

Indianapolis-Born General May Be Marshall's Top Man

Washington Calling—

W. Bedell Smith Expected To Return From Moscow

Army-Navy Merger Advocates Can Toss Hats in Air—But Not Too High as Yet

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Look for W. Bedell Smith, Indianapolis native, to come home from Moscow soon; step into the state department as Gen. Marshall's top aid. Gen. Marshall made him secretary of the general staff during war, thought so well of him he let Gen. Eisenhower have him for chief of staff in Europe.

Two others sure to hold top state department positions under Gen. Marshall:

Col. Marshall S. Carter, now assistant executive officer in the office of assistant secretary of war. He was war department liaison officer with the state department during war.

Frank McCarthy, who was Gen. Marshall's aid and later secretary to the late chiefs of staff, with the rank of colonel. Secretary Byrnes made him assistant secretary of state for administration but poor health forced him to resign after brief stay.

Army-Navy Merger

ADVOCATES of army-navy merger plan can toss their hats into air—but not too high, as yet. Four things to understand about it:

ONE: Whether it means much or little in improving the nation's defense organization and in providing savings, depends on whether the President names man of real force to be national defense secretary.

TWO: No important savings are likely soon. Initial cost of the new top layer of authority may increase costs slightly at first. Later, if it's real unification, economies should follow gradually.

THREE: Merger plan as announced by President forced all three to give up some aims and accept compromises they don't like—but, net, they regard whole move as constructive advance step.

FOUR: Congress will have final say on what's done. But with all the present defense plans expected to go to bat for plan, it should be enacted without too much change.

Army gave up more than navy. Navy keeps U. S. marine corps, land-based aviation, functions of reconnaissance, protection of shipping and navy air transport. (Army and air forces people had battled to take these functions.) Also admirals will continue to have the right to go to Congress to make case for navy budget.

But: Navy yielded on giving the secretary of national defense real authority, which it had opposed bitterly. This top man, to be one of the most powerful in the government, will be able under the President's executive order to effect consolidations in procurement, research, use of facilities. Plan's advocates say big thing is that a start has been made; plan has some drawbacks, but it's gain.

Predict Red Faces

WATCH FOR publication of a book by Jan. Ciechanowski, wartime Polish ambassador to U. S. It's expected to be one of literary-diplomatic sensations of 1947.

Those who have seen proof, predict bumper crop of red faces in Washington, London, Moscow and other capitals over charges that Poland was betrayed by her allies. There'll be names, dates, and quotations.

G. O. P. Surprised

SENATE REPUBLICANS, proud in their new power, are in for trouble. Senate Democrats have organized a sharp-shooting crew of their most nimble-witted members, men who know parliamentary tricks.

They are Democrats' policy committee. Barkley is chairman. Other members are Tydings (Md.), Russell (Ga.), O'Mahoney

Hoosier Politics—

New Convention Changes Sought

Miller Would Bar Patronage Jobholders

By ROBERT BLOOM

New plans for reforming the convention system of nominating candidates for state office may crop up in the senate next week.

The battle of the state-wide primary versus the convention seemed to be developing into a contest to see who can give Hoosier voters the best deal.

Senator Robert Miller (R. Bloomington) has started the move to add another sweeping reform to the convention system. His change would be in addition to the comprehensive reforms already suggested by Governor Gates in his message to the general assembly.

The Miller proposal, already discussed with members of the senate elections committee, would forbid holders of political patronage jobs from seeking election as convention delegates.

Curb on Machine Rule. Such a step, Senator Miller believes, would eliminate the major club with which a political machine could control a convention.

The governor's suggestions include a secret ballot, strict limitations on proxies and reversal of the order of business to put the most important nominations last on the schedule.

Primary Bill In

In the lower house, where legislators laughingly agree that "anything can happen," the highlight of the past week was introduction of the direct primary bill.

It came from Rep. Laurence Baker (R. Kendallville), who gave as his reason that "the majority of the people whom I represent want it."

He denied pressure but it was generally believed the farm bureau and State Auditor Alvan Burch had a hand in writing the bill.

For some time it was believed Republican policy makers would seek to stall a decision on the primary question until late in the session. However, the fact that the governor's convention reform bill was one of the first to be introduced indicated that plan had been abandoned.

Hearings Next Week. House elections committee hearings on the Baker bill are expected to begin next week.

One way or another it probably will emerge from the committee soon and move through the house toward a showdown vote about the same time the convention reform bill crosses the finish line in the senate.

