

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1944



Politics

BY EARL RICHERT

ONE OF THOSE STORIES that show that a presidential candidate can miss the boat just as easily as a candidate for county commissioner was making the rounds of the Bricker meetings here yesterday. And its accuracy was confirmed by two close friends of the Ohio governor. It seems that several months ago Hesler G. O. P. politico who is close to both Governor Dewey and Governor Bricker went to see Governor Dewey about the now-historic Wisconsin primary.

The New York governor made it very clear to his visitor that he definitely did not want his name entered in the primary. And when the visitor suggested that Bricker's name should be entered, the New York governor reportedly said that he favored such a move.

The Hoosier then conferred with Bricker and urged him to enter the Wisconsin primary.

The Hoosier had many contacts in Wisconsin, including Fred Zimmerman, the secretary of state who headed the Dewey slate in this week's primary, and he spent two weeks there making soundings for Bricker.

He came back to report to Bricker that Zimmerman and his crowd (the same that finally entered for Dewey) would enter for him, if he desired.

Bricker Says No

THE MATTER WAS PLACED before the cautious Bricker board of strategy. The majority of the board felt that Mr. Willkie was too strong and that it would be advisable for their candidate to get into an open battle with him.

Bricker said no. Zimmerman and his crowd went ahead and fled for Dewey and won a startling victory.

Result: Today Dewey is Queen of the May with a bandwagon sweeping the country.

The Bricker supporters feel that had they made a different decision, it would be their bandwagon and not Mr. Dewey's.

They are philosophical about it though.

"It was just a strategy decision that proved to be wrong," said one of them. "Whether it will prove to be fatal remains to be seen."

Democrats Dream

INDIANA DEMOCRATS, who have experienced some terrible nightmares lately, are now doing some pleasant day-dreaming in connection with Mr. Willkie.

Wouldn't it be wonderful they say, if somehow, somehow a Roosevelt-Willkie ticket could be concocted for the coming campaign.

They aren't just joking when they say this, either. Most of them admire the 1940 G. O. P. presidential nominee very much and they have a wholesome respect (remember the 1940 election) for the vote-getting powers of Mr. Willkie in this state. They think that Mr. Willkie on the ticket would cinch a Democratic victory here as well as in the nation.

Some of them even go so far as to say that the Democratic party should draft Mr. Willkie for the No. 2 spot at the Chicago convention.

They realize that this is all just day-dreaming — that probably Willkie would say no and that

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

All Data in Central Time Zone		
Sunrise	6:19	Sunset
7 a. m.	42	2 p. m.
—April 7, 1944—	72	
Precipitation 24 hrs. end 7:30 a. m.	16	
Total precipitation since Jan. 1	7.85	
Deficiency since Jan. 1	2.80	

The following table shows the temperatures yesterday:

Station	High	Low
Atlanta	63	41
Baltimore	51	41
Chicago	44	34
Cincinnati	60	44
Cleveland	55	40
Detroit	50	33
Evansville	62	48
Ft. Wayne	57	37
Indianapolis	74	51
Kansas City, Mo.	69	46
Miami, Fla.	69	66
Minneapolis-St. Paul	63	37
New Orleans	58	48
New York	46	49
Oklahoma City	73	56
Omaha, Neb.	73	52
Pittsburgh	52	40
San Antonio, Tex.	78	64
St. Louis	65	54
Washington, D. C.	65	50

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Jones, 26, of 604 W. 36th, Clevel. Doris Bricker, 28, of 884 Camp. Clarence J. Caroselli, 31, of 709 W. 36th. Beatrice Rose Hoser, 38, of 1020 W. 31st. Edward Franklin Garber, 46, of 3310 N. Meridian; Christine Marie Miller, 30, of 3310 N. Meridian. George McNeely, 26, of 123 S. Arlington. Fay Jean Barkel, 18, of 1539 E. Washington. Garry Jean Bridges, 26, of Greenfield, Ind. Clara Rely, 39, of 1315 N. Gale. Logan Grundy, 6, of 111 W. 11th. William Isaac Stone, 30, of 3819 Grace-land; Helen Ruth Reiman, 23, of 3131 N. Capitol. Sheldon Bell, 35, of Brownsburg, Ind.; Iris Nadine Roth, 22, of 1737 Elton drive. Charles Leonard Rybalt, 29, or 2857 W. Morris; Dorothy Louis Dailey, 18, of 2922 Jackson. Eddie F. Boucher, 32, of 702 N. Alabama. Charles William Trammell, 24, U. S. navy; Johnnie Elizabeth Baumann, 18, of 1840 Singleton. Robert Lee Sink, 27, of 817 N. Oakland; M. Lee Ferguson, 24, of 1123 N. Oakland. Clyde Franklin Jordan, 18, Camp Shelby, Miss. Mary Louise Deane, 16, of 2334 LeGrande. Benjamin F. Harvey, 37, Camp Breckinridge, Ky.; Thelma Louise Dulin, 26, of 111 W. 21st. Gerald Paul Miller, 28, of 2304 Stuart; Winifred Etta Overman, 32, of 1321 College, 2.

