

THREE CASES OF SMEAR ATTACKS LAID TO F. D. R.

Long Time Sleuthing Against
McNutt and Rap at
Lindley Are Cited.

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WASHINGTON, March 21.—One of the greatest Presidents in our history, Mr. Roosevelt is also one of the most ruthless. Those who get in his way, he tries to mow down. And those who seriously disagree with him are either fools or knaves.

Currently he is conducting his smear in three cases. One is against members of Congress and officers who question his policy of selling our latest airplanes to the Allies. Another is against his friend and biographer, Ernest K. Lindley, who dared write a newspaper column he didn't like. And the third is against his friend and associate, Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt, a Presidential candidate feared by some New Dealers.

These cases are not unusual. It is not necessary to recall the long line of friends he has used and broken—the Mokeys, Tugwells, Achesons, the Lewis Douglasses and others.

Name Calling Recalled

Or the ill-starred purge he attempted against Senators who disagreed with his Supreme Court packing plan, a record exhibition of vindictiveness. Or his name-calling to discredit the sincerity of opponents of his revision of the Neutrality Law. Or his effort to undermine the press for covering his third-term maneuvers and daring to ask him his intentions on that very point.

Now with such words as "bunk" he tries to prejudice the public against Congressional inquiry into the sale of military aircraft.

This highly proper functioning of the legislative branch is being blocked by the President by the executive who the national-emergency decree gives him more power than any peacetime predecessor, and whose administration has spent more than any other in a peacetime Army—an Army which according to its generals is still unprepared.

In the Lindley case, the President said Mr. Lindley's column on what Mr. Roosevelt told fellow politician about the candidacies of Jim Farley and others was made up of whole cloth. He indicted all columnists by saying that Mr. Lindley and a few were wrong 20 per cent of the time and the others were wrong 80 per cent of the time.

Knows Lindley's Record

Forgetting for a moment about the many other newspapermen thus smeared, it happens that the President knows all about Mr. Lindley. He knows that Mr. Lindley is of the highest integrity, far superior in character and intelligence to most New Deal officials.

Mr. Roosevelt knows that a newspaperman stands or falls—like a banker or a President—on his reputation for integrity. But he accuses his columnist friend of faking, which is the same as accusing a banker of being a thief or a President of being a crook. Fortunately, Mr. Lindley's earned reputation is so secure it cannot be ruined even by his White House friend.

The smear of Mr. McNutt is more complete because it has been going on for eight months. For that long a large crew of Federal sleuths has been interviewing scores of persons from coast to coast and searching records many years old for evidence of McNutt income-tax evasion.

Innuendo Perpetuated
As a result of these methods he is being discredited, although these sleuths have turned over no evidence to the Justice Department. The Administration neither gives him a clean bill nor prosecutes him—it merely perpetuates an innuendo capable of assassinating his candidacy.

If the President has evidence against Paul McNutt, presumably he would not wait all these months to act and would neither have appointed nor retained his friend in high office.

Perhaps politics must be that dirty, and maybe great political leaders must be that ruthless. Apparently Mr. Roosevelt thinks so, anyway.

COURT FREES 16 OF GAMBLING CHARGES

Gambling charges against Leroy Donnelly and 15 other persons today had been dropped.
The defendants were arrested in three raids on an alleged gambling establishment in the 100 block N. Delaware St. Judge John McNellis of Municipal Court dismissed the men after ruling the charges were illegal because the arresting officers had no warrants.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

DEATHS TO DATE

County City total

1939 8 7 15

1940 5 10 15

—March 20—

Injured 12 Arrests 48

Dead 0 Accidents 18

WEDNESDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convicted Fines

Violations Tried Fines Paid

Speeding 25 24 \$153

Failure to stop at 11 9 42

Reckless driving 28 23 43

Disobeying traffic 21 19 40

Drunk driving 1 0 0

All others 58 53 36

Totals 144 128 \$314

MEETINGS TODAY

Advertising Club of Indianapolis, Indianapolis Athletic Club, noon.

