

MINNIE HAPPY AFTER PRIVATE TALK WITH FOR

Hoosier Pleased as President O. K.s Paper's Apologia On Tax Probe.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY
Times Special Writer
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—When Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt called on President Roosevelt for 15 minutes just before the Chief Executive left the city on that secret trip, he emerged smiling and reported privately that "it was about the best man-to-man talk we ever have had."

Only that morning the former Indiana Governor had been given a full column of apology in The Washington Post. It was written by Columnist Harlan Miller, who predicted that there will be nothing but an apology coming from the Treasury Agents when they get through inspecting Mr. McNutt's tax returns.

President Roosevelt said that column and his approving comments were what made Mr. McNutt feel so good.

Meanwhile the arrest of 250 men at a lewd Baltimore stag party may give Administrator McNutt a chance to put Chairman Arthur H. Altmeyer of the Social Security Board over a barrel.

Worked for Altmeyer
For many of the men were S. B. employees and when their picture was taken at the police station The Baltimore Sun ran it under the caption:

"Police Get Social Security Boys' Number."

Mr. McNutt pointed out that they were civil service people and under Mr. Altmeyer's jurisdiction.

Mr. Altmeyer is the one who got President Roosevelt to veto that Ohio pension payment bill after his superior, Mr. McNutt, had recommended its passage. He is rated as one of the slickest bureaucrats in Washington.

The epidemic of McNutt speeches may be bearing more fruit than some of his press critics care to contemplate.

Excerpts from his speech to the automobile dealers' convention here have been widely distributed by the Automobile Manufacturers' Association from its headquarters in Detroit.

The reprint carries this introduction:

"We like this because it speaks well of the motor industry, but its importance, we think, is as a statement of what business can do in a democracy."

Rep. Raymond S. Springer (R. Ind.) is an almost daily contributor to the Congressional Record. Usually he writes a brief introduction to some editorial criticism of the Administration and then has the entire editorial reprinted. The printing costs the taxpayers \$55 per page.

"Every man a King" was the slogan of the late Senator Huey P. Long, and while Hoosiers have no such regal aspirations, Rep. Clifford R. Hope (R. Kas.) returned here this week ready to bear witness to the long established fact that in Indiana every man is a politician.

As chairman of the special Republican Agricultural Study Committee, Rep. Hope presided at the farm sessions in Indianapolis last week-end, with the several G. O. P. Congressmen from Indiana sitting in.

"I understand now why Indiana is noted for hot politics," Rep. Hope said. "Every farmer that talked was a first-class orator and so filled up with his subject he seemed ready to fight for his viewpoint."

Count on Fighting Spirit
It is this fighting spirit among the Hoosier farmers that the Republicans are counting on to carry '31 state.

"One of the things the farmers want changed is the reciprocal trade agreements which permit importation of those products of which our farms already are producing a surplus," Rep. George W. Gillette (R. Ind.) said.

"We Republicans are sure to recommend such a change in our party platform."

Rep. Gerald W. Landis (R. Ind.), who also is a member of the Hope committee, favors a cost of production guaranty plan, just as he favors the Townsend old-age pension plan.

Rep. Landis, as chairman of the subcommittee on vegetables, also is working on a scheme to advertise agricultural products and thus improve the market by increasing sales, he said.

His plan is to have the Federal Government underwrite the ads to be used in newspapers and over the radio.

"The State of Maine did that with potatoes and got rid of its surplus," Rep. Landis explained. "Advertising has brought prosperity to the citrus fruit co-operators. There is no reason why it couldn't be used to boost corn, tomatoes, pork or anything else the farmers produce."

"Advertising pays bigger dividends for each dollar invested than anything the Government has done to date."

CHALLENGES RIGHT TO FIX MINE PRICE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (U. P.).—The Federal Consumers' Council posed for three trial examinations today a legal challenge to the Bituminous Coal Division's authority to fix higher minimum prices for soft coal sold at the mine when it is to move by water or truck instead of by railroad.

