

# Fantastic Nazi Plot To Beat FDR Revealed By U.S. Attorney

## JOHN L. LEWIS MENTIONED IN ELECTION PLAN

Oil Promoter Said to Have  
Approached Goering  
With Scheme.

SWARTHMORE, Pa., Oct. 23 (U.P.)—Nazi leaders in Germany spent a great deal of time and effort on proposed schemes to defeat the late President Roosevelt each time he ran for re-election, according to O. John Rogge, special assistant to the U.S. attorney general.

In a speech here last night, he said that the late William R. Davis, an American promoter who had been selling oil to Germany, approached Reichsmarschall Hermann Goering before the 1940 elections with a plan in which Mr. Davis claimed he could influence John L. Lewis to oppose Mr. Roosevelt and help elect Wendell Willkie, the Republican candidate.

Mr. Rogge said Mr. Lewis had aided Mr. Davis in 1938 to secure control of expropriated Mexican oil which Mr. Davis sold to Germany.

### Scheme Fantastic

He said Mr. Davis' election plan was a "fantastic scheme." Mr. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, came out publicly for Mr. Willkie later. Mr. Rogge did not say that German influence had any bearing on Mr. Lewis' decision.

In Washington, a spokesman for Mr. Lewis declined to comment on Mr. Rogge's statements. The spokesman said Mr. Lewis would have no comment.

Mr. Rogge noted that Washington columnist Marquis Childs had reported that Mr. Davis put up \$55,000 to pay for the nation-wide radio hookup over which Mr. Lewis announced his support for Mr. Willkie in 1940.

Federal Statute Not Violated

In response to questioning after his speech, Mr. Rogge said he did not think Mr. Lewis' action had violated any federal statute. "If they did," he added, "the statute of limitations has already expired."

Mr. Rogge spoke before a group of social science students at Swarthmore College. He told a reporter his address was based on a chapter from a voluminous report he has prepared for Attorney General Tom Clark after questioning hundreds of persons here and abroad and examining hundreds of captured German files.

Mr. Rogge said Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop set up a special committee in the German foreign office to work on schemes for bringing about the defeat of Mr. Roosevelt in the 1936, 1940 and 1944 presidential elections.

### Preferred Opponent

"The Nazis always preferred the one who opposed President Roosevelt," he said. "They felt that any President would be better for their purpose than President Roosevelt."

Mr. Rogge reported that Goering after his capture remembered his meetings with Mr. Davis and in substance had this to say about them:

"He (Davis) presented himself as a very good friend of John L. Lewis . . . Mr. Davis told me that by the use of his influence on Mr. Lewis he could influence the elections in such a manner so that the re-election of President Roosevelt . . . could be prevented."

### Mr. Rogge also asserted:

ONE. That Mr. Lewis interceded with President Roosevelt to obtain an appointment with the president for Mr. Davis on Sept. 15, 1939. Mr. Rogge said Mr. Davis urged Mr. Roosevelt to mediate the then-new war between Germany and Poland.

TWO. That Mr. Lewis sent a letter four days later to Mr. Roosevelt enclosing a telegram. Mr. Davis had received from a German agent asking that the United States be kept neutral.

THREE. That Mr. Lewis told Adolf A. Berle, then assistant secretary of state, Oct. 23, 1939, that the time had come for a general peace and that he (Lewis) understood Mr. Davis had a message from high German officials affording such a possibility.

## WOUNDED MAN FACES GEM THEFT CHARGE

Police today awaited the recovery of a 37-year-old ex-convict before returning him to Elwood to face charges in the burglarizing of a jewelry store.

Nathan Zubarsky was in a "satisfactory" condition in Methodist hospital here after being wounded in a chase with police late yesterday. He denied that he had entered the Elwood store.

