NEW DEALERS WORRIED OVER BUSINESS DROP

Democrats May Lose in '40 By Putting Money on 'War Babies.'

Times Special

WASHINGTON, March 4.—A better political barometer than the eagerly watched primaries is the business index. Just as the New Dealers are happy over their success in primary maneuvers, which apparently will give the President a third-term nomination if he wants it, they are afraid of the downward curve in business.

Like Napoleon's armies, American voters march on their bellies. Hungry voters refused to march for Hoover in 1932, and bolted to Roosevelt in the hope of better times. Hungry voters marched for Roosevelt in 1936 only because his Administration was feeding them. In 1936 the business curve was sharply upward.

The popularity of the Roosevelt Administration in general has followed the business index up and down. There was a sudden steep rise in both during the last four months of 1939, thanks to the European war.

Index Falling

But for the last six weeks the business index has been falling much more rapidly even than the normal seasonal trend. There is no accurate gauge of the Roosevelt popularity trend during this same period. The Gallup Poll indicates that for those six weeks the third-term sentiment among Democrats simply remained stationary despite the increased third-term publicity.

The political curve sometimes turns at the same time as the business curve, but more often the former follows the latter—after public opinion has become aware of the change. For this reason, and also because the public discounts customary late-winter recessions, January-February business conditions are not so important politically as spring conditions.

Economists Gloomy

The question for the politican—no less than for the banker, merchant and worker with or without a job—is whether the seasonal spring upturn this year will go high enough and last long enough. If it does not, the Democrats probably are going to lose the election, regardless of whether Mr. Roosevelt or some other is the candidate.

As for guesses on business and employment prospects, both industrialists and politicians seem to be taking a wait-and-see attitude. Businessmen are rather more optimistic than politicians.

Economists here for the most part are rather gloomy. Though they are not talking much for publication, they are not looking for any great improvement in the summer and autumn unless the President reverses his policy.

As of the moment the President, like various business leaders, is still putting his trust in an armament boom. Unquestionably the armament boom will continue with both export and U. S. Government orders. But if that boom does not help general business any more in the rest of 1940 than in the last six weeks, it probably will do more harm than good.

Spending Shifted

Government pump-priming and spending of course is not stopping. It is merely being shifted from public works, unemployment relief and farmers to aviation and armament. While in the period 1936-39 WPA and PWA expenditures were roughly from 50 to 100 per cent more than Federal armament expenditures, the estimated 1940 figures are almost equal and for the coming fiscal year armaments are about double WPA and PWA.

The difference is that armaments do not spread purchasing power as widely and quickly as the earlier form of a "Government shot in the arm for business."

On the export side, the Allied Purchasing Commission has just announced that 75 per cent of its expenditures are going to be in the aviation field. Paris announces that France—in order to increase purchases here of aircraft and copper, will cut other purchases—autos, radios, typewriters, films, etc. The net result of this foreign war business may thus be more unemployment rather than more jobs.

War Exports Gain

Farm purchasing power will be harder hit. January manufactured exports (war trade) were up about 75 per cent over a year ago, but exports of foodstuffs fell more than 50 per cent. As Secretary Wallace has just testified: "The speculative boom has flattened out. The war has hindered farm products." But the Roosevelt budget eliminates farm parity payments for more armaments.

The Administration, by putting its money on the war babies, may lose its shirt in the election. Unless business prospects are much better in May than today, the Administration might try belatedly to shift subsidies from armaments to the unemployed and the farmers.

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BOBBITT NAMES PLATFORM AIDS

Leaders From Every County Will Submit Ideas to Convention.

A Republican Program Committee for Indiana, composed of more than 100 party leaders from every county in the state, has been appointed by State Chairman Arch N. Bobbitt.

The Committee will hold a series of forum meetings over the state during the next three months to assemble data from which the Republican platform will be drafted at the state convention in June, Mr. Bobbitt said.

Most of the Republican legislators were named on the committee "because of their splendid service to the party" during the 1939 Legislature, the chairman said.

"It is the desire of the Republican State Committee that every Republican be given a chance to express his convictions and opinions and submit recommendations for the platform."

The Committee has been divided into districts and each group will hold separate forum meetings and report its findings to State Headquarters here.

"The Committee will serve the same purpose for Indiana that the National Program Committee did for the National Committee," Mr. Bobbitt said.