The examiners will recommend new price schedules to Bituminous Coal Division Director Harold Gray, who will promulgate prices. Gray men believe that prices may be made effective about April 1.

In its brief, Consumers' Council suggested proposed price reductions totaling approximately \$6,000,000. It also suggested important price changes for Indiana coal operators where reductions have been urged by the Indiana operators themselves and estimated that \$1,285,000 could be saved in this manner.

Launching the 'Sell Indiana' Drive



"Indiana in the center of everything." ... J. H. Albershardt (kneeling) and (left to right) Earl Oilphart, Vincennes; Paul R. Felts, Bloomington; Arthur H. Sapp, Huntington, and George Leist, Columbus.

5-Man Committee to Aid State's Publicity Division

The Division of State Publicity will appoint in the next day or two, a five-man committee to meet with it and solve the division's ills.

Created in the last Legislature, the division's duty is to sell Indiana to the nation.

At the invitation of the publicity group, 50 prominent men from throughout the state gathered at the Columbus Club yesterday and heard division representatives outline their program and the obstacles which lie ahead.

When the act which created the commission was first introduced in the Legislature it had a proviso allowing \$150,000 annually for two years to finance the "sell Indiana division."

When the bill finally was enacted into law that sum had been reduced to \$25,000.

It is not sufficient, according to J. H. Albershardt, division director. "There is, however, a clause in the law which 'provides that the money appropriated may be augmented, the division being authorized to accept gifts and contributions for this purpose.'"

Mr. Albershardt said, "This new effort in the State's behalf, through the Division of State Publicity, is a business enterprise. Fundamentally it is a sales job. It calls for the investment of adequate funds and wise management, and is intended to produce a tangible result in the form of profit dollars—which should benefit, in some degree, every citizen of the State."

In comparing Indiana with other states which have publicity commissions, division officials pointed out that Pennsylvania has currently invested \$48,000 in advertising in a single magazine for 21 weeks.

It is currently reported that 12 states are now investing a total of \$2,500,000 annually in advertising their farm products alone," the division states.

Among those who spoke in endorsement of the division to select the five-man committee to confer with the division at yesterday's meeting were Arthur Sapp, past international president of Rotary; Dr. Edward C. Elliott, Purdue University president; Ralph Gregg, national judge advocate of the American Legion; B. P. Lawrence, general manager of the Indianapolis Star, and Robert Bowes of Bowes Seal Fast.

Others who attended were Paul L. Felts, Bloomington; George Leist, Columbus, governor of the Indiana district of Kiwanis International; Fernor S. Cannon, president of the Railroad Men's Federal Savings & Loan Association; Irving W. Leaux, treasurer of the Indiana Manufacturers' Association; Walter S. Greenough, vice president of the Fletcher Trust Co.; U. Z. McMurtree, former state treasurer; Mayor Harry Baals, Ft. Wayne, president of the Indiana Municipal League; Charles Kemp, president of the Kemp Brothers Packing Co., Frankfort; Nicholas H. Noyes, vice president and treasurer of Eli Lilly & Co., and Earl Oilphart, Vincennes.

The act creating the Division specified as its members the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the chief administrative officer of the Department of Public Works, and a representative to be chosen by seven specified, state-wide organizations.

Division members are: Earl Oilphart, Ft. Wayne, American Legion; Walter J. Behmer, Indianapolis Associated Railways of Indiana; Wray E. Fleming, Indianapolis Press Association; Henry T. Davis, Indianapolis Indiana Hotel Association; G. Roscoe Hemstock, Hammond, Indiana Real Estate Association; W. H. Arnett, Indianapolis, State Chamber of Commerce; Harry C. Templeton, Indianapolis, State Board of Agriculture; Governor M. Clifford Townsend, Indianapolis; Lieut.-Gov. Henry S. Schriker, Indianapolis and Virgil M. Simmons, the Department of Public Works, Indianapolis.

DIRTY AND UNSHAVEN BANDIT GETS \$70

Two holdups last night netted a "dirty and unshaven" bandit \$70 from two South Side business places.

