

FBI AUTHORITY GROWING UNDER WAR PRESSURE

Champions of Civil Liberty Fear Drive on 'isms' May Turn Into Hysteria.

Last of a Series

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WASHINGTON, March 23.—J. Edgar Hoover and his FBI have won wide acclaim and gratitude for stamping out gangsters, kidnapers and racketeers.

The campaign against crime has produced tons of favorable publicity for Mr. Hoover, which has been capitalized by his own publicity staff and some self-appointed publicists. The "G-Man" has become a legendary figure through magazine stories, moving pictures, and the radio. Inspiration for the publicity has not been lacking from the FBI chief himself. He's a good salesman.

As a consequence, Mr. Hoover has established himself so well in the public mind that persons in politics find it a delicate matter to question any of his activities.

The broadening in the last few years of the calendar of Federal crimes has enabled Mr. Hoover to greatly increase his staff and his annual appropriations.

FBI Contacts Expanded

He has become a powerful figure. The controversy which now rages about the FBI chief does not concern his activities on the gangster front, but his assumption of new authority under the "war emergency," and his recreation of the General Intelligence Division.

Civil-liberty champions fear the potentialities of this new setup unless its activities are carefully circumscribed. They are therefore interested in indications that Attorney General Robert Jackson, who has started an investigation of certain criticized FBI activities, will look into the General Intelligence Division.

The FBI's contacts with business interests and banks, already large through enforcement of statutes covering bank robberies, jewel and automobile thefts, have been expanded under the "war emergency."

Public Aid Invited

It has moved more directly into industry through supervision of protective measures for plants that have Army and Navy orders. On Sept. 6, last year, Mr. Hoover wrote to many persons and organizations, including banks, business houses, railroads and individuals, asking for co-operation in the "general intelligence" investigations of the FBI.

He also broadcast an invitation to the public to aid in "ridding America of those who desire to undermine the Federal Government," with the result that complaints are pouring in at a rate which would total some 75,000 in a year.

In addition to the tie-ups the FBI already has through city police forces all over the country it arranged last September for co-ordination with the intelligence divisions of the War and Navy departments.

War Hysteria Feared

Criticism of recent FBI activities, and warnings, against the danger of an entrenched Federal police system, have provoked the response that they are inspired by Communists and "left-wingers."

This reaction is symptomatic of the very sort of attitude which some fear may develop if a war hysteria is capitalized.

Mr. Hoover knows something of that from his experience in the Justice Department during the World War period, when he was connected with the General Intelligence Division.

In his speeches he uses rather freely such expressions as "alienisms," "subversive activities," and the like.

In a New York speech last October he said "foes within our gates, like termites, have sought by every scheming means to incite their alien ideas into our social order, fouling our cradle of liberty."

In the same speech he said:

"Every hour of the day must be devoted to the support of law and order. Dedication to this effort is true Americanism. You can help by being ever alert in order that any suspected act of sabotage, espionage or neutrality act violation, designed to undermine internal defense, can be called to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

Before the same group, the New York Herald-Tribune forum, John Lord O'Brien, who was head of the war emergency division of the Justice Department in 1917-19, declared:

"In these present troubled days, it would be a great mistake for public officials to go searching for spies. It is a dangerous thing to inflame indiscriminately the emotions of the masses of our people."

PURDUE PARENTS' DINNER IS THURSDAY

Purdue students and their future will be discussed at the annual spring dinner meeting of the Purdue Parents and Teachers Association at 6:30 p. m. Thursday at the American Central Life Insurance Co. auditorium.

Prof. F. C. Hockema, assistant to the Purdue president, will discuss "Purdue, Parents and Posterity," and Dr. J. E. Walters, director of personnel for the schools of engineering and science, will describe "How Purdue Places Its Graduates." James L. Murray is president of the local association. Fred C. Maynard, in charge of ticket sales, said that 200 persons are expected at the dinner.

