

Hoosiers in Washington

## DREAM OF TWO FROM STATE IN PRESIDENT RACE

Indiana Idea Men See Willkie, McNutt as '44 Candidates.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Having a Hoosier running for President on both the Republican and Democrat tickets in 1944 is the dream of some of the Indiana idea men here.

The G. O. P. selection would, of course, be Wendell L. Willkie, the 22-million-vote man. And the obvious Democratic choice would be his old Indiana University schoolmate, former Governor Paul V. McNutt, who has been termed "always available."

Both men apparently plan to remain in the national picture during the next four years.

If all goes well, they likely will hang up their stockings around Christmas 1943, with the prayer that Santa Claus will fill them with convention delegates that will keep until the following summer.

While Mr. Willkie has not announced definite plans, New York reports suggest that he will not return to the presidency of Commonwealth & Southern nor join some prominent Wall Street law firm.

May Return to Indiana

Instead, it is hinted, he may return to Rushville, Ind. and, using Indiana as a base of operations, continue to speak and write on public affairs.

His "loyal opposition" speech on Armistice Day already has suggested the course such a tactic would take. Perpetuation of the Association of the Federated Clubs, which has changed to "We the People," also would fit into such a pattern. These will be directed by Orin Root and other so-called "amateurs."

What attitude Republican party "regulars" in Congress and State officers will take toward such a set-up is problematical. Many Republican leaders think Mr. Willkie isn't their only Presidential timber. Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey, Senator Robert A. Taft, and Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg have their supporters.

Mr. Dewey already has announced that he will seek the New York Governorship in 1942 and, if successful, the Republican nomination for President in 1944.

Is Wallace Ambitious?

Any Presidential candidate in either party is bound to meet with opposition. If Mr. McNutt also tries again, he will have to be prepared for it.

For if Henry A. Wallace makes the sort of "executive" Vice President that the New Dealers think he will, the nomination likely will be sought for him when President Roosevelt retires.

Unless Attorney General Robert A. Jackson is promoted to the Supreme Court, he also will have a large following. Then there is Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri and others on the "old-line" Democratic side.

None of these men have the rank and file acquaintanceship of Mr. McNutt, however. If he can retain the hold which he had on the delegates at Chicago (so strong that he had a hard time getting them to accept Wallace instead of himself for Vice President) he will stand an excellent chance of being nominated, it is predicted here.

Like his Beta brother, Mr. Willkie, Mr. McNutt has proved that he can take it.

Stumped for F. D. R.

No one spent more time on the stump for Mr. Roosevelt in the campaign just closed. It is considered likely that he will remain as Federal Security Administrator with elevation to Cabinet rank.

This gives him access to the largest area of social legislation which comprises the New Deal. In addition, his Eastern campaign manager, Oscar R. (Jack) Ewing, expects to remain as assistant to Edward J. Flynn, Democratic National Chairman, and work in the New York City headquarters.

So Mr. McNutt will have an open sesame to both the political and administrative parts of the third-term setup.

Minton Tells 'Why'

Editor and Publisher magazine made the pointed comment that it is noteworthy that Senator Minton, rated as a poor foe, was defeated by a newspaperman—Raymond E. Will, Stephen Re-pubлик editor.

The ardently New Deal Democrat is taking some consolation, however, from the fact that he ran several thousand votes ahead of President Roosevelt. When the national and state tickets were separated in Indiana, the general conclusion was that Senator Minton would rise and fall with F. D. R.

Both fell, it turned out, but the President fell harder. For Indiana was one of the few states where Mr. Willkie proved to be better than "the Champ."

Senator Minton admits that nobody could overcome that "native" sentiment in the state.

Hold That Sword!

Ben Stern, secretary to Senator Frederick VanNess and a captain in the Marine Corps Reserve, hopes that the new Army order suspending the use of officers' sabers will not be extended to the Soldiers of the Sea.

For Capt. Stern expects to be called into active service soon and he has a swell ivory-handled dress sword which cost him twice the price which cost him.

ANTONESCU MEETS PONTIFF IN PRIVATE

ROME, Nov. 16 (U. P.)—Pope Pius received Gen. Ion Antonescu, chief of the Romanian Government, in private audience at Vatican City today.

Gen. Antonescu told Italian newspapermen last night that "Romania is determined to collaborate totally with the Axis powers."