"This is a stickup. Don't get nervous. Just give me the money out of the cash register," the bandit told Abe Patterson, proprietor of a grocery store at 510 S. Alabama St. The man took \$40. Miss Theodora Vol, 19, of 433 S. Alabama St., a clerk, witnessed the robbery.

Nearly two hours later, the same man ostensibly appeared at a liquor store at 1016 Virginia Ave., and obtained \$30 from Albert Linkon, 633 1/2 Union St., a clerk.

The holdup man kept his right hand in his pocket as if concealing a revolver and said, "Hand over the big money and also the quarters and half dollars."

An attempted holdup was frustrated last night when the lights of an approaching automobile diverted the bandit's attention.

Niles Kehrer, 1130 W. 18th St., told police he had his car parked in West St., 600 block, and a man approached and ordered him into the car. The stranger acted as if he had a gun concealed in his pocket. When another car turned on its lights, Mr. Kehrer slammed his car door and drove away.

Interviewed at the Columbia Club soon after his arrival from Detroit, she emphasized the continued femininity of the French women.

She was a perfect example. Dressed in a black, tailored dress with a high collar, sheer hose, high-heeled pumps, and with her black hair in a rolled pompadour, her ensemble was unrelieved except for the red ribbon of the Legion of Honor over her heart.

She said she was going to change for the lecture—into another black dress.

"That and blue are my favorite colors," she said. "But that is as much lecturing necessity as anything else. I am making 35 lectures by April 6. Wearing black I have no need to carry many accessories. There's a hint, ladies."

This sudden plunge into "militarized" dress after the beginning of the war was just a flash, she said. For 20 models introduced in Paris, one would be militarized.

"That one naturally would be emphasized because it was unique. It seems to make Frenchmen laugh when a woman is in a uniform. That a Frenchwoman could never stand."

She said that with 5,000,000 men mobilized in France, women were taking their places in industry. Up to now about 400,000 have done so—the usual procedure has been to ask the wife to take the husband's place.

"This certainly won't coarsen the French women, either. That is part

WELLES OFF TO EUROPE TODAY

Enormous Ramifications of Eventual Peace Are Crux of His Mission.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (U. P.).—Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles sailed for Europe today on an "exploration" tour designed to show what possibilities exist there for peace.

The shrewd, 47-year-old career diplomat, sailing on the Italian liner Rex as the personal emissary of President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull, carried no plans of proposals.

He is to talk "in strictest confidence" with the heads of the warring nations and of the outstanding non-belligerent power—Italy.

Mr. Welles made it clear that he is going to do far more listening than talking.

Though Washington has stressed that he has no authority to make commitments, the enormous ramifications of the peace which ultimately must be re-established in Europe are the crux of Mr. Welles' confidential mission. The Government is convinced that it must play an important role in framing the peace.

The outstanding question for Mr. Welles to answer for Mr. Roosevelt is the crux of Mr. Welles' mission. He returns six weeks hence: Is there any prospect for peace in the near future?

Also aboard the Rex today will be Myron C. Taylor, the President's special "peace ambassador" to the Vatican and, since his mission is similar in many respects to that of Mr. Welles, he undoubtedly will consult during the voyage.

Mr. Welles denied that he intended to visit Belgium and the Netherlands and said he had not arranged to talk with Pope Pius.

A dry element entered the state political picture this week.

The drys were reported mustering their forces for a fresh onslaught against candidates known to be wet. It was reported that the Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. U. were organizing in the rural communities to oppose State Senator William E. Jenner and Judge James A. Emmert, both candidates for the Republican nomination for Governor.

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JUNIOR CHAMBER TO MARK 7TH YEAR

Members of the Kiwanis Club will be hosts to the Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon Wednesday in the Columbia Club celebrating the Junior Chamber's seventh birthday.

The principal speaker will be Thomas R. Reid, Chicago, executive vice president of the national organization, whose subject will be "The Next 20 Years."

Arthur P. Holt, Kiwanis president, will preside. J. Russell Townsend Jr., Junior Chamber president, will introduce Mr. Reid. The Butler University band will play.