Willis Herschell Chenault, 35, of 2324 Indianapolis; Dolores M. Guilford, 19, of 2615 Shriver.

Robert Harrison Lorrisson, 21, of 1327 Bun-ville; Virginia Lee, 19, of Georgia Helen Blair, 19, Bridgeport, Ill.

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M'ARTHUR CLUB ACTIVE IN STATE

Stresses General's Other Qualifications for Presidency.

The Indiana MacArthur-for-President club today began state-wide circulation of literature designed to convince the public that the general is eminently qualified, other than for his military record, for the presidency.

Mr. Roosevelt might turn his thumbs down. But they say, it doesn't hurt to dream, does it?

Seeks Malan's Post

ODDS AND ENDS: Miss Virginia Kinnaird, president of the state teachers association, is vigorously pushing her campaign to defeat Dr. Clement T. Malan for renomination to a third term as state superintendent of public instruction. . . . J. Frank McDermont, Atica publisher and president of the Hoosier State Press association, will seek election as a delegate to the G. O. P. national convention from the sixth district. He reportedly is pro-Bricker. . . . The betting in G. O. P. circles is 50-50 on whether the special session of the legislature, to convene Tuesday, will take up only the soldier vote bill. The subject matter to be considered is decided upon at a Republican caucus here Monday afternoon.

DEWEY VOTE EXCEEDS 50% IN WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 7 (U. P.)—More than 50 per cent of the 260,468 Republican votes cast in the Wisconsin primary election Tuesday were for Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, unofficial returns from 2845 of the state's 3075 precincts showed today.

The total number of Dewey votes was figured at 131,746, the number cast for Secretary of State Fred R. Zimmerman, the leading candidate for delegate-at-large. Zimmerman's total was more than 70 per cent of the combined number of votes cast for the leading candidates for delegate-at-large for Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, and Wendell L. Willkie.

The vote for these leaders from 2845 precincts was: MacArthur—Dr. John P. Koehler, 72,782; Stassen—William J. Campbell, 61,656, and Willkie—Vernon W. Thompson, 47,678. The total Republican vote was figured by adding the returns for all the Republican candidates for delegate-at-large and dividing by four in the assumption that each voter cast a ballot for a full slate of four delegates at large.

The total Republican vote was 61 per cent of the 426,906 ballots cast in 2845 precincts by both parties. In the last presidential election Wisconsin voters cast 704,621 ballots for President Roosevelt and 679,206 for Willkie, a Democratic nominee of approximately 25,000.

LAVAL TAKES POSE AS 'PEACE FANATIC'

By UNITED PRESS

Premier Pierre Laval has attempted to defend his collaboration with the Nazis by characterizing himself as a "peace fanatic" desiring only "to serve France."

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Seek State Advisers

Mr. Bartlett said that a state advisory council, composed of 100 men being selected from different sections of the state.

Included on the committee, he said, were seven editors and jour-

nalists, the mayors of four cities, 12 manufacturers, eight judges, six chairmen of Republican clubs and about 60 Republican leaders, past and present, in either state, district or county capacity. Names will be announced later.

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SFORZA EXPECTS KING WILL RETIRE

NAPLES, April 7 (U. P.)—Count Carlo Sforza, one-time Italian foreign minister, said today he believed King Victor Emmanuel, in the interests of the Italian people, will retire temporarily even before the fall of Rome and place the royal interests in the hands of Crown Prince Humbert in an effort to set

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