Sigma Chi, Board of Trade, noon.

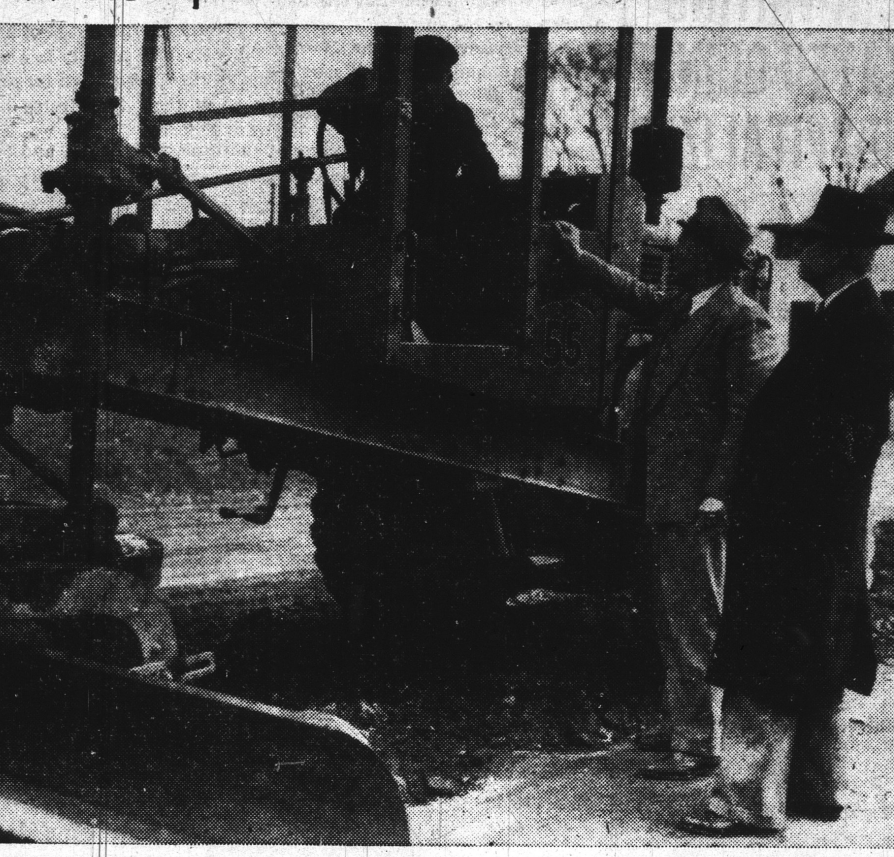
Caravan Club, Murat Temple, noon.

Oil Club, Hotel Severin, noon.

Construction League of Indianapolis, Architects and Builders Building, noon.

Indianapolis Camera Club, 110 E. Ninth St., 6 p. m.

Winship's Tale of 'The Good Earth'



Streets Commissioner Wilbur Winship (left) and Councilman Harmon A. Campbell inspect the road grader.

NAZIS RAID SHIP, KILL 4 BRITONS

Six Are Hurt as Germans
Renew Sea Warfare in
English Channel.

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escaped on two rafts and were sighted by a British plane.

It was these ships which, according to reports here, were mined or torpedoed.

The Norwegian steamship Svinia, 1267 tons, was sunk in the convoy attack and the Swedish steamship Utklippan, 1599 tons, and the Norwegian steamship Tora Elise, 721 tons, were damaged. The Svinia's crew was saved by another Norwegian ship, it was said.

BERLIN, March 21 (U. P.).—German airplanes, in an attack on a British convoy protected by cruisers, destroyers, airplanes and an armed merchantman, sank nine warships and merchantmen totaling about 40,000 tons and seriously damaged two merchantmen totaling about 11,000 tons, the High Command asserted today.

