

'Riot Started' By Eichel, Judge Charges

Exchanges Blows With Chairman

Times Staff Service
EVANSVILLE, May 20.—Democratic Probate Judge Wendell Lensing charged today that County Chairman Charles Eichel "deliberately" broke up a party meeting called last night to oust him.

The meeting was called at the Vendome hotel to break Mr. Eichel's hold on the Vanderburgh county Democratic organization. It ended in a near riot after Mr. Eichel and Judge Lensing, leader of the anti-Eichel forces, exchanged punches in a dispute over who was to be admitted.

"Mr. Eichel did the only thing he could do under the circumstances," Judge Lensing charged. "He started a riot because he was afraid to let things proceed in an orderly fashion."

"He was afraid to let this thing come to a vote. He tried to pack the house with his followers, and when we refused to admit them unless they were bona fide precinct committeemen or women, he caused trouble."

Police Closed Meeting
Police Chief Wayne Berry, invited by Mr. Eichel to be on hand with a squad of policemen, closed the meeting down to keep order, Judge Lensing said. He charged the chief could have kept order without taking that final step but refused to try.

Mr. Eichel is under heavy fire, not only from within the county organization but from the state committee as well, on charges of failure to act in the best interests of his party. Contending that he has co-operated with county Republicans to control Vanderburgh county politics, the state committee is preparing to amend its by-laws to oust him from above if the county organization itself fails.

Eichel supporters began arriving at last night's meeting more than an hour ahead of schedule. Judge Lensing said they jammed around the door before the meeting time of 7:30 p. m.

Used Back Door
Meanwhile the anti-Eichel group entered through a back door, set up a sergeant-at-arms committee and a credentials committee. When the doors were thrown open, the credentials committee demanded that only bona fide party committeemen and women be admitted and refused entrance to others.

The exchange of punches followed a sharp clash over credentials at the door. Eichel's supporters withdrew to another meeting place when the original meeting was called off and voted to table any motion for Mr. Eichel's ouster.

Actually, no motion ever had been made because the ouster session never reached that point.

Judge Lensing indicated another meeting would be called soon.

250,000 Stand In Rain to See Women's Parade

By LEO TURNER

United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, May 20.—Women will do the dog-goneest things, police said today.

The bluecoats stood guard as New York women's organizations held a parade as part of tribute to Women's week. It would have been an ordinary parade down 5th ave., except:

"They had it at night, when 5th ave. is almost deserted."

They held it in the rain. They made it a torchlight procession, the first New York has seen in several decades, and turned it into the most spectacular show in years.

THEY DREW a crowd of 250,000 and held it for more than an hour despite the steady drizzle.

The rain drops glistened in the flickering torchlight on the bare skins of bathing-suit clad models riding the floats.

Socialites smiled from other floats as though the rain wasn't ruining their white satin gowns.

Women in the sidewalk audience applauded. Men whistled.

THE DRIZZLE started shortly before Lucille Ball, the movie actress and parade marshal, moved out from 56th st. in a horse-drawn hansom.

The red-haired movie star, flanked by 600 torch-bearing theater ushers, threw roses to the spectators on the curb.

Three thousand women took part, including delegates from the police department, army, navy, marine corps, fraternal, social and religious organizations, Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls and medical groups.

There were 200 professional models on the floats.

Hunt Rare Violins Missing From Train

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20 (U. P.).—Railway Express detectives today sought two 17th century violins, one a rare Amati, which were stolen from a transcontinental train.

Detectives said the two Italian violins, valued at \$8,000, "disappeared" from a shipment between Ogden, Utah, and San Francisco yesterday.

They were being shipped to Ansley K. Sala, a San Francisco collector, from R. N. Chittolini, a New York dealer. One violin was made by Nicholas Amati in Cremona, Italy, and the other by his pupil, Francesco Ruggeri.

PLAN TO END SUGAR RATION
CHICAGO, May 20 (U. P.).—The government is laying its plans to end sugar rationing, even though no definite date is in sight, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson said today.

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