

# Indiana Cities Organize Forces For 1948 Major Party Fight

## League Votes To List Planks In Election

### Acts to Win State Aid in Budget Crisis

By NOBLE REED

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 2.—Officials of Indiana's 102 cities today organized forces to throw their weight into state politics in both the Republican and Democratic parties.

This action was based upon a resolution passed by the Indiana Municipal League here yesterday, in which the mayors resolved to submit planks for the state platforms of both major parties next year.

The resolution was based upon reports from the mayors of all Indiana cities that unless they get cooperation from the state government most cities will face financial ruin in the next few years.

#### Adopt Election Plan

The Municipal League also passed a resolution providing for the endorsement of a slate of candidates for the legislature next year. The resolution stated that only the candidates favorable to state aid for cities would be endorsed.

Passage of the resolution eliminated the 47th annual convention of the Municipal League, during which speakers warned that cities will need more state support in order to maintain proper local government.

The league also adopted a resolution calling for a state-wide campaign to get the next legislature to pass a bill providing for re-apportionment of representatives in the general assembly.

#### 27-Year Lapse Cited

Mayors pointed out that re-apportionment has been provided in 27 years and that during that time population of cities has increased without getting a bigger share of representatives in the legislature.

In a speech at the close of the convention, Governor Gates defended the state's fiscal policies in regard to redistribution of tax money to local communities.

He said that out of \$84 million appropriated by the state annually, \$62 million is going back to local communities in the form of state aid to schools, payment of teachers' salaries and welfare benefits.

However the governor agreed with the mayors that the cities need help in solving their financial problems.

#### Cities' Need Tragedy

"The needs of our cities are tragic," he said. "Extensive study will be needed to find ways to solve the financial plight of the cities."

He proposed that a committee of mayors be appointed to work with the governor's tax commission to find a solution.

A few minutes after the Governor spoke, the mayors adopted a resolution calling for the appointment of six mayors to work with three state senators and three representatives in an effort to solve the financial crisis of the cities.

The League elected Mayor John R. Britton of Richmond, as new president to succeed Mayor Fred Ferlic of Garrett. Other officers elected were Mayor Kenneth Dempsey, South Bend, first vice president; Mayor George DeVault, LaFayette, second vice president; Mayor W. Vincent Youkey of Crown Point was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Sylvia A. Saphir, recording secretary.

## Mother, 21, Slain In East Chicago

EAST CHICAGO, Ind., Aug. 2 (UPI).—A 34-year-old cab driver walked into the police station here early today and told police that he had just killed his wife during an argument over "her boy friends."

Police investigated and found Blaise Lovin, 21, lying on the floor with her head under the kitchen stove.

The couple's three children—Marie Anne, 1; Phyllis, 2, and Bonnie Jean, 3—and a niece, Sara Jane Hartman, were asleep in a nearby bedroom.

The cab driver, Clifford Lovin, told police that he beat and strangled his wife.

California Holds Hoosier On Banditry Charge

LONG BEACH, Calif., Aug. 2 (UPI).—Merritt Longbrake, 53, an Indiana parolee, was held today for arraignment Aug. 8 on a charge of attempted robbery.

Longbrake was accused of using a toy pistol to attempt to hold Robert W. Sarkin, 37, at a check cashing office July 18.

Police said he was an unemployed carpenter whose record showed he was involved in a Roanoke, Ind., bank robbery in 1935 and served several years in prison in Indiana.

#### Car Kills Indianan

COLUMBUS, Ind., Aug. 2 (UPI).—Harry Chrishman, 63, was killed today when hit by an auto as he walked along Ind. 46, five miles east of Columbus. The car was driven by Anna E. Warren, Hartville, according to state police.

## Parties for Col. Roosevelt Cost \$5000, Senators Told

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Mr. Ferguson interposed that all of the entertaining Mr. Meyer did must have been considered work.

"It certainly was," Mr. Meyer said.

Mr. Pepper objected to the constant references to the entertainment of Elliott Roosevelt. He asked Mr. Meyer to read all of the items listed in the expense account records.

Mr. Meyer observed that young Roosevelt "was only one of a thousand and one army and navy people" he entertained during the war.

Mr. Ferguson pointed out that Mr. Meyer had visited the Pentagon building, as shown by an expense item, and asked whom he saw there.

"I don't remember," Mr. Meyer said.

Bought Railroad Tickets

"But you did go over there on an airplane mission?" Mr. Ferguson asked.

"That's right," the jovial Mr. Meyer said.

Mr. Meyer admitted that he had purchased railroad tickets for Elliott Roosevelt and members of his party to travel from New York to Washington. But he said he did this only because of a mixup in reservations.

He said Mr. Roosevelt's original tickets had been stolen from the Ritz-Tower hotel.