Among guests invited are Governor M. Clifford Townsend, Lieut. Gov. Henry F. Schriker and Mayor Sullivan.

The occasion also will mark the 21st anniversary of the national Junior Chamber.

MIRRORS FACE SHOPLIFTERS
TOLEDO, O., Feb. 17 (U. P.).—Shoplifters will find it difficult to operate successfully in Toledo. Merchants have installed mirrors at strategic points in stores—near those counters for which shoplifters have exhibited a definite preference.

G. O. P. REBELS CLAIM 'PURGE' IS UNDER WAY

'Draft Vandivier' Petition Seen as Smoke Screen To Hide Dispute.

By NOBLE REID
Charges are being made by some Indianapolis Republicans that a high-pressure "purge" movement has been started in the organization.

The petition asking Carl Vandivier, young attorney, to accept re-election as county chairman, in reality was a smoke screen to head off a bitter factional outbreak, according to several anti-organization Republicans.

Remnants of the old machine headed by the late George Coffin are kicking up a fuss over being shoved around, as they say, by the Vandivier clique.

Regarded as First Step
One of the leaders of the group that presented the "draft Vandivier" petition remarked that "we will have to rid the party of some undesirable elements."

And the petition for Mr. Vandivier was regarded as the initial step in the purge movement that will reach a showdown in the May 8 primaries.

James L. Bradford, vice president of the Indianapolis Commercial Publishing Co., has said the Republican Party in Marion County has no real leadership.

"The results of the primaries will determine the party leadership," he said.

Started Two Years Ago
The party ruckus started two years ago when Mr. Vandivier fired several old ward chairmen and replaced them with new talent.

Herman Wolfe, defeated Republican candidate for Mayor two years ago, who was harassed by factional fights during his campaign, said "they ought to stop fighting themselves and start fighting the Democrats."

State Republican campaign leaders, making up for lost time, have launched a terrific drive that is being felt keenly in the Democratic camp.

Crises of "smash the New Deal" by half a dozen speakers over the State every night are not falling all together upon deaf ears.

State Democratic Chairman Fred F. Bays still is the lone campaigner for the Democrats and will remain so until some candidates for State offices get into the running.

It was reported that Lieut. Gov. Henry F. Schriker will announce his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination "within 10 days" and R. Earl Peters, Indiana FFA director, is said to be preparing to announce his candidacy "about March 10."

Democratic organization leaders claim the race for the gubernatorial nomination will be "kept wide open."

An organized spokesman said "We're going to show the people some real political democracy by letting the man with the most delegates be nominated regardless of who he is."

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Among speakers scheduled are Mr. McNutt, DeWitt S. Morgan, head of Indianapolis public schools, Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Boston, former DePauw University president; William Lyon Phelps, author, Yale University; Irvin L. Cobb, author; and John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

G. L. FISHER TO HEAD LIONS AT PITTSBORO
PITTSBORO, Ind., Feb. 17.—G. L. Fisher has been named president of the new Pittsburgh Lions Club organized here Thursday night by George W. Borthum, special representative of Lions International.

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CIRCLING THE CITY

R. O. T. C. Dinner Arranged—The Officers Club of the Reserve Officers Training Corps of Washington High School will entertain at a dinner Monday, Feb. 22, at 12:30 p. m. in the school dining room.

Doctor to Lecture at Tech.—Dr. Lulu Sweigard of New York University is scheduled to give lectures on physical education before members of the Tech High School Physical Education Department Wednesday and Thursday.

Judge Wilson on Program—Superior Court Judge Herbert E. Wilson will address the Sigma Delta Kappa legal fraternity at its alumni luncheon Monday in the Canby Cottage. Judge Wilson, a life member of the American Law Institute and chairman of the Indiana State Bar Association's annotations committee, is to discuss "The Restatement of the Law. New commitments will be announced by President William F. Piers.

Report Burglary Confession—A 30-year-old man arrested by detectives yesterday on charges of burglary and grand larceny confessed he was the man who broke into the Fred Schuchman junk yard office, 439 W. 17th St., but denied setting fire to the office which resulted in damage of over \$2000, police report. The burglary was discovered when firemen answered an alarm at the junk yard Feb. 8.