The committee members are:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Lake County, Mrs. Eleanor Hunter and Timothy P. Galvin, Hammond; Dr. A. S. Adkins, Gary; Herbert T. Johnson, Crown Point; Mrs. J. A. Teegarden, East Chicago; John Wargo and W. E. Schraze, Whiting.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Benton County, Mrs. Esther Guthridge, Fowler; Carroll, George Ober, Delphi; Fulton, Hugh Holman, Rochester; Jasper, S. C. Robinson, Rensselaer; Kosciusko, Henry Willis, Leesburg; Marshall, Samuel Boys, Plymouth; Newton, R. A. Dickson, Kentland; Porter, John W. Larrew, Valparaiso; Starke, Arlyn Clawson, San Pierre; Tippecanoe, D. Preston Calvert, Lafayette; White, D. D. Raper, Monticello.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Elkhart County, Guy W. Dausman, Goshen; St. Joseph, Shepard J. Crumpacker, South Bend.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Adams County, Vincent Kelly and Vern Aurand, Decatur; Allen, Lloyd Hartzler, Fort Wayne; Dekalb, Judge William P. Endicott, Auburn; Lagrange, Dwight M. Hostetler, Lagrange; Noble Harry Bodenhafer, Kendallville; Steuben, Judge Clyde C. Carlin, Angola; Wells, Judge Frank W. Gordon, Bluffton; Whitley, Cleon H. Foust Jr., Columbia City.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Blackford County, Floyd Huffman and Victor H. Simmons, Hartford City; Clinton, Pierce Coapstick, Frankfort; Grant, Paul Jones, Marion; Howard, Donald P. Elliott, Kokomo; Huntington, Harry Youse, Markle; Jay, True Buckmaster, Portland; Miami, Frank V. Dice, Peru; Tipton, Oren E. Foster, Tipton; Wabash, Judge Byron C. Kennedy, Wabash.

SIXTH DISTRICT

Boone County, Elza O. Rogers, Lebanon; Fountain, Charles Eviston, Attica; Hamilton, Ralph Waltz, Noblesville; Hendricks, Edgar M. Blessing, Danville; Parke, Earl Ray, Tangier; Putnam, Rupert Bartley, Greencastle; Vermillion, John E. Lauer, Dana; Vigo, B. F. Small, Terre Haute; Warren, Oscar Harman, Attica.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Daviess County, John S. Hastings; Washington; Gibson, Judge Claud A. Smith, Princeton; Johnson, Ivan Pogue, Franklin; Martin, Judge Frank E. Gilkison, Shoals; Monroe, E. Ross Bartley, Bloomington; Owen, Frank M. Martin, Spencer.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Crawford County, Charles S. Temple Sr., English; Dubois, Dr. E. F. Norman, Huntingburg; Harrison, Robert Watson, Corydon; Perry, J. Walker Brumfield, Tell City; Spencer, Albert J. Wedeking, Dale; Vanderburgh, A. V. Burch, Evansville; Warrick; J. Harold Hendrickson, Boonville.

NINTH DISTRICT

Bartholomew County, William H. Dobbins, Columbus; Brown, Emmons Clark, Nashville; Clark, Cyrus H. Wooley, Jeffersonville; Dearborn, Charles A. Lowe, Lawrenceburg; Franklin, Clarence E. Murphy, Brookville, and Edward Scott, Rushville; Jackson, Lewis L. Bundy, Vallonia; Jefferson, Earl C. Storm, Madison; Lawrence, Ruel W. Steele, Bedford; Ohio, Lucian Harris, Rising Sun; Orange, Ray L. Robinson, Paoli; Ripley, William Schroeder, Osgood; Scott, Miss Miriam Hamilton, Austin, and Bruce Hardy, Lexington; Switzerland, Mrs. Grace Copeland, Vevay; Washington, Loren H. Brewer, Salem.

TENTH DISTRICT

Decatur County, Rollin A. Turner, Greensburg; Fayette, John Himelick, Connersville; Henry, Paul Brown, New Castle; Randolph, Nathan Mendenhall, Winchester; Rush, Alfred C. Norris, Rushville; Shelby, Leo Kinman, Shelbyville; Union, Leo Maxwell, Liberty; Wayne, Clarence M. Brown, Richmond.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Hancock County, Doland Jessup, Charlottesville; Madison, Bert Cook, Anderson; Marion, Roy O. Lewis, Indianapolis.

TWELFTH DISTRICT

Marion County, Harvey Grabill, Indianapolis.