The attack, 24 hours after the British raid on Sylt Island, took place "toward evening" yesterday off Scapa Flow, British fleet base in the Orkney Islands above Scotland, the High Command asserted.

One of the attacking German planes is missing, it was said, and one British plane was downed.

It was now established, the High Command said, that three British planes were destroyed in the Sylt raid.

snov, but never failed to make progress. These troops had come out of the Manchester Line in the Karelian Isthmus beyond Viipuri, trudging past still smoldering towns that air bombs had destroyed. These particular soldiers had not been defeated in battle, but that seemed to give them little consolation.

Ahead of the troops went civilians, evacuees from Virolahti and Saeckolaervi, dragging their belongings. A young school teacher said there had been 18 schoolhouses in the Virolahti area which 9700 Finns left and that every one of more than 800 inhabitants had left the Saeckolaervi district.

One Finnish officer said he doubted that more than 300 of the 450,000 Finns in the territory ceded to Russia would remain there under Russian rule, although most of them were deeply rooted to their native soil.

The Russians were advancing in accordance with the treaty almost five miles a day, and only persons living near the border were able to "save anything more than their lives."

The civilians' retreat was slowed in some places by the Army's clogging the roads with wounded men, supplies and marchers so tired that they were almost beyond their endurance.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Exchange Club, Severin Hotel, noon.

Optimist Club, Columbia Club, noon.

Reserve Officers' Association, Board of Trade, noon.

Phi Delta Theta, Canary Cottage, noon.

Phi Kappa Phi, Canary Cottage, noon.

Sportsmen's Show, Manufacturers' Building, 110 E. Ninth St., 6 p. m.

Indiana State Fair Grounds, afternoon and night.

Indiana Motor date and Traffic Bureau, Severin Hotel, noon.

BIRTHS

Twins (Boy and Girl)

Samuel, Geraldine Duncan, at City.

Virgil, Elizabeth Decker, at Coleman.

Gerald, Josephine Humes, at St. Vincent.

Owen, Jamie Tinsley, at 1511 Martindale.

Boys

James Dorothy Parkhill, at Coleman.

Dwight, Alice Brink, at Coleman.

Marko, Dora Milevovich, at Methodist.

He Proves to a Critic That Grading Is Now in Progress

By RICHARD LEWIS

City Streets Commissioner Wilbur Winship, a Democrat of long-standing, today comforted his critic, Councilman Harmon A. Campbell, a Republican of long-standing, with five tons of evidence that the City is grading streets.

The evidence, City grader No. 55, was found moving along E. 28th St. from Station St. to Sherman Drive, at 10 a. m. Mr. Winship and Councilman Campbell paused to examine it on the first leg of their tour to inspect grader operation on unpaved streets.

The tour was arranged after Mr. Campbell demanded immediate action in street grading at Monday night's council meeting. Mr. Winship replied yesterday that he would invite any Councilman to witness the fact that grading is now in progress.

The big grader rumbled to a stop as the inspection party pulled up in a City car. Behind the grader, was a stretch of dirt road as smooth as a table top. Ahead was a piece of road that looked like the middle of No Man's Land.

"Well, here she is," Mr. Winship said, waving his hand toward the panting machine.

Grader driver, Sam Robertson,

leaned back in his seat and looked puzzled. A group of small children and dogs began to gather at the scene.

"We're just doing a temporary job here," Mr. Winship explained. "We'll have to go back over it when we oil the street."

Mr. Campbell observed that if the Streets Department graded twice, it probably would make history, not to mention Democratic votes.

"You've got a lot of votes tied up in that grader," Mr. Campbell observed.

Mr. Winship then launched into a technical discussion of street grading in which he disclosed that it takes four city graders five months to iron out the 246 miles of unpaved streets.

"It would take only half that time if we had twice as many graders, which cost \$3200 each," Mr. Winship added wistfully.

Councilman Campbell took the matter under advisement.

The two men got back into the City car.