Children Here to Be Ready With Mite When They Go Tomorrow to Hear Easter Story

Money Will Go to Help Other Youngsters in This Country And Abroad.

Tomorrow the little savings of thousands of Indianapolis Sunday School pupils will be safe inside as many mite boxes.

After the last cowlick has been patted down and the last ribbon has been industriously made to appear casually perfect, so many children will clutch so many mite boxes jingling with coins and will start to Sunday School.

There will be last-minute warnings about avoiding puddles that would soil the new shoes, staying away from the dog, which would ruffle new clothes, and going straight to Sunday School.

Then away they'll go, the girls feeling very proud of their new clothes and showing it, the boys feeling very proud of their new clothes, but making believe they don't for public consumption.

After Sunday School, perhaps there'll be egg hunting. During Sunday School there'll be the fascinating story of Easter. There'll be the beautiful music and the colorful church full of people.

And there'll be the peculiar pleasure for the children of giving, in their mite boxes, their own money—just like the big people do every day.

The money will go to help other children in this country and abroad, who haven't been taught the same story of Easter.



Barbara Jett... 810 W. 43d St. ... ready with her savings.

BUTLER TO SEND 5 TO MEETING

Capital Convention to Map Aeronautics Authority Flying Event.

By SAM TYNDALL

Five "Redskins," Butler University's junior "aeronautes" will represent Indianapolis at the National Intercollegiate Flying Clubs convention at Washington the week-end of April 6-7 and 8.

At the meeting, student pilots from many schools throughout the nation will make plans for the first Civil Aeronautics Authority National Air Meet.

The local delegates are Miss Madge Rutherford, only girl CAA student pilot; Herman Leeth, Paul Elliott and Ted Shadinger, all of Indianapolis, and Jack Kindig, South Bend.

The five are members of the newly organized Butler Flying Club. The Club is planning for an open house and exhibition early in May. They will be host to other CAA students throughout the state at an air show here May 25 and 26.

According to reliable local sources, Allison has a new motor under experimentation far different from those now powering the "Airacobra," the P-38 and P-40s.

It also is reported that the Stout Field air unit of the 38th National Guard Division in the near future may receive for training purposes interceptors and pursuit planes. The squadron is designed as an observation unit.

The Governor's fact-finding committee on aviation is having a difficult time trying to harmonize the ideas of the private flier with those of the huge airlines.

S. W. O. C. CHAIRMAN SPEAKS HERE TODAY

Philip Murray, chairman of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee and vice president of the C. I. O., was to speak at a meeting at the United Automobile Workers headquarters, 241 W. Maryland St., at 2:30 p. m. today.

R. J. Thomas, U. A. W. international president, and Leo Krzycki, Amalgamated Clothing Workers vice president, also were to speak. Mr. Murray and Mr. Thomas, accompanied by James Robb, C. I. O. regional director here, will leave for Muncie for another meeting today.

ATTEMPTED HOLDUP ENDS IN FOOT RACE

Frank Henry, 54, of 1431 N. Tremont St., reported to police last night that a would-be bandit approached him with a revolver as he was walking in Miley Ave., 1300 block.

"Give me what you've got," the man ordered.

Mr. Henry gave a quick glance at the man and started to run. "Halt or I'll shoot!" the stranger commanded. Mr. Henry never slackened his speed.

The gunman turned and ran the opposite direction.

W.H.E.-W.H.E. W.H.E.-W.H.E.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 23 (U. P.)—Seven hours of scribbling three initials, "W. H. E.," today were responsible for the recovery of Wilbur H. Ernest, an amnesia victim who walked into police headquarters Wednesday.

He was taken to Dr. Eugene J. Alexander, a neuro-psychiatrist, who set him to writing the initials observed on his tie clasp. After seven hours he wrote "Wilbur."

A few minutes later he wrote out his full name—Wilbur Henry Ernest.

Later he remembered that he had been a warehouse worker in St. Louis, Mo.; that he was married and that his 8-year-old daughter, Charlotte, was injured in a bus accident and required long hospitalization when he was without funds.