Madrigal Singers on Program—The Yonmrah Club at Tech High School is to be host to the Tech Madrigal Singers at the Club's next meeting Monday. The singing group is under direction of J. Russell Paxton.

Donkey Game Arranged—The Beech Grove Lions Club will play a donkey basketball game with the Beech Grove Legion Post at 8 p. m. Monday at the high school gymnasium. Beaten last year by the Merchants' team, the Lions expect to give the Legion a hard game. A curtain-raiser between the Beech Grove senior girls and alumnae will be held at 7 p. m.

Unhurt in Fires, Breaks Leg in Fall
LA PORTE, Ind., Feb. 17 (U. P.).—Albert E. Homann, chief of the La Porte Fire Department, during his tenure has battled many tough blazes and survived unscathed.

Yesterday, he slipped on a spot of ice as he closed his garage door and broke his left leg in three places.

STATE CUTS FARM TAX ASSESSMENTS

Indiana farmers will be saved thousands of dollars in taxes in 1940 as the result of the State Tax Board's order to assess farm products March 1 on the basis of 80 per cent of the local market price, C. R. Benjamin, board member, said today.

The order, issued yesterday to assessors in every Indiana county, was made to equalize the assessment of farm products with the assessment of the stock of retail merchants. Heretofore, livestock, grain and produce had been assessed at its full market value while the retail stock had been evaluated at cost rather than at retail price.

Mr. Benjamin said that no figures were readily available as to just how much saving in taxes the order would effect for Indiana farmers, but that it would "run into high figures."

The nearest local market prices are to be used in making evaluations.

The Board also has prepared a scale of values for farm products not frequently marketed. The table lists as top values, registered cattle, \$200; good cows and bulls, \$75; good hogs, \$131; common hogs, \$75; registered stallions and mares, \$80; ponies, \$25; race horses with records, \$500, and drivers and saddlers, \$380.

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GROUP TO STUDY SCHOOLS TREND

McMurray Appoints Committee to Advise State On Curriculum.

The appointment of a permanent curriculum committee to make a continuous study of trends in modern education was announced by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Floyd I. McMurray today.

The committee is to advise the State Board when curriculum revisions are under consideration. It includes:

Ralph Watson, Bedford, assistant state superintendent; C. V. Harworth, Kokomo, named by the City and Township Superintendents' Association; Adrian Little, representing the County Superintendents' Association; W. Fred Totten, Bedford, named by the Indiana Secondary School principals.

Dean H. L. Smith and W. W. Wright, Bloomington, named by Indiana University; Dean Ralph Noyes and Clarence L. Murray, Muncie, representing Ball State Teachers College; B. L. Dodds and B. C. Lawson, representing Purdue University, and Miss Clara Nienies, Indianapolis, named by Mr. McMurray.

2 COLLEGES OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS HERE

Representatives of two colleges will visit three Indianapolis schools next week to interview prospective students and scholarship applicants.

Dr. Naomi Riches, Goucher College, Baltimore, will visit Tudor Hall, Shortridge and Technical High Schools Wednesday to confer with students interested in entering Goucher next September.

Frederick L. Howie, University of Rochester, will interview Tech and Shortridge applicants Tuesday for the 50 Rochester Prize and Genesee scholarships awarded annually.

The prize scholarships carry a maximum value of \$500 a year for four years, and the Genesee awards, \$200 a year. Richard Wilson, 1119 Fairfield Ave., a Shortridge graduate, won one of the prize awards in 1938, while Hyla Jane Hadley of Shortridge received a Rochester award in 1937.

CHARLES R. TAYLOR IS DEAD IN FLORIDA

COLUMBUS, Ind., Feb. 17.—Charles R. Taylor, president of the Bartholomew County Council, is dead in Miami, Fla., friends here were notified today.

Mr. Taylor, who was 61, had extensive real estate holdings here and in Indianapolis.

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