

# 'THE IMPATIENT' SOON MAY GET PARTY 'GO SIGN'

Signal From Democrats to Bring Out Long Line Of Candidates.

By NOBLE REED  
Word has gone out quietly from the higher Democratic caucus chambers that the long-awaited "green light" is about to be switched on for a long lineup of impatient candidates.

More than a dozen prospective candidates for the gubernatorial nomination have been hibernating carefully for the first signs of a "spring thaw" in the frozen reticence of the bosses.

None of them has dared risk his political neck by sticking it out ahead of the official "go sign" for fear of having it chopped off on the ground of disobedience, if nothing else.

All Hope for Blessing  
They all hope, by waiting out the signals, that they will get the blessings from the State Administration and the McNutt-for-President boys, which would mean certain nomination.

Although Governor M. Clifford Townsend never has been recognized as an individual power in party politics, he will be in a position to wield a pretty big club in delegate strength because of patronage that extends to every corner of the state.

At the same time the Governor owes a certain allegiance to the McNutt backers and in the final analysis the whole picture hinges on some nod from the McNutt headquarters.

So the first Democratic candidate for Governor to toss his hat in the ring either will have been given the signal or is going on his own after learning that the nod definitely is not for him.

Bays Popularity Grows  
Meanwhile, talk is increasing over the state in favor of putting State Chairman Fred F. Bays in the Governor race despite the chairman's protests that he will not be a candidate for anything.

Organization work still is going on to promote Dr. Edward C. Elliott, Purdue University president, for the gubernatorial spot but he says he won't run.

Lieut. Gov. Henry F. Schriber definitely wants to be Governor but he says he'll "let things simmer a while" before announcing his candidacy.

R. Earl Peters, Indiana FHA director, once regarded as having the leading spot in the race, is in Florida and won't talk either.

Attorney General Omer S. Jackson, the first to be mentioned for the gubernatorial race last April when he resigned as state chairman, shies away silently when asked about his candidacy.

Friends Push Dress  
Floyd I. McMurtry, state superintendent of public instruction, in the gubernatorial lineup for eight months, merely says "it's kind of my friends to consider me for the place."

Campaigns are going on in southwestern Indiana for Mayor William Dress of Evansville and another movement continues in Lake County for Mayor Frank Martin of Hammond.

A southern Indiana Republican dopest who claims he knows what he is talking about gave out the following political picture:

1. That the powerful G. O. P. faction led by Ralph Gates, of Columbia City, is getting back of Glenn R. Hillis, of Kokomo, for the gubernatorial nomination.
2. That the administration machine will secretly endorse the Presidential candidacy of Thomas Dewey.
3. That the southern Indiana faction led by Ewing Emission, of Vincennes, will join forces to nominate State Senator William Jenner, of Shoals, for Governor.
4. That the Jenner-Emission group will pull for the Presidential nomination of Senator Robert Taft.

Members of both factions admit that lineup is possible but decline to say whether it is probable.

Lake County Republicans have started a big noise about their share of the state ticket. They want either Oliver Starr, Gary lawyer, nominated for the U. S. Senate, or, failing that, they suggested Otto G. Pfined, former secretary of state during the administration of Governor Harry Leslie, as the gubernatorial nominee. It has been placed before the party as sort of an ominous ultimatum.

## GUARD SIBELIUS AS NATIONAL TREASURE

BOSTON, Feb. 2 (U. P.).—Since the start of the Russian-Finnish fighting, Finland's famous composer Jean Sibelius has been hidden and protected "like a national treasure," according to Tauno Hannikainen, Finnish conductor.

Here as guest leader of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Hannikainen, conductor of the Turku orchestra, said:

"I last saw Sibelius at an orchestra rehearsal in Helsinki at the outbreak of the war, but since then the Government has hidden him well as a precautionary step to preserve Finland's great genius."

