

# Politics

BY EARL RICHERT

State Auditor Richard T. James is expected to toss his hat formally into the G. O. P. lieutenant governorship contest within the next few days.

Mr. James was unanimously indorsed by his home district, the fifth, "for anything he wants" at a caucus here Saturday. Acting District Chairman Early Merritt made it plain that the "anything" was the lieutenant governorship nomination. An indorsement by the home district is the usual prelude to a formal announcement.

While there are a number of prospective candidates for the nomination for the No. 2 state job, there have as yet been no formal announcements. Considerable campaigning has been done, however, by State Senator Clyde Black, Logansport; Rep. Glen Slusher, Monticello, and Mayor John Hampton of Muncie.

Lt. Gov. Charles Dawson, who is considered a possible candidate for renomination, says he expects to make up his mind shortly on what he will do. He is being urged to seek the Republican congressional nomination from this district.

### Opposition Fading

Mr. James, observers agree, is the man to beat in this race and there are many who believe that, unless Lt. Gov. Dawson gets in, he will have no opposition at convention time.

Senator Black and Rep. Slusher hurt the chances of the other since they come from the same district, the second, and Mayor Hampton is not well known throughout the state.

Mr. James, who at 34 is completing his second term as state auditor, is organizationally very strong. His district will have the second largest block of delegates in the state convention and he has more than a dozen county chairmen throughout the state working for him now in the gasoline inspection and store license divisions.

### G. O. P. Meet Overflows

To use the vernacular, the Republican editorial association meeting here Saturday was some shindig. It wasn't so long ago that one couldn't have imagined there were so many Republicans in the state. But with the smell of victory in the air, every man and his brother who has a dream of getting to be a postmaster, deputy collector of internal revenue, state welfare worker or member of the state parole board turned out to show his interest in the party's welfare.

The editorial association had to have two extra batches of tickets printed for the banquet and finally had to send 25 would-be diners down to the main dining room at the Claypool to eat—couldn't even seat them in the lobby outside the banquet room.

### Resolution Blocked

The major fireworks of the week-end came Friday night when Henry Marshall, Lafayette publisher and Willkie-hater, launched a move to get the G. O. P. state committee to adopt a pro-Dewey resolution the next day.

State Chairman Ralph Gates, who so far has successfully kept the fire from being lighted on the presidential keg of dynamite in this state, immediately swung into action, called the committee into session informally and there convinced his colleagues that they couldn't afford to permit such a resolution to even be introduced because they would either have to vote for or against.

The district chairmen agreed and the resolution never got far out of Mr. Marshall's hands. But Mr. Gates, who is a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination and is anxious to keep from antagonizing any element, did plenty of sweating before the matter was shelved.

### More Entries Indicated

ODDS AND ENDS: Concerning reports that he will be a candidate for state auditor, Deputy State Auditor Ross Tuckemeyer says, "I am not a candidate as of today." . . . Emmett LaRue, former Jasper county G. O. P. chairman, likely will be a candidate for a supreme court judge.

## War Changes for Fortress Gunner as His Buddies Die

SGT. JOHN S. CHIDDER, 21, a gunner, rode the Flying Fortress, "Heaven's Angels," over Germany many times. For John and his buddies the war among the clouds was an impersonal thing. They never saw the enemy. Once returning to England, they flew so high John's eardrum burst. On the next mission, the Fortress went over Germany without him. It didn't come back. This changed the war for John Chidder. He wrote to his father, John Chidder, of Columbus, O., telling what the war means to him now.

This is his letter:

Dear Dad:

Here is the letter that you've been waiting for so long. Dad, my crew got knocked down. They went out on a raid, but never came back.

I didn't go because I'm grounded, and I guess I should be thankful for my bum ear, but I'm not! I couldn't write to you about it before because we are not allowed to. The government has to notify their parents first. I knew I couldn't write to you without mentioning it, so I didn't write.

I feel pretty damned bad about it, Dad, as I figure I should have been along. My best buddies went down with that ship, Pop, and I'm not forgetting it. This is a personal war for me now, Dad, and I mean it. Before I was fighting for one thing, to come home. Now I'm out for blood. I'm fighting to kill. The more Germans I kill, the happier I'll be.

