

Hoosiers in Washington—

## DELEGATION RAPS PROPOSED SEAWAY

Rep. Schulte Only Member Who Is Still Undecided on St. Lawrence Project; Willis' Office Boosts Ft. Wayne America First Rally.

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WASHINGTON, May 3.—When Clarence A. Jackson, executive vice president of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, came to Washington this week and reported 91 per cent of the membership against the St. Lawrence seaway proposal, he found the Indiana Congressional delegation in almost complete accord.

Senator Frederick VanNuys (D. Ind.) declared that while he thought he probably would oppose it he didn't want to make any advance commitment until he had seen the plan.

President Roosevelt has not sent the matter to Congress and many think that he may delay it for some time because of the mounting opposition.

Senator Raymond E. Willis (R. Ind.) said he is against it sight-unseen "at this time."

Among the 12 Hoosier Congressmen, only Rep. William T. Schulte (D. Ind.) said he had not decided yet. All the others are against the seaway as an attempt to put over a long-time project as a defense measure.

Since Rep. Schulte comes from the First District, which borders on Lake Michigan, he has more to consider in regard to the proposal than its probable effect on the railways or power companies.

Open to Ocean Vessels  
It was pointed out that such an outlet would permit ocean-going vessels to be made in the lake ports and this would give the matter a defense angle based on the same idea as building powder plants and the like in Indiana now.

"But since it would cost hundreds of millions of dollars and take several years to build, I cannot support it as a defense project at this time," Senator Willis said in summing up his opposition.

Mr. Jackson himself termed it as "a fine example of one of those things that can wait."

The State Chamber's resolution condemning action on the seaway now was put into the Congressional Record by Rep. George W. Gillie (R. Ind.). Rep. Louis Ludlow (D. Ind.) made public a letter he had written a constituent stating his opposition to it, and Rep. Raymond S. Springer (R. Ind.) voiced his opposition in the Congressional Record.

Called Nonessential  
The taxpayers of this country cannot shoulder the great burden of our defense program together with other nonessential projects such as the St. Lawrence seaway project," Rep. Springer said.

"In my own state of Indiana, the State Chamber of Commerce is violently opposed to this unnecessary project at this time. Those businessmen recognize the very great danger in the expenditure of such a vast sum of money as this project would require at a time when the people are struggling to meet the cost of our defense program."

"Our people, regardless of party affiliation, are opposed to this unnecessary project."

Both President Coolidge and Hoover tried and failed to put the seaway project across.

According to a tabulation prepared in the office of Senator Willis, the project would provide the largest single source of electrical energy in North America, with an estimated initial cost of \$268,170,000 and an ultimate estimate of \$1,120,000,000 to the United States.

This would be "three times the cost of the Panama Canal," the summary pointed out.

### Letters Boost Rally

Senator Willis' office sent 500 letters into the Fourth District this week to boost the America First rally which will be addressed by Senator C. Wayland Brooks (R. Ill.) at Ft. Wayne Monday night.

In addition to the Willis letter, each envelope contained a copy of Senator Brooks' speech against the Lease-Lend Aid-to-Britain Bill, which now is the law.

Senator Willis' letter reads: "It was with great satisfaction that I learned my capable and distinguished colleague in the United States Senate, C. Wayland Brooks of Illinois, has accepted an invitation to deliver an anti-war address to my fellow Hoosiers at an America First rally next Monday night in Ft. Wayne."

Urges Attendance

"I feel called upon to urge everyone within practical distance of the auditorium to make every effort to be present in person. The word of 'Curly' Brooks, whose sincere determination to save the United States from the moral and financial annihilation of war is attributable both to his sound thinking and to his first-hand experience of what war really means."

"Wounded seven times in the World War, in which he enlisted at the age of 20, Senator Brooks will be fulfilling a pledge Monday night which he made more than 20 years ago in France, to pledge to help spare millions of American boys the horrors of any needless foreign war in which anybody might at any time undertake to embroil the United States."

"The people of the Fourth District are indeed fortunate in having this privilege to hear that pledge fulfilled—and by one of the Senate's outstanding orators and one of the ablest and most valiant opponents of American convoys and all other similar steps toward war."

Opposes Close Friends

Senator Frederick VanNuys (D. Ind.) deserted the Administration leadership again this week when he voted for both the Tobey and Nye anti-convoys resolutions in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In doing so, he opposed two close personal and political friends—Secretary of State Hull and Chairman

## The County's Healthiest



Margaret Apel (right), 17-year-old New Bethel High School pupil, has been designated as the "healthiest girl in Marion County." Margaret won the distinction after winning township elimination contests in the county 4-H health competition and finally receiving the highest score from doctor and dentist examiners. With her here is Ellora Brewer, 16, of Wayne Township, who placed second.

