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Discord Slows Fight Against 'Reds' in NMU

Curran Quits Post With Maritime Unit

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NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The "counter-revolution" launched by Joe Curran, president of the National Maritime Union (C. I. O.) against Communist domination of the union was slowed to a limp today.

A four-day meeting of the national council of the union drew toward its end, with Mr. Curran and his adherents a minority.

The six top officers of the union scheduled a press conference for this afternoon, at which Mr. Curran said he would make a "minority report" on the issues debated.

The issue which the council met in special session to discuss was Mr. Curran's resignation as co-chairman of the Committee for Maritime Unity, the direction of which he shared with Harry Bridges, president of the West Coast longshoremen's union.

Curran Demanded

Two vice presidents and the secretary of the N. M. U. denounced Mr. Curran so sharply for resigning from the C. I. O. that Mr. Curran came back with an editorial in the union's paper charging these officers were the official spokesmen of the Communist party in the national council of the union.

Mr. Curran's charges, made on the eve of the special meeting, further embittered the debate before the council, made up of six national officers and 24 port agents and other functionaries.

The council, by a vote of 20 to 10, rejected a proposal by Mr. Curran that the union's entire membership of 80,000 decide by secret referendum whether to withdraw the union from the Committee for Maritime Unity.

Mr. Curran's resignation was a personal action, and did not officially withdraw the N. M. U. from participation in the maritime committee.

Plan Adopted

The N. M. U. council unanimously adopted a substitute plan for a conference of 50 N. M. U. delegates who will meet in March to make recommendations whether or not to submit the question of withdrawal from the Committee for Maritime Unity to a referendum.

Mr. Curran stormed out of the meeting yesterday, saying that there was "no possibility of compromise with the faction opposing him, and that if "they continue their tactics they could destroy the union."

The show of strength by Mr. Curran's opposition greatly diminished the prospects of the anti-Communists in the national leadership of the C. I. O. to "fumigate" their New York subsidiaries.

The Curran crisis has been regarded as the key fight in the attempt to diminish the prestige and influence of the Reds in New York.

Mr. Curran is president of the C. I. O. Council of New York City, the control of which is the ultimate objective of anti-Communist forces in the C. I. O.

Mr. Curran's failure to carry a majority of his own national council in his present anti-Communist phase may now lead to a drive by the left wingers in New York to defeat him in forthcoming elections for positions in the New York City council.

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Dann Again Heads Community Center

The Jewish Community Center association announces the re-election of Theodore Dann to the office of president. Robert Greenberg was appointed to represent the association at the Jewish federation of which it is a constituent.

The association will make a study of recreational and group work needs with a view to making improvements. A new phonograph lending library also will be established with funds supplied by the Indianapolis funds of the National Council of Jewish Women. Irvin M. Larner is executive director of the association.

