

INDIANA AGAIN JOINS FREIGHT RATE PROTEST

Petition Urges ICC to Postpone Concessions to Southern Shippers.

The State Administration for the second time in three years has joined other Northern state governments in protesting railroad freight rate concessions on shipments of goods from Southern states.

A petition has been signed by officials of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin asking the Interstate Commerce Commission to reconsider its ruling which permitted rate advantages for Southern manufacturers.

Later Date for Order Asked—Representing Indiana on the petition is Perry McCart, Indiana Public Service Commission chairman, and Ralph Hanna, public counselor of the Public Service Commission.

The petition asked the Federal board to postpone the effectiveness of its order which now stands for March 1. Attorney General John E. Cassidy of Illinois who drafted the petition said the Northern states believe there should be a more complete study of comparative transportation costs.

Officials Won't Comment—The South wants to reach the markets of the North against the competition of Northern producers by use of rate scales fashioned with decreasing grades of progression, Mr. Cassidy said.

"It will promote movement of goods from Southern producing points to Northern markets and eventually may handicap movements from North to South," Indiana officials declined to comment on the action presumably because of possible political kickbacks against the McNutt-for-President organization.

2d Century Cary Grant, Hero of Rabbi's 1st Novel, Faces World Much Like Today's

Former Beth-El Temple Pastor Describes Elisha and How He'd Act.

Dr. Milton Steinberg, former rabbi at Beth-El Temple, leaned across a heavy grained desk at the Bobbs-Merrill Co. and told his story.

His words evoked the scene of a man driven across an ancient world as a leaf before the wind.

The man is Elisha ben Abuyah, a Jew of the Second Century, and the story is "As a Driven Leaf," Rabbi Steinberg's first novel. It's to be released next week by the publishing house.

Rabbi Steinberg visited Indianapolis to confer with his publishers returning last night to New York where he is rabbi at the Park Avenue Synagogue.

As Rabbi Steinberg unfolded the plot, much as he had repeated it to himself a thousand times before writing the novel, Mrs. Steinberg sat down by the table quietly and listened.

"Edith here is really the co-author," he said smiling at his wife. "I didn't write a line, although I wish I could say I did," she protested.

"But she told me what Elisha—that's our character—was like and how he'd act and react and what he'd say," he said.

"I told him that Elisha looked a lot to me like Cary Grant," she said, laughing. "Really, he does. You have to think of someone real."

"Elisha was real," Rabbi Steinberg said. "There are countless references to him in historical records. But let's get on with the story."

"Our world is in the second century, as bitterly confused and as in need in truth as the world today. Rome is at the height of its imperial splendor—a great Fascist power—and the Jews are making their last, desperate effort for national existence."

"In the minds of some Jews, the



Dr. and Mrs. Milton Steinberg. . . She is the "co-author" of this first novel.

Greek philosophy, Greek scientific materialism and amorality is battling against the Messianic religions of the East—Judaism and Christianity.

"Against this background, we see Elisha's life, a parable of not one man, but Man, the story of us, as well as the story of those who lived 2000 years ago."

"Elisha is brought up in Palestine under the influence of his father, a patron of the Greek, or Hellenistic, arts and sciences. At the age of 10, he sees his father die and comes under the influence of his uncle, a stern Jewish pietist who aghors the Hellenistic world with its geometry, its sculpture, its lack of religion."

"Under his uncle's influence, Elisha becomes a rabbi, eventually a member of the Sanhedrin, the highest Jewish court. But events happen which shake his faith. He is excommunicated and flees to Antioch where he embraces the pagan ideology of the Greeks."

"Elisha is seeking an explanation of life in terms of rational rules of science. Instead of in religious revelations. And in his quest, he is confused enough to betray his own people in their futile revolt against Rome."

"When Jerusalem is sacked and the Jewish legions have fled into the desert, Elisha finds that the foundation of science itself is faith. And he concludes that in search of truth man needs both reason and faith."

"But what happens then," the author was asked.

"Nothing," Rabbi Steinberg said. "How can we know what happens? How can we know for 500, perhaps 1000 years ahead of our own time? Have we in the 20th century solved Elisha's problem?"

rights. In view of the record, it seems to me the reviewed pardon application also should be rejected.

"I do not think Mr. Green (William Green, president of the A. F. of L.) had anything to do with the election of this man as president of the Building Service Employees' International Union, and there probably is nothing in the A. F. of L. rules to give Mr. Green authority to interfere in elections of subsidiary unions."

"This does not do away with the fact that every union man, from the president down to the most humble worker, should have an interest in seeing that their officers are upright, respectable men."

Union labor, Senator Norris said, owes this to its friends "in Congress and out" and to the public generally.