## Iraq—'Ugly Development'

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French. The Nazis could then move against the Suez from two directions: from the east across Palestine and Sinai and from the west across Egypt from Libya.

Should these tactics show definite signs of success, the British would face the painful decision of either withdrawing their fleet from the Mediterranean before Suez and Gibraltar had been blocked, or allowing it to be bottled up.

The odds would be in favor of withdrawal. Already British spokesmen are pointing out that Suez and the Mediterranean area are not vital to Britain. Victory or defeat, they agree, will be decided in the British Isles and along the sea lanes between those islands and America.

It has been known for some time that German agents have been active in Iraq, Syria and throughout the Arab world. They have played upon the nationalistic feeling all ways strong among the inhabitants. After the siege and fall of Kut Al

Amara in 1916, Britain's position in the Middle East became extremely precarious. To rally the Arabs to his side, General Sir Stanley Maude, who took over after Kut, promised them independence. Using this pledge, Col. Lawrence won their confidence completely and helped lead them to victory only to see the pledge "betrayed," as he expressed it, after the war.

In 1920, the disillusioned Iraqis revolted. Lawrence, who had refused a title, decorations and other high honors offered by the king in person, openly stated that it was not astonishing that their patience had broken down. He insisted that the British mandate over Iraq gave the Arabs less voice in their affairs than they had under the Turks.

So keenly did he feel about his own innocent part in the "betrayal" that he gave up his title of colonel, dropped his own name, joined the A. E. F. as a private and became known as "Aircraftman Shaw."

## War Moves Today

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German forces reaching Syria would have to be interned, likewise, if there were any consistency in Vichy's policy. A considerable number of French troops is understood to be in Syria who might cause the Germans to feel they had alighted on a hornet's nest if they challenged Syrian neutrality.

Apart from that complication, there is no reason to believe southern Greece has adequate aviation bases for flying German transport planes to Syria. The British stated that there own planes were unable to operate effectively during the evacuation from Greece because of lack of bases; and this may be a reason why the German Luftwaffe scored very limited success in checking the evacuation.

So it would appear as if the Iraq challenge to the British cannot rely on German help. That situation can hardly be expected to raise prestige among the Arabs, which newspapers reported a statement from the German-controlled Paris press declaring that if any British forces sought refuge in Syria from Greece, they would be interned.

It would naturally follow that any immediate judgment on the three suits filed by Democratic Governor Henry F. Schricker attacking constitutionalism of the G. O. P. "decentralization" program was asked today by attorneys for four elected Republican State officials.

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"For four years, he served as Lieutenant-Governor under the name of a single employee except his chief assistant. As a matter of fact, the Republican party has treated Governor Schricker better than his own party. Of course, our new laws recognize the fact that he represents the minority party and that he is not entitled to the dictatorial powers that would be his if he succeeds in upsetting the acts of the 1941 Assembly."

## HOOSIER SOLDIER KILLED

MILLWAUKEE, May 2 (U. P.).—William E. Miller, 30, Greencastle, Ind., was crushed to death when he fell beneath a 155 mm. Howitzer truck at Camp McCord late yesterday.

Lieut. John C. O'Haver said Mr. Miller was boarding a bus for observation duty at the time.

## JAPANESE FIRE CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, May 3 (U. P.).—Japanese bombers today showered incendiary and explosive bombs on Chungking's suburbs, causing many fires which, however, were speedily extinguished. Casualties were reported low.

## Farmers Dig Wells Deeper As Drought Menaces Crops

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central and southern sections of state.

For example, nearly all the "dug" wells in southern Marion County have gone dry. The water levels have dropped so that many of the driven wells have required additional drilling—about 140 to 160 feet is necessary in most instances.

Since August, 1939, only February, April, May and November in 1940 showed rainfall excesses. Some of the months showed deficiencies as much as two inches.

Thus, when rain does fall, it sinks through the topsoil as if it were a sieve and is absorbed deep in the subsoil. The short rooted plants like wheat and rye suffer.

Farm Bureau Secretary Larry Brandon sees the drought danger more as long range than immediate. While the subsoil is slowly becoming dryer and dryer, the farmer is having to work his ground more and more intensively in order to make a living. That is, the farmer's economic prevent him from planting clover and other replenishing crops on the back 40.

