

DEMOCRATS EYE 7TH HOPEFULLY, FAVORED IN 8TH

Landis '38 Victory Blamed
On Party Strife, Not
Evident Now.

(This is the sixth of a series of articles on the political trends of each of the State's 12 congressional districts.)

By NOBLE REED

The one district in the state where Democrats appear to have a good chance to recapture some of the Congressmen ground they lost two years ago is the Seventh—comprising 11 counties south and east of Terre Haute.

For 16 years, during many Republican state victories, the Seventh District went consistently Democratic, electing Arthur Greenwood to eight consecutive terms in Congress. Two years ago, however, Rep. Gerald W. Landis, Republican of Linton, who campaigned chiefly as a Townsend old-age pension supporter, was elected by a majority of 4,800.

Blame Factional Strife

Mr. Greenwood had carried the district by majorities ranging up to 18,000. Democratic leaders claim they lost the district in 1938 because of factional strife over patronage troubles that had accumulated for 16 years.

Rep. Landis, who ran against Mr. Greenwood twice before he was elected, is opposing State Senator Charles H. Bedwell of Sullivan, this year.

The picture in the Seventh as to party strife is reversed now, observers claim. This time, Rep. Landis has stirred up some factional warfare in his district and is said to have incurred disfavor of some of the district leaders in connection with Governor contest at the State Convention last May.

Bedwell Is Popular

Democratic leaders, who for three months have said they "can't lose the district," are basing their optimism on the personal popularity of Mr. Bedwell, who has been an outstanding member of the State Senate for six years.

Prior to his career in the State Senate, Mr. Bedwell was a member of the Indiana House and was speaker for one term.

"We are not worrying about losing the Seventh this year," a member of the Democratic high command said. At the same time, Republicans will not admit any weakness in that district.

Base Hopes on Willkie

They declare that Willkie sentiment will carry Rep. Landis to victory and they predict that the Presidential nominee will carry the district.

In the Eighth District—comprising 10 counties bordering on the Ohio River in the southwestern corner of the state, Rep. John W. Boehne Jr., Evansville Democrat, is given the edge for re-election over Charles W. Werner, Evansville attorney and real estate operator.

Rep. Boehne has been in Congress for 10 years, carrying his district by majorities ranging as high as 35,000 votes, one of the biggest leads held by any Congressman in the state. He survived the Republican upsets two years ago with a majority of 17,000.

A Conservative Democrat

The incumbent is a conservative Democrat and votes independently most of the time, supporting the Administration only when he thinks it is right.

Mr. Werner has been the Republican nominee in the Eighth for the last three elections and neutral analysts claim his support this year is no greater than two years ago. His only chance of election rests in the possibility of a sweeping upturn in sentiment for Mr. Willkie.

DAWSON HONORED AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

A birthday party in honor of Charles M. Dawson, G. O. P. nominee for Lieutenant Governor, will be given by Washington Township Republicans tomorrow night at the Riviera Club.

State and County committee members and candidates will be guests. The principal talks are to be given by State Senator William E. Jenner of Shoals and W. D. E. Bales.

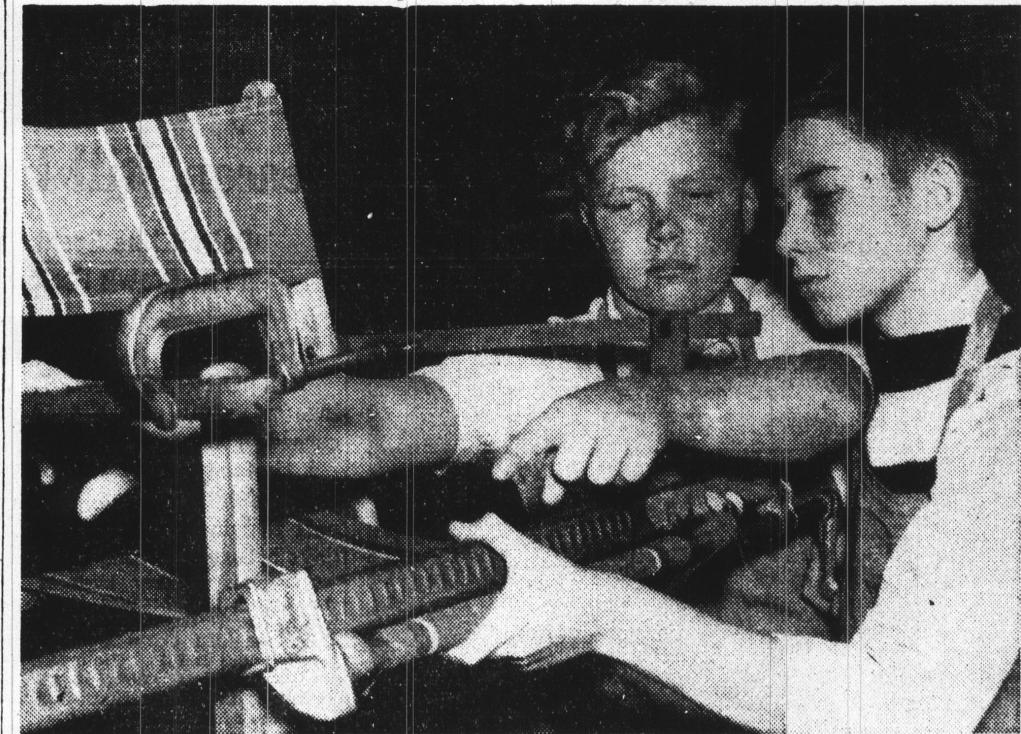
The committee in charge includes W. E. Higgins, 12th District chairman; Mrs. Roy Stebbings, district vice chairman; Paul Dunn, Mr. Bain, Wilbur A. Roys, Alexander G. Gavins, Mrs. Arthur Krager, Mrs. Paul Pegg, Mrs. Wolf Sussman, Mrs. Harold Geisel, Mrs. Claude Mathews and Miss Hilda Buddenbaum.