"Organized labor cannot succeed," he warned, "if officials of the various unions—A. F. of L. or C. I. O.—are not honest, respectable men."

"I think that as a general rule they are. In my association of many years I found them so."

Speaking in East St. Louis, Ill., William Green denounced "hiring propaganda-mongers" who, he said, were taking advantage of the split in organized labor's ranks to "smear" the labor movement.

He called on unions to root out the "miserable few" wrongdoing leaders, asserting that "dishonesty is the rare exception rather than the rule in the family of organized labor," and that the A. F. of L. itself lacks authority "to police its affiliated autonomous unions."

AVIATION FIRM ASKS LEASE AT AIRFIELD

The City Legal Department today studied a Works Board proposal to lease Municipal Airport facilities for one year to the Tarkington Aviation Co. for the training of Butler University students as civilian reserve pilots.

The Tarkington concern was awarded the contract for training the students by the Civil Aeronautics Authority. Under terms of the proposed lease, the Tarkington company would pay \$10 monthly rental for office space and \$10 for the use of repair facilities.

The concern also would have the privilege of selling gasoline and oil for the training planes, for which it would pay the city a percentage of the sale price.

The lease was worked out by Emory Johnson Jr., attorney for the company, with Works Board members and Col. Roscoe Turner, who now holds the gasoline franchise for the airport.

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Gallup Poll Says: NORTHEASTERN STATES MAY BE ELECTION KEY

'Battleground' in Presidential Race Includes Ohio And Indiana.

By Dr. GEORGE GALLUP Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 23.—If the November Presidential election were being held today, the chief battleground would be a band of 10 northeastern states ranging from the Hudson to the Mississippi and accounting for a total of 206 of the 531 votes in the electoral college.

That fact is indicated in sectional returns in the latest political study of the American Institute of Public Opinion.

The survey shows that New England is leaning to the Republican side and that the South and the West are strongly Democratic in sentiment. But sentiment in the Middle Atlantic and East Central states is so evenly divided at the present time that neither John D. M. Hamilton nor Jim Farley can count them as safe.

Evenly Divided on Parties

Here is the way the two sections divide at the present time, in answer to the question: "Which party would you like to see win the Presidential election in 1940?"

Middle Atlantic % Favor % Favoring % Favoring % Favoring

States 52% 48%

East Central States 48% 52%

Numbered among the Middle Atlantic states are New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia. The East Central states are Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

Throughout the area as a whole the Institute found approximately one voter in six undecided or without a definite opinion on his choice at this time.

The vote in the remaining sections of the country is: New England, 50 per cent Republican; West Central states, 51 per cent Democratic; South, 75 per cent Democratic; and West, 60 per cent Democratic. For the country as a whole 54 per cent said they hoped to see a Democratic President elected, while 46 per cent favored a Republican.

Follow Vote Trend

Political sentiment may change substantially next summer when the actual nominations of the two great parties have been made, but the present survey gives an advance picture of where the Democrats and Republicans will try to "bear down" most, where some of the most important campaign speeches will be made, and where the struggle for votes will continue with great intensity up to the eve of election day.

The clue to the problem is the big allotment of electoral votes which these ten northeastern states control. New England (leaning Republican today) has only 41 electoral votes, and the South and West together (leaning Democratic) 211. Neither bloc of states can muster the necessary 261 electoral college votes for a majority.

An interesting sidelight is the fact that all three of the Republican Presidential possibilities most frequently mentioned by the rank-and-file—Thomas E. Dewey, Senator Vandenberg and Senator Taft—come from the "battleground" area. So does President Roosevelt himself, whose plans for 1940 remains a mystery.

How would the "battleground" section vote if the Democratic candidate were President Roosevelt again and Thomas E. Dewey, who is leading in the Institute's Republican preference tests today? As usual when flesh-and-blood candidates are placed together in such "trial heats," President Roosevelt gains the support of a few additional voters who are not anxious for a third term but who prefer him to individual Republican candidates.

The present survey shows that a slight majority of Middle Atlantic state voters (52%) now think they would prefer Roosevelt to Dewey, while 53 per cent in the East Central states think they would prefer Dewey.

CIRCLING THE CITY

Complete M. H. S. Party Plans—Committee in charge of preparations for Manual High School's 45th birthday celebration, Feb. 17, completed plans for the event at a supper last night at the high school. Members of the executive committee are Arthur Madison, president; R. Brewer, first vice president; Norma White, second vice president; Anna J. Schaefer, secretary; E. H. Kemper McComb, treasurer, and Mary J. Spiegel, registrar.