Now, the State Conservation Department maintains 60 observation

wells, 10 of them in Indianapolis. Twenty-six of these, including those here, were at their lowest levels since before the 1936 drought.

This is a serious situation locally because so many of the downtown air-conditioning plants depend on water from underground. It also has brought inconvenience to a number of farmers throughout the State who are being forced to haul water for their stock and for their families.

Forest fires have spread over more than 1000 acres in the last week. This is unusual because the vegetation is becoming green and the danger from such blazes ordinarily diminishes at this time.

So Indiana probably won't shrivel up and blow away in the near future, but from the sand dunes up north to the levees down south, you'll hear the chant—"How Dry I Am!"

SKIN BLOTCHES  
Pimples, simple rashes and similar irritations due to external causes usually relieved and helped by pure, medicated CUTICURA SOAP AND OINTMENT

## 11 HORSES WAIT DERBY'S START

Porter's Cap Favored, Our Boots 2d; 100,000 Are Expected.

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than his trained pea whenever the law approached.

Porter's Cap, the California entry owned by C. S. Howard, was the favorite with early arrivals.

As the crowd pressed on for its two-minute glimpse of the nine-horse duel, S. 4th St., in downtown Louisville, looked like a section of Hollywood Blvd., and that accounted for the overnight shift in sentiment from the home-town favorite, Royce G. Martin's Our Boots, to the strapping Howard colt.

The California visitors have seen so much of Howard's fabulous luck—or is it luck?—they simply overwhelmed Kentucky's hardened hardboaters, who had installed Our Boots as the early Derby favorite six weeks ago.

Most observers on the grounds all week called it a two-horse race with one startling exception. That question-mark was Warren Wright's Whirlaway. The golden chestnut son of Blenheim II still was considered the fastest horse in the race over any given quarter-mile stretch and many believed he could win if Jockey Eddie Arcaro conquered Whirlaway's habit of bearing out in the turns.

Expect Dispute to Challenge  
Just such a disaster cost Whirlaway his last two starts, one in the mile Derby trial last Tuesday.

Porter's Cap, rated in the morning line at 2 to 1, Our Boots (5-2) and Whirlaway (5-1) faced a strong challenge from King Ranch's Disposal, saddled by Max Hirsch, who brought home Bold Venture in 1936. Disposal, despite his disappointing showing in the Experimental Handicap at Jamaica, was the eastern favorite at 8 to 1.

Included in the field were J. F. Byers' Robert Morris (10-1), Mrs. Vera Bragg's Blue Pair (15-1), Rocky Palladin's Little Beans (20-1), Putnam's Swan (50-1), Louis Tuffano's Market Wise (25-1), Hugh Nesbitt's Starlet (60-1) and Valinda Paul (100-1).

All but one horse in the field was capable of handling a muddy track as well as a perfect course. Robert Morris was tested once in the mud and failed miserably.

Market Wise Has Sore Foot

One owner, however, preferred soft footing. George Carroll, the former jockey now training Market Wise, said the Wood Memorial winner had a sore foot and probably would show at his best on a sloppy course.

Porter's Cap, Our Boots, Disposal, Blue Pair and Little Beans, all Kentucky-bred, earned their heavy backing with important victories.

Running at his best when the pots were biggest, Porter's Cap won nearly \$100,000 in 1940 and early 1941 racing in the Washington Park Futurity, the Santa Anita Derby and three weeks ago in the Chesapeake Stakes at Havre de Grace.

Our Boots became the leading juvenile of 1940 by winning the Belmont Futurity trial and the Futurity itself. Disposal won the Flamingo Stakes at Hialeah; Blue Pair, never out of the money in 16 starts, beat Whirlaway in the Derby trial, and Little Beans has broken even in two duels with Porter's Cap.

PHIL BAKER DIVORCED  
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., May 3 (U. P.).—A divorce from Phil Baker, radio comedian, was granted Mrs. Margaret Cartwright Baker yesterday by Circuit Judge C. E. Chillingworth on her charge of mental cruelty.

## 22d President



George Gilbert Mize . . . 1918



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## SERVICE CLUB TO NAME SLATE

George Mize Is Scheduled To Head Unique Veterans' Group Here.

Seven Indianapolis boys who had just returned from service in World War I met in the spring of 1920 and organized a unique luncheon club.

Today this club has 250 members, many of them fathers of boys who, in turn, are enlisting in the defense units.

