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COUNCIL PLANS PATRONAGE WAR

Recodification Ordinance
Intended to Remove
Tyndall's Powers.

By SHERLEY UHL
In a precedent-setting ordinance, the city council tonight will attempt to wrest temporary control of Mayor Tyndall's patronage powers by redefining them to City Clerk Frank J. Noll Jr., its official secretarial agent.
The move will come in connection with an ordinance authorizing Clerk Noll "to select and employ at the expense of the city four qualified lawyers" to undertake the task of recodifying all city ordinances since 1925.
Three of the attorneys would be paid \$1500 with the fourth, serving as chairman of the recodification project, to receive \$1800.
Challenges Power
In the measure, the predominantly anti-administration council challenges for the first time Mayor Tyndall's supposedly "exclusive" power of appointment as specified in a 1933 statute, vesting in him the authority to hire or fire any or all city employees.
Concurrently with preparation of the measure, city council issued an explanatory statement, declaring: "The city council is not seeking any new powers. We are only endeavoring to ascertain just how much of the original powers of the council have been usurped by various administrations; what has been taken over by such administration through amendments to the original law and just what they have left to us."
"It is generally conceded that the original plan of giving to the legislative body for the city considerable control over the administrative branch of government was a wise method and of benefit to the taxpayers."
"It is easy to imagine what might be the effect for the council to cease entirely to exercise its statutory authority while the administrative branches of some of our city governments have been known to use their tax money spending-power to bolster their political influences or to perpetuate themselves."

Combat Wounds Fatal for Lt. Robert Ireland, Pilot

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Allison division of General Motors before entering the army air force.
S. SGT. KENNETH E. HOWARD, radio technician in the army infantry, was wounded in combat on Kwajalein atoll and is stationed in Honolulu after being released from the hospital.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Howard, 1414 King ave., Sgt. Howard called home long distance last week when he received the news that his brother, Pfc. Ronald Howard, had died of wounds in action.
Inducted in June, 1941, the 25-year-old soldier has been overseas since last April and was stationed in the Aleutians before going to Honolulu.
A graduate of Washington high school, he was an employee of the Kroger Grocery Co. before enlisting. His brother, Pfc. Charles Howard, is stationed at Camp Phillips, Kas.
CAPT. DAYTON A. SWICKARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Swickard, 5026 S. Walcott st., has been awarded his second air medal for meritorious service in aerial combat. The captain is an instructor for marine pilots preparing for duty in combat zones. He is stationed at El Toro, Santa Ana, Cal.
Capt. Swickard won his first air medal for sinking a Jap destroyer just a year ago. His second award was for numerous sorties made against enemy shipping and ground installations in the face of stout defense with resultant heavy damage.
Before entering the marines, he was a biologist for the Indiana state health board. He was graduated from Butler university and lives with his wife, Mrs. Ruby M. Shelton Swickard, formerly of Indianapolis at Laguna Beach.
FOUR HOOSIERS outside Indianapolis have been killed in action in the Mediterranean theater.
They are 2d Lt. James B. Held, son of James Held, Paoli; Cpl. Joseph S. Boliek, son of Mrs. Mary Boliek, East Chicago; Pfc. Elbert E. Bumbalough, son of Mrs. Leslie Bumbalough, Columbus, and Capt. Kimble E. Midkiff, son of Mrs. Ethel Midkiff, Shelbyville.

ARMY COOK REVEALS QUADRUPLETS' BIRTH

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass., March 20 (U. P.).—Sgt. Gordon Herbert Blue, a cook attached to the anti-aircraft training center here, told his buddies today that he was the father of quadruplets born late last week in Ithaca, N. Y.
Blue made the disclosure as he entrained for that city to see the babies and his wife, Katherine, a former Ithaca waitress.

Capt. Metz' Valor Rewarded



CAPT. WILBUR H. METZ, formerly display advertising salesman for The Times, was awarded the soldier's medal by Brig. Gen. Leon W. Johnson, Liberator wing commander, after he saved the lives of nearby men and equipment when a bomber exploded at an English base.
The medal is the highest award for non-combatant valor. Capt. Metz, group ordinance officer, entered the service in June, 1942, after serving with the Indiana national guard 13 months.
His wife, Helen C. Metz, section manager at L. S. Ayres & Co., lives at 1320 N. Delaware st.
The award was announced by Maj. Gen. James A. Doolittle, 8th A. A. F. commander. Gen. Johnson recently was awarded the congressional medal of honor.