G. O. P. leaders feel reasonably certain the convention reforms will be acceptable and do not intend to give primary backers a chance to cry out that their bill is being "sat upon."

Health Setup Ready

In other quarters the governor's program got off to a good start. A group of health bills, mental health measures and a bill to set up a unified department of revenue were among the measures to lead off the program.

No major liquor bills appeared on the legislative scene, but two veterans' bonus measures already have been tossed in. One of the bonus bills, introduced by Rep. Ralph Hines (R. Portland), came all wrapped up with a five-year 3 percent general sales tax.

Tax for Bonus Only. The tax would be used only to pay the bonus and would be removed, under terms of the Hines bill, as soon as every former serviceman of world war II had been paid off.

The rate set was \$10 for each month of domestic service and \$15 for each month overseas.

High on the list of popular-interest proposals were measures to crack down on sports gambling and bribery. Others were a series of bills to curb labor by eliminating the ban on use of state police in strikes, outlawing the closed shop contract and banning mass picketing.

Tot Survives Fall

ROME, Jan. 18 (U. P.).—Alfredo Orsini, 3, had only a few scratches to show today from his fall from a fifth floor terrace into the street.

Immigrant Dies of Joy After 17 Years of Toil

Worked Through Depression, World War Before He Could Send Home for Wife

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 18 (U. P.).—This is a story about a man who died yesterday of joy.

Nearly 17 years ago Salvatore Giallanza came to America from Sicily. He planned to work hard for a few months, and have money. Then he would send for his black-eyed wife, Grazia, and their three children.

Salvatore became a day laborer, sweated, saved. But, along came a something called a "depression."

Mrs. Grazia wrote of the arrival of another child they had been expecting.

A year passed. Salvatore's callouses thickened. More years trudged by. Gradually things got a little better for him. After 10 aching years Salvatore was ready to send for the family. He had bought a little house.

According to immigration law, however, only two could come at first. He wrote Grazia. She sent



ICE-O-RAMA ROYALTY—The Dramateen Theater's nominations for king and queen of the Times Ice-O-Rama are Dick Parrotte and Delores Thom, Shortridge students.

300 Skaters to Try Out For Ice-O-Rama Tomorrow

Hold First Tests At the Coliseum

By ART WRIGHT

At least 300 amateur skaters are expected to try out for parts in The Times Ice-O-Rama at 5 p. m. tomorrow in the Fairgrounds Coliseum.

It is the first call for talent to take part in the extravaganza which will be held at the Coliseum Thursday night, Feb. 20.

Proceeds from the low, popular admissions the public will pay will go to the Infants' Paralysis fund.

There will be no entry fee or admission charges for the persons bidding for parts in the show. All skaters are invited to take part in the tryouts even though they didn't send in the entry form.

Chance for All Amateurs. It is planned to give every amateur a chance to take part. Last year's Ice-O-Rama had a cast of some 300 persons of all ages.

Production has been planned for an even larger cast this year.

Ten groups have until Monday, Jan. 27, to select their candidates for king and queen of the Ice-O-Rama. Several of them have sent the names of their selections to The Times. Others plan to make their selections tonight and next week. All selections must be in The Times offices by Jan. 27. The candidates will meet Feb. 3 to select the king and queen. The remaining candidates will make up the royal court.

Added to the list of candidates today were: Boogieville Canteen—Queen, Joan Scherbaum, 600 Ft. Wayne ave.

\$147,820 Construction By Lilly & Co. OK'd

Among civilian production administration building approvals issued today was one for Eli Lilly & Co. totaling \$147,820. It will be used for additional construction to increase facilities in the manufacture of medicine.

Other Marion county individuals and concerns given the "go sign" were Charles R. Burres, Indianapolis Morris Plan corporation, Flesch-Miller Tractor Co., Woodcraft Products corporation and Paul Smith.

Approval was granted 13 cases in the state totaling \$453,358.61. Denied were nine applications totaling \$224,810.20.

The largest approval was for an addition to the Wells county hospital for \$230,000.

Sees Friend Succumb, Excited Salesman Dies

BOSTON, Jan. 18 (U. P.).—Two salesmen were chatting in a hotel room last night when one of them, William Manderville, 50, Richmond Hill, N. Y., died of a heart seizure.

The other salesman, Henry Kreuger, 55, St. Albans, N. Y., became so excited over his friend's death that he, too, died of a heart attack a few hours later.

Promoter's Cash-Lease Remodeling Deals Trapped Homeless Veterans by Scores

(Continued From Page One)

dianapolis real estate market, although nobody appears to have been seriously hurt, except Hammond.

