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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 redelegating them to City Clerk Frank J. Noll Jr., its official secretary 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 job 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 of the city considerable control over the administrative branch of government was a wise method and of benefit to the taxpayers."

Cities Own Powers

The statement also cites a 1937 statute which, the council contends, gives it "exclusive, specific power and authority over the matter of codification of its own ordinances."

Regardless of what might baffle the attitude or disposition of the administration with regard to this matter, it is the intention of the council at the proper time to confer with the city legal department concerning the selection of capable persons for the performance of such work."

The council recently repealed a previous recodification ordinance after Mayor Tyndall balked at certain personnel appointments recommended by the city fathers.

Stated to receive the four appointments under the revised ordinance are Frank Noll Sr., John Taylor, Adolph Embhardt and Edward Fillenwarth.

It appeared unlikely that administration legal and political chieftains will allow the patronage-assuming maneuver to go uncontested since the four jobs have generally been considered comparatively juicy plums on the administration tree.

ARMY COOK REVEALS QUADRUPLET'S 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-combative valor. Capt. Metz, group ordnance officer, entered the service in June, 1942, after serving with the Indiana national guard 13 months.

His wife, Helen C., section manager at L. S. Ayres & Co., lives at 1202 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.

Combat Wounds Fatal for Lt. Robert Ireland, Pilot

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Allison division of General Motors

before entering the army air forces

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 came 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, a 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



Sgt. Howard

FOUR HOOISERS 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. Bollek, son of Mrs. Mary Bollek, East Chicago; Pfc. Elbert E. Bumbrough, son of Mrs. Leslie Bumbrough, Columbus, and Capt. Kimble E. Midkiff, son of Mrs. Ethel Midkiff, Shelbyville.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT today confirmed the previous report that Pvt. Harry L. King, husband of Mrs. Vera J. King, 3759 Kinnear ave., was wounded in the Mediterranean theater and announced the names of 11 wounded soldiers.

Pfc. Melvin H. Dickerson, husband of Mrs. Dorothy J. Dickerson, Ft. Wayne, was wounded in the Central Pacific.

Those hurt in the Mediterranean zone are Pvt. John L. Kirkpatrick, son of Mrs. Bertha Kirkpatrick, Greenfield; Pvt. Louis A. Molnar, son of Mrs. Mary Molnar, East Chicago; Pvt. Julius E. Rothrock, son of Julius R. Rothrock, Corydon; Pfc. Aloysius A. Schulte, son of George Schulte, Brookville; Pfc. Raymond J. Seger, son of Conrad Seger, Jasper; Pfc. Paul B. Sherrill, son of Mrs. Thelma M. Sherrill, Evansville; T. Sgt. Raymond E. Short, son of Newton P. Short, La Fontaine; 2d Lt. Grover C. Smith, husband of Mrs. Grover Smith, Evansville; Pfc. Solon D. Staley, son of Mrs. Ethel Reagan, Clay City, and Pfc. Paul J. Stecuzak, son of Mrs. Pauline Stecuzak, Mishawaka.

Pfc. Edward J. Weitz, son of Edward C. Weitz, New Albany, was wounded in marine combat.

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