He had a second conference yesterday evening with Benito Mussolini and Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano.

## Alaskan Plane Motor Overhauled Here



It's the first overhaul job for an airline and Col. Roscoe Turner (right) is proud of it. Mechanic Johnny Mead (left) did the work. It goes to Alaska.

## NLRB ATTACKED BEFORE GRANGE

Washington Aid Also Voices Demand for Change in Trade Policy.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 16 (U. P.)—Demands for revision of the National Labor Relations Act and the Administration's reciprocal trade treaties were before delegates of the 74th National Grange convention today.

The fight for Wagner Act amendments was begun last night when Fred Brenckman, the organization's Washington representative, charged that conditions revealed by a House investigation of the NLRB "cry to high heaven for correction."

Delegates there is "entirely too much department-made law in this country," Mr. Brenckman appealed for Congressional passage of the Walter-Logan and Smith bills which were adopted by the House and pigeon-holed in the Senate.

The Smith bill amends the Wagner Act to provide a specific definition of "agricultural laborer." Mr. Brenckman said, and urged its passage as a measure necessary to guarantee farmers exemption from the NLRB.

He also attacked the Hull reciprocal treaties, asserting it is "manifestly absurd to make it easier to import things we do not need and of which we already have a surplus."

Similar attacks came from Herschel D. Newton, Indiana State Grange Master, who has led a fight to oppose the organization on record as opposing the reciprocal treaties.

## SWOPE DENIES GUILT IN HIT-RUN DEATHS

Eugene Swope, former boxer indicted as a hit and run driver, pleaded not guilty in Criminal Court yesterday to charges of involuntary manslaughter and leaving the scene of an accident.

Swope, known as Eddie Roberts in the ring, is accused in the traffic deaths of Nicholas Santieu and William Cox, Oct. 5.

Cecil F. Scott and John A. Staab, former officers of the Indianapolis Fireman's Credit Union, pleaded not guilty to charges of embezzlement of the union's funds.

A motion was filed to quash the embezzlement indictment of Harold C. Purcell, former cashier of a downtown department store, and he was not arraigned. He is accused of taking \$19,700 of the store's funds.

A total of 30 defendants were arraigned and trial dates will be fixed later.

## LOCAL FIRM GETS REA LINE CONTRACT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Miller-Baxter Co., Inc., Indianapolis, has been awarded a \$210,252 contract to build 303 miles of line to serve 890 members of the Carroll Electric Co-Operative, Inc., Carrollton, O., the Rural Electrification Adminstration announced today.

Low bids on Indiana postoffice construction work also were made public today by the Federal Works Agency.

Robertson Construction Co., Oak Park, Ill., was low bidder at \$14,900 for construction of a vestibule and platform at the Princeton postoffice. Henry L. Groth, Decatur, Ill., was low bidder at \$1440 for painting the postoffice at Sullivan.

## Beck, Producer Who Made Vaudeville Famous, Is Dead

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (U. P.)—Martin Beck, a leading theatrical producer, died today at Mount Sinai Hospital where he had been confined since Nov. 7.

Mr. Beck was in his 70s, but no one knew his exact age because he always refused to give it. Who's Who in American Jewry said he was 71. He was the dean of variety showmen and producer of many hits which played in the theater he built and named for himself. For 27 years he was president of the Orpheum Circuit and made vaudeville famous in 48 theaters across the nation.

He was born in Czechoslovakia and acquired a love for the theater at an early age. After he graduated from a dramatic school in Vienna, he came to the United States as an actor with a German company.

Mr. Beck originated the music hall form of entertainment when

## Willed \$50,000 For Kindness

OAKLAND, Calif., Nov. 16 (U. P.)—Mrs. Aileen Saturley, employed on a WPA book-binding project, was notified today she had been bequeathed \$50,000 by Harry Archer, wealthy New Mexico cattlemen, in appreciation of a "neighborly act" 19 years ago.

In 1921, Mrs. Saturley lived on a ranch adjoining Mr. Archer's. During the winter a snowstorm blew down telephone lines between Albuquerque and the two ranches. Mr. Archer was seriously ill and Mrs. Saturley set out on foot through the snow to Albuquerque and returned with a doctor, who saved Mr. Archer's life.

She moved away and Archer, after becoming wealthy, died. "There must be a catch in it," said Mrs. Saturley. "I don't think any body would do that, just for a little neighborly act."

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