Tax Trends Talk Topic—Merle H. Miller, former head of the Interpretative Division of the Department of Internal Revenue in Washington, will address the monthly luncheon meeting of the Indianapolis Bar Association at 12:15 p. m. Thursday in the Columbia Club Harrison Room. His topic will be "Recent Tax Trends." Mr. Miller is now practicing here.

Pastor to Talk at Y. M.—The Rev. Robert D. McCarthy, pastor of the Thirty-First Street Baptist Church, will address the Bible Investigation Club at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow at Central Y. M. C. A. An old-fashioned baked bean supper will precede the address. Oscar Lackey is club president.

Award Holiday Ribbons—Curricular activities for the fall semester at Manual High School will close with the awarding of Holiday ribbons at the semi-annual Honors Day observance tomorrow in the Manual auditorium.

Addresses Junior Hadassah—Miss Pauline Englander, Jersey City, N. J., will address the Indianapolis chapter of Junior Hadassah at 8 p. m. today at Kirshbaum Center. Miss Englander, a former vice president of the national Junior Hadassah, is a teacher-social service worker and Hebrew translator.

Townsend Meeting Set—Townsend Club 2 will meet at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Knights of Pythias Hall, 612 E. 13th St.

Church to Honor Pastor—Central Christian Church members will hold a reception for Dr. and Mrs. William A. Shullenberger at 5:30 p. m. Thursday at Kirshbaum Center. The Rev. Shullenberger's 15th year as pastor of the church. Following a dinner, the annual congregational meeting for the election of church officers will be held.

Governor Will Speak—Governor M. Clifford Townsend will speak on "The People as a Family" at the fellowship dinner at 6 p. m. Thursday at the Broadway Methodist Church. The Rev. Richard M. Millard, pastor, will preside. Mrs. Robert Avels will sing. The fellowship dinner is a weekly event at the church.

Falls on Ice, Hurt—Nine-year-old John Cole, 2304 Station St., was treated at the City Hospital yesterday for cuts received when he fell on the ice at Lake Sullivan.

Named Union Council Head—Orville Kincaid of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee today succeeded William Abel of the Rubber Workers Union as president of the Indianapolis Industrial Union Council. Others elected at a meeting last night in Amalgamated Hall were Carl Baker of the Clothing Workers, Frank Stackhouse of the Radio Workers, and Raymond Keller of the SWOC, vice presidents; Theodore Venckler, SWOC, financial secretary and treasurer; George Murphy, Packing House Workers, recording secretary, and Pike Shields, SWOC organizer.

Coroner Improves—Dr. E. R. Wilson, Marion County coroner, ill at Methodist Hospital with bronchial pneumonia, was reported "slightly improved" today.

Mission Arranges Rally—The Alpha and Omega Brethren Mission, 532 E. Miami St., will hold a rally prayer meeting tomorrow night at 7:45 o'clock. The Rev. L. N. Trotter is pastor.

Tech Speakers to Compete—The Demogorians, student speech group at Tech High School, will compete in the W. C. T. U. Silver Medal Oratorical Contest Sunday evening at the Heath Memorial Methodist Church. Students participating will be John D. Williams, Mary Ellen Shirley, Wayne Arney, Eleanor Agnew, Dorothy Doughty and Charlotte Boesel.

Choir Before Kiwanis Club—The Jordan Conservatory Philharmonic Choir, under the supervision of Joseph Lauther, will entertain the Indianapolis Kiwanis Club tomorrow in the Columbia Club at noon.

PYTHIANS, SISTERS NAME NEW LEADERS

New officers of Myrtle Temple 7 and Capital City Lodge 97 of the Knights of Pythias, will be installed at 8 p. m. today at the lodge headquarters, 612 E. 13th St. The ceremony will be open to the public.

Mrs. Edna Sundling will be installed as most excellent chief of the Myrtle Temple. Mrs. Edna Price, present presiding officer, will become past chief; Mrs. Ova Hubbard, excellent senior; Miss Aerial Wise, excellent junior; Miss Margot Hubbard, manager; Mrs. Eleanor Hipkiss, protector; Mrs. Elvira Beck, outer guard; Mrs. Edna Murphy, mistress of records and correspondence; Mrs. Gladys Axtell, mistress of finance, and Mrs. Eva Miller, installing officer.

Officers to head the Capital City Lodge are New A. Lawrence, chancellor commander; Glenn Hubbard, vice chancellor; John Toelton, prelate; Nelson T. Swift, master of work; Claude Bridges, master at arms; Robert Rugg, inner guard; Edward P. Mewhinney, outer guard; J. Lyman Blakeman, keeper of records and seal; Harry J. Vollmer, master of exchequer, and George Gundling, master of finance.

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