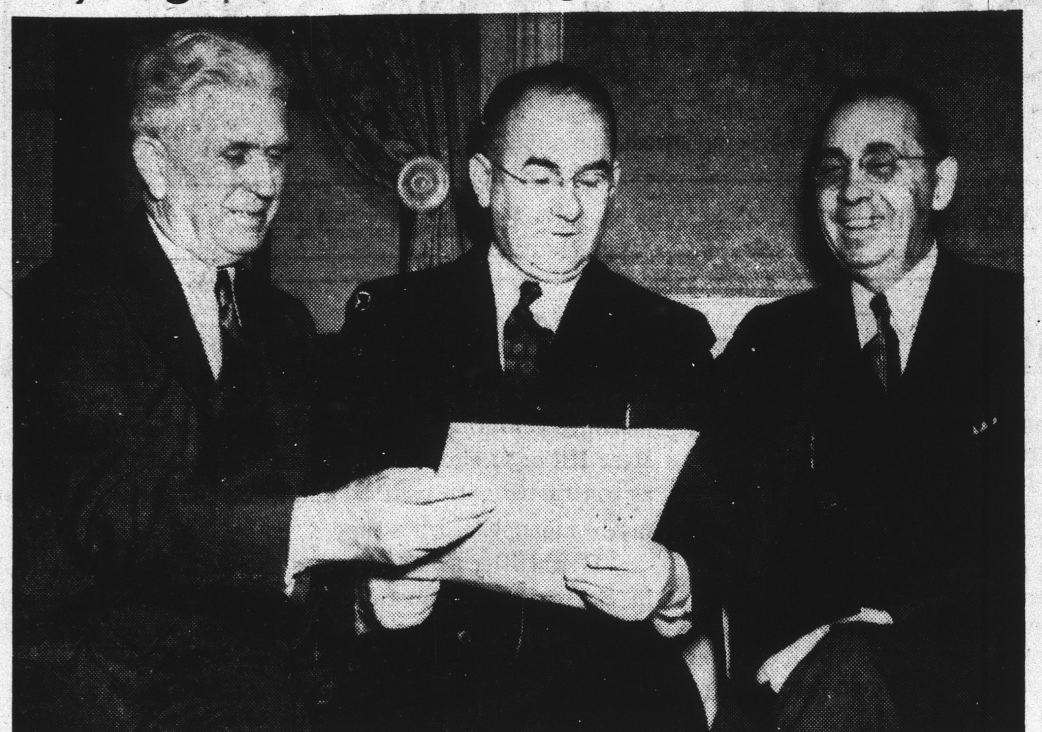
## DEFENSE HIGHWAY PROSPECTS BRIGHTER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (U. P.).—Early agreement between the United States and Canada for construction of a 2000-mile international defense highway linking the Pacific Northwest with Alaska appeared in prospect today.

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## Key Figures at Meeting of School Leaders



Key figures in the annual convention of the City and Town School Superintendents' Association were (left to right) E. C. Dodson, Connorsville, retiring president; DeWitt S. Morgan, Indianapolis, newly elected president, and Dr. William C. Reavis, University of Chicago, principal speaker.

## DEMOCRATS ASK BRIEF CAMPAIGN

Prominent Senators Urge Convention in August; Select Site Monday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (U. P.).—Prominent Senate Democrats urged their Party today to hold its national Presidential nominating convention early in August to avoid a long, expensive campaign.

The Democratic National Committee, which meets here Monday, was said to be ready to choose a convention site in San Francisco, Chicago and Philadelphia have entered bids—but to oppose selection of a date now. A subcommittee probably will be appointed to recommend a date, which Democrats hope will follow the Republican convention.

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## 5 WINNERS NAMED IN BLOCK CONTEST

Five Indianapolis public grade school pupils were named winners today in the Wm. H. Block Co. Scholarship Hour finals at Block's auditorium.

Ten contestants chosen in weekly and semi-final contests competed for honors in the final broadcast over WIRE.

The winners were Judith Menke, 12, of 310 E. 34th St., harp soloist; a musical trio composed of Morris Alboher, 12, of 1024 Church St., and Samuel Camhi, 13, of 1118 S. Illinois St., and Betty Newbauer, 9, of 839 N. Eastern Ave., who gave a reading.

Nine high school pupils were to compete this afternoon in the finals of the Wm. H. Block High School Hour.

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Other officers named were F. Loper, Shelbyville superintendent, vice president, and J. M. Smith, former Greenfield superintendent, secretary-treasurer.