MOTORCYCLE RACER KILLED
SOMERSET, Pa., Oct. 7 (U.P.)—When his motorcycle collided with two others in the third event of the American Motorcycle Association races here, Amos Deems, 40, of Fairmont, W. Va., was killed yesterday.

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"This is the way it's done" . . . student foreman Donald Wiebke (left) tells Howard Davis, Manual Training High School freshman.

PARENTS JUDGE WORK AT HOME

120 Enrolled in Manual's 'How to Do It' Class For Freshmen.

By EARL HOFF

One hundred twenty Manual Training High School freshmen are being taught in class how to build window screens, sharpen lawn mowers, repair garden hose and fix their mothers' electric irons. They're also getting an introduction to eight fields of industrial activity: Woodwork, sheet metal, electricity, cold metal, plumbing, printing, foundry and general work.

But the industrial laboratory course conducted by A. Leslie Garey and N. H. Poole is plotted in six-week cycles with each boy required to complete projects in each of the fields during the period or do an equal number of home projects.

Permit Work at Home

At all times he is permitted to hold his grade on projects and his standing in relation to the rest of the class.

The boys may take home kits of tools to do work. In this case, their parents are the judges and their word of the excellence of the work is taken by the instructors for the boy's class grades.

There are no restrictions on the type of projects the boys may undertake during class time as long as the work involves certain principles.

A library of technical and explanatory books and magazines, supervised by a different pupil each week, is available. The tool room also is taken by pupils.

Even part of the shop instruction is conducted by boys. Those who apply for the job at the end of their introductory semester, are called foremen and receive advanced credit.

Tour Industrial Plants

Before the Industrial Laboratory Course was launched two years ago at Manual Training, freshmen enrolled for six weeks in one industrial course, then six weeks in another.

With the present course, the instructors feel, the boys receive a better knowledge of the various fields to which they are introduced. Besides the classroom and home work, they are taken on tours of industrial plants.

By street work that can be done at their homes, boys are taught to do better what they're going to do anyway," Mr. Garey said.

But E. H. Kemper McComb, principal, puts a different slant on the home repair work.

"By encouraging the boys to do things at home, we hope to develop a better father and son relation. We hope the fathers will become interested in working at home with their sons and thus build up a closer companionship. That will make us feel the course is a real success," he said.

Lieutenant Governor Henry F. Schricker, Democratic Governor nominee, is scheduled for a speech every night this week, traveling the entire length of the state.

Pleased by Gallup Poll

The election of officers for the Indiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service is not to be a colorless, cut-and-dried affair with only one candidate running for each office.

The election will be at a meeting Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Roberts Park Methodist Church, Indianapolis. Area is to present and speak.

Presidents of the new chapter societies organized last month in the southern half of the state will be official delegates and vote for conference officers. There are to be three candidates for each office and a total of 16 elected. It is expected that 600 women from Indianapolis and the state will attend, although only 300 are entitled to vote.

Attorney General Samuel D. Jackson, in a speech at Shelbyville, said the Willkie campaign "has bogged down in the morass of contradictions and irresponsible statements."

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RULING IS NEAR ON COMMUNIST ELECTION SLATE

Party Secretary Announces Drive to Unite Opposi- tion to War.

By EARL RICHERT

The State Election Board today was to decide whether the Communist Party should be allowed a place on the Nov. 5 election ballot.

The board has been requested through petitions presented by members of several organizations to bar the Communist Party's candidates on the grounds that the party stands for the overthrow of the present form of government.

Officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution, leaders in the fight to bar the Communists, said they would file additional protesting petitions bearing the names of some 21,000 persons with the board to-day.

