

## BALLOT SMEAR OF 1936 BARED

Roads Employee Tells How Group Checked on Vote Of Park Official.

By JOHN T. MOUTOUX  
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The story of how a group of Federal employees conspired in 1936 to mark the Presidential-election ballots of J. Ross Eakin, superintendent of the Smoky Mountain National Park, and other park service officials and employees, was in the record of a Senate Investigating Committee today.

The story was told by the chief conspirator, J. Mayes, a U. S. Public Roads employee, who was an election officer at the Tennessee mountain town of Gatlinburg.

Two years ago Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes made the charge of ballot-smearing. By the Mayes testimony the charge was not only admitted but expanded.

### 12 Ballots Smearred

Twelve ballots were smeared with ink by Mr. Mayes and his helpers to find out whether Mr. Eakin or his staff voted for Alf M. Landon or Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Senator Kenneth McKellar (D-Tenn.) submitted the testimony of Mr. Mayes and affidavits by his fellow conspirators to support his charge that Mr. Eakin lied when he made an affidavit to Secretary Ickes that he had voted for Mr. Roosevelt.

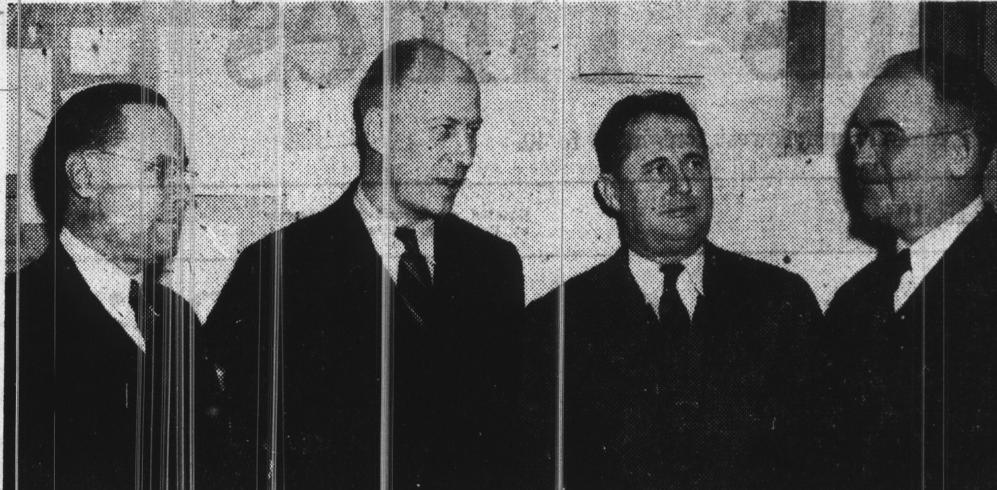
### "Get Under My Skin"

Mr. Mayes said the ballot-smearing was prompted by curiosity. He explained that about a month before the election President Roosevelt came to the park and drove over a road built by the Bureau of Public Roads. He said Mr. Eakin and his group took full credit and gave none to the public roads men in charge of the job.

Mr. Mayes said this "got under my skin," so he and his group decided to find out how the park officials voted.

Taking the stand, Mr. Mayes supplemented his affidavit.

## Schoolmen Discuss Federal Program



Leaders in secondary education from many parts of Indiana met yesterday at the conference on Federal In-School and Out-of-Work Program. The conference was sponsored by the Butler University College of Religion and the State National Youth Administration. Among those present were (left to right) W. F. Loper, superintendent, Shelbyville; J. Malcolm Dunn, superintendent, Marion County; H. E. Binford, superintendent, Bloomington; and DeWitt S. Morgan, superintendent, Indianapolis City Schools.

## TRAP ITALIANS ON LONELY PEAK

### Ernie's Hat Makes a Hit as Most American in London

Time Special

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—In a recent copy of the London Evening Standard, brought back by a Clipper passenger, Ernie Pyle's head-gear comes in for comment, illustrated by a photograph of Ernie wearing same.

A columnist in The Evening Standard writes:

"I have just encountered the most American hat seen in London since the tourists stopped coming. It is a light gray felt. The brim is sometimes turned up all round, sometimes down. The crown has been dented with a lighthearted disregard for convention."

"This hat is worn by Mr. Ernie Pyle, an Indiana journalist, who writes a daily column."

### Smithsonian Has Its Dream

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—What passengers on a space ship of the future may see is featured in a new exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution here.

The space ship is shown as heading toward the revolving earth. At the rear of the ship are oxygen bombs, possibly used in propelling the space craft. The pilot carries a gas gun on his hip, as protection against roving space pirates. He is receiving television reports. Before him is an illuminated chart of his course. Outside, the stars are shown in the colors that would have in the depths of outer space.

The Smithsonian Institution has cleared its main hall of all the old exhibits that have been on display there for many years, and has installed a series of modernistic booths, each displaying one phase of its manifold research activities. These range from the solar heaters on which Secretary Charles G. Abbot has been working for many years to a graphic visual summary of the evolution of life on this planet.

"Not yet," he said, "the secret police are too strong. But if Italian troops are sent back to Italy with weapons there will be plenty of trouble."