A brother, Fred Ernest, was coming to Evansville to return Wilbur to his home.

Dr. Alexander blamed Mr. Ernest's condition on worry over money.

CIVIC CLUB CHARGES STREET INSANITARY

Dr. Herman G. Morgan, City Health officer, said today he would make an investigation of the South-Side, Civic Club's complaint that insanitary conditions in the first block on W. Arizona St. have been ignored by the Health Department.

The Civic Club charged the condition resulting from the flooding of outside latrines, has become a public health menace. In a letter to Dr. Morgan, Albert Seyfried, Club secretary, said the condition had been brought to the Health Department's attention "time and time again," but no action has been taken on it.

SKIT WILL FEATURE MEETING OF G. O. P.

A skit, "With Eleanor and Franklin at the White House," will be a feature event of a meeting to be held by the Irvington Republican Club at Carr's Hall, 5436 E. Washington St., Monday evening.

Those taking part in the skit will be Roland C. Wright, State Chairman of the Young Republicans; Ralph Hamill, County Chairman; Russell I. Richardson, Glenn Funk and Jack Tilson.

Erle Kightlinger, chairman of the 18th Ward Young Republicans, will preside at the meeting, after being presented by Roy Lewis, president of the Irvington group.

VATICAN PESSIMISTIC OVER WAR OUTLOOK

VATICAN CITY, March 23 (U. P.)—Authoritative Vatican quarters said today that the Holy See had sent a letter to all apostolic nuncios and delegations abroad informing them that the Vatican has taken a pessimistic view regarding possibilities of peace and believes that the war will be a long one.

The letter, it was understood, asked ecclesiastical authorities throughout the world to do their utmost to relieve suffering caused by the conflict.

WPA LABORERS GIVEN 'GO' SIGN

Rank and File Unrestricted By Hatch Law, Minton Is Informed.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Any WPA worker doing relief labor can participate in politics and only those in administrative jobs are barred under the Hatch Law, Senator Sherman Minton was informed today.

The ruling came from WPA headquarters and was asked for by the Senator in response to an inquiry from a Clinton, Ind., WPA worker who wants to run for Democratic precinct committeeman.

Deputy WPA Commissioner Howard O. Hunter answered the Senator's question as follows:

"The laws and regulations of this Administration governing political activity of its employees apply only to persons employed in administrative or supervisory capacities. Therefore, a laborer employed on a project, who is not in a position to exercise authority or influence over other employees, would be free to run for precinct committeeman without prejudice to his WPA employment."

"However, under no circumstances would such person be permitted to engage in political activity of any kind whatsoever during project working hours or on the project site."

HARAMY TO ADDRESS PATRIOTIC CITIZENS

The Indiana Council of Patriotic Citizens will hear Prof. John J. Haramy of Indiana Central College at its regular monthly meeting in the Shrine Building of the World War Memorial at 8 p. m. Monday.

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GOV. TOWNSEND PLANS TO RETIRE TO FARM IN 1941

Harassed 3 Years by Complex Politics, He'll Raise Hogs in Future.

By NOBLE REED

Harassed by administration troubles and complex politics for more than three years, Governor M. Clifford Townsend has decided to retire from public life entirely at the close of his term next January.

"I have no plans for leaving office except to return to my farm in Grant County and raise Hampshire hogs," he said in answering questions about his future.

Essentially a farmer, the Governor's friends said he had expressed the desire to get out of public life and back to the soil as soon as possible.

Mentioned as a possible candidate for various offices, Mr. Townsend apparently will have none of them and furthermore will not even talk politics to any great extent.

Faced Patronage Troubles
Beset by patronage troubles from the very first day he took office, the Governor never has been free from disgruntled politicians or administration difficulties.

The Highway Department, spending more than \$20,000,000 a year, has been the source of great worry to the Governor, his friends said. The turmoil in that department has resulted from two "schools of thought" among the staff engineers—one is "black top" construction and the other is cement, depending upon which of the interests has the most money to spend for construction propaganda.

