

Hoosiers in Washington

STATE BOOSTERS DESERT WILLKIE

Indorsement of Lend-Lease Bill Bring Bitter Letters; Misses Increase in Number and Heat After Talks With F. D. R. and Hull.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Hoosier Republicans are hoping mad at Wendell L. Willkie, if the mail received here by Senator Raymond E. Willis and the eight G. O. P. Congressmen can be used as a standard of measurement.

When Mr. Willkie first indorsed the lend-lease bill (with modifications) the critical letters started coming in from Indiana. Since the defeated Republican presidential candidate's conference here with President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull and his subsequent departure for Great Britain, the letters have increased both in volume and heat.

Here are a couple of samples: "What is this man Willkie trying to pull off anyway?" a Ft. Wayne Republican inquires.

"He Wants to Dictate"

"If he can't be National Chairman, he wants to name the Chairman. New Deal stuff, eh? Well, he is a New Dealer pure and simple. He is nothing but a New Dealer and yet he wants to dictate to the grand G. O. P."

"He was right with F. D. R. in his campaign. Tell me one Republican principle he talked about in the campaign. The less we have to do with him the better."

"Fight the blank check and bill No. 1776. We don't need a dictator!"

A Butler manufacturer writes as follows:

"Last evening after having Wendell Willkie's picture in our factory window I took it down. I just came to the conclusion that if the Republican Party ever was going to get anywhere it would have to do it, not with a reformed Democrat, but with a regular Republican who would offer this outfit at Washington a minority opposition that was opposition.

"Much Like Roosevelt"

"Undoubtedly one of the things that contributed to Willkie's losing the election was the fact he was so much like Roosevelt you could hardly tell the difference between them. There are plenty of good Americans who don't like this Administration or any part of it and I am proud to be one of them. And I finally concluded I did not like Wendell Willkie's going along with them all the time either, like on this Dictatorship Bill now before the House Committee on Foreign Relations."

"And I don't like this Give-and-Forget program of Roosevelt's to Britain either, nor the proposed law to give this big Yap more and more power. There are plenty of ways to handle aid to Britain without giving away our liberty in the process."

"Our ancestors were too long getting it to give it away now, especially to a man like F. D. R. who considers himself one of the few of God's anointed who has a King's mania for power and prestige. If we have to do this to aid Britain we better forget them and think only of arming ourselves to the teeth for the future."

"It's Time to Call a Halt"

"I am too old to get into this war, but I have friends and family who are not and I haven't forgot we paid for the other World War and if we let this crew in Washington go we will also pay for this one. It's time to call a halt and get down to earth on this proposition."

Such attitudes are causing particular difficulties for Rep. Charles A. Halleck, who made the nominating speech for Mr. Willkie at the Philadelphia convention.

Not only do some letters suggest that Mr. Willkie be read out of the Republican Party, but also infer that his lieutenants should suffer the same fate.

Rep. Halleck is opposed to the lend-lease bill and did not support the Selective Service Act, after Mr. Willkie had indorsed it. He knew nothing about the Willkie plan to indorse the lend-lease bill nor did Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr. (R. Mass.), minority leader in the House who was the Willkie campaign manager and still is Republican National Chairman.

Rep. George W. Gillie (R. Ind.) whittled a chip of wood from the

NO MEN NEEDED, BULLITT CLAIMS

Munitions, but No Soldiers Necessary for Victory, He Testifies.

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not believe the German people will stand up under the bombing. The system will collapse.

"The revolt will not come so long as you have success for Hitler's arms."

"It will come when the suffering comes, and hunger."

Earlier he had said he saw no prospects of a "just peace" at present, again disagreeing with Col. Lindbergh, who favored a negotiated peace.

"The person you have got to handle" he said of a negotiated peace, "is Hitler. It isn't the British or anyone else."

Answers Charges

Mr. Bullitt read a letter from former French Premier Edouard Daladier to President Roosevelt which said "Ambassador Bullitt always said to me that if we broke out France must make her decision, knowing that the United States would not go into the war."

