

# 100,000 PRIMARY VOTES ARE SOUGHT

Both G. O. P. and Democratic Leaders Press Drive To Swell Totals Over 1938 Marks; 99,834 Former Returns.

Democratic and Republican leaders today concentrated on drives to put the Marion County vote total over the 100,000 mark in Tuesday's Primary.

The 1938 Primary vote in Marion County was 99,834—64,107 Democratic ballots and 35,737 Republicans.

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Democratic County Chairman Ira Haymaker predicted that the Democratic vote will be "at least as heavy as the 1938 balloting."

## G. O. P. FACTION OFFERS 'SLATE'

Bradford Camp Supports Candidates With 52,000 Letters.

Primary Vote Light

Only about 40 per cent of the 276,000 registered voters in Marion County ever go to the polls in the Primary because of the large mass of independent voters who wait for the general election to vote their choice.

The 1938 November balloting almost doubled the Primary vote at 196,201.

Major developments in the pre-primary campaign during the last several months include:

1. A bitter factional fight among Republicans for control of the Marion County organization. A faction led by James L. Bradford, attempting to wrest control of the party from County Chairman Carl Vandivier through the election of a slate of precinct committeemen at the polls Tuesday.

2. A lively Democratic scrap in the State Senate and County Treasurer contests. The organization slate listed Jacob Weiss for State Senator, displacing Joseph Sexton from the favored list after party leaders had agreed on the latter. A strong factional fight also has developed in the treasurer contest between Walter C. Boecher, incumbent, and James Cunningham, Center Township assessor.

3. A "mobilization" of some untapped candidates in both parties against what they describe as "boss rule" in picking organization slates.

Boyer Makes Charges

4. Charges that packages of liquor were distributed to precinct committeemen in behalf of Mr. Weiss' campaign for renomination to the State Senate. Mr. Weiss denied any connection with the distribution of any liquor.

5. Charges by William Boyer, attorney, that some members of the Republican faction, opposing Chairman Vandivier were linked with bi-partisan activities.

6. Marion County Republican leaders' announcement that they will support George R. Jeffrey, Indianapolis attorney, for the gubernatorial nomination at the State Convention May 24.

7. Filing of a suit in Circuit Court by Glenn W. Funk, Republican candidate for prosecutor nomination, seeking to remove the Democratic Two Per Cent Club's immunity from the Corrupt Practices Act.

Foreign Machine Censure

Two unrelated candidates announced they are not joining others who didn't get on organization slates in denouncing party leaders.

Robert Allison, real estate man, who missed the Democratic slate for State Representative by only one vote, said he was "affiliated with any anti-machine group of candidates." He said he holds no resentment against the party organization.

James McMenore, Republican candidate for State Representative who missed the G. O. P. organization slate, also upheld party leaders.

"The Republican slate is a recommendation and not an order from behind closed doors to the rank and file of Republicans to follow or else," he said.

TOWBOAT TRAPPED BY SHALLOW OHIO

EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 4 (U. P.)—The steam-powered towboat, A. L. Baker, was grounded today a half-mile below Cypress on the Indiana side of the Ohio River and rivermen said it could not be pulled loose until the river reached a 44-foot stage.

The boat, owned by the Ayer & Lord Co. of Paducah, Ky., ran aground while trying to salvage an oil barge which broke away during a storm Tuesday night.

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## WATSON LINKED IN ATTACK ON HALLECK

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papers during the campaign. He wrote:

"Charlie Halleck has never been the knee to political expediency. He has stood like a rock against compromise and threats. He has cast some votes that have cost him many friends and supporters, but he has never been a man who would sell his soul for power or position."

"In the long run the American people are fair. They admire courage. The man who is always trimming his sails to the political wind may manage to stay in public life for a while. But the courageous man, once the people come to know and understand him, is admired and loved and supported even by those who disagree with some of his votes."

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# ROAD 31 FIGHT GETS BACKING OF CIVIC CLUB

S. Side Group to Protest; Abandonment of Traction Asked.

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permit conversion of the present route into a four-lane highway.

The tracks paralleling the existing highway are one of the major obstacles to its improvement.

The Perry Township group's claims were presented to the South Side club by Howard C. Smith, president of the group; Elmer E. House, its attorney; and William Ruby.

"The club thought the proposal was ridiculous," Mr. House said, "and voted to widen the road along its present location."

"Our club favors the present route because it is the shortest, safest and cheapest," Arthur Paetz, president of the South Side organization, said.

Letters to Be Sent

He said the letters would be sent to the Federal roads organizations in support of those already mailed to those bodies last Tuesday by the Perry Township Businessmen.

The Johnson County petition to the PSC said that the interurban between here and Seymour is operating at a loss and that the track right-of-way is an obstacle which threatens to cause the State to spend large sums for rights-of-way to relocate the road. The petition asks that busses be substituted.

The line is under sublease to the Indiana Railroad by the Public Service Co. of Indiana. While the line is operating at a loss, the Public Service Co. is bound by a 199-year lease and the question has been whether it would be cheaper to operate at a loss or abandon it and continue to pay on the lease.

Hint at Abandonment

Ralph Hanna, counselor for the PSC, said he understood that the Public Service Co., in petitioning the Securities Exchange Commission for the right to merge with four other Indiana utilities, proposed to abandon the route.

This plea was based on the belief it would be cheaper to lose on lease rentals than to continue operation.

Walton Quits Race In Favor of Bloemer

Darrell C. Walton, a Democratic candidate for Marion County Surveyor, today announced his withdrawal from Tuesday's primary in favor of Herbert Bloemer.

Mr. Walton said he was forced to withdraw because of the seriousness of illness of his wife.