Other administration troubles have arisen from time to time in the State Highway Department, involving friction on policies between department heads.

Handled by Heller
The patronage system has been one of the most irritating problems in the Governor's office.

This has been handled by Dick Heller, the Governor's executive secretary, who planned to resign last January but changed his mind suddenly because of impending political repercussions.

Mr. Heller necessarily has made some radical enemies for the administration in the thousands of dishing out several thousand jobs and his attitude toward the job is similar to that of the Governor.

"I'm going back to private business as soon as this administration is over," he said.

ONE DETOUR LIFTED, ANOTHER STARTED

The official detour bulletin of the State Highway Department today reported one detour lifted and one established since last week.

The new detour is on Road 234, extending seven and one-half miles from Road 41 west through Kingman. Traffic is being routed over Road 41 and a county gravel road.

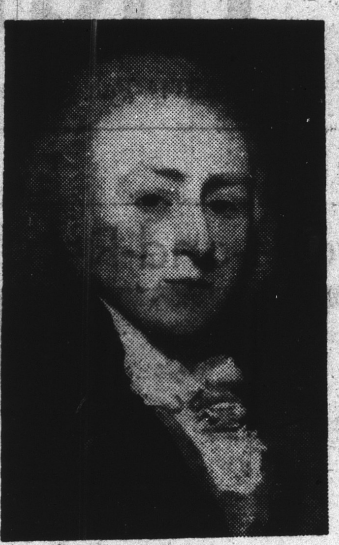
The eliminated detour was on Road 234, extending seven and one-half miles from Road 41 west through Kingman. Traffic is being routed over Road 41 and a county gravel road.

Detours now in force are:
Indiana 1—From U. S. 6, 35 north 2 miles over U. S. 35 and county gravel.
Indiana 2—From U. S. 35, 35 north 2 miles over U. S. 35 and county gravel.
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Museum Acquires 'Pianist,' Stuart's 'Edward Loftus'



Gilbert Stuart's "Edward Loftus" ... Second in importance.

The purchase of four works by American artists, including a Gilbert Stuart portrait and a Thomas Eakins character study, was announced today by the Art Association of Indianapolis.

The pictures will be added to the permanent collection of the John Herron Art Museum and now are being shown in the upstairs gallery.

This is one of the most important groups to be acquired in the Museum's history, according to Wilbur D. Peat, director. He said that the Stuart portrait, "Edward Loftus" is the most significant acquisition in the Museum's collection with the exception of John Singer Sargent's portrait of James Whitcomb Riley.

Other works in the group are a still life entitled "Aperitif" by Thomas Lee McFee, contemporary American painter, and a Currier and Ives print, "Wooding Up on the Mississippi."

The Stuart purchase was made possible by the Friends of American Art. The work was painted about 1790 during Stuart's Irish period which, with the English period, preceded the painting of his famous portraits of George Washington.

Eakins' "The Pianist" is not a commissioned portrait. The Philadelphia, who died about 25 years ago, painted an intimate, sympathetic study of a friend. He is sitting at the piano, dreaming as he plays. This painting was purchased by the James E. Roberts fund.

The McFee still life was purchased from the Delavan Smith fund to carry out the Art Association's policy of purchasing each year one painting by a contemporary American.

It is a realistic study of flowers, fresh fruit and liquor glasses. It was first exhibited last fall in the Carnegie International Exhibition in Pittsburgh. It was shown here in the February still life exhibit.

The Currier and Ives hand-lit is one of the most interesting and carefully composed of the early American prints which were shown last month at Herron.

Anna, Veteran Of 'Met,' Dead

NEW YORK, March 23 (U. P.)—Anna, veteran of 25 years of the Metropolitan Opera, is dead in a New Jersey barn.

She was a spotlessly white mare of gentle disposition and even temperament. She was rare because the hire of horses in the triumphal scene of Verdi's "Aida" never disturbed her. That was the only scene in which she ever had a part—decked out in glittering jewelry and pulling the chariot for Thaddeus.