The distinguished service award was presented to Charles F. Miller, former Indianapolis school superintendent, at a dinner last night. The awards are presented to persons who have been in school work for 25 years and are now retired. Awards are to be sent to Jesse Riddle, Lawrenceburg, and T. A. Mott, Seymour, who were not present.

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## M'NUTT AVOIDS GEORGIA FIGHT

Has No Intention of Entering Primary; Bays Scoffs at G. O. P. Claims.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Paul V. McNutt and his Presidential campaign manager, Frank M. McHale, declared here today that they have no intention of entering the Georgia primaries "at this time," despite the fact that Vice President Garner announced last night that he will do so.

The McNutt men looked upon the Georgia situation at present as a factional fight between Governor E. D. Rivers and Senator Walter F. George for control of the delegation to the Democratic national convention.

They want to continue friendly relations with both sides, they said.

After all, the matter may be ironed out among the party leaders and they may not have any primary in May," Mr. McNutt pointed out.

What primaries Mr. McNutt will enter still remains undetermined, Mr. McHale said.

"It will depend entirely upon circumstances as they arise," he declared. "We would prefer, of course, to go along with the regular party organization in the state wherever that is at all possible."

Fred Bays, Indiana Democratic State Chairman, told the Hoosier Congressional Democrats at a luncheon today that the predictions of a Republican victory in the state this year are "without foundation."

Democrats in Good Shape  
"The Democrats have never been in better shape for a campaign than they are this year," he asserted.

The Marion County WPA indictment has nothing to do with Democratic politics, Mr. Bays said. He termed them "local incidents involving individuals from both parties."

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## INDIANA SEEKS PEACE IN NEW WAR ON TRUCKS

Officials Confer With Iowa And Wisconsin Aids on Armistice.

A civil war between the states, costing the public thousands of dollars annually, has been raging sporadically around Indiana for 15 years.

It is all caused by the jealousy of sovereign states over their respective rights to levy any tax they see fit on any kind of vehicle traversing their highways.

Although reciprocity treaties have brought peace to the state-line battle fronts in many instances in the last year or two, Indiana's wars are still raging with some states.

Its current war is with Wisconsin and Iowa, whose officials are conferring with Indiana officials at Chicago today, seeking an armistice to end the wholesale arrests of truck drivers at the state lines.

Public Pays Bills  
The public has been paying the bills of these wars because owners of Indiana's 135,000 trucks who have to pay high license fees in other states, pass that extra cost to the consumers via higher freight rates.

It all started back in 1925 when Ohio officials began arresting not only Indiana truck drivers who didn't have Ohio licenses, but passenger car owners as well.

There were no reciprocity commissions at that time and Indiana officials merely retaliated in kind and arrested every Ohio motorist crossing over into Indiana.

The situation finally got so bad that the motorizing public of both states rose in open revolt and state officials called a halt to the war to save their faces with the public.

Greed Behind Each War  
Back of each war that breaks out is the governmental greed for more fees to pave roads and save property owners from heavier taxation.

After the Ohio tactics, Indiana had spats with Kentucky and Michigan. The one with Kentucky was worst in 1932 when that state closed its borders to Indiana trucks not having Kentucky licenses.

War waged intensely for 10 months and cost Indiana motorists thousands of dollars in extra fees and court costs.

The war with Michigan broke out in 1934 and border patrols were set up on each side of the line, arresting truckers by the dozens. Then the Michigan Legislature changed its law to permit a small fee on a trip basis.

Commission Created in 1934  
The Indiana Legislature created the State Reciprocity Commission in 1934 and that paved the way for trade negotiations between states before much damage was done.

Mark Rodenbeck, deputy Motor License Bureau director, and secretary of the Indiana Reciprocity Commission, said that if there were no reciprocity pacts in effect now it would cost a truck owner \$24 to send a truck on a route through Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

The truck license fees in Indiana total \$50, Illinois, \$250 Michigan, \$135, Ohio, \$233, and Kentucky, \$156.

"Indiana truck owners certainly have nothing to complain about compared to the high fees in other states," Mr. Rodenbeck said.

Reciprocity pacts signed by Indiana during the last year include Kentucky, Florida and Pennsylvania. Treaties were signed with Virginia and West Virginia in 1938, paving the way for a free route for Indiana truckers to the East Coast.

