



Politics

BY EARL RICHERT

FRANK MILLIS, assistant state civilian defense director, will re-sign that post by the middle of next month to toss his hat formally into the race for the G. O. P. nomination for state auditor.

So far, Mr. Millis has the field pretty well to himself. A. V. Burch, Evansville city controller, has been toying with the idea of making the race but has done little about it except attend some party rallies here.

Mr. Millis already has been endorsed by his home district, the ninth.

He is in a strong position because of his state-wide contacts. He toured the state in 1940 as manager of William E. Jenner's gubernatorial campaign and in 1941 he served as majority leader in the house of representatives. His present job also has given him the opportunity to visit all counties in the state in setting up local civilian defense programs.

His tieup with Mr. Jenner causes G. O. P. politicos to view his campaign for the auditorship with more than passing interest. If he should be nominated and elected auditor, he will have enough patronage in the store license and oil inspection departments to hold the Jenner forces together until after the war.

Mr. Jenner, now a captain in the army air corps in England, came close to the G. O. P. gubernatorial nomination in 1940 and was defeated.

Republican State Auditor Richard T. James cannot seek renomination to the \$1500-a-year job because he has served the two terms permitted by law. He will be a candidate for the lieutenant governor nomination, a job farther up the ladder but paying less, only \$6000-a-year.

Niblack Forces

MUNICIPAL JUDGE John L. Niblack and his friends are going all-out in their fight to beat Prosecutor Sherwood Blue for re-nomination.

Announced today was the formation of a Niblack-anti-prosecutor club with an imposing list of members, including members of both G. O. P. factions in the county.

President is Audrey S. Dunham, owner of a safe and lock company and long active in Republican politics. Mr. Dunham was an active supporter of County Chairman Henry E. Ostrom, the "regular" candidate in the mayoralty fight in 1940.

Head of the women's division is Mrs. J. C. Siegesmund of Irvington who had charge of the women's organization which supported Mayor Tyndall in his primary fight.

Other officers are Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, vice president; Frank A. Symmes, treasurer, and Mrs. John W. Carter, secretary. Dr. Furniss is a former member of the city council, the first Negro ever elected to that body; Mr. Symmes is an attorney and former law partner of ex-U. S. Senator Arthur Robinson. Mrs. Carter has long been active in civic affairs, serving in 1942 as head of the women's division of the citizens school committee.

Other club members announced today are Michael E. Abrams, Mrs. C. J. Ancker, Claude H. Anderson, Paul Anderson, Robert D. Armstrong, Thomas G. Bachelor, S. C. Bates, Joe Rand Beckett, Mrs. Hal Beecham, J. Frank Beougher, Alfred K. Berman, William A. Boyce, Mrs. Louis Bruck, Paul B. Clark, Dr. J. Carlton Daniel, Mrs. Bertha M. Dugan, George L. Denny, Dr. Evanson B. Earp, William P. Evans, Kenneth E. Hoy, J. W. Esterline, William H. Faust, J. Stephen Fullen, Harry Gause, Ralph E. Gregg, Carey D. Jacobs, George R. Jeffrey, Paul R. Jordan, Samuel G. Joseph, Donald F. LaFuze, Jessie Levy, Richard J. Lowther.

Raymond F. Mead, Mrs. John C. Muesing, Edward F. New, Lloyd D. Newlin, Howard D. Phillips, Mrs. W. W. Reedy, Charles F. Remy, Alva J. Rucker, S. K. Ruick, Mrs. Horace A. Shonle, Grier M. Showell, William T. Stoops, Paul R. Summers, Dr. R. C. Whitmore, David R. Wilkins.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzles



Stettinius May Sound Out Chance of New 'Big 3' Meet

WASHINGTON, March 23 (U. S. News).—Diplomatic circles believed today that Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. may use his impending London visit to sound out the possibility of a Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conference on clarification of the Atlantic Charter.

There were no indications of an early new meeting of the three big allied leaders such as they held several months ago in Tehran.

But the fact that such a meeting is in order, especially in relation to questions on post-war territorial adjustments, has been made evidently clear in the past 48 hours by State of Cordell Hull and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Behind the entire question stand the Atlantic Charter's pledge against territorial aggrandizement and the Soviet Union's decisions to annex sections of Poland and the Baltic states.

There have been charges that the principles of the charter are here being compromised at the expense of the small nations.

Time for New Talks?

Positively with the Russo-Polish issue in mind, Churchill told the house of commons yesterday that the time was near for renewed consultations between the principal allies on the clarification of territorial questions under the charter.