She had hauled some celebrated tenors in that role, including Enrico Caruso, Benjamino Gigli, Lauri-Volpi, Morgan Kingstom, Giovanni Martinelli and Arthur Caron. Only once did she neigh on the stage, and everybody agreed that the tenor was off key before she interrupted. She had a brief movie career, carrying Rudolph Valentino in "The Sheik" and Marion Davies in "When Knighthood Was in Flower."

MACADDEN IS CANDIDATE

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 23 (U. P.)—Bernard Macadden, magazine publisher and physical culturist, today entered the contest for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator from Florida.

FORMER STATE HEALTH CHIEF IN G. O. P. PRIMARY

King Seeks Senate Seat; Springer and Schulte File For Congress.

Dr. William F. King, former State Health Commissioner, today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination to the Indiana Senate.

At the same time, Elmon M. Williams, Indianapolis attorney, announced for the Republican nomination for joint representative from Marion and Johnson counties.

Born in Belmont County, Ohio, Dr. King was graduated from the Ohio State University medical department, practicing medicine 12 years in Columbus City, Ind. In 1910 he was named assistant secretary of the State Health Board, serving continuously in that capacity until 1922, when he was named Health Commissioner. He held this post until April, 1933.

Served in War
During his administration many of the present sanitation and public health laws were enacted. He has served as a member of the governing council and as vice president of the American Public Health Association. He has been a board member of the American School of Hygiene Association and was a surgeon in the U. S. Public Health Service during the World War.

He was a member of the plan committee of former President Herbert Hoover's White House conference on child health and protection. At present he is national chairman of the committee on services to children and youth of the National Exchange Club.

Williams Candidate in 1938
Mr. Williams, who lives in Greenwood, was a candidate for the Legislature two years ago. In 1932 he was a director of the State Young Republicans Organization, and in 1936 was assistant chairman of the Republican Speakers' Bureau.

He is a vice president and former president of the Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is president of the Johnson County Bar Association and a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association and the Lawyers Association of Indianapolis.

Ten persons filed their declarations of candidacy at the office of James M. Tucker, secretary of state, yesterday.

Springer Files
They are Raymond S. Springer, Connorsville Republican, for Congress; William T. Schulte, Hammond Democrat, for Congress; Blaz A. Lucas, Gary Democrat, for State Senator; Bert M. Laymon, Staunton Democrat, for State Senator; John H. Jones, Ellettsburg Democrat, for State Representative; Robert J. Warren, Gary Republican, for State Representative; Clyde R. Black, Logansport Republican, for State Senator.

Others are Richard V. Newton, Terre Haute Republican, for judge of Vigo County Superior Court; Harold J. Anderson, Anderson Republican, for prosecuting attorney of Madison County; Ernest E. Owens, Indianapolis Republican, for Congress.

DON'T GET CLEANED ... BY THE SOAP PEDDLERS

Recent reports and inquiries indicate the presence and activity in our community of "soap peddlers."

Such peddlers operate regularly throughout the country and are quite frequently reported in Indianapolis. Some of these operate house-to-house; others will operate from a small truck, and quite often are reported to be stationed near a stop light.

While their sales talk varies, it is generally to the effect that for advertising purposes, they are offering you a marvelous bargain at an "introductory price." They talk glibly about well-known brands of soap, generally offering a package of a well known brand "free" if you will buy a carton of the soap they are selling for "advertising purposes."

They sometimes display a carton of soap on which conspicuously appears the expression "Combination Price—75c." In one of these cases investigated by the government, it was found that this carton of soap was sold at 25c per carton, although it was marked "Combination Price—75c," and that these peddlers actually purchased this from a manufacturer who specializes in this type of merchandise at 5c per carton.

Soap manufacturers sometimes pass out samples of their products house to house. These are not to be confused with the soap peddler.

If activities of such peddlers come to your attention, please report it immediately to the Bureau.

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