Had \$1000 in Cash. That Sunday in March, when Hammond rose from his radio filled with the resolution to make a better world for the homeless G. I., he had assets of \$1000 in cash, a 1936 Cadillac automobile and access to his wife's estate, totaling about \$5000.

In a few months, he had pyramided this into more than \$50,000 worth of property.

Hammond traded his Cadillac for equity in a house at 517 E. 12th st. On an agreement to remodel the building into four apartments, he collected enough cash rent in advance to make a down payment on another multi-family house at 1516 N. New Jersey st.

Bought a Home. Meanwhile, with his wife's inheritance, he was buying a property at 3045 Washington blvd. for himself and his family. Possession was delayed because the tenant couldn't find another place to live.

The promoter arranged for the tenant to move into the 1516 N. New Jersey st. house which consisted of four apartments he thought he could convert into eight. He then began to collect cash leases against the potential suits.

Before he could get them ready, the state fire marshal's office ruled that the conversion would be a fire hazard, he said, and stopped him.

With \$900 put up by a friend and \$600 in cash leases, he acquired a house at 1207 N. New Jersey st. on a \$1500 down payment. He planned to make the third floor into two apartments.

"The city building commissioner refused a permit," he said. "I guess he doesn't believe in third floors."

Makes a Trade. Meanwhile, he had traded a house in Greenfield for an apartment at 217 N. State st. This he planned to remodel, but to date the remodeling has not been completed.

In addition to these properties, he acquired houses on Caroline st., Park ave. and an apartment on N. Alabama st.

In order to make restitution on the illegal cash leases, he was compelled to sell all his properties, he said.

Not only did he collide with the fire marshal, the building commissioner and the OPA, but he didn't miss the city board of zoning appeals.

He remodeled the Washington blvd. house into three apartments without checking the laws. The neighbors complained and the zoning board refused to permit him to rent the apartments, since the remodeling was a violation of neighborhood zoning.

"Didn't Know Regulations." "I just went into these things without knowing what some of the regulations were," he said.

Asked how he expected to make mortgage payments after he had committed a year's income on his properties in the down payment, Hammond said:

"I didn't worry about that seriously. I'm not a poor businessman. Mister. It's this whole damnable set-up."

The OPA investigation showed that Hammond had, in addition to accepting a year's rent in advance, charged illegal rents.

Suit in a Snarl. The Indianapolis OPA rent office has not yet untangled the snarl he left. Tenants in at least one of the properties he operated and has since lost are still paying nearly double their maximum legal rent.

They say it looks as though OPA has forgotten about them.

OPA Rent Director Robert M. DeWees replies: "This is the worst mess I've seen. We're still trying to straighten it out."

Hammond is a dark, stocky man in his early forties, with a pleasant round face, crisp thin mustache and well modulated voice. He is the father of two children. His wife expects another next month.

He's "Hammond" to himself. One of the stems of his rimless glasses is broken. This gives him the appearance from the right side of wearing a pince-nez. He has a habit of referring to himself as "Hammond" rather than using the first person.

"Hammond," he said, "is not trying to make money for Hammond. That would insult my intelligence. Hammond is trying to be useful."

His children are models of good behavior. At home, with the shadow of the jail sentence hanging over him, he admonishes them: "Children, now be careful, now, or you'll get into trouble."

He smiles and explains: "Sometimes you have to be severe with children."

A one-time contractor at Camp Atterbury, Hammond has farmed, has operated a soldiers' laundry in Florida, has written and published privately a book on Florida land-

scaping and hopes to be elected some day to the Indiana legislature. Once he was arrested for burglary when he entered one of his tenant's apartments to show it, he said, to somebody else. The charge later was dropped.

"Now let me tell you what started Hammond in cash leases," he said. "Mister, you are looking at the most abused fellow in the world."

"Why, sir, payment of a year's rent in advance ought to be a law. At least it would keep a roof over the heads of these young fellows who go out and squander their money at hockey games."

"I told these veterans, 'now it takes your money to make these places habitable.' That's what I told them."

"But I guess I was trying to cover a little too much territory."

Three Teen-Age Groups Join in Polio Benefit

Three teen-age groups will join in an infantile paralysis benefit tonight at Rhodium center. A boxing exhibition between Eagle Creek and Shag Shanty will be held at 7 p. m. with Gene Bland and Jerry York in charge.