Only a day before, Hull issued a summary of American foreign policy in which re-stated U. S. adherence to the principles of the Atlantic Charter. But he said at the same time that he would deliver an early radio address in which he would bear in mind questions relating to possible adjustments of the charter in the interest of international security.

Hull reviewed foreign policy yesterday before a closed meeting of the senate foreign relations com-

mittee.

He said the 36,000, released to infantry and service forces, were "some of the best qualified mentally and physically for flying," but that the need for them on the ground forces was "so severe" it was thought best to let them go.

Arnold revealed the move in pleading for a regular army commission for women fliers, which he said would give them added incentive to replace men at towing targets, ferrying planes within the United States and other duties. The committee approved legislation to that effect.

A subsequent statement by Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, declared that the air force could afford to release the 36,000 because U. S. fliers were approaching complete air supremacy in practically all war theaters at a faster pace and with less losses than the army had dared to hope. He also revealed that enlistments of 17-year-old men in the air corps reserve had been temporarily suspended.

Part of General Pattern

The release of the air forces men seemed to form part of a general pattern of combining existing army ranks for all possible combat material without waiting for inductions to catch up with the 200,000 man deficit the army announced at the end of 1943. This however, will not affect heavy induction schedules.

At least three other recent moves have emphasized the army's determination to put all possible troops into combat.

One was curtailment of the army's specialized training program from 145,000 to 35,000 soldier-students, freeing an additional 110,000 for combat duty.

Another saving was made when an estimated 3000 soldier-teachers assigned to instructing illiterate inductees were replaced by civilian teachers.

And still another manpower economy was effected under the new policy of combining all stations within the continental United States for able-bodied soldiers in duties which can be handled by others.

These three moves alone have released at least 149,000 men for combat.

son, Mrs. G. W. Workman and Mrs. Emma Yeagley.

Major Announces

JOSEPH C. MAJOR, Monticello farmer and implement dealer, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for congress from the second district. He is not expected to have any opposition for the almost hopeless task of trying to beat G. O. P. Congressman Charles A. Halleck in the rock-ribbed Republican second this fall.

Mr. Major made his announcement last night at a second district meeting at Rensselaer.



Gillie in Race



Pay Ceiling Hearings Seen As Face-Saving WLB Move

By FRED W. PERKINS
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WASHINGTON, March 23.—Controversy about whether the war labor board is able to handle wartime labor disputes points in one direction—toward President Roosevelt.

The President set up this board as a tripartite agency, with equal representation from the public, management and organized labor.

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dent of the C. I. O. and the steelworkers, both of which are represented on the war labor board.

Charged that both the A. F. of L. and employer members of the board had made "desperate efforts to prevent the steelworkers from getting their case" before a board panel.

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Mr. Murray apparently took the view that the employer members and the A. F. of L. members of the board were acting in the interests of the groups from which they were named to board membership.

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dent of the C. I. O. and the steelworkers.

After the board had reached its

compromise on the A. F. of L. C. I. O. dispute, Chairman Davis and public members Lloyd Garrison and Edwin White met with a delegation of 60 representatives of independent unions, not affiliated with either A. F. of L. or C. I. O., that want equal representation on the board with the major labor organizations.

Extricates Itself

The board finally extricated itself yesterday through a compromise under which (A) the C. I. O. steel workers can begin tomorrow their arguments for a wage boost of 17 cents an hour above the formula; (B) the A. F. of L. may present its arguments against the formula before a board panel distinct from the C. I. O. panel; (C) the board denies that receipt of any of this testimony indicates any board intention to change the formula.

Despite this compromise, WLB Chairman William H. Davis said, "You don't have a tripartite board unless you expect the labor members to represent the views of labor, and the industry members to represent the views of industry. Representing these views, we expect them to vote in the public interest."

Meanwhile Philip Murray, presi-

PRIORITIES SOUGHT FOR NEW GYMNASIUM

KOKOMO, Ind., March 23 (U. S. News).—An investigation into the \$150,000 fire at Haworth gymnasium Wednesday has been started as school officials made plans to apply for priorities to build a new combination gymnasium and classroom.

Fire Chief Edgar Weaver said the fire resulted from an explosion of acetylene tanks in the basement of the structure, but school heads said the tanks were intact and suggested that some other cause started the blaze.

Supt. C. V. Haworth, for whom the building was named, said priorities would be sought from the WLB for a structure, plans for which were drawn three years ago, but shelved because of the war.

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