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Roger Curry and Mrs. Beryl Holland, Bloomington; Houston Gossert, Mecca; Fred Forrini, East Chicago; Albert Meranda, Jeffersonville; Joseph Hickman and John Akers, Lafayette; Sexton Cocran, Greenfield; David Lewis, Ft. Wayne; Chester Kiser, Terre Haute; William Roeberg, Hammond; Charles Michaels, Logansport; H. E. Vincent and Lon Ewing, Kokomo; Mrs. Frank Donner, Greencastle; Mrs. Merrill Davis, H. H. Hardin and A. L. Harker, Marion; Miss Mary Sleeth, Rushville; Mrs. Charlene McGuire, Muncie; Edgar Burnett, Boswell, and E. C. Master, Monterey.

MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE

Senators Walter R. Beardsley, Elkhart; Howard V. Johnson, Mooresville; O. Bruce Lane, Bainbridge; John W. Van Ness, Valparaiso.

Reps. Charles Z. Bond, Ft. Wayne; Paul S. Brady, Muncie; Charles L. Coffin, Bloomingdale; J. R. Crawley, Greensburg; Hobart Creighton, Warsaw; Fred Goddard, Rushville; E. Y. Guernsey, Bedford; Roy J. Harrison, Attica; Howard R. Hiostand, Kentland; Alpha Hoesel, Kewanna; James M. Knapp, Hagerstown; Glenn A. Markland, Zionsville; Max C. Murray, Stroh; Timothy C. O'Connor, Frankfort; Chester V. Parker, Pittsboro; John H. Schermerhorn, Wawaka; Harry M. Shull, Auburn; Lora R. Tudor, Upland.

Voters to Be Forgotten Men In Selecting '40 Nominees

Editor's Note—Will it be the "people's choice" or the "smoke-filled room" this year? Here is the first of three dispatches on the preliminaries to the national conventions.

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By THOMAS L. STOKES
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Are the Republican and Democratic conventions in June and July likely to produce nominees from the "smoke-filled room"—that cliche that has been a part of our political language since the selection of Warren G. Harding by a handful of Republican bosses in 1920?

Developments in both parties suggest that this year, perhaps even more so than in other recent campaign years, the people will have little to say about selecting the candidates for President between whom they must choose in November.

Circumstances make the inefficient, limited and inconclusive primary system, which will operate in only 16 states, even less effective this year as a barometer than it has proved on other occasions, while state bosses will have predominant influence in the selection of delegates in the 32 other states.

Ir Roosevelt Runs

If President Roosevelt runs again, the element of popular choice will then in a sense be operative, as far as the Democratic Party is concerned; for according to the polls the rank and file of Democrats seem to favor a third term.

The President can dictate a renomination from his White House study. While this would be achieved through the political machine at his command, it would seem to be a consummation devoutly wished by privates in the Democratic Party.

But Mr. Roosevelt may not run. Despite all the third-term ballyhoo and the desperate dashing of state political bosses to the bandwagon, there are some keen observers who believe that the President does not intend to seek a third term.

May Become Chaotic

If so, and if he does not declare his intentions ahead of time, the party situation may become chaotic, with a bitter public battle at the convention between New Deal and conservative wings of the party.

Democratic Presidential aspirants manifest an excessive timidity not characteristic of politicians. They have been frightened off from a test with the voters because they don't dare challenge President Roosevelt, not knowing what his intentions are.

There is one notable exception. Vice President John W. Garner, who announced his candidacy some time ago, jumped boldly into the fight only to find himself confronted now with the discouraging task of standing against President Roosevelt in, to date, four states, Illinois, Wisconsin, California and Oregon. It looks like a hopeless venture.

Strategy Aimed at Garner

The objective of New Deal political strategists is to kill off the Garner candidacy through the Roosevelt primary candidacy, since the Vice President has become the champion and symbol of the conservatives, thus leaving the field free to the President—either to take the nomination himself or to dictate the nomination. The practical effect of this strategy, if the President doesn't want the nomination, is to sew up the situation so that the nomination will be a matter of negotiation among the leaders.

An analysis of the Republican situation also reveals the absence of any test of public favor.

The three outstanding candidates to date are Senator Arthur Vandenberg, (Mich.), Senator Robert Taft (O.), and Tromas E. Dewey.

Only in one state thus far, Wisconsin, is any opportunity offered for a test between any two of these. In Wisconsin Senator Vandenberg and Mr. Dewey are entered in the April primary.

Taft Alone in Ohio

Mr. Dewey is entered in Illinois with no challenge from the other two. Senator Taft is alone in his own state. He may enter the West Virginia primary, as may Mr. Dewey, which would afford a test there. The New Yorker has challenged Senator Taft to enter the New Jersey primary, yet without acceptance. In his own state Mr. Dewey is challenged for a few delegates by Frank Gannett, the Rochester publisher, but this is not regarded as a serious threat.

