

Hoosiers in Washington

SPRINGER PRINTS SPEECH OF FRIEND

Anti-War Republican Congressman Puts Pro-War Radio
Talk by Vincennes Democrat in Record;
'Best-Dressed' Pair Shuns Tailors.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Rep. Raymond Springer (R. Ind.), one of the most outspoken of Congressmen in warning of the danger of involvement in the war, put one of the hottest pro-war speeches in the Congressional Record this week.

The speech had been made over the radio by John Napier Dyer, Vincennes, a former Democratic State Senator. It appeared in the Record under the title of "Preparedness."

In the speech Mr. Dyer made the point that with the Italians on the run and German aid necessary to save them, now is the time to see that England gets everything necessary to deliver a knockout to Hitler. He advocated that the entire United States go on a war time production basis.

"In the present turbulent condition of the world we must be prepared first to defend ourselves and to co-ordinate our defense program with unlimited aid to our ally who is our first line of defense," Mr. Dyer said.

"We cannot afford to shut our eyes to the dangers that beset us.

"We are not in war, but we have reached the point at which all of our energy and every bit of our effort must be directed to the meeting of the threat of war, and to subordinate everything else to our preparedness program.

"We may live in a leaky house for a time in order to put a tight roof on the barn."

Since Mr. Dyer is a large-scale farmer, such rural similes come readily to him.

Because these views are diametrically opposed to his own, Rep. Springer explained that Mr. Dyer is "an old friend" and had merely sent him the speech requesting that it be inserted in the Record.

Vincennes is in Rep. Gerald W. Landis' (R. Ind.) district. But Mr. Dyer disagreed with Mr. Landis on the preparedness program, Mr. Landis said. The latter, however, is more of a supporter of President Roosevelt than Rep. Springer.

Mr. Springer

didn't do themselves any good when they chose Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt and Bruce MacNamee as the two men in Washington who rated among the "best dressed" in America.

Neither one wears tailor-made clothes. Both buy them right off the racks in the gents' clothing stores.

Just an Acknowledgment

Senator Frederick VanNuys (D. Ind.) received a note of acknowledgment from the White House after he sent a list of recommendations for appointments there. It was signed by Stephen Early, one of the President's secretaries.

The note stated that the recommendation to make B. Howard Caughran, Indianapolis, United States District Attorney, had been sent to the Justice Department for a report and that the nomination of G. V. Auten, Indianapolis, as Collector of Internal Revenue had been sent to the Treasury for study.

So far the Treasury has refused to remove Will H. Smith from the collection. But Senator VanNuys is determined that they do so.

Cocktails for Democrats

Invitations are out for a cocktail party to be given Jan. 19 at the swank Carlton Hotel here by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. (Jack) Ewing, New York City, for Chairman Edward J. Flynn of the Democratic National Committee.

Mr. Ewing, who is a native of Greensburg, an Indiana University graduate, was an assistant to Mr. Flynn during the 1940 campaign. He is a member of the New York City law firm of which Chief Justice Charles E. Hughes was a partner.

He also was the Eastern campaign manager for the Presidential boom of Paul V. McNutt.

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First to receive his diploma as Naval Reserve Radioman was Elmer Jones, Abilene, Kas., (second from right). Second was Bernard Fields, Cleveland, O. The certificates were presented by Commander C. A. Griffiths (left) and Lieut. Elmer H. Schubert.

WILLIS, GILLIE ASK FARM JOBS

Hoosiers Seek Places of Agriculture Committees In Both Houses.

Times Special

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Indiana may be represented on both the Senate and House Agriculture Committees if present plans of the Hoosier Republicans prove successful.

Senator Raymond E. Willis (R. Ind.) has made such assignment his number one request and Rep. George W. Gillie (R. Ind.) is seeking a similar position in the House.

Although Indiana rates about 500 urban and rural, no Senator or Congressman from the State has been on the Agriculture Committee.