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## CIRCLING THE CITY

Health Contest Scheduled—The Continental Girls Athletic Association of Washington High School will sponsor a health contest next Tuesday in the girls' gymnasium.

Pointe will be given on posture, athletic ability, and for scholastic standing.

Butler Team to Debate—Members of the Butler University debating team will present a debate at Grace Methodist Church at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow. The question will be—"Resolved: That the U. S. Should Maintain a Policy of Strict Economic and Military Isolation Toward All Countries Outside the Western Hemisphere." Participants will be Virginia Poe, Ralph Morgan, Robert Lawdon, Richard Krause and Ann Calvert.

Harpole Post Meets Monday—Members of the Tillman H. Harpole Post 249 of the American Legion will meet at 8 p. m. Monday at the Post home, 2533 Northwest Avenue. A speaking program is being arranged. The meeting will be conducted by Robert E. Skelton, post commander.

Pastors to Discuss Lent—Presbyterian discussions will be held at the Indianapolis Ministerial Association meeting at 10:30 a. m. Monday at the Roberts Park Methodist Church. The Rev. Arthur L. Mahr, First United Lutheran Church pastor, will speak on "The Meaning of Lent." The Rev. F. R. Daries, Zion Evangelical and Reformed church pastor, will talk on "How to Make the Most of Lent in the Local Church." The Rev. L. A. Huddleston, Calvary United Brethren Church pastor, will lead the devotion. Dr. Errol T. Elliott will preside.

Latin Club President Elected—Robert Hendrickson has been named president of the Shortridge High School Latin Club for the second semester. Other officers are Ray Peterson, secretary, and Fred Rasmussen, treasurer.

Murat Band Re-Elects Officers—Judge Dewey E. Myers of Criminal Court, was re-elected president of the Murat Temple Band last night at the annual election meeting. Other officers re-elected were Otto Krauss, vice president; Harry C. Ohge, secretary-treasurer; Raymond Caca, Noblesville, director; Merrill Henry, Franklin, assistant director, and Mr. Krauss, drum major.

Mexico Film Shown—"The Land of Enchantment," a technicolor movie of Mexico, with comments by Lowell Thomas, radio and news reel commentator, was shown at the Optimist Club luncheon at the Columbia Club yesterday. The picture was presented through the courtesy of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Boehne to 'Correct' Trade Pact Attacks  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Rep. John W. Boehne Jr. announced in the Congressional Record today that he is going to "correct" all attacks made there against the Hull reciprocal trade agreements which are based on false statistics.

As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Boehne spends each day listening to arguments for and against the Administration's foreign trade program.

To illustrate the type of "defense through attack," which he will carry on, Rep. Boehne launched out against his colleague Rep. Raymond S. Springer (R. Ind.).

He charged that Rep. Springer placed in the Record "a bare statement, without supporting evidence, that trade agreements had injured business."

S. H. S. DEBATERS WIN DUAL VICTORY  
The Shortridge High School debating teams opened the 1940 season yesterday with dual victories over the affirmative team of Washington High School and the negative team of Tech High School. The debates were held in Caleb Mills Hall.

Elliott Goodman and Marvin Borman composed the Shortridge negative team which defeated Raymond McClure and Betty Jane Smith of Washington. Albert Losche and Bert Goldberg were the Shortridge affirmative team which defeated the Tech squad of Eleanor Ray and Raymond Conerty.

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## LUDLOW WAITS AIR LAB ACTION

Expects Budget Vote Within Week; Still Pulls for Indianapolis Site.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Rep. Louis Ludlow (D. Ind.) predicted today that within the next week the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics would ask the Budget Bureau to send Congress an estimate for an airplane engine research station.

Rep. Ludlow said the ultimate cost of the station would be \$10,000,000, and said he would continue to urge location of the station at Indianapolis.

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"Indianapolis meets every requirement. The other two stations are on the seaboard (at Langley Field, Va., and Sunnyvale, Cal.). It is conceded that the new station should be in the interior."

"The Allison plant at Indianapolis is one of the most important manufacturing plants in the country and while there will be numerous competing cities, I feel that Indianapolis has everything to offer that is desired, including a location adjacent to one of the best airports in the country and proximity to an adequate labor supply. I shall be hoping for a favorable outcome."

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