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NAZIS REMAIN MUM ON 'IMPORTANT' NEWS

By UNITED PRESS
The German radio was silent today on the mysterious "important announcement" which was scheduled to have been made in Berlin Sunday morning but was called off suddenly without explanation.
The Nazi DNB news agency notified all German newspapers and radio stations late Saturday to stand by for an announcement of first-rate importance to be issued at 7 a. m. Berlin time.
Hours later the agency briefly announced the cancellation.
Launch Bosnia Offensive
LONDON, March 20 (U. P.).—German forces were on the offensive in eastern Bosnia, where large-scale battles were in progress, and in Slovenia a communique by Yugoslavian partisan leader, Marshal Josip (Tito) Brozovich, said today.

IN INDIANAPOLIS—EVENTS—VITALS

Red Cross annual fund campaign. Easter seal campaign. Murat Shrine members, Murat theater, night.
Indiana Speakers club, Hotel Washington, 6:45 p. m.
Federated Hardware Mutuals, Hotel Washington, all day.
Wardlaw Victory Garden club, Broad Ripple American Legion post hall, 7:30 p. m.
12:15 p. m.
Womens' Rotary club, Women's Department, 6:30 p. m.
National Association of Women, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m.
Hawman-Barrow American Legion, auxiliary 25, W. Y. C. A., 8 p. m.
Sigma Alpha Iota, Zeta chapter, 3411 N. Pennsylvania st., 8 p. m.
Alpha Delta Omega, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m.
MARRIAGE LICENSES
These lists are from official records to the county court house. The fiances, therefore, are not responsible for errors in names and addresses.
James P. Carroll, 35, U. S. navy; Opa Taylor, 31, of 2345 N. New Jersey.
Roy Martin Wade, 24, of 1738 Hall pl.; Mary Alice Joseph, 20, of 233 E. 6th st.
Fred Edward Rauh, 23, Bainbridge, Ind.; Mary Louise Jennings, 21, of 1743 Arrow.
Kenneth Armon Gray, 38, Brownsburg, Ind.; Agatha Leone Ayers, 33, Brownsburg, Ind.
Donald L. Barnett, 17, R. R. 20, Box 122; Frances Elizabeth Moulton, 15, of 1452 S. E. 16th st.
John Wilbert Everts, 18, of 243 W. Morris; Dorothy H. Vargo, 22, of 524 W. William Howard Johnston, 25, of 35 W. Ohio.
Arnold Goodman, 28, U. S. army; Billings General hospital; Elizabeth Jeanne Early, 24, of 17 Central.
Robert Wayne Poole, 19, U. S. army; Mary Elizabeth Stents, 21, of 1739 Sloan.
Abe A. Levy, 32, of 108 Russell; Rose Donnell, 25, of 739 Union.
Lonnie L. Gentry, 37, of 2138 Wendell; Mattie L. Gentry, 35, of 2138 Wendell.
Robert Edward Wendell, 24, of 3030 S. E. 16th st.
Clayford Jean, 21, of 3201 Jackson; Maurice Edna Rainey, 18, of 1209 Spruce.
James B. Goodwin, 25, Camp Atterbury; Rebecca Fieda, 22, of 829 N. Gladstone.
Paul Marion Jarvis, 23, U. S. navy; Mary Christina Harris, 22, 36 S. Summit.
Bernard E. Holman, 28, U. S. army; Stout Field; Frances Eloise Fox, 17, New Metamoras, O.
Robert, Ruby Barker, at Methodist.
Francis, Hazel Williams, at Methodist.
Abe, Rae Zimmerman, at Methodist.
Boys
Paul, Mary Guyer, at St. Vincent's.
Robert, Mildred Howerton, at St. Vincent's.
Carl, Thelma Richardson, at St. Vincent's.
Oscar, Elizabeth Butler, at St. Vincent's.
Robert, Velma Butler, at Coleman.
Loren, Irene Douthett, at Coleman.
Richard, Mary Jefferson, at Coleman.
Morr, Edward Black, at Coleman.
Clarence, Marjory Gunn, at City.
Roger, Hazel Bassett, at Methodist.
Robert, June Watkins, at Methodist.
Deaths
John E. Helm, 37, Methodist hospital, subarachnoid hemorrhage.
Josephine M. Kelley, 86, of 907 Woodman, cardiac vascular renal.
Ralph Blane, 70, Long hospital, influenza meningitis.
Margaret Mae Leukart, 71, of 105 N. Sheridan, hypertension.
Loela Ellis, 20, of 2708 Shriver, pulmonary tuberculosis.
Polly Terrell, 44, of 612 1/2 Torbet, cerebral hemorrhage.
Henry A. Neumeyer, 56, of 430 Moreland, chronic myocarditis.
Franklin E. Johnson, 68, of 4174 Broadway, arteriosclerosis.
Robert Moore Bryce, 71, of 3642 Hemlock, chronic myocarditis.
Clarence P. Pieper, 36, Emhardt hospital, myocarditis.
Charles W. Petty, 58, City hospital, carcinoma.
Lillian W. Wasson, 19, Methodist hospital, peritonitis.
Miller Taylor, 69, of 2114 N. Layman, cerebral apoplexy.
Frederick W. Hahn, 55, of 902 Union, aortic aneurysm of heart.
Blanche H. Mallory, 62, of 3245 N. Illinois, carcinoma.
Calvin Allen, 1, City hospital, meningococci meningitis.

