

*The Gallup Poll Shows—*  
**NAZI VICTORIES  
WOULD SPUR U. S.  
TO HELP ALLIES**

Inquiry Indicates 55% of  
Voters Would Approve  
Military Loan.

By DR. GEORGE GALLUP  
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PRINCETON, N. J., March 6.—According to dispatches by Mr. Ludwell Denny, Times special writer, some careful observers of the military situation in Europe now believe that Germany has a slightly better than even chance—about 55-45 says Mr. Denny—of winning the war. If Germany does appear to get the upper hand in the months ahead, two questions will inevitably arise for the American public:—

1. Should the United States enter the war?

2. If not, should the United States come to the rescue of the Allies with military loans again?

Recent Institute reports of American public opinion have shown a large majority—more than three out of four—opposed to entering the European war, even if the Allies should be losing ground.

The number opposing U. S. intervention has dropped considerably since the early days of the war, last fall.

**Trend on Loan Shifts**

But a new study just completed indicates that a small majority (55 per cent) think they would be willing to untie the American purse strings again if the ultimate success of the Allies depended upon it.

"As long as the Allies are able to hold their own, the United States should keep its hands in its pockets," a New York voter comments. "But if Germany gets the ball on their 10-yard line, we ought to lend them anything but men." Others qualify their answers by saying they would favor loans "only if we could be sure of being paid" or "if it wouldn't get us into the war."

A considerable hypothetical factor is involved in both these studies of American opinion. Nobody can predict with certainty how American public opinion would react if a German offensive actually seemed to threaten the Allied cause.

**Man Indicate Future**

On the other hand, the surveys do reveal the present attitudes of the U. S. public, and, as in the case of arms embargo sentiment, may be an indication of future sentiment.

Several months before war came, the Institute reported that—faced with the contingency of war in Europe—a majority of Americans thought they would favor selling arms and other war supplies to the Allies. This sentiment was later substantiated during the fight over the embargo.

**Head West Side Group**



They'll head the Business and Professional Men's Association for 1940 (left to right) Fred Chaille, president; Millar Maddrey, secretary-treasurer, and Louis Goldstein, vice president.

New officers will be installed tonight at a dinner meeting of the West Michigan Street Business and Professional Men's Association at Municipal Gardens.

Dinner is to be served by the Eighth Christian Church at 6:30 p. m. and dancing and other entertainment will

follow. Roscoe Conklin will be toastmaster and master of ceremonies.

Included among those invited to attend are Mayor Reginald Sullivan, Fire Chief Kennedy, Police Chief Michael Morrissey, A. C. Salle of the Park Board and other City officials.

**12 More City Blocks Periled  
In Sinking Coal Mine Town**

SHENANDOAH, Pa., March 6 (U. P.)—New settlements added to the hazards of this anthracite city to date as two new danger spots were revealed in sections not yet affected by Monday's 24-block cave-in.

One is in the south section of the city, where the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Co., the world's largest anthracite producer, has extensive diggings, and the other on the fringe of the area damaged by Monday's cave-in.

Councilman William Maximous revealed that timbers in some sections of the mines which have been abandoned in the south section are rotting and that their collapse would affect an area of about 10 blocks.

The same situation, city officials disclosed, prevails in the extreme northern section of the city, where a mine was abandoned 30 years ago. Unless the supporting timbers are reinforced, a collapse of some 40 to 45 feet will result, they said. A settlement there would affect about two blocks of residential dwellings.

At the same time, they added, there appeared little that could be done to bolster the weak supports.

Authorities hoped that the second inspection tour would reveal the cause of the cave-in which caused damage estimated at more than a million dollars.

Many of the 600 families living in the area still were without gas, light and heat. With only two exceptions, however, all of the homes were tenable.

Meanwhile President Martin F. Brennan of District 9, United Mine Workers of America appealed to the Federal Housing Authority to establish a project in Shenandoah or vicinity for families in the danger area.

Approved by the general laxity with which mine owners have protected abandoned diggings, residents

pressed for legal redress and legislation to prevent further disaster.

Three hundred citizens met last night to form a permanent committee to take action against those responsible, if any, for the subsidence that cracked buildings, tore up streets and sent occupants scurrying from their dwellings. They also voted to demand legislation compelling anthracite companies to "slush" underground workings after coal has been removed.

From official quarters, however, it became increasingly apparent that home and property owners apparently were "out of luck."

"The rights of the people are like a fleeting cloud," said Governor Arthur H. James, who as a "breakaway boy" himself lived over the affected area many years ago.

"They built their homes at their own risk. The operators have the righted right to mine and remove."

**LANDIS REPORTS U. S.  
WILL USE LIMESTONE**

Times Special  
WASHINGTON, March 6—Rep. Gerald W. Landis (R. Ind.) said today he had been informed that 700 carloads of Indiana limestone would be used in the construction of the new \$4,000,000 War Department Building.