Mr. Robertson, the grader driver, slipped the big machine into gear. It began to churn the black earth as it rumbled on, leaving smoothness where holes had been before.

JIMMY TO WED HIS NURSE, PAPER SAYS

NEW YORK, March 21 (U. P.).—The New York Daily Mirror said today that James Roosevelt, recently divorced eldest son of the President, had "admitted" he intended to marry Romelle Schneider, his nurse.

Mr. Roosevelt's wife, the former Betsy Cushing, will not receive her final divorce decree until March, 1941. After that, the newspaper quoted Mr. Roosevelt as saying, he will marry Miss Schneider.

"Will you wait the year out before marrying Miss Schneider?" the Mirror said its reporter asked Mr. Roosevelt.

"I will have to do that, I guess," the President's son was quoted as replying.

Mr. Roosevelt met Miss Schneider, daughter of a Wisconsin tavern keeper, when he went to the Mayo Clinic for an operation in 1938.

6 NEW REGISTRATION BRANCHES OPENED

Six new registration branches opened in the City for Marion County voters today.

They are School at 17th St. and Park Ave.; City Barn at 1154 Shelby St.; School at Kansas and Meridian Sts.; Fire Stations at 2940 Kenwood Ave., 1030 E. Washington St. and at Tibbs Ave. and W. Washington St.

Voters who wish to register for the May 7 primary election and November general election may also register or transfer their registration at Room 34, Court House. The registration deadline is midnight April 8.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Mostly cloudy, probably occasional snow tonight and tomorrow; no decided change in temperature; lowest tonight 25 to 30.

Sunrise 5:47 Sunset 5:58

TEMPERATURE

March 21, 1939

6 a. m. 28 1 p. m. 54

BAROMETER

6:30 a. m. 30.03

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. 0.41

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 4.41

Deficiency since Jan. 1 1.72

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES, 6:30 A. M.

Station Weather Bar. Temp.

Annapolis, Md. P. Cloudy 29.78 17

Bismarck, N. D. Snow 30.14 16

Canton, Mass. P. Cloudy 29.94 30

Chicago, Ill. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Cincinnati, Ohio P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Cleveland, Ohio P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Denver, Colo. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Des Moines, Iowa P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Helena, Mont. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Indianapolis, Ind. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Kansas City, Mo. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Los Angeles, Calif. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Miami, Fla. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Mobile, Ala. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

New Orleans, La. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

New York, N. Y. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Omaha, Neb. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Portland, Ore. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Portland, Me. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

San Antonio, Tex. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

San Francisco, Calif. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

St. Louis, Mo. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Tampa, Fla. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

Washington, D. C. P. Cloudy 30.08 30

MIDWEST WEATHER

Indiana—Mostly cloudy; occasional snow probably tonight and tomorrow; no decided change in temperature.

Illinois—Mostly cloudy; occasional light snow probably tonight and tomorrow; somewhat colder tonight.

Lewis Michigan—Mostly cloudy with occasional light snow; colder tonight; tomorrow partly cloudy in north, mostly cloudy in south; somewhat colder in south and east portions.

Ohio—Light snow tonight and tomorrow; colder tomorrow; continued cold Sunday and Sunday.

Kentucky—Light rain or snow tonight and tomorrow; not quite so cold in east and slightly colder in extreme west portion tonight; colder tomorrow; continued cold Saturday and Sunday.

CITY TO MARK JESUS' DEATH IN 3-HOUR RITE

All Christian Groups to
Participate; 2:59 P. M.
Is 'Silent Minute.'

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Church will lead devotions. The Washington High School concert class will sing at that hour.

At the third hour in English's, the motel and young peoples' choir of the First Presbyterian Church will sing Sir John Stainer's oratorio, "The Crucifixion." George F. Holler will direct; soloists will be Charles Hamilton and George Newton.

In Keith's Theater, the Rev. Erroll T. Elliott, First Friends Church pastor and Indianapolis Ministerial Association president, will preside.