Thus comparatively few delegates are at stake in primaries where the public would have a voice. The others will be pledged to favorite sons, subject to bargaining by the real candidates, or under the thumb of local leaders who must be negotiated with.

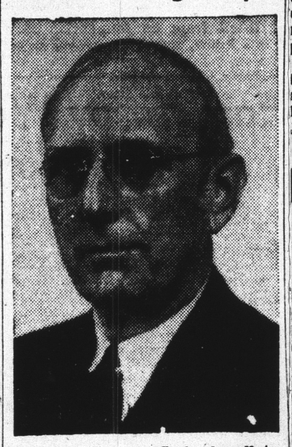
Among Republican candidates the "open" territory is large, as can be seen. It includes the South, where Republican delegates usually end up in the column of the candidate who can put out the most money.

Republicans seem headed this year, as do Democrats if President Roosevelt is not a candidate, for what is known as the "open" convention, which in the past has meant that, after a certain time, the leaders gather in a hotel room, settle upon a candidate, and tell the convention what to do.

That is, unless some candidate develops a groundswell in his favor.

NEXT—The decline of the primary.

Seeks Judgeship



Fred E. Hines . . . Seeks Appellate Court seat.

Former Hamilton County Magistrate Indorsed by Bar Group.

Times Special

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., March 4.—The name of Fred E. Hines, former judge of the Hamilton Circuit Court, will be presented to the State G. O. P. Convention by Hamilton County Republicans as a candidate for the Appellate Court.

Judge Hines presided in the Hamilton Circuit Court for 13 years, served two terms as prosecuting attorney and four years as county attorney in Hamilton County. He is an Indiana University graduate.

He is a member of the State Bar Association and is past president of the Hamilton and Sixth District Associations. He served as president of the State Judges Association for 10 years.

Mr. Hines long has been an active party worker in his county and district. He has the indorsement of the Hamilton County Bar Association, the Republican organization and other civic groups.

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AAA EXEMPTED FROM HATCH ACT

Own Restrictions, However, Bar Political Activity by Committeemen.

By CHARLES T. LUCEY
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The 130,000 farmers who sit on agricultural adjustment administration committees are not considered Federal employees and hence are exempt from the ban on political activity set up by the Hatch Act of 1939, the Agriculture Department has ruled.

The committeemen are bound, however, by the articles of association of the committees, which include restrictions on political activity that long antedated the Hatch Law. Some Agriculture Department officials contend that these prohibitions go nearly as far as the Hatch Act covering Federal jobholders.

To the extent that the AAA ban falls short of the Hatch Act, however, the committeemen apparently could legally comply with a recent plea by Secretary Wallace that friends of the farm program work to elect Congressmen friendly to it.

Officials point out that one consideration which would tend to keep the AAA from becoming a New Deal political machine is the fact that many committeemen are Republicans.

An official opinion concerning political restrictions on AAA committeemen notes that they are covered by those provisions of the Hatch Act which apply to all citizens, such as the ban on coercion or intimidation for political purposes, soliciting funds from relief workers, or promising Government jobs in return for political activity.

But it has been ruled that the committeemen, who are not appointed from Washington but are elected by farmers in their areas, are not subject to the section of the Hatch Law barring Federal jobholders fro mparticipation in political campaigns or political management.

The AAA's own political ban, however, provides that committeemen "may not serve as officers or employees of political parties or organizations and that the property or facilities of the association may not to be used for political purposes."

This prohibition on political activity is self-imposed in the AAA articles of association, whereas the Hatch Act ban is enforceable by the Justice Department.

EX-PASTOR TO NOTE HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Special ceremonies next Sunday are to mark the 100th birthday anniversary March 12 of the Rev. Mathew S. Johnson, former pastor of the Simpson Methodist Church.

The centenarian and former Kentucky plantation slave, will be honored by members of the three Negro American Legion posts at the Simpson church at 3:30 p. m. Sunday. Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, Lieutenant Governor Henry F. Schricker and Adjutant General Elmer F. Straub, are scheduled to speak at the ceremonies.

A resident of Indianapolis 45 years, Mr. Johnson was engaged in the ministry 57 years. He was a veteran of the Civil War and a slave on a Kentucky plantation before enlisting in the Union Army.

Mr. Johnson lives with his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Johnson at 1143 Fayette St.

Candidates in 11th

Maurice G. Robinson . . . former Wabash Athletic Star.

Anderson Lawyer Enters G. O. P. Campaign for Congress.