Eagle Creek's team will include John McCloskey, Andy Bowman, Bill McCloskey, John Dopl, and Clyde Pruitt. Shag Shanty's team will include Gene Thomas, Charles Cooper, Gene Packer, Junior Thomas, Pat Pranger, Bud Law, Gene Viles, Fred Carl, Joe Williamson and Charles Brown.

A dance with Ed Hall and his orchestra will follow with a floor show featuring Harriet Billger, Norma Van Zant, Natalie Lingley, Dorothy Howard, Donald Edwards, Sharon Haput, Shirley McCord, Paula Hawkins, Jean Jerry, Ruth Stevenson, Betty Erick and Libby Maurer. Mrs. Mary Lou Morey will be master of ceremonies.

Bug a Boo Inn at Rhodium will be in charge with Marjorie Shotta, Marvin Snodgrass, Esther Frye, Alvin Minton, Ray Cobb, Delores Brandt and Bob Hatfield on the committee. All proceeds will be given to the polio fund and all teen-agers are invited.

'Oldest Man' Dies. DUBLIN, Jan. 18 (U. P.).—John Faherty of Rosville Village, Eire, who died yesterday at the age of 112, was believed to be the oldest man in the British Isles. He attributed his long life to hard work and "an occasional drink."

The Following Stores Will Be

CLOSED MONDAY

OUR 5-DAY WEEK MEANS YOU CAN

SHOP EARLY 9:00 to 5:25

Tuesday Thru Saturday

CLOSED EACH MONDAY

L. S. AYRES & CO.
BALDWIN PIANO SALESROOM
COLONIAL FURNITURE CO.
RAYMOND COOPER, INC.

NATIONAL FURNITURE CO.
PEOPLES OUTFITTING CO.
ROGERS & CO., JEWELERS

THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO OPEN ONE

A "Peoples" PAY-AS-YOU-GO Checking Account

Once you start a checking account you'll appreciate this business-like method for handling your personal business. You'll "know where your money goes" and chances are it will last longer than if you carry cash around on your person or keep it in a "safe" place at home.

The Peoples State Bank
Pelix T. McWhirter, Founder
130 E. Market MA. 1301
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

ANDREWS RESTAURANT
1606 N. Illinois St.
Open Daily 8 A. M. to 2 A. M.

The Following Stores Will Be CLOSED MONDAY

OUR 5-DAY WEEK MEANS YOU CAN SHOP EARLY 9:00 to 5:25 Tuesday Thru Saturday CLOSED EACH MONDAY

L. S. AYRES & CO.
BALDWIN PIANO SALESROOM
COLONIAL FURNITURE CO.
RAYMOND COOPER, INC.

NATIONAL FURNITURE CO.
PEOPLES OUTFITTING CO.
ROGERS & CO., JEWELERS

At Salary Illegal Be Ch \$600 C Be Rec

Lower hours to find fast \$600 when they're in need are in. Instead of legislative pay houses, has their laps. found it okay. fused to con- signed to the signature. Representa before Leavin holiday Thru was the second 100 bills intro so far.

Medi

The pay b the session a "modified" 1946 to pay \$1200 in two and one Feb. Attorney C ruled the a "modify" a la specific amend pay provisions. The legisla have to be Monday to n the stage wha legally.

While con the pay bill the general measures l- standing com. At his pres Governor G approval of before the leg to the labor legislative m- ured that no lation be pas The three b picketing, u- union contr- provision- error's appro in labor dis-

Pen

The anti- duced yester- fines up to \$500 sentence of 11- Introduced Edgerton (R- was described little more t- junction" ag- kind. The propos misdemeanor prevent or to or gress does not def- Carl Muller of Labor pre the three lab- at the very h- ment."

Polio B At Two

Mrs. Jennie the Indiana present "The 8 p. m. toni- and Monday par-

Proceeds w- county Infan- Mrs. Mary, master of cer- will include Hawkins, Rut- Haupt, Lydia Shirley McCo- Norma Van Z- Betty Erick, Condery, Lloy- Billger.

Horace Gr

A Billion Doll- the West-nov coverage

1. 8-FOR

Plan, which child's in \$1,000 of of Ordin- premium required child \$5.00 \$1,000 in member, t- tics show age of ou- paired be- now!

2. DIABET

notifies a- TEFIC ac- Company, mens.

3. FULL COME

\$1,000 of term.

4. MORTG

TION—f- home free and For details, ch- ing coupon to General Agent Building, Indi-

Name

Address

Date of Birth

Please send m- my part, info-

☐ FOR ☐ INSUR ☐ DISAB ☐ MORTG

INDI

Will acc- superior ning of high sch

INDI