Dr. Jean S. Milner, Second Presbyterian Church pastor, will speak the first hour on "The Cross in History." The Rev. Vernon W. Coulter, First Moravian Church pastor, will lead the devotions and the Tech Concert Choir will sing excerpts from Dubois' "Seven Last Words of Christ."

At the second hour, the Rev. Ephraim D. Lowe, newly elected Indiana Christian Missionary Society executive secretary, will speak on "The Cross in Personal Life." The Rev. Charles R. Lizenby of St. Paul's Methodist Church will lead devotions and the Nurses' Choral Club from Indiana University Medical Center will sing.

Methodist Bishop Titus Lowe of Indianapolis will speak at the third hour in Keith's on "The Cross in the Affairs of Men." The Shortridge High School choir will sing and the Rev. J. J. F. Williams, First Evangelical and Reformed Church pastor, will lead devotions.

Martin Directs Hymns
Fred Martin will direct hymns throughout the three hours at Keith's.

The Roberts Park service was inaugurated last Good Friday because several ministers felt that Good Friday devotions should be held in a more churchly atmosphere than a theater affords. This year, for the first time, an altar is being erected for the service at English's.

The sermon subjects at Roberts Park will be the same as those used at Keith's. The Rev. Harold Hazenfield, First Evangelical Church pastor, will preside at the first hour and the Rev. Richard M. Millard, Broadway Methodist Church pastor, will speak on "The Cross in the Affairs of Men." The Shortridge Ensemble will sing.

Speaker at the second hour will be the Rev. Guy O. Carpenter, Central Avenue Methodist Church pastor. The Rev. Carleton W. Atwater, First Baptist Church pastor, will preside, and the Tech Girls Glee Club will sing.

Dr. Robert S. Mosby, Simpson Methodist Church pastor, and the Christus Attucks a capella choir will feature the third hour at Roberts Park. The host pastor, the Rev. E. E. Aldrich, will preside.

Message Illustrated

The Rev. F. G. Kuebler, Beville Avenue Evangelical Church pastor, will speak at the Wheeler Mission service. A slide-illustrated message, "From Gethsemane to Calvary," will be given by Miss Irene Duncan, a Methodist deaconess.

The Rev. William Norsieck, St. Peter's Lutheran Church pastor, will speak at the Trinity Lutheran service.

Among the unusual services scheduled for the day is a sacrificial luncheon to be given between noon and 1 o'clock by the Women's Missionary Society of the Linwood Christian Church.

Good Friday is the one day of the year when the Holy Communion is not distributed in Catholic churches, but some Protestant churches will hold communion services tomorrow morning or after 3 o'clock. The masses to be said in Catholic churches tomorrow are "Masses of the Pre-Sanctified," in which the elements have been consecrated today. No Host is consecrated on Good Friday.

Dr. Carpenter will serve Holy Communion continuously from 3:30 to 8:30 p. m. in the Central Avenue Methodist Church. There will be no formal program but soft music will be played on the harp and organ.

German Service Set
A German communion service will be read in the Friedens Evangelical and Reformed Church at 10 a. m. tomorrow, with an English service at 7:45 p. m.

Two choirs will sing Theodore Bubbis' "Seven Last Words" tomorrow night.

One of the two will follow the communion service at the Friedens Church.

Miss E. Leona Wright will direct the singing of the oratorio at the First Friends Church, Miss Martha Burns who plays the harp and E. W. Wells the organ. Soloists will be Mrs. D. R. Kellum, Mrs. W. B. Hockett, Mrs. James Pearson, Russell Barton and Jack Strickland.

Fifteen minute services at noon, 1, 2 and 3 o'clock will be held for employees, students, nurses, patients and friends of the Methodist Hospital. All will be in the hospital's Carey Memorial Chapel. Dr. John J. Benson, hospital superintendent, and the Rev. T. T. Alexander, hospital minister, will speak.