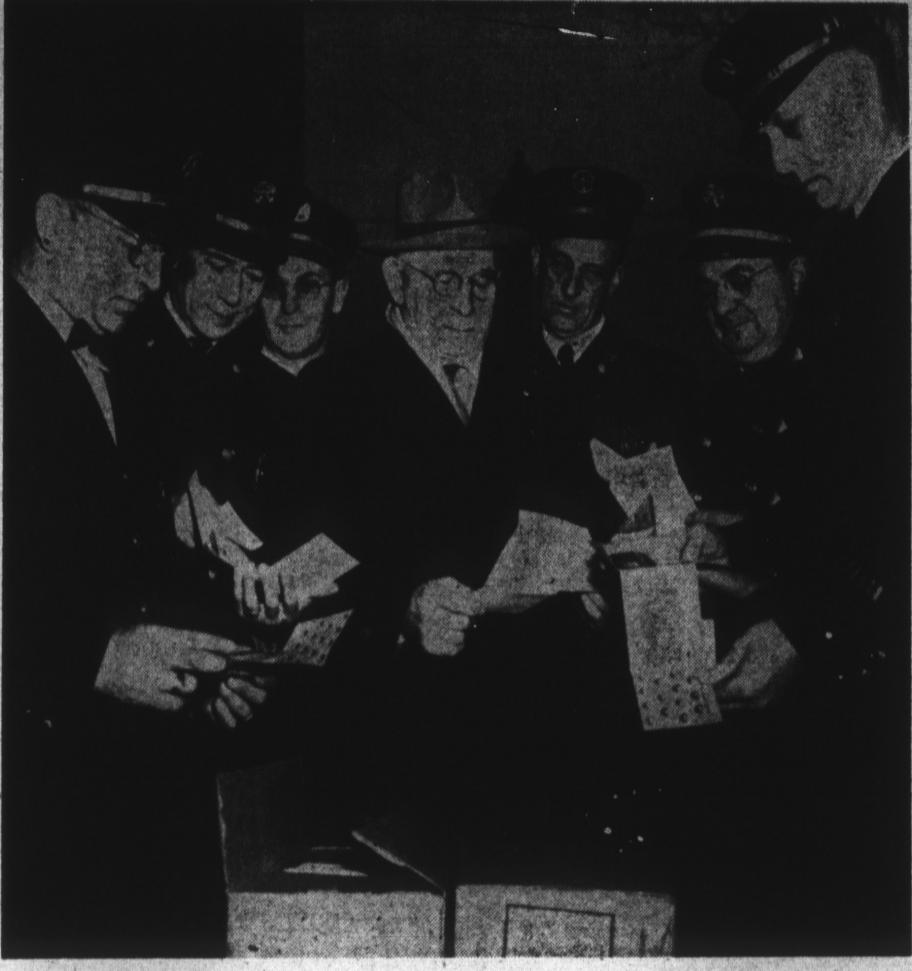
FORGED FATHER'S NAME

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 9 (U.P.)—Edward N. Roberts, Sweetwater, who forged his late physician-father's name to prescriptions for drugs began serving a 15-month prison sentence today. He was convicted of obtaining 400 tablets of an opium derivative from a surgical house.

Organizations

Daylight chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will hold 6 p.m. matrons and past presidents' dinner at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Everett, president, will be in charge of the installation of officers.

Home Rebekah Lodge will hold public installation at 7 p.m. Friday at the Hotel Officers to the matrons and Mrs. Maude Lombard, noble grand; Mrs. Leila Bryson, vice grand; Mrs. Grand Windisch, secretary; Mrs. May L. Johnson, Mrs. Florence Leach, warden; Mrs. Lucy D. Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. Frances Alberston, chaplain; Mrs. Bernice M. Johnson and Mrs. Mary Danour, superintendents; and Mrs. Ruth Jude, vice grand; Mrs. Ruth Williams, inside guard; Mrs. Ethel Williams, outside guard; Mrs. Ethel Williams, Miss Charlotte Windisch, color bearer and Mrs. Florence Benedict, degree captain.



LAUNCH DRIVE—Helping with distribution of infantile paralysis fund drive dime cards are (left to right): Lt. D. G. Emhardt, Battalion Chief Orval Marshall, Capt. Albert Stammer, Chief Harry H. Fulmer, Asst. Chief Charles Gregory and Capt. Oscar Stevenson, all of the fire department.

Firemen Open Annual Dime Drive to Combat Polio

100,000 Cards Will Be Distributed to Homes; Officials Hope to Top \$70,000 Raised Last Year

Indianapolis firemen today started distribution of 100,000 dime cards to homes in the city as the Marion county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis launched its annual fund drive.

Paul V. Brown, campaign director, and Henry O. Goett, chapter president, expressed hope that citizens would contribute more than the

Slenker Retains Seat in House

Glenn R. Slenker, Monticello, today retained his seat in the Indiana house of representatives, after resigning yesterday as public service commission counselor.

He was elected last fall to represent Benton and White counties.

No successor has been named for the state agency post. Robert E. Jones, Indianapolis, assistant counselor, has been assigned to Mr. Slenker's duties.

An attorney general's opinion held that Mr. Slenker is the only state employee required to resign from his job in order to attend the 61-day legislative session.

Other legislators holding state jobs are Elmer C. Weller, Dale PSC motor vehicle director, and Clyde Black, director, flood control and water resources commission. The former is a representative from Perry and Spencer counties, while Mr. Black is a senator representing Cass and Fulton counties.

Shot Kills Boy, 2

HUNTINGTON, Jan. 9 (UPI)—Ronnie Vance Sands, 2 years old, was killed yesterday when a rifle discharged while he played with two older brothers. The brothers, Gary, 9, and Bobby, 5, said the gun fired when Ronnie tried to take it away from Bobby.

Among major events planned are a fashion show in the Coliseum Jan. 22, a radio stage show in a downtown theater the night of Jan. 31, and an ice show and professional basketball game on Feb. 1.

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Mr. Stark met yesterday with William Remy, safety board president; Judge Alex M. Clark of municipal court 4; Lt. Otis Tyner of the police accident prevention bureau, and others to discuss "chronic" offenders.

It was agreed that an effort will be made to obtain revocation of their licenses.

Mr. Stark said he would assign a full-time deputy prosecutor to press traffic cases. Judge Clark urged police to collect all possible evidence in making arrests.

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