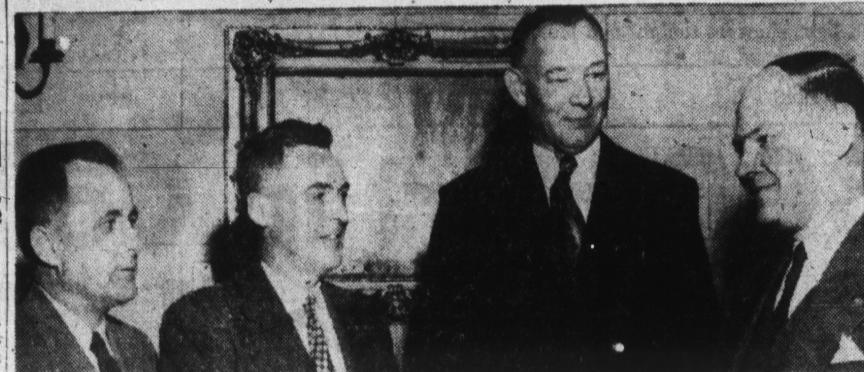
State police who investigated the \$2000 robbery of the jewelry store obtained a description of Zubarsky from a group of men who said they had played cards all Monday night with him.

They told authorities Zubarsky left during the evening but later returned to a casino and resumed gambling. Police believed the jewelry store was robbed of watches and jewelry during the time Zubarsky was absent.

From the information received in Elwood, police traced Zubarsky to a south side Indianapolis address. He fled as troopers approached the house and was shot after a chase which led through a unit of ROTC cadets at Manual Training High school.

EDITH R. CHAMBERLIN DIES  
ROCHESTER, Ind., Oct. 23 (U.P.)—Rites were planned today for Mrs. Edith R. Chamberlin, 61, a prisoner of the Japanese at Santa Tomas university during the war. She died yesterday in an Indianapolis hospital.

## Educators Are Told Solution to Teacher Shortage



County school superintendents today were holding conferences preliminary to the opening of the Indiana State Teachers Association convention tomorrow at Cadle Tabernacle. Robert H. Wyatt, association executive secretary, told the educators this morning that "the solution to the teacher shortage will come when teachers are still more adequately trained, still more adequately paid and when public appraisal of the value of education is lifted to a new plane. Shown above, discussing plans for the convention, are (left to right) Paul W. Nicely, Lebanon County Superintendents Association vice president; Dr. Shirley Cooper, Washington, D. C., national education division rural service assistant director; W. E. Wilson, Jeffersonville, Clark County superintendent, and Clarence Pound, Terre Haute, association president.

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## HOOSIER VETERANS HONEST IN CLAIMS

Nearly all of Indiana's veterans are honest and only one-tenth of one per cent are "a little on the doubtful side," Director Noble R. Shaw of the Indiana Employment Security division, said today.

Among Hoosier vets claiming readjustment allowances, clear-cut fraud cases are rare, Mr. Shaw said. A handful have had to learn "the hard way" that fraud does not pay and that the G. I. bill of rights has "teeth."

Mr. Shaw said his agency had been tracking down veterans who are drawing unemployment benefits to which they are not entitled. "Out of an average 34,140 veterans who claimed allowances each week during July, August and September, only 21 lost their benefits rights as a result of making fraudulent claims," he said.

JAPS GET MORE FOOD

TOKYO, Oct. 23 (U.P.)—Japanese food rations will be increased from 1040 to 1246 calories daily about Nov. 1.

## Indianapolis Residents to Feature Group Meetings During Teachers' Convention

A number of Indianapolis persons will participate in programs to be presented before 35 group meetings of the Indiana State Teachers Association tomorrow.

Max Howard, Howe High school art instructor, will address the art education group. The Golden Singers, students of Broad Ripple high school, under the direction of Roger Riley, will appear on the programs of biology, special education and nature study. W. Rowland Allen, personnel director, L. S. Ayres & Co., will speak at the meeting of the business education section.

The deans and counselors of boys will hear J. Fred Murphy of the state department of education. Adah Hill, principal of School 58, will appear on the elementary school principals program and Miss Marie Pritchard will demonstrate "Correlation of Handwriting with Reading and Arithmetic Readiness." The girls club of Shortridge high school directed by Miss Geraldine Clippinger, and at the mathematics meeting the boys' octette of Technical high school will sing under the direction of W. F. Moon. Robert J. Schultz, Shortridge high school and J. Russell Paxton, Technical high school, will address the music group and Marguerite Goens, School 80, will direct a verse speaking chair.

At the language section meeting, Howe high school will be represented by Mary E. Ronk, principal of School 77, and Kenneth Barr, Tech, will participate in a panel discussion in the visual education meeting and Olive Purdy, teacher, and Doris Lynn, director of visual education of the Indianapolis public schools, will present a classroom demonstration with grade six of School 6.