Since former Senator Arthur K. Robinson (R. Ind.) was retired in 1934,

Rep. Robert A. Grant (R. Ind.) on the Republican committee making recommendations in the House. He predicted today that Rep. Gillie stands a good chance of being appointed.

The House committee assignments are made by the Ways and Means Committee of which Rep. John W. Boehne Jr. (D. Ind.) is a member.

Reveals Farm Interests

Senate assignments are made by a special Committee on Committees. This Committee also will settle the Senate Judiciary Committee chairmanship scrap between Senator Frederick VanNuys (D. Ind.) and Senator Pat McCarran (D. Nev.). In the interim, Senator Matthew M. Neely (D. W. Va.) has been elected chairman by the Judiciary Committee to serve until he takes over the governorship of West Virginia to which he was elected.

Senator Willis said that he has had a lifelong interest in farmers and farming and would like to have a hand in shaping future agricultural programs.

Rep. Gillie is a farmer, owning and operating a farm near Ft. Wayne. He also is the only veterinarian in Congress.

The new Republican Congressman from Indiana, Rep. Earl Wilson, has requested assignment on the Flood Control, Education and Public Buildings and Grounds Committees.

Wilson's Chance Good

Rep. Grant predicted that Rep. Wilson has a good chance of getting these assignments. He pointed out that as Ninth District Representative, he has a direct interest in increased use of Indiana limestone for public buildings along the Ohio River. Rep. Wilson was formerly a high school principal at Valparaiso and therefore is likewise interested in the Education Committee.

With Rep. Charles A. Halleck (R. Ind.) on the House Rules Committee; Rep. Raymond S. Springer (R. Ind.) on Judiciary; Rep. Louis Ludlow (D. Ind.) on Appropriations, and Rep. Boehne on Ways and Means, it is doubtful if Indiana

will be able to obtain another membership on any of these four major House committees, Rep. Grant declared.

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NEEDY CHILDREN AIDED BY LEGION

Nearly Five Million Paid to Dependents of Veterans, Samuel Reports.

The American Legion in the past year has expended nearly five million dollars in direct financial aid to needy children. Frank E. Samuel, national adjutant of the Legion, told the Child Welfare Committee Conference last night.

Mr. Samuel said that the money was from the Legion's own resources and Government grants.

"Most of these benefits went to dependents of World War Veterans," he said.

Guard "Future Citizens"

He also told conference members that the Legion's belief in all practicable aid to Great Britain was for the benefit of the children of America who are to be our future citizens.

Another speaker, Mrs. P. I. Dixon of Americus, Ga., said that the child welfare program is closely bound to Americanism. She asked: Where did Americanism originate except in the home?

A story of how community action aided in fighting a disastrous infantile paralysis epidemic last summer was given by the committee by its South Dakota representative yesterday.

J. Harry Shanard, chairman of the South Dakota committee, told the Legion group that during the epidemic there were only two respirators available in the state.

Members of the American Legion organized, he said, to move these respirators as needed, but many persons probably died because there were not enough of them.

Hunted Rabbits

The Legion then organized jackrabbit hunts all over the state. Each Sunday, after church services, the men would take their shotguns and systematically hunt one section at a time, often killing as many as 500 to 600 jackrabbits. These were sold for an average of a little more than 20 cents each and the money was placed in a respirator purchase pool.

Seven new respirators were bought at \$2700 each and are ready for use.

The U. S. Forestry Service aided in the hunts. It furnished one shell for each rabbit and the trucks for transporting them to market.

Speaks to V.F.W.

1 DEAD, 8 HURT IN STATE CRASH

Tragedy Overtakes Albany Party on Way to Net Game at Portland.

PORLAND, Ind., Jan. 11 (U. P.)—One person was killed and eight others injured, five seriously, in an automobile-truck crash two miles west of here last night.

The victim was Mrs. Etta Westerfeld, 36, Albany, driver of the automobile. Seven Albany residents, all passengers in the Westerfeld car, and truck driver Floyd James, 37, Austin, were treated at a Portland hospital. James suffered fractures of both legs.

The Albany party was en route to a basketball game here.

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