The first Republican to announce his candidacy for the nomination for Congress from the Eleventh District, is Maurice G. (Red) Robinson, attorney of Anderson.

A former basketball star and all-America athlete at Wabash College, Mr. Robinson has been Republican election commissioner of Madison County for four years and previously was deputy prosecuting attorney two years.

While playing basketball with Anderson High School in 1923 he was awarded the Gimbel medal at the State Tournament. After attending Wabash College, Mr. Robinson went to Harvard Law School from which he was graduated in 1931.

He is a member of the Masonic, Elks, Eagles and Moose Lodges and the Presbyterian Church.

Alvah C Waggoner . . . Industrial Peace . . . is necessary.

Waggoner Urges Reasonable, Honorable and Just Government.

Alvah C. Waggoner, of Pendleton, today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Congress from the Eleventh District.

Mr. Waggoner is in the printing and advertising business in Indianapolis and has been active in religious circles for many years as chairman of the executive committee of the Baptist Church Association. He also is treasurer of the Indiana Council of Christian Education.

He was nominated in 1936 and again in 1938 for a seat in the State Legislature but was defeated.

"Industrial peace based upon mutual understanding is necessary for the proper functioning of our economic system. To obtain this we must have governmental policies that are reasonable, honest and just," he said.

"Business must have confidence in order to expand its operations. Labor must know that its rights will be properly protected."

EUGENE L. BEHMER SEEKS STATE POST

Eugene L. Behmer, 2210 Broadway, today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the State Legislature from Marion County.

Mr. Behmer, who was graduated from Technical High School and Indiana University, is employed by the legal committee of the Indiana steam railroads.

He is a member of the Young Republican Club, Columbia Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Indiana University Alumni Association.

His father, W. J. Behmer of Indianapolis, served in the State Legislature from 1917 to 1923.

PIONEER SPARKPLUG MAKER DEAD AT 72

NEW YORK, March 4 (U. P.).—Charles F. Splitdorf, 72, a pioneer in the field of automobile electric supply manufacturing, died at Roosevelt Hospital yesterday after a long illness.

He founded the C. F. Splitdorf Co. in 1886 with his brother, John, also an inventor. In the early part of the century, when automobile production was a small but budding industry, Splitdorf spark plugs and ignition coils were nationally-known products. The company later was sold to Edison Interests.

Funeral services will be held here Wednesday.

3 RESERVE OFFICERS STUDY AT FT. HAYES

Times Special

COLUMBUS, O., March 4.—Three Indianapolis reserve officers today began the first week of a 14-day training period at Ft. Hayes to learn U. S. Army Corps Area Service Command duties.

The officers are Maj. Charles A. Cassady, Infantry Reserve, 5926 University Ave.; Maj. Russell P. Jewett, Infantry Reserve, 944 West Drive, Woodruff Place, and Maj. George T. Purves, Field Artillery Reserve, 5261 Carrollton Ave.

The school will be directed by Col. Resolve P. Palmer, General Staff, G-1, Fifth Corps Area. The Corps Area Serving Commands of the Army consist of the overhead personnel required to recruit, process and send out troops. Each officer is assigned to study specific duties.

BOCK IS BACK AND GOAT 'GETS A GOAT'

Times Special

NEW ALBANY, March 4.—Cafe Owner Joe Steiner had a wonderful idea for advertising bock beer, but ran into a little difficulty in executing it.

He tied a live goat outside his cafe, with a sign on its back. But he had forgotten the appetite of all goats, and he hardly had time to tend bar, because the goat ate the signs off its back almost as fast as Mr. Steiner could replace them.

ORDERS A. M. A. TRUST HEARING

Appeals Court Overrules Finding That Medicine 'Is Not a Trade.'

WASHINGTON, March 4 (U. P.).—The U. S. Court of Appeals today over-ruled a lower court and ordered it to hear the Government's monopoly charges against the American Medical Association.

The Federal District Court for the District of Columbia had sustained a demurrer brought by the A. M. A. against an indictment charging it with conspiracy in restraint of trade under the anti-trust laws.

The Government appealed the lower court verdict and today the Court of Appeals held that, while the charge against the A. M. A. may be wholly unwarranted, "for present purposes we must take the charge as though its verity were established . . ."

The Government had charged the A. M. A. with conspiring to prevent the successful operation of a group health plan by imposing restraints on physicians affiliated with group health, by threat of expulsion or actual expulsion from the medical societies, by denying them essential professional contacts with other physicians and by using coercive power of the medical societies to deprive them of hospital facilities for their patients.

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