Dr. Russell A. Lane, principal of Crispus Attucks high school, will deliver the address of welcome to the practical arts group and the Crispus Attucks boys' quartet will entertain with selected numbers.

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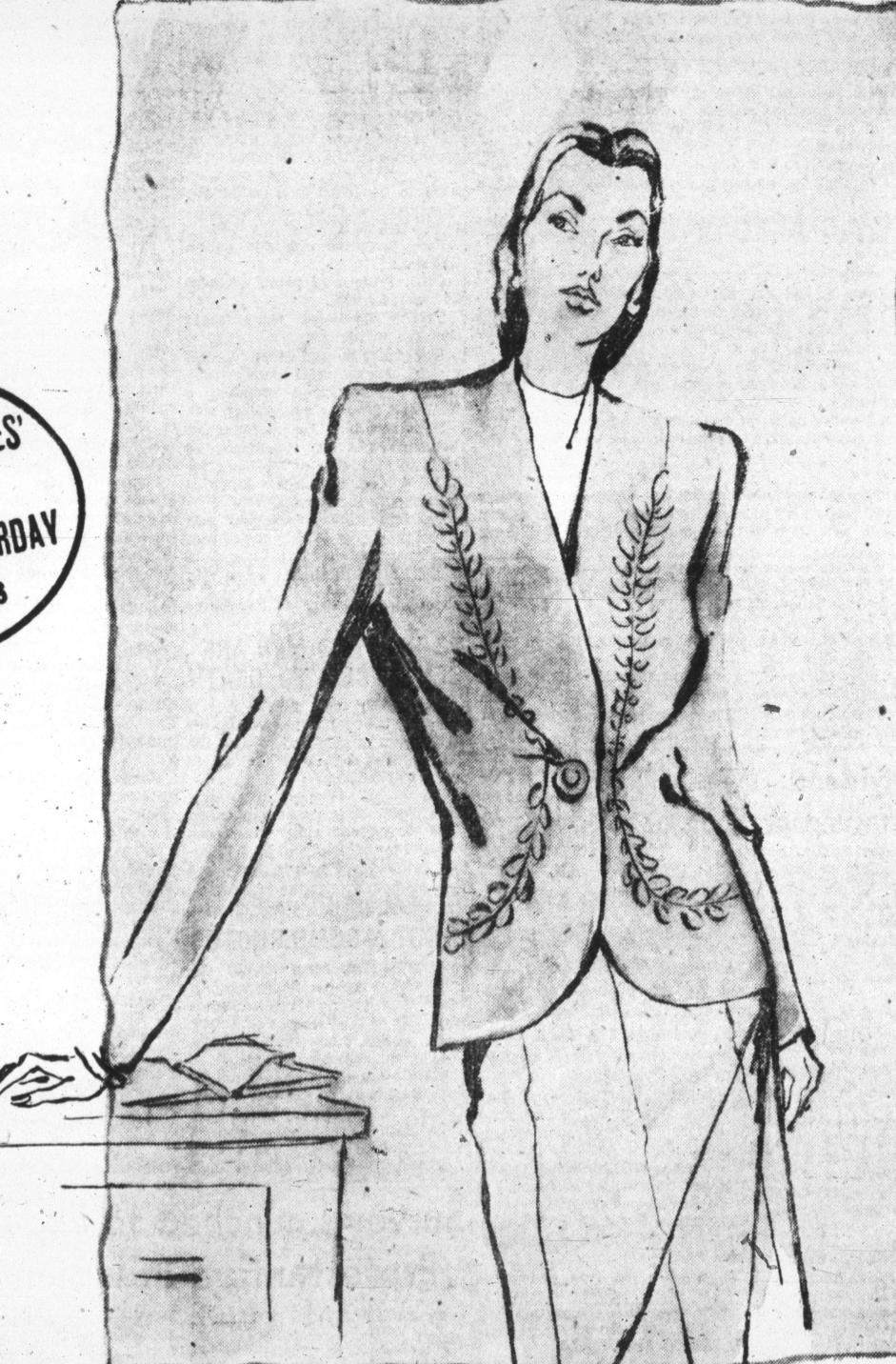
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