**2 SENTENCED UPSTATE**

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 6 (U. P.)—Joseph J. Frederick 35, and his brother, Frank, 31, have been sentenced to prison terms at Michigan City after pleading guilty to a charge of armed robbery before Superior Court Judge J. Elmer Peak. Joseph was sentenced to 20 years and Frank to 15. Both admitted holding up a South Bend grocer last December.

Mr. Wallace, national president of the Associated Credit Bureaus of America, will be the speaker for the sixth of 10 lectures being sponsored by the Retail Credit Grantees of Indianapolis at 6:15 p. m. Monday at the Claypool Hotel.

Mr. Wallace will talk on "Special Problems of Credit Control" to 175 persons employed in the credit departments of local retail stores.

He will discuss the problem of returned goods, claims, complaints, adjustments, discounts and allowances, and consumer education by means of a definite community policy.

**STATE SEEKING  
AGREEMENT ON  
CITY TAXABLES**

**Park Meters, Sewage Plants  
Eliminated at Municipal  
League Talk.**

State officials will attempt to reach an agreement in two weeks with the Indiana Municipal League on the various items of municipal revenues that are subject to the Gross Income Tax, Governor M. Clifford Townsend said today.

Two sources of municipal revenue—parking meters and sewage disposal plants—were eliminated from the list of taxable incomes following a meeting of a league committee with the Governor yesterday.

Attorney General Ormer S. Jackson ruled that income from these two services were not taxable because they are designated as "necessary governmental functions not in competition with private business."

**Study to Be Made**

Gilbert K. Hewitt, Gross Income Tax Division director, said the Governor and the State legal staff will make a complete study of all other municipal revenues and compare them with those of the Municipal League.

The next meeting of State officials with the Municipal League has been set tentatively for March 18.

"At this meeting we hope to reach a permanent agreement with the mayors on all items subject to tax," Mr. Hewitt said.

**Concessions Are Listed**

Meanwhile, the tax division will issue tax paid by some cities to make necessary adjustments for the parking meter and sewage plant revenues.

Other municipal concessions whose revenues the State claims should be taxed include airports, golf courses, swimming pools, market places, zoos and rents from buildings. The league has been protesting the legality of taxing most of these.

The Attorney General's ruling stated that any municipal function that is not required by law and is in competition with private business must be taxed under the 1937 amendment to the Gross Income Tax Law.

Members of the League committee were Mayor Reginald Sullivan, Mayor Harry Baals, of Ft. Wayne; Mayor Vincent Youkey, of Crown Point; Col. L. L. Roberts, Evansville city attorney; and Walter Helmke, Ft. Wayne city attorney.

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**In County Race**



R. B. Storms . . . active in local politics.

**World War Veteran Seeks  
G. O. P. Nomination  
For Coroner.**

Dr. R. B. Storms, Indianapolis physician, today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Marion County Coroner.

Dr. Storms is a graduate of the Indiana University school of medicine, class of 1915, and has been active in Republican politics in Indianapolis and Marion County.

He has been a member of the Indianapolis Medical Society, the Marion County and Indiana Medical Societies, American Legion, Sigma Chi Fraternity, the Masons and the Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity.

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**ANDERSON TRIAL  
IN RELIEF PROBE  
STARTS APRIL 1**

Judge Staff Sets Date Despite Protest of Lewis On 'Long Delay.'

April 1 has been set as the new date for the trial of Dan R. Anderson, Indianapolis grocer, indicted three months ago on charges of filing false relief claims.

The new date was set yesterday by Judge Charles Staff of the Johnson Circuit Court who qualified to try the case. The trial originally was scheduled to open in Criminal Court last Monday.

**Lewis Objects**

Postponement was forced when Paul Rochford, Anderson's attorney, filed for a change of judge. The petition charged that a fair trial was impossible with Judge Dewey Myers on the bench.

The setting of the April 1 date was made over the strong objections of Prosecutor David M. Lewis who told Judge Staff that there had been "a long enough delay in this case already."

**Has Another Case**

Judge Staff told Mr. Lewis and Anderson's attorney, Paul Rochford, that he had come to Indianapolis from Franklin prepared to set the trial for next Monday. He said "criminal cases should be given the right away over other cases—every defendant has a right to a speedy trial."

Mr. Rochford, however, said it would be impossible for him to try the case before April 1 because of another case he was trying in Probate Court.

**ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION  
CONTROVERSY GROWS**

WASHINGTON, March 6 (U. P.)—Controversy over the Byrd Antarctic Expedition spread today.

The fight concerns money money for the exploration of the south pole area after June 30, 1940. The House Appropriations Committee eliminated a requested \$250,000 item for that purpose.

Chairman Jed Johnson (D. Okla.) told his suit.

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