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Pucheu Orders Own Execution By Rifle Squad

ALGIER, March 20 (U. P.).—Pierre Pucheu, former Vichy minister of interior, died "with great dignity" today and he gave the final command to a French firing squad which executed him as a traitor to France.
He stood proudly erect, without a bandage on his eyes and with his hands untied while he faced the 12 selected riflemen shortly before 6 a. m. at Hussein Dey rifle range on the outskirts of Algiers.
Pucheu's last request was that he be given the privilege of issuing the final commands to the firing squad. A brief communique said he "died courageously."
His body was turned over to his brother, a resident of Algiers. About 12 persons witnessed the execution, including a member of the court which condemned him to death, the prosecutor and Pucheu's two lawyers.
Pucheu was convicted of treason by a French military tribunal last week on evidence stemming from his record of collaboration with the Germans while a member of the Vichy government.
The prosecution held him responsible for the execution of a number of French hostages and patriots whom he had turned over to the Germans on demand. Pucheu asserted that actually he had interceded for many patriots and demanded that his trial be delayed until after the war when documents now in Vichy would be available.

TAX ESTIMATES MAY BE EASED

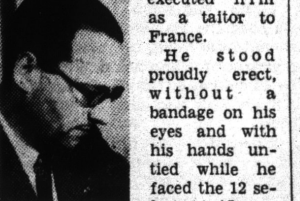
Senate Plans Move to End Commission, Professional Men's Red Tape.
WASHINGTON, March 20 (U. P.).—The congressional drive to simplify taxes took another step forward today when Senator Walter F. George (D. Ga.) said his senate finance committee plans to ease or eliminate the task of filing quarterly estimates of future income and taxes.
He did not disclose details but said the plan was aimed primarily at helping those whose incomes are "almost impossible" to forecast—largely professional and commission men whose incomes vary greatly from month to month.
At present time, about 15,000,000 of the nation's 50,000,000 taxpayers are required to file advance estimates of their earnings and to make quarterly payments on the tax over and above the amount that will be withheld from their wages or salaries. Persons whose estimates are off more than 20 per cent are subject to penalty.
Many Incomes Stable
George said that many of the 15,000,000 have relatively stable incomes and therefore can file a single estimate without fear of miscalculating. But such persons as commission men or doctors, dentists and lawyers, he said, are compelled to file revised estimates because of their fluctuating incomes.
He said his committee would attempt to solve this problem unless the house, which soon takes up the simplification plan approved by its ways and means committee last week, solves it first.
George praised the house committee's simplification plan, which appeared to have won almost general approval among congressmen.

BRITISH SLOOPS SINK 6 SUBS IN 20 DAYS

LONDON, March 20 (U. P.).—A new German undersea offensive to interrupt the flow of troops and arms to Britain for the invasion of western Europe was believed today to have been nipped by the sinking of six submarines by British escort sloops—the worst single defeat yet inflicted on the Nazi U-boat fleet.
Five rough and tumble little sloops of the secret "Bird class," led by Capt. F. J. Walker, Britain's ace submarine killer, destroyed the six U-boats on a 20-day Atlantic patrol—sinking three of them within 16 hours—the admiralty disclosed.

'Dewey Chooses Not to Run, But Will if Party Insists'

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class politician who thinks this. The rest agree that the New York governor is not pretending but that he is doing all that he reasonably can do to prevent this nomination without destroying any possibility of election if circumstances should force him into the election race.
If such a promise has been made, I have not heard or read it. He promised not to seek a nomination, and I am convinced that he is not seeking it. He expressed the desire to serve the people of New York for four years, and there is every evidence that he desires to do just that.
I have tried to ascertain why Mr. Dewey does not want to run this year. It is evident that the governor has not told his most intimate associates.
The most reasonable answer, considering its source (which cannot be disclosed), is that Governor Dewey is very doubtful whether, unless the war changes its aspects materially, President Roosevelt can be beaten by anyone this year.
Paradoxically, the more successful Mr. Dewey is in keeping out of the pre-convention battle, the higher his stock soars among many observers.



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POST-WAR PLANS LAID TO SAVE JOBS

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Red Tape Criticized
"Adequate working capital is not being provided during the period between termination and final settlement. Materials released through contract termination have often lain in the same plant for months and months before removal. Instead of planning their termination program ahead of time, contracting officers too often simply order their contractors to 'stop work immediately.'"
"As a result," the report said, "many contractors have hesitated or declined to take new work contracts, and instead have sought civilian production assignments because they are 'fearful of being tied up in a mass of red tape in event of termination.'"
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