I cried like a baby when they came in after the clothes of the boys to send home. It wasn't a pretty sight. I assure you I wore on Charlie's uniform that I'd get even, and I'm not going

## National Politics— ASK MOTHERS TO URGE WAR VOTE

Republicans Open 'Letters To-Servicemen' Drive to Block F. D. R.

WASHINGTON, March 13 (U.P.)—Rep. Charles E. Halleck (R. Ind.)

last night urged Republican women to join a letters-to-servicemen campaign to get the soldier vote for the G. O. P. and to block a fourth term for President Roosevelt.

He told the closing session of a three-day advisory board meeting of the National Federation of Women's Republican clubs that the new deal was using "every possible propaganda medium" to get the soldier vote. The proper antidote, he said, would be for Republicans to write and "tell the boys the truth about the manner in which the administration has misused its powers."

Chairman Harrison Spangler of the Republican National committee warned that the "American way of life" faced its greatest threat in a hundred years through administration attempts to regiment the people, "tamper with the constitution" and undermine the faith of the people in congress.

Senator Taft's speech before the G. O. P. editorial association in one sentence: Roosevelt is a stinker.

G. O. P. Saturday night scene: Horace Coats, Capenhart publicly standing in ninth district headquarters (Lt. Tucker's) and expounding expansively on why the state needs a man "like Capenhart" in the senate.

Chief reason for Chairman Gates wanting the public to know that party opposition to the federal ballot plan does not mean that the Republican party is opposed to letting the soldiers vote: He got a letter from his son in the Southwest Pacific asking why the Republicans were against it.

## DICE GIRL HELD IN TRUNK DEATH

Body of Gambler Found Stuffed in Compartment Of His Auto.

CHICAGO, March 13 (U.P.)—A former dice girl, Mrs. Ethel Davis Moran, 26, was held today for questioning in connection with the death of James de Angelo, 40, as police sought to establish a motive for the slaying of the gambler.

De Angelo, whose battered body was found trussed up in the trunk of his car Saturday, formerly was a partner of a night club where Mrs. Moran worked. Police emphasized, however, that she was not a suspect but was held because they believed she could give some information about the victim's associates.

At the same time, police pressed their search for Onofrio Vitale, 42, a close friend of the victim who disappeared Feb. 24, the day De Angelo was last seen. Officers expressed the belief that Vitale may have been killed at the same time.

Link Another Slaying

Police also sought to establish some connection between De Angelo's death and Vitale's disappearance and the gangland murder of Thomas O'Neilia, who was shot to death as he sat half-shaved in a barber chair last Dec. 6. Vitale was an employee of a cheese company which O'Neilia headed.

De Angelo's body was found in his car after an anonymous caller told police he saw four men stuff what appeared to be the body of a man into the trunk.

Coroner's physicians said De Angelo had been dead for 10 or 12 days and he probably was alive and jammed into the trunk. Neilia's widow, Mrs. Sam de Angelo, the victim's widow, nor her two children could throw any light on the slaying.

Ralph Roberts

Times Special

WASHINGTON, March 13—Ralph Roberts, Rockport, chief doorman of the house of representatives, does not intend to seek the Democratic nomination for congress in the 8th Indiana district he declared today.

It had been reported that he might do so and he admitted talking with several district leaders regarding the matter.

"I certainly would not go through a primary contest to get it," Mr. Roberts said.

"Should the Democratic organization decide I should run and no opposition arise, I could be drafted to take it, of course. Otherwise, I am not interested."

A world war I veteran and A. E. F. marine, Mr. Roberts has been a house employee for 20 years. His present job is rated as one of the highest in the house and he has an expansive office and is in charge of a staff of 40.

He succeeded the late Joseph Sennott. One of Mr. Roberts' assignments is to announce the arrival of messages from the President, the President himself or the senate and supreme court members, when extraordinary sessions are held in the house.

Alben Barkley

PITTSBURGH, March 13 (U.P.)—The necessity of unity, co-operation and understanding among mankind was stressed by Senator Alben W. Barkley in an address here before 1200 at the annual banquet of the Dapper Dan club.

The Kentucky senator, who recently caused a political stir by his revolt against the President's veto of the tax bill, spoke here last night. He made only casual references to politics.

The recent tax bill was not satisfactory to anyone—we hope to do better next time" was his only allusion to his recent protest to the President's veto, which was overridden.

The senator would not make any predictions as to the length of the war. "We know victory is certain, the war will last until we have achieved victory on every front," he said.

