

## SCHICKLER PLEDGES TO EASE GROSS TAX

LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 23.—(AP) Gov. Henry F. Schickler, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, declared in a speech here last night that the Republican party "can't take away the

program the Democratic party has given the people." He promised that if elected Governor he would seek to amend the Gross Income Tax Law to lighten the burden on small business, and secure free school books. He also praised the State Labor Board, created during the Democratic administration, which he said has settled more than 1100 labor disputes involving 350,000 workers. "I believe that I'm going to be your candidate for Governor," he said. "There will be no reprisals if I am Governor."

## PRICE CONTROL APPEAL BY WAR BOARD IS BARED

Stettinius Group Also Urged  
Production Clamp in  
Case of Conflict.

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WASHINGTON, May 23.—The Stettinius War Resources Board report, which the President suppressed, recommended appointment of two virtual dictators to control production and prices. Of course they were not called "dictators." These civilian chiefs would operate during military emergency. They would be independent not only of the Army and Navy, but also of the regular Government departments and Cabinet officers. They would be subject only to the President. Their respective boards would be advisory and without power. The Stettinius proposal for an industrial production chief was somewhat similar to the official industrial mobilization plan, as revised last year by the Secretary of Navy and Assistant Secretary of War.

Prices Got Out of Hand  
But the Stettinius report put equal emphasis on price control. In the last war prices got out of hand and the cost-of-living became a major problem.

Increased production with price stability and labor-consumer protection is the goal. The Roosevelt method, as so far applied to the so-called pre-war emergency, is basically the opposite of the Stettinius Board recommendations and of the official industrial mobilization plan. Both of the latter would set up emergency control outside the regular governmental machinery. But the President's method is merely to add powerless advisers to the existing Federal agencies, which retain control.

In either case, of course, ultimate power would reside in the President. But by his present method he can keep closer control of the step-by-step process through a secretary, such as Mr. Morgenthau, as coordinator, than he could by turning the job over to a strong man outside his Cabinet circle.

Opposed Board Report  
It is true that the New Deal palace guard opposed the Stettinius Board and its report. But the companion story, that Assistant Secretary of War Johnson, rather than the President, was "to blame" for the Board is not true apparently. The President himself co-operated with the Board, whose report he has now disregarded and suppressed. This has angered many members of Congress, particularly the Vandenberg group, who say that the report should have been made public or given to the military committees of the House and Senate. They argue that the recommendations of such distinguished experts at least are worth consideration if not complete acceptance. In addition to Edward R. Stettinius Jr., U. S. Steel chairman, the Board included: President Karl Compton of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, President Walter T. Gifford of American Telephone and Telegraph, Chairman Robert E. Wood of Sears Roebuck, President Harold G. Moulton of Brookings Institution, John L. Pratt of General Motors and John M. Hancock of Lehman Bros., bankers.

Discreet on Legal Authority  
The Board, it is understood, was very discreet regarding the two large controversial issues of military policy and legal authority. Nothing in its operation or recommendations plan involved civilian interference with the generals and admirals in purely military matters. The idea was that the military chiefs would decide the materials needed, and the proposed civilian production chief would get it for them promptly, while the civilian chief would see that this did not wreck national stability. Likewise, the Stettinius report is said to have evaded the question whether the President now has power to carry out its recommendations.

## 'Free' Test Is A 'Fine' Affair

ROCHESTER, Ind., May 23 (U. P.)—When Michael Birner, 32, of Logansport, was taken to the Fulton County Jail on suspicion of drunken driving, he was willing to take any tests police could suggest—so long as they didn't cost any money. Officers asked whether he would submit to a drunkometer test. "Does it cost anything?" Birner asked. Told that it didn't, he agreed to submit. The test showed a reading of 2.25, well over the 1.5 approved by the State Legislature and the Supreme Court as justifying conviction for drunkenness. Birner was fined \$25 and costs in Circuit Court and his driver's license was suspended for a year.

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## SLAYER KNOWN, FEENEY CLAIMS

Sheriff Announces Witness  
Has Been Located in  
Local Killing.

Sheriff Al Feeney today announced that the slayer of Howard M. Priest, 28-year-old dry cleaning plant employee, has been identified, and probably will be indicted for murder by the Grand Jury this afternoon.

The Sheriff said he has found a witness to the slaying. The suspected slayer is reported to have left the city early yesterday, about the time Mr. Priest's body, with a bullet wound through the heart, was found beside a gravel pit northeast of the city.

Three other persons, including a taxi driver who told the Sheriff he drove Mr. Priest and another man to the gravel pit Sunday night, are being held under \$10,000 bond on vagrancy charges.

Suspect on Parole

The suspect, according to the Sheriff's information, had been living part of the time with the Priest family in an apartment in the 1300 block, Carrollton Ave. Mr. Priest also had maintained a residence recently at 1220 E. St. Clair St.

The suspect, according to the Sheriff, served a term in the Indiana State Reformatory on a vehicle taking charge having been paroled last year. Deputies scoffed at the theory that Mr. Priest had committed suicide. He had been shot at close range, but no weapon was found and there were no powder marks on his hands.

Weapon Is Missing

Mrs. Priest said her husband had carried a 32-caliber revolver the last two weeks but she was unable to give any reason. He was slain with a 32-caliber revolver. Deputies said Mr. Priest had been arrested on a robbery charge in Illinois at one time, but was acquitted.

## U. S. OFFICE TO STAY HERE, LUDLOW SAYS

Times Special  
LOUIS LUDLOW (U. P.)—Rep. Louis Ludlow (D., Ind.) reported today that he has been assured by Treasury officials that the Indiana Procurement division headquarters will not be consolidated with Chicago, leaving only a skeleton staff in Indianapolis.

A Treasury plan calling for such consolidation would have reduced the Indianapolis staff from 48 to five, Rep. Ludlow said. The move has been vigorously opposed by the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. "I was told that the matter will be dropped for the present and if revived in the future I have been promised a hearing before Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau," Rep. Ludlow explained.

"Such a hearing surely would convince the Treasury chief of the necessity of retaining the full staff in Indianapolis, but I do not think the matter ever will be revived."

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## 2 ARRESTED AFTER CAR STRIKES TRUCK

Two persons were arrested by police last night after an accident in E. 38th St., 2500 block, in which the parents of one were injured. Police charged Earl Bonham Jr., 17, with failure to have a driver's license after the car he was driving crashed into a parked truck. Earl Bonham Sr., 45, of 4028 Ruckles St., father of the youth, received a fractured right arm, and Mrs. Helen Bonham, 39, also was injured. Both were sent to St. Vincent's Hospital. Harry Mayhew, 3780 Parker Ave., owner of the truck, was slated for failure to display lights and operating a truck on a boulevard. Six-year-old James Wood, 913 Church St., was cut on the head yesterday when he dashed into the path of a bicycle while running after a baseball in front of his home.

FINNS FLOW WITH TANKS  
HELSINKI, May 23 (U. P.)—Russian tanks captured by Finnish forces during the Russo-Finnish war are being used to rehabilitate Finland. They are cultivating new land for the 35,000 peasants who fled from the parts of Karelia ceded to Russia.

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