Like many luncheon clubs, it is composed of men selected from each representative business or profession in the city. But unlike the rest, every member must have seen service in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps from April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918.

Thus the Service Club was appropriately named. Some day it must become a "last man's club." But today it is going strong and on June 2 will elect its 22d president, George Gilbert Mize, ex-officer of field artillery, Purdue graduate and chief engineer of the Diamond Chain and Manufacturing Co. Other officers to take over will be Maurice E. Tennant, vice president; A. D. Lange, secretary; John T. Couchman, sergeant-at-arms.

3 DIE IN MANILA FIRE  
MANILA, P. I., May 3 (U. P.).—Three persons were dead and hundreds were homeless today after the largest fire in Manila's history last night swept through a downtown district, destroying whole blocks of business and residential houses. The blaze, caused damage estimated at several million dollars.

## NAZIS REPORTED FLYING TO IRAQ

British and Arabs Battle for Oil Fields' Control; South Africa Aids B. E. F.

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Transjordan and Syria and through which the oil pipe lines run to British ports in Palestine.

Regarding Ankara reports that Iraq was threatening to cut the oil pipe lines to the Mediterranean, it was said authoritatively in London that the British long ago made plans for such an eventuality.

An unconfirmed report circulated in Berlin that the Iraqis had already halted the flow of oil from the British fields in Iraq through the pipe lines leading to the Palestine coast at Haifa. These reports, however, said the pipe line had not been destroyed. Normally, the pipe lines can carry about 40,000 barrels of oil a day.

The British Broadcasting Co. last night broadcast an appeal to the people of Iraq to "disown Rashdi Ali and those few military leaders who for the sake of their own gain have sought a quarrel with Great Britain and betrayed the interest of your country."

The operations throughout the Mediterranean area were being conducted by both sides with an eye on the attitude of the leaders of a vast Mohammedan world stretching from the Indian Ocean through the Near East and across North Africa.

The British charged that the Axis powers were attempting to stir up the Arabs throughout the Near East.

B. E. F. Reorganizes

The success or failure of the Axis campaign may hinge on the ability of the British to crush their foes in Iraq and maintain a firm grip on the Iraq oil fields.

The British were rapidly reorganizing the Expeditionary Force rescued from Greece in order to stand off the Axis thrusts through Libya and probably through Syria against the Suez Canal, but further details of the battle of Greece indicated that considerable losses had been suffered there.

The Admiralty said that two British destroyers and four transports had been sunk during the evacuation and that casualties were heavy as a result of Nazi dive bomber attacks.

The destroyers lost were the 1375-ton Diamond and the 900-ton Wryneck, both sunk by German bombs after they had picked up 700 survivors from a transport that was set afire. Three other transports reported lost were empty, but the

## New Term Starts May 5 . . .

All who can possibly arrange to start next Monday are urged to bring their tax returns to the Indianapolis office of the Service Bureau. In fact, our Placement Service is taxed beyond its capacity with calls. These positions offer new opportunities for the future. Those who take the time to prepare now will be away ahead in the long run. This is the time.

## Indiana Business College

of Indianapolis. The others are at Marion, Muncie, Logansport, Anderson, Kokomo, Lafayette, Columbus, Richmond and Vincennes—Gra E. Buta, President. Call personally if convenient. Otherwise, for Bulletin describing courses and auditing tuition fees, telephone or write the B. C. nearest you, or Fred W. Case, Principal.

## Central Business College

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# Tonight at Midnight




## TWO NEW DIAL TELEPHONE OFFICES GO INTO SERVICE

# field...Blackstone

★ AT 12 o'clock tonight the Indiana Bell will complete another large project for Indianapolis at a cost of approximately \$1,250,000. Two new dial central offices will be placed in service.

GAfield office, occupying a new building at 2941 Shelby street, will provide dial service for telephones in a southern section of Indianapolis.

BLackstone office, newly installed in the Irvington telephone building, will furnish dial telephone facilities for growth in that area.

Market office has been greatly enlarged and will relieve other central offices. Over 7,000 telephones will be added to this office tonight.


Altogether, some 13,000 telephones will be affected by tonight's "cutover." About 10,000 will be changed from manual to dial operation.

The establishment of the new offices; the addition of equipment; and rearrangement of office areas are forward steps consistent with our aim of more and better service for Indianapolis.

**New Numbers Become Effective At Midnight—**

**USE YOUR NEW DIRECTORY:**

After the "zero hour" tonight be sure to use the green telephone book. It contains the right numbers. Discard your old directory.



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