The audience was urged to strive for an era in which men shall be guaranteed the right to labor, the right to share in profits and the right to enjoy the four freedoms.

The senate majority leader warned that unless we advance in the enjoyment of democracy, our soldiers will have fought in vain.

Burton K. Wheeler

CINCINNATI, O., March 13 (U.P.)—Two definite steps are necessary if a United States of Europe is formed as the basis for a lasting peace, Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.) said yesterday in a radio address.

"First," Wheeler said in advocating such a plan, "is the maintenance of the countries of eastern Europe as independent communities and their integration as an organic whole."

Second, he said, is further restriction of German influence in Europe "by a federal organization of western Europe and the integration of Germany into this new order—such federation to be based on human liberty and national equality after the pattern of Switzerland."

That's the story, Pop, and please try and understand why I couldn't write before.

Am still in the hospital, but I hope to be out soon. In your last letter you told me you were promoted in the shop. Thought you were up one on your boy, eh Pop? I think I'm one up on you because, as you will notice by my return address, I have been promoted to a sergeant. What do you think of your boy now? Dad, if this race between father and son continues, you'll be president of Bonney's and I'll be a general before this war ends. I had to mix a little good news with the bad, and all I've got to say is that now is my chance to prove that I'm worthy of my promotion.

That's all for now, Dad. Please explain to Mom and my beloved sisters. Be good, take care of yourselves, and God bless you all. I love to all, John.

## THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

### Hitler Missing At 5th 'Heroes Day' Memorial

Final tabulations of fourth war loan figures released today showed that Marion county's total was \$69,685,431.50, more than \$4,000,000 over the goal.

The state's final sales total was \$292,581,000, or 125% per cent of the goal.

County purchases of "E" bonds, known as the "peoples bonds," were reported at \$12,581,751, more than \$500,000 over the goal, a record war loan total for this series. The total was 50 per cent higher than last

### FIRE DESTROYS BUTCHER SHOP

2 Firemen Hurt in Blaze  
That Causes Loss Set  
At \$10,000.

Five thousand pounds of meat went up in smoke yesterday as fire destroyed three buildings of a wholesale butcher shop in the rear of 3025 S. Rural st.

Damage was estimated at \$10,000 and two firemen were injured as they fought the flames which started in a smokehouse Saturday night and broke out anew early yesterday.

Doenitz admitted that the allies had built up formidable forces against Germany, but assured the people that no "decisive penetration" had been made.

Butchering equipment, including meat slicers, scales, electric motors and a refrigerating unit were ruined.

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Water was hauled from Beech

### County \$4,000,000 Over Top, Final War Loan Total Shows

September's third war loan total was more than \$8,500,000 of the total resulted from the "buy-where-you-work" phase of the drive.

State "E" bond sales totaled \$81,010,000, or 108 per cent of the goal.

Corporation purchases made up the bulk of the more than \$57,000 balance of sales in the county.

Theaters were responsible for nearly \$500,000, and Boy Scouts and Cubs for \$1,500,000 in their house-to-house canvass. The Press club conducted \$10,000,000 drive. Sales in downtown booths also were high.

Grove and pumped from a nearby gravel pit to help put out the fire.

Lt. John Ward, 1014 LeGrande ave., a member of the crew of Pumper 26, was in a fair condition at City hospital. He was injured when he was knocked off a table in the refrigeration building by the stream from high pressure hose.

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### CLEANING CO. SAFE ROBBED OF \$1100

Safecrackers cleaned one safe of \$1100 and another of \$60 worth of silverware this week-end.

L. H. McKowan, employee of the Franco-American Cleaning Co., 2835 Central ave., discovered that the company safe had been forced open and \$1100 taken when he went to work early today.

The silverware and several ration books were missing from the safe in the Frank Anderson restaurant, 1606 S. Illinois st.

Meanwhile, a purse snatcher, described as tall and slender, grabbed a purse containing \$33 from Mrs. Freda Hector, 2860 Kenwood ave., as she was walking in front of the Columbia club early yesterday.

MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED

The 2d company, 3d battalion of the Indiana state guard will hold a memorial service for the late commander, Capt. Thomas R. Stewart, at 3 p.m. Sunday at the North-Western community center. A service flag honoring members' relatives in service will be presented.

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—Secretary R. Wickard, Slattery, rural administrator, of the Indiana state board of education, "threatened" to control by a Washington.

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