleland warned the realtors to "keep your eye on minority pressure groups which come to your public officers with demands for services," adding that there are "free rides in public service."

Seems Asphalt Cost

In commenting on the Highway Commission, Mr. Cleland said that on May 23 it asked bids on 74,210 tons of rock asphalt, costing more than \$1 million dollars.

The material, he said, is obtainable in this section of the country only from the Kentucky Rock Asphalt Co.

Because of the lack of competition in this case, the attorney said he made an investigation of its cost. At Ft. Wayne, he related, a private engineer found that 82,673 square yards of the material were laid at a price of \$14.99 a ton, or 53 cents a square yard.

He said he learned that hot sheet asphalt, "such as you find on all of the principal streets in New York, Washington, and the larger cities in the U. S." would have cost the State 21 cents a square yard.

Thus, he estimated, the Highway Commission paid \$560,000 more for Kentucky rock asphalt than the price it would have had to pay for hot sheet asphalt.

Use of Material Increases

He added that the use of "Kentucky Rock asphalt in non-competitive construction in Indiana under the present Highway Commission has increased in the last two years almost 100 per cent."

This increase is so much higher than any other type of construction," he asserted, "that it leads to the conclusion that when Kentucky Rock asphalt is involved, considerations of economy, good business and protection of taxpayers' funds do not seem to be pertinent."

Last year, he said, Kentucky, the home of Kentucky Rock asphalt, laid only 13,700 tons of the product, whereas Indiana purchased approximately 30,000 tons.

Since the growth of public welfare costs, Mr. Cleland said he believes in the "administration of social security with a degree of sanity."

The growth of public welfare in Indiana positively shocks even as ardent a New Dealer as I am," he said. "Those administering the program seem to give no thought whatever to the ability of the taxpayer to carry the burden."

Links Divorces to Boundaries

He charged that the aid for dependent children program "rapidly has been transposed into a pension system for the relatives of dependent children, administered in large measure by persons who never paid a dollar in property tax and never raised a baby." He added that "hundreds of divorces have been obtained in Indiana in order that women might qualify for children's aid."

Mr. Cleland said the idealist and the social workers seem "bent to carry extension of these services onward and upward until they reach a point where the system will necessarily break down of its own weight."

Five district vice presidents were elected at the closing session of the convention. They were William A. Hackemeyer, Indianapolis; James R. Cullen, Michigan City; O. W. Kattman, Evansville; Robert E. Clark, Anderson, and Walter H. Maehling, Terre Haute.

The convention attendance cup was won by the Lafayette Real Estate Board. The Gary board won the award for the best publicity stunt, while Joseph Meredith, Miami board president, won the men's home town speech contest trophy.

A similar contest for women had to be called off because none of the women present would talk.

CHECK ON JOBS URGED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (U. P.)—Deputy Work Projects Commissioner Howard E. Hunter instructed state regional directors and administrators today to keep a "continuous check" on changes in employment likely to result from the war in Europe. He said state officials should be "prepared to adjust employment quotas upward or downward."

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Scout Pictures His Pals in War



Mrs. Edwards Williams, happy her son James is safe . . . he's happy to be home.

Boy Back From Scotland Recalls Their Comment

By JOE COLLIER

Eighteen-year-old James Williams, home again in Indianapolis after attending a Boy Scout roundup encampment in Scotland this summer, today was concerned over some of his buddies.

"A lot of them from England and France and Scotland," he said, "knew when they were at camp that they would return to their homes only to be mustered into the army. They're probably somewhere on the firing lines now."

One of three Americans who attended the camp, James said he felt relieved that he, too, was not returning home to fight. He said that many of those of army age from belligerent countries didn't like the idea of going to war at all.

"I don't want to get killed at my age," one of them told him as they wandered about Edinburgh, Scotland, where the boys were taken for historical tours.

"And at the time," James said, "speakers impressed upon us that the meeting of Scouts from so many nations was in the interest of brotherly love among nations."

Great Britain has lost 20,000 four and France one.

Four neutral nations—Holland, Belgium, Finland and Greece—have lost one ship each. All of them struck mines.

The frantic calls for aid from the three ships which said they were shelled by submarines and were "going down" recalled incidents of the World War when vessels left port and never returned from again.

Shortly after the encampment, the youth, who was visiting his grandmother in Scotland, was issued a gas mask. He was drilled to run for cover in a trench a block from her home when the air sirens blew.

He embarked for home on a British boat after war had been declared, against the advice of the American consul. But, as he explained it, he had to get here in time to resume his studies at Tech High School from which he will be graduated in January.

Waiting anxiously for him, and greatly relieved to see him when he arrived home were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams. His father fought overseas during the World War, and his mother, a native of Scotland, did a man's work while the men were in the trenches.

She was a street car conductor and laughed today as she found among her trinkets a whistle she blew as a signal on duty.

Mrs. Williams came to this country as a war bride. They live at 1627 Lawton St.

Four minutes later, operators heard:

"Going down—shelled submarine."

Four huge photographic signs, 12 feet long and about eight feet high, depicting achievements of the Democratic Party. Indiana are emblazoned around the lobby of the French Lick Hotel. They show pictures of smiling relief project workers, invalids convalescing at state hospitals, and all other projects started under the New Deal.

The operators listened tensely for hours, but heard nothing more.

In Paris the newspaper L'Intransigeant reported today that the Allied fleets to date have sunk two and captured eight German submarines.

HOOSIERS IN WASHINGTON—By Daniel Kidney

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16—Considerable consternation was caused here when the announcement came from Indianapolis that Rep. J. William Ditter will address the Indiana Republican rally next Saturday on the subject "National Unity for Peace."

For no Congressman has been more outspokenly partisan and against everything which President Roosevelt proposed at the last congressional session.

He did vote to lift the embargo in the Neutrality law, however, and may see eye to eye with the Administration of foreign policy.

But as a near 100 per cent oppositionist, Rep. Ditter is a powerful figure in the potent Pennsylvania-O. P. delegation which has 19 members as against 15 Pennsylvania Democrats.

Arch. N. Bobbitt, Indiana Republican State chairman, made a special trip here to invite Rep. Ditter in person as chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Rep. Ditter voted against Government reorganization; farm parity payments; \$100,000,000 additional for WPA; Townsend Plan; retention of dollar devaluation powers by the President, and the lend-lease bill.

He was for the Hatch "no-politics" bill; National Labor Relations Board investigation; the Naval appropriations; and the Bloom neutrality measure.

That the outbreak of war has greatly changed Rep. Ditter's partnership would seem doubtful.

Perhaps his suggestion for "National Unity" will be for F. D. R. to drop the New Deal and take over the Republican formulas—if any. At any rate, it sounds much like Mark Twain's description of the bartender with a bungstake who shouted:

"We are going to have peace in this saloon if somebody has to be carried out on a shutter."

Some Republicans here also are expressing amazement at the small billing Homer E. Capehart has received in connection with the

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