

HATCH ACT UPSETS TWO PER CENT CLUB

Enforcement in Indiana Throws Democrats Into Tailspin
Trying to Figure Out Just Who Can Campaign.

By NOBLE REED

Enforcement of the Hatch Clean Politics Act in Indiana has thrown the Democratic Two Per Cent Club officials into a tailspin.

They are not sure just how many state employees must stop kicking in their monthly stipend to the club or who can make campaign speeches.

If the most conservative interpretations of the law should be followed, the nationally-known campaign war chest would lose from \$5000 to \$10,000 in collections every month.

Finney Wants to Know

State officials are in such a dilemma over the situation that Frank Finney, Two Per Cent Club president, said he will have to confer with U. S. Attorney General Robert Jackson in Washington next week to find out what's what.

The Hatch Act prohibits from active participation in political campaigns all state employees whose salaries are paid in part or entirely from funds advanced to state departments by the Federal Government.

The active participation ban means, among other things, a ban to enforced contributions to campaign funds, and that hits at the very life blood stream of the Two Per Cent Club.

Await Better Information

Samuel Jackson, Indiana Attorney General, has ruled informally that all state employees connected in any way with these departments receiving Federal funds should stay out of the political picture pending more definite information.

Mr. Finney said the whole question revolves around a technical breakdown interpretation of the law. "We're not sure at present whether the law will effect only those employees whose work is directly connected with projects financed jointly by state and Federal funds or whether it will include every employee of a department receiving any kind of Federal grant," he said.

Roadmen Pay Most

The biggest state unit effected is the State Highway Department, whose personnel during peak months is about 3000.

If only the highway workers were relieved from campaign contributions, it would mean a loss of about \$8000 monthly to the Two Per Cent Club, because each turns in about \$2 a month.

Other Departments Receiving Federal Grants

Other departments receiving Federal grants include the Health, Public Welfare, Unemployment Compensation and Education departments, National Guard, Purdue University and Indiana State School for the Blind.

About 3000 Affected

The Welfare and Unemployment Compensation Departments have been under the merit system for several years, and only the high-ups are permitted to contribute to the Two Per Cent Club. Neither Purdue nor Indiana University of Indiana have been contributors.

In all, 1000 in these departments should be effected, the total number barred from politics could be more than 5000.

It has been officially estimated that the Two Per Cent Club collects between \$125,000 and \$175,000 annually. No figures on the collections ever have been made public.

SERVES 16 MONTHS FOR CRIME NOT HIS

NEW YORK, July 31 (U. P.)—Max Uchansky walked out of General Sessions Court yesterday a free man after serving 16 months in prison for a crime in which he had no part.

Uchansky was walking with Benjamin Amatsky when a holdup victim identified them as two of a group who had robbed a lodge meeting of \$450.

Amatsky pleaded guilty and Uchansky was convicted after a trial. From prison Amatsky wrote to District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey that a wrong had been done his friend.

Mr. Dewey assigned an investigator who inquiry resulted in the arrest of three men as accomplices in the robbery and the freeing to day of Uchansky.

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HITLER-PETAIN TALK ARRANGED

French Government Head Reported Anxious About Food Supplies.

GRENOBLE, France, July 31 (U. P.)—French Vice Premier Pierre Laval soon will go to Paris to arrange an interview between Premier Marshal Philippe Petain and Adolf Hitler, it was reported unofficially today.

It was added that a Petain-Hitler meeting would take place as soon as possible, probably in Paris.

Unofficial reports said Hitler recently indicated his willingness to talk personally with Petain as the "supreme chief of the French state."

Petain did not take the initiative in seeking a meeting with Hitler, it was said.

Reports were that Petain might be able to arrange for early return of the French Government to Versailles or Paris. He was represented as eager to discuss problems of transport and food supplies for the French.

Laval's visit to Paris will be his second within 10 days.

French Appeal to U. S. For Food Loan Hinted

GENEVA, Switzerland, July 31 (U. P.)—The French Government was reported today to be preparing an appeal to the United States and other American nations for a large "food and fuel loan" on a long term credit basis.

The decision reportedly was taken after a government survey showed that without such assistance hundreds of thousands would be unable to survive through the winter, which probably will be one of the hardest in French history.

TRAILERITES TO HOLD FLORIDA MEETINGS

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., July 31 (U. P.)—The Tin Can Tourists of the World, Inc., an organization of trailerites in convention here, yesterday selected Tampa, Fla., as the site for the winter meeting Feb. 10-24.

Sarasota, Fla., was awarded the homecoming Dec. 22-Jan. 4.

Unofficial meetings were scheduled for Dade City, Fla., Nov. 25-Dec. 7; Winter Garden, Fla., Nov. 11-23; Avon Park, Fla., Dec. 9-21; Arcadia, Fla., Jan. 6-18.

Get Holiday if It's Too Hot But System Is Complicated

WASHINGTON, July 31 (U. P.)—When it gets hot in Washington Uncle Sam's employees in non-air-conditioned offices are permitted to go home, sometimes a scant hour or two after they report to work.

But personnel officers don't just let them off arbitrarily when the first effects of heat are felt. A complex and carefully worked out method determines when they are to quit.

Dr. Ben F. Jones of the Public Health Service, surrounded by charts, graphs and instruments in his office, explained how the system works.

Experiments have determined, he said, that an "effective temperature" of 84 degrees generally is regarded as the danger point. When that temperature is reached, Government employees, unless they work in air-conditioned buildings, are permitted to go home, he said.

Dr. Jones' "effective temperature" is not just an ordinary 84 degrees on the thermometer outside the kitchen door but a complex combination of outside temperature and relative humidity obtained by reading wet and dry bulb thermometers, and comparing them on a curved line graph.

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WAR IS BLAMED FOR AUTO TOLL

Safety Council Says 'Jitters' Of Drivers Increase With Fighting

CHICAGO, July 30 (U. P.)—The National Safety Council reported today that "jitters" over the European war had increased the death toll in U. S. highways during June 15 per cent over the same month of 1939.

The June increase was the ninth consecutive monthly increase, corresponding to the ninth month of Hitler's advance in Europe. It was the largest increment for any month since the war began and corresponded with one of the climaxes of the war, the surrender of France.

"The council believes that the nation's habits reflect an attitude of recklessness, preoccupation and confusion of values growing out of the war in Europe," a statement said.

At least 14,700 persons have died on the highways between Jan. 1 and June 30 and 2820 of them were killed in June alone. The June increase was 12 per cent above the May total.

Increased travel on the highways 7 per cent greater than during 1939—was reported by the council as a secondary reason for the

mounting toll. For a proportionate mileage, the 1940 death rate was only 1 per cent greater than the 1939 rate.

Most of the June increases in fatalities were reported from rural sections and the council estimated a 22 per cent hike in deaths in the non-urban areas this year over June, 1939.

On the bright side, 13 states reported decreases in fatalities on the roads. This decline was led by the Pacific States. South Dakota's

death-list was 23 per cent shorter than it was in the first six months of 1939, and Nebraska's was 18 per cent lower.

Vermont, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Montana, California, Maine and Iowa were other states showing reductions for the first half-year.

Kansas City, Mo., was the largest city to show no traffic deaths during June. It was joined in the fatality-free classification by Rochester, N. Y.; Providence, R. I., and Toledo, O.



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