I talked to one prisoner, Antonio Gazzi, 38, who said he had been a steel worker in Cleveland, O., for five years, and who gave me what he said was an Italian working man's view of the war.

"I was called up four days before Christmas to work in the army repair service in Albania, but they sent me straight to the front lines," he said. "Hundreds of secret police are mixed with every draft contingent looking for Communists and dissenters who are stirring up the people throughout northern Italy. 'Illegal' newspapers and radios give me the news of the Italian defiance in Albania and Libya," he said. "The police are unable to check them."

I asked Gazzi if he thought there would be an uprising against Fascism.

"Not yet," he said, "the secret police are too strong. But if Italian troops are sent back to Italy with weapons there will be plenty of trouble."

### CALLS WILLIE TRIP SERVICE TO NATION

EMPORIA, Kas., Jan. 15 (U. P.)—William Allen White said in an editorial in the Emporia Gazette yesterday that Wendell Willkie's proposed trip to England "will dramatize the question (of aid to Britain) before Congress as nothing else can do it."

The editorial also endorsed Mr. Willkie's stand on the President's lend-lease bill.

"Mr. Willkie is not the leader of Congress, but he is the leader of 200,000 Republicans and both the President and Congressional leaders must reckon with Willkie," the editorial said. "He has taken a position to which he can summon his party.

"He is greatly serving his country by this action. He is making it plain that the only way to keep out of the war is for us to Great Britain win it."

GUN WOUND FATAL

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Jan. 15 (U. P.)—Homer D. Hoke, 50, died yesterday of a gunshot wound.

## AID VIEWS SHOW NO PARTY LINES

Willkie and Roosevelt Voters Agree on Arming British, Controlling Industry.

By DR. GEORGE GALLUP  
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PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 15.—Insofar as the rank and file of voters in the nation are concerned, Institute surveys find a remarkable degree of unity among Republicans and Democrats. In fact, on many important issues, the attitude of the typical Republican is undistinguishable from that of the typical Democrat.

The latest example is a survey just completed by the Institute on the issue of aid to Britain. The Institute questioned a cross-section of Republicans and Democrats on the following issues:

"Which of these two things do you think is the more important for the United States to try to do—keep out of the war ourselves or help England win, even at the risk of war?"

### Opinion About Even

The vote of the rank and file of the two parties is:

	Keep Out	Help England
Willkie Voters	40%	60%
Roosevelt Voters	38	62

There is substantial agreement also on the amount of danger to the United States if the Nazis beat England. To the question, "do you think our country's future safety depends on England winning the war?" the party vote is:

	Yes	No	Undecided
Willkie Voters	65%	30%	5%
Roosevelt Voters	72	22	6

When asked whether they were willing to pay considerable more taxes now in order to meet the cost of the defense program, 51 per cent of Willkie voters indicated their willingness, as compared to 62 per cent of Roosevelt voters. Half of the Democrats (50 per cent) want to see every family, except those on relief, pay an income tax no matter how small, and a slightly higher proportion of Republicans (52 per cent) favor the same thing.

### Agree on Labor

On domestic issues involving the rights of labor unions the Institute has found sharp differences of opinion between the parties, the Republicans tending to take a much more conservative attitude. But when it comes to labor unions in relation to the defense program, the typical Democrat thinks almost exactly as the average Republican.

Both are against permitting labor to have the right to strike in the defense industries, the Republicans by 69 per cent, the Democrats by 57 per cent.

## Body of 'I Am' Founder Cremated 3 Days Following Its Failure to Make 'Ascension'

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15 (U. P.)—When Guy W. Ballard, founder of I Am, died, his followers waited three days for the body to "disintegrate" and make its "ascension." They finally gave up and had it cremated.

His widow, Mrs. Edna Ballard, present leader of the movement and one of nine I Am leaders on trial for an alleged \$3,000,000 mail fraud, revealed yesterday that he had given strict orders not to have his body embalmed. It was to be left in a natural state to facilitate "ascension."

He died on Dec. 29, 1939, and his orders were carried out. Mrs. Ballard said she noticed no signs of disintegration in three days, and had the body cremated. The middle-aged but attractive

widow was dressed for her appearance as a defense witness in a white tailored suit, with turban to drop from the sky.

Defense Attorney Charles Carr said he probably would rest his case today.

She told the jury she had never preached a believer could ascend pooh.

"Only the purified essence as incense," she said.

Neither had she ever told any one, she said, that automobiles would be "precipitated" from the sky at an I Am follower's beckoning.

"Precipitation," she explained, "is a great natural law by which everything in the world is made manifest. The whole universe was precipitated from a divine source which we feel is the mighty I Am presence."

So, she said, when an I Am follower "sets up a call" for an auto

mobile, he expects to get it through customary means; not by having it drop from the sky.

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## GREENSBURG YOUTH BEST IN 'ROTC DRILL'

Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 15.—In a "knock-out" R. O. T. C. drill conducted on the Indiana University campus, William Curry of Greensburg was named the best trained cadet.

Charles Taylor of Bloomington was second and Evar Nering of Gary third. Among those receiving honorable mention was Robert Moorhead of Indianapolis.

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