He added that Mr. Bloemer's name "will be a valuable asset on the official Democratic ballot for the fall election."

"In asking all my friends and supporters," Mr. Walton said in his statement, "to cast their ballots for Herbert Bloemer for the office of county surveyor, I have known Mr. Bloemer for many years and I know his qualifications for the office. He is the only other candidate on the Democratic ticket who is a registered engineer under the laws of the State of Indiana. It is imperative that a qualified engineer be nominated to strengthen the party ticket for the fall election. I am sorry that I have been unable to draw from the race because many of my friends have been active in my behalf. I can assure them, however, that their efforts will not have been in vain if they join me in supporting Mr. Bloemer."

BUCHAREST, Rumania, May 4 (U. P.)—The roundup of 600 members of the German minority in Transylvania was reported today to have followed months of investigation.

It was understood that some German agents among the prisoners would be deported to a remote island among the Serbs, Croats and other factions in case they were called upon to fight.

ISTANBUL, Turkey, May 4 (U. P.)—There were unconfirmed reports today that the Italian fleet was gathering in the eastern Mediterranean. As far as could be learned, the Turkish fleet had made no extraordinary movements.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, May 4 (U. P.)—The Hungarian press today credited "superior German tactics and air superiority" for the withdrawal from south Norway. Allied prestige here was on the down grade and speculation over Italy's possible entrance into the war increased.

F. D. R. IN HYDE PARK FOR THE WEEK-END

HYDE PARK, N. Y., May 4 (U. P.)—President Roosevelt arrived at his upstate New York home today to spend the week-end.

Upon his arrival, White House aides made immediate preparations to keep the President in closest touch with Washington for latest State Department reports on developments in Europe—especially in Italy and the Mediterranean.

It was believed likely that if events in the Mediterranean took a turn for the worse, the President would hasten back to Washington.

DEBATE VIOLENCE IN HOSTESS' DEATH

CLEVELAND, May 4 (U. P.)—Justine Hartford, 35, attractive night club hostess who came here from Los Angeles two weeks ago, struggled with an attacker before her death yesterday, Coroner Samuel R. Seiber said today. He said he believed she had been suffocated by a hand being placed over her mouth.

He announced that a microscopic examination of scrapings from under her fingernails revealed blood and bits of hair, indicating to him "that Miss Hartford clawed at some man in an attempt to protect herself from an attack."

Detectors, however, refused to believe that she was actually murdered.

Luther James Leggett, a brother of the hostess, came here from Indianapolis today to claim the body. After conferring with police, he said he was inclined to accept their theory that she died of natural causes. He reported that she had been subject to heart attacks.

RECORDS IMPOUNDED BY SCALISE JURY

CHICAGO, May 4 (U. P.)—A County Grand Jury which worked one day overtime to investigate evidence that George Scalise, deposed president of the Building Service Employees Union, spent more than \$1,000,000 of the union's funds in three years, ended its session today by impounding union records for examination by a new Grand Jury which meets Monday.

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

St. Louis, Mo., 59°; Clear, 60°; St. Paul, Minn., 58°; Clear, 59°; Chicago, Ill., 57°; Partly Cloudy, 58°; Cincinnati, O., 56°; Partly Cloudy, 57°; Detroit, Mich., 55°; Partly Cloudy, 56°; Philadelphia, Pa., 54°; Partly Cloudy, 55°; New York, N. Y., 53°; Partly Cloudy, 54°; Boston, Mass., 52°; Partly Cloudy, 53°; Washington, D. C., 51°; Partly Cloudy, 52°.

DEATHS

Germaine Moore, 52, at 1730 E. Baywood, carcinoma.

Charles Boegner, 78, at 1821 N. East, carcinoma.

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Warspite Was In North

Other warships of the Queen Elizabeth or Warspite class are the Valiant, Barham and Malaya. All are old, having been commissioned between 1913 and 1915. A sinking such as described in the communique, presumably with all or most hands, would be one of the greatest single disasters of the war.

The Warspite itself was known to have been engaged in the Norwegian campaign. It led a flotilla of destroyers into Narvik April 13, and helped sink several German destroyers and transport ships in a battle there.

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The reported victory of airplanes over the strongest type of surface craft, would possibly mark a turning point in naval designs and tactics, solving the question whose power—long has been awaited in Washington, Tokyo, Moscow, Rome and other neutral capitals no less eagerly than in the belligerent capitals.

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Count on 121 Subs

It added that 121 submarines are stationed between the Ligurian Sea (off northwestern Italy facing France) and the western coast of Italy, along a line running down to the coast to the Adriatic Sea.

The newspaper cited seven reasons for its claim that Italy is invulnerable, as follows:

1. The Adriatic has been made a closed sea.

2. Italy's submarines form an "unbreakable chain" from the Ligurian Sea coast to the Adriatic.

3. The Tyrrhenian Sea (off southwestern Italy) is surrounded by Italian airports and patrolled by Italian air forces.

4. Between the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Ionian Sea there now are operating six Italian battleships and 200 other warships.

5. The Italian naval base on the island of Pantelleria between Sicily and Tunisia separates the "enemy" forces at the narrow bottleneck of the Mediterranean.

6. Italy has efficient coastal defenses.

7. Eight million bayonets sprout from the soil of Italy.

Predict Nazi Air Offensive

"The Italian press in general predicted a terrific German air offensive against the British Isles," Il Piccolo said. "Britain is at the mercy of German airplanes based in Norway."

Il Telegrafo said: "A great offensive against Britain was never more possible than today. All we know about the strength of the Germans has led us to believe that this offensive will come."

Messaggero said: "Norway will be transformed into a great base for attack against England."

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