Item-after-item, many with a "champagne ditto" item, were read into the record by Mr. Meyer.

One item covered lipstick, and a taxicab ride for "Katherine Booth" on the West coast. Mr. Ferguson asked what this had to do with plane production. Mr. Meyer replied:

Report Hrsk Fighting

From Batavia—Dutch and Indonesian communiques today reported

that the United Nations order

that firing stop.

Commanders on each side apparently had not had enough time to receive and act on the demand.

In an unprecedented display of what the United Nations can do if the two big powers get together, the council voted 8 to 0 last night to call for an immediate end of the Indonesian fighting. It requested both sides to settle their differences peacefully and keep the council informed of progress.

Russia and the United States, their diplomatic hatches still far from buried, nevertheless joined in leading the cease-fire move. Great Britain, France and Belgium abstained in a feeble effort to support their colonial colleague, the Netherlands, in averting any United Nations action.

While the result was only a formal resolution—a combination of carefully chosen and bitterly debated words—diplomats here appeared happy at this first sign that the United Nations can put its foot down on a trouble spot in even the mildest way.

The council turned aside arguments by the colonial powers that the United Nations had no jurisdiction over the case. After voting to issue the cease-fire appeal, it reaffirmed its intention to speak up in the Indonesian conflict by accepting a Polish request for a progress report from the Dutch and Indonesian Republicans.

Russia also took a setback before the all-day session ended when it got only Poland to support an attempt to make both sides withdraw their fighting forces to the positions they occupied when the fighting began.

Soviet Delegate Andrei Gromyko made no bones about his intentions. The Dutch, he said, will have mopped up in Indonesia in a few more days and will hold a complete advantage over Indonesians unless forced to move back to their fire-fighting position.

Led by American delegate, Herschel Johnson, the nine other delegates of the council abstained while only Mr. Gromyko and Polish Delegate Oscar Lange supported the motion.

Mr. Ferguson said that Elliott Hughes made his recommendation for the Hughes planes, Gen. H. H. (Hap) Arnold, air force chief, ordered Mr. Hughes to build 100 of the planes.

Only a few weeks earlier Gen. Arnold had ordered air force materiel men to stop materiel shipments to Mr. Hughes for the plane and told Mr. Hughes to stop sending progress reports on the ship.

Mr. Meyer said it was "fair to say he was entertaining Col. Roosevelt in New York Aug. 21, 22 and 23," 1946.

Was Very Charming

"But the parties were no large," he added.

Mr. Meyer said he thought Miss Emerson was at all the parties.

Mr. Ferguson took up the \$132 of nylon hose—present for Miss Emerson.

"Why were you charging \$132 of Nylon hose to aircraft production?" he asked.

"Because she 'Miss Emerson' had been very charming."

"Well, then," Mr. Ferguson asked of another item, "why did you give her \$90 to go home if she was so very charming?"

Spectators and committee members burst into laughter.

Mr. Meyer laughed: "That's very good—I'll concede that."

Later he explained that he took Miss Emerson to the airport and she discovered she had no money.

"I finally consented to give her \$20."

Asked about a \$50 payment on Aug. 2 to Chick Farmer, press agent for the El Morocco club, Mr. Meyer said:

"I paid it to have Mr. Farmer ask the photographer not to take a picture of Mr. Roosevelt. He didn't want it to appear."

He said he had never seen the picture—"it might have been a picture of him going to the men's room."

Mr. Ferguson said that Elliott

Roosevelt would testify Monday and that Mr. Meyer would be kept under subpoena for later testimony next week on his draft status.

Other Developments

Meanwhile, these were the other developments in the congressional inquiry into Mr. Hughes' wartime plane contracts:

ONE: Mr. Hughes announced that he would leave Hollywood Monday and arrive here in time to testify on Wednesday—as he had originally planned. After a daylong hide-and-seek session with a deputy U. S. marshal carrying a Senate subpoena, Mr. Hughes leveled another blast at Senator Owen Brewster, chairman of the full investigating committee. He said he had "no respect" for Mr. Brewster and reiterated charges that the Maine senator was trying to use the probe to force a merger of Mr. Hughes' Trans-

World airline and Pan-American airways.

TWO: Mr. Brewster challenged Mr. Hughes to repeat the charge "under oath." He offered to waive his congressional immunity and testify as "a plain citizen" in answer to the allegations. He said he would "welcome and invite the most thorough exploration of this charge by the attorney general."

THREE: Mr. Roosevelt was scheduled to appear Monday, and although he was not under subpoena, Mr. Ferguson told reporters he had assurances that Elliott would be on hand.

CZECH STAR WEDS

PRAGUE, Aug. 2 (UPI).—Municipal officials disclosed today that Lida Barsova, Czech film star and one-time friend of Joseph Goebbels, was married last Monday to Jan Kopecky, an actor.

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