A silent communion service will be held at the Roberts Park Methodist Church at 7:30 o'clock tonight. There will be no speaking and the only music will be by the choir.

The Dallas Telegraph reported that 49 planes took part in the raid and dropped 45 tons of 500 pound and 250 pound bombs, from heights varying from 1000 to 8000 feet.

One feature of the German fire, the newspaper said, was that shell bursts were in different colors so that it could be determined how individual batteries were firing.

'Boots for Hitler' Dropped On Sylt by British Raider

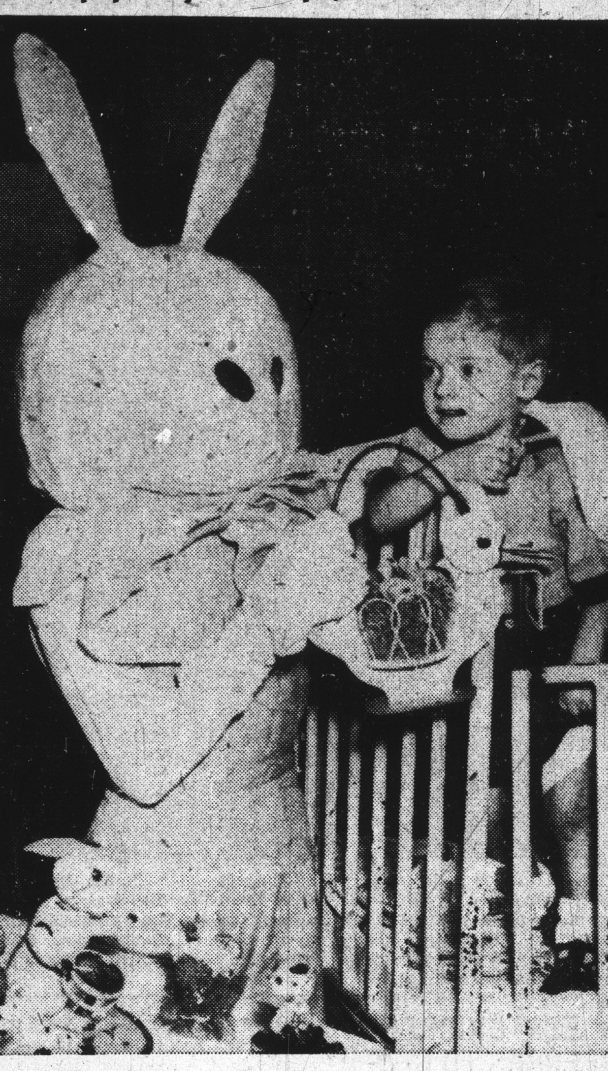
LONDON, March 21 (U. P.).—British aviators who bombed Sylt disclosed today that they had dropped on the German air base island a pair of boots for Adolf Hitler.

It was William Bell, 22, red-haired air gunner, who dropped the Royal Air Force present, with the inscription "For Adolf, your Fuehrer. He will wear them out getting away from us."

Mr. Bell and other youthful aviators, at an air base "somewhere in England," described their experience in the raid.

Dark, handsome air gunner Christopher Stanley, 22, who has an uncle named Kahn living in Mag-

Hippity Hop, He's Here



Again this year, Peter Rabbit visited Riley Hospital to distribute candy, gum and other gifts to the children there. Peter Rabbit is sponsored by the Hook Drug Co. Co-operating were the Dilling Candy Co., Wrigley's and the American Chicle Co.

NEW FRENCH WAR CABINET FORMED

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on the possibility that he would form a new War Cabinet, composed of a few ministers without departmental responsibilities who would concentrate on the bigger problems of the war and leave the Cabinet at large to attend to routine administrative business.

The possibility that Germany might try to effect an understanding between Italy and Russia, based

on a three-power program of sustaining the present state in the Balkans, also entered into the situation.

Ronald Cross, Minister for Economic Warfare, told the House that the Government was watching closely Russian purchases of war materials, especially copper, in the United