Mr. Bullitt answered charges that he had led France to count on United States entry into the war with the assertion that they had been spread by "the German propaganda machine, dupes and honest persons."

"I have always been of the opinion that the United States would stay out of the war if it possibly could," Mr. Bullitt said. "I was told even Prime Minister of France while I was in France."

"I told the French that if war broke out France must make her decision knowing the United States would not come into the war."

Others to Follow

Mr. Bullitt opened the last day of public hearings before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He will be followed by Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Minister to Norway; Gen. John F. O'Ryan, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; Dorothy Thompson, newspaper columnist; and William L. Shiner, radio news commentator formerly in Berlin.

Monday the argument starts all over again when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee begins its public hearings with the prospect that it will hear virtually the same witnesses.

Three high-ranking Army and Navy officials will testify in a secret session of the House Committee Monday.

They are Gen. George C. Marshall, Army, Chief of Staff; Admiral Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. George H. Brett, acting chief of the Army Air Corps.

Crane Dispute Continues

A conference was arranged be-

tween the C. I. O. Industrial Union of Machine and Shipbuilding Workers and the Albrecht Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co. at Mobile, Ala., where 3400 employees are on strike to enforce demands for wage increases.

The yards are building

new tonnage vessels for the U. S. Navy and British interests.

Work on defense contracts totaling \$5 million dollars was held up for the third day by a strike of 28 crane operators and engineers at the Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp., Pascagoula, Miss. The workers, 7000 U. A. W. members, demand wage increases. The Government succeeded in obtaining release of a steam-electric generator produced before the strike for a power company.

Claims U. S. PLANES

'SECOND TO NONE'

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25 (U. P.)—Donald W. Douglas, president of the Douglas Aircraft Co., last night lavished high praise of American warplanes.

"Performance details are military secrets, but let me say broadly: The planes being produced for America's defense and for aid to Britain are, on the whole, second to none, and in some categories vastly superior to anything in the world—and this includes speed, performance, armor and fire power," he said.

Mr. Douglas, whose company is the largest in the nation, spoke over NBC's blue network on a program sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers in connection with its "preparedness through production" week.

"We can take the world lead in defense production just as America has held the lead in peacetime production through co-ordinated use of all machines and tools," he declared.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOL HEAD'S SON INJURED

Wilbur Rust, son of J. A. Rust, Noblesville, Ind., school principal, was injured today when the car in which he was riding ran into the safety zone about a mile from the school and California Sts. The driver was Harry Hadd, 52 Layman Ave. Mr. Hadd told police, "I must have been asleep." Both men were taken to City Hospital with severe cuts about the head.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Rain or snow, mostly rain, tonight and tomorrow; warmer tonight with lower temperature about 30 degrees.

Sunrise.....7:06 Sun.....6:39

TEMPERATURE.....—Jan. 25, 1940—

6 a. m.1 p. m.5

BAROMETER TODAY.....9:00 a. m.30.33

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m.26

Deficiency since Jan. 1.....37

MIDWEST WEATHER

Indiana—Rain and snow, mostly rain in north portion tonight and tomorrow; moderate to heavy snow in extreme northwest tomorrow afternoon.

Illinoi—Light rain in extreme south, moderate to heavy snow in extreme north portion tonight and tomorrow; becoming lighter tomorrow and night.

Lower Michigan—Snow, moderate to heavy snow in extreme northwestern portion tonight and tomorrow; becoming lighter tomorrow and night.

Ohio—Cloudy tonight and tomorrow with some snow; becoming lighter tomorrow; slowly rising temperatures.

Kentucky—Cloudy tomorrow by rain tomorrow and in west portion late tonight; temperature slightly higher in east portion tomorrow.

Arkansas—Cloudy tonight and tomorrow with some snow; becoming lighter tomorrow.

Missouri—Cloudy tonight and tomorrow with some snow; becoming lighter tomorrow.

Mississippi—Cloudy tonight and tomorrow with some snow; becoming lighter tomorrow.

Tennessee—Cloudy tonight and tomorrow with some snow; becoming lighter tomorrow.

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