Communists Plan Drive

In a statement issued yesterday he filed the party's slate of candidates, Philip Bart, state secretary of the Communist Party, declared:

"The Communist Party has complied with the election laws of our state. We plan a state-wide campaign in this crucial election year to unite the solid opposition of the majority of the people, who are opposed to our country being dragged to war."

"The vile slanders in the press against our party are inspired by the organized war forces who want to stifle the only consistent peace party in the United States."

The Communist Party's ticket is headed by Earl Browder for President and James W. Ford for Vice President. Earl C. Reno, Gary, is the candidate for United States Senator and Wenzell Stocker, Hammond, is the candidate for Governor.

Seek Legislative Post

Petitions were filed with the clerk of the Marion Circuit Court to place Imogene Poston, 42 W. 11th St., on the ticket as candidate for State Representative from Marion County.

The party, complying with the 1933 law, filed an affidavit with the State Election Board which declared that it was opposed to overthrow of "any or all institutions of American democracy whereby the majority of the American people have obtained power to determine their own destiny in any degree."

The Socialist Party also filed its slate of candidates Saturday. They are Norman Thomas for president; Prof. Maynard C. Krueger, Chicago, vice president; John Kingsbury, 1128 E. Ohio St., United States Senator; Mrs. Mary Donovan Haigood, R. R. 4, Box 538, for Governor; Eugene C. Vines, Lieutenant Governor; George C. Schlegel, Crown Point, Secretary of State; Lee Halverson, Evansville, State Treasurer; Russell Johnson, Gary, State Auditor, and Lois Newlund, 215 N. Rural St., State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Legion Joins Fight

Some of the organizations whose various units have joined the D. A. R. in obtaining signatures to petitions protesting against the allowance of a place on the ticket to the Communists are the American Legion and Auxiliary; the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sons of Veterans, Sons of the American Revolution, Disabled Veterans, Spanish-American Veterans, Service State Legion, Sons of Union Veterans, Ladies of the Legion, A. R. W. Women's Christian Temperance Union, Federation of Women's Clubs, Council of Women, and the Lions Clubs. Daughters of the American Revolution say that in all, more than 160 different groups have sponsored the petitions.

A check of the records in the Secretary of State's office revealed that the Communist Party polled 2,187 votes in 1932; 1,090 in 1936, and 984 in 1938.

OFFICE IS OPENED BY YOUNG NEGROES

The Young Negro Association of Marion County, organized to obtain better jobs and living conditions for young Negroes, has opened headquarters at 718 Indiana Ave., it was announced today at a Republican committee headquarters.

Nathaniel Madden, president, said 500 young Negroes already have pledged to support the work and aims of the organization. Membership is open to young Negroes between 21 and 35. Harry Harrison is office manager and Mrs. Ruth Showers is secretary.

Admiral Richardson Confers With Knox on Far East

Fleet Head to See F. D. R.; May Debate Moving Ships Closer to Japan.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 (U.P.)—Admiral James O. Richardson, commander of the fleet now stationed at Hawaii, arrived today for important conferences on Far Eastern problems with Navy Secretary Frank Knox and President Roosevelt.

Mr. Richardson conferred immediately with Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations. Later he met with Mr. Knox, Mr. Stark, Undersecretary James V. Forrestal and Assistant Secretary Lewis Compton.

It was assumed that he would confer with the President after the fleet's return tomorrow.

There was considerable speculation on the purpose of Admiral Richardson's trip east from the Pacific Coast where his flagship is undergoing repairs, especially since Mr. Knox only recently returned from an inspection of the fleet.

At a press conference last week, Mr. Knox, who asked about the possibility of detaching units of the fleet for a visit to Australia, replied that it "might not be a bad idea."

It was believed that Mr. Richardson's views would be sought on such a proposal.

A series of conferences at the State Department led to speculation that there may be discussion of plans for moving part of the fleet further west in the Pacific.

At one conference were Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff; Admiral Stark and Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles.

After that Mr. Welles conferred with Secretary of State Cordell Hull who later saw the British Ambassador, Lord Lothian, and the Aus-

tralian minister, Richard G. Casey.

Meanwhile, reports that Great Britain has decided to reopen the Burma Road to China were received favorably here in Administration circles. It was recalled that the Government announced its opposition to closing the only important route for arms traffic to China three months ago when Britain moved its fleet to the British naval base at Singapore or embargo a large part of its exports to Japan if it wants to stop Japanese expansion in Asia.

Get What He Wants

before taking a vacation, the use must act on a conference report on the Rambowick Civil Service Bill which would allow the president to extend civil service to several thousand Federal workers.

his session has given Mr. Roosevelt substantially what he wanted. He was able to protect the National-Labor Relations Act and the Fair-Hour Act from amendments.

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