

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

Time and again

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 no 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 Gable defended the state's fiscal policies in regard to redistribution of tax money to local communities.

He said that out of \$94 million appropriated by the state annually, \$53 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 Tragic

"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. Britten of Richmond, as new president to succeed Mayor Fred Perick 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. Sapir, recording secretary.

Mother, 21, Slain In East Chicago

EAST CHICAGO, Ind., Aug. 2 (U. P.).—A 24-year-old cab driver walked into the police station here 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—Mary 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, Cal., Aug. 2 (U. P.).—Merritt Longbrake, 33, 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 holdup Robert W. Sartin, 37, at a check cashing office July 18.

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

Car Kills Indian

COLUMBUS, Ind., Aug. 3 (U. P.).—Harry Chrisman, 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, Hartsville, according to state police.

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

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Meyer put out \$163 for a dinner party at the Monte Carlo club and \$78 for dinner at Leon and Eddie's. Another item was \$75 for "presents for two girls."

More dinner parties followed on Aug. 25, 26 and 27 in New York and Washington. On the night of the 27th Mr. Meyer's vouchers listed \$76 for dinner at the Statler hotel in Washington and \$50 for "girls at hotel."

Present for Faye

Included in Mr. Meyer's spending spree was an item of \$132 for nylon hose as a present to Faye Emerson on Aug. 25.

Mr. Ferguson asked whether the New York part of the entertainment was not "quite a week-end."

Mr. Meyer replied emphatically: "Yes, indeed, that was quite a weekend."

Mr. Meyer wiped at his face with a white silk handkerchief as he sought to explain how he flew to New York to provide that round of parties.

Mr. Ferguson showed a photograph of an army air force pilot on which he traveled. Mr. Meyer said he didn't know that he was traveling on a priority and assumed Mr. Hughes had got it for him.

Mr. Meyer said his sole original purpose in going to New York was to promote Mr. Hughes' picture, "The Outlaw," and he had not intended to meet Elliott Roosevelt.

On the same plane en route to New York with him was Faye Emerson, soon to be Elliott's bride. But he said it was "really quite a coincidence" that she was on the trip.

Mr. Meyer's little earlier had introduced Elliott in Hollywood.

Mr. Ferguson pressed Mr. Meyer as to whether Elliott shared his Rita-Tower apartment of "five bedrooms."

Mr. Meyer was evasive. "First he answered that 'I don't know,' he might have slept there a night. Pressed on the point, he answered: 'I would say so.'"

Mr. Meyer defended his liquor expenditure as "not much."

"I might have been planning an extended stay... liquor was quite expensive," he said.

Mr. Meyer agreed with Senator Pepper that "Col. Roosevelt didn't drink it all."

Just a few days after Elliott 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."

"Was Very Charming" "But the parties were so large," he added.

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

Mr. Ferguson took up the \$132 item 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 \$20 to go home if she was so very charming?"

Spectators and committee members burst into laughter.

Mr. Meyer bellowed: "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 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 said he had never seen the picture—"It might have been a picture of him going to the men's room."

Four Party Girls Mr. Meyer said he had "no idea" who the four party girls were who got the presents at dinner on Aug. 21 or the two girls who got the presents Aug. 22.

"Would they be girls eating at the same dinner?" Mr. Ferguson asked.

"Positively."

Mr. Ferguson questioned Mr. Meyer closely about an \$83 bill which Elliott Roosevelt had signed on one occasion for a dinner at New York's 21 club.

Mr. Meyer said he had refunded the money to Mr. Roosevelt because he was the one doing the entertaining.

Asked by Senator Pepper if he always caught the check at the expensive dinners, luncheons and cocktail parties, Mr. Meyer replied that he "never saw anyone else pick up a check in my entire war."

All Considered Work One entry in the Hughes company's records relating to Mr. Meyer read:

"Lunch at 21 (New York restaurant) alone—thank God, \$6."

'Cease Fire' Order Rushed To Indonesia

UN Takes Action To Nip War in Making

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Aug. 2 (U. P.).—A United Nations cease-fire appeal was rushed to the warring Dutch and Republicans in Indonesia today.

The United Nations security council watched hopefully for proof that it can nip a war in the making.

United Nations diplomats were elated by the first positive peace-keeping action ever taken by the council. They were confident of an early response to a formal request for immediate cessation of the Indonesian conflict.

The cease-fire was transmitted formally to Dutch officials here and in Washington, and rushed by cable to leaders of the Indonesian forces.

Report Brisk Fighting From Batavia—Dutch and Indonesian communiques today reported brisk fighting in Java and Sumatra despite 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 hatchet 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 applauded 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 pre-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 move.

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 (U. P.).—Municipal officials disclosed today that Lida Baarova, Czech film star and one-time friend of Joseph Goebbels, was married last Monday to Jan Kopecky, an actor.

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 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-

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gram which Attlee government is instituting to lessen strain on Britain's economy. Numbers of British troops in Germany add Trieste area will be sharply reduced, and there may be complete British withdrawal from Greece. This may leave us holding bag in Trieste, may mean demand for American troops in Greece—and may reopen whole Greek-Turkish problem.

Meanwhile, two resolutions already have been presented to senate calling for revision of United Nations charter, elimination of veto. And Amvets' convention next week will propose new United Nations without Russia.

3 Are Threatened TERRORISM growing out of Palestine situation now threatens here. Three leaders of American League for a Free Palestine have been warned they will be assaulted—ex-Senator Guy M. Gillette, ex-Rep. Will Rogers Jr. and Johann Smertenko.

Identical letters, written in French, were received by the three this week. Though unsigned, they were written on letterheads of "Defenders of the Arabs of Palestine," and were mailed from Paris. All warned: "Hebrew assassins" and said "Your turn is coming."

CORN CROP estimate will be up in next agriculture report. Growing weather has been good. That's about only cheery note in otherwise gloomy inflation picture.

But no amount of good weather will produce three-billion-bushel crop or more, which was expected before floods. Best that good weather and a late frost can do now is just under three billion bushels. Next 60 days will tell story.

Fuel Shortage FUEL SHORTAGE is responsible for two drastic steps taken by Adm. Nimitz. He's ordered all ships aloft to reduce cruising speed from 18 to 15 knots. This includes carriers which must average 30 knots while launching their planes. Second step knocks out all special reserve cruises scheduled this winter. Reserves will get some sea duty, but they'll

be put aboard ships making regular cruises.

IF YOU'RE not a veteran, there's little future for you working for government, says one top personnel officer. He's advising ambitious non-veterans to go into private business.

Reason is "veteran preference" and the millions who are entitled to it. In competition for government jobs, all veterans get five-point advantage, disabled ones, 10 points. Also, some jobs may be held only by veterans, and in others, a veteran who ranks among first three in examination must get the job unless shown to be unfit.

2-Term Presidency G. O. P. APPARENTLY must sell southern Democrats if it's to get amendment limiting presidency to two terms written into constitution. So far, 17 states have ratified, but only one, Colorado, can be considered semi-Democratic. It has Democratic governor, Republican legislature, Oklahoma, Texas have turned down amendment.

SUPPORTERS of Straton bill to admit 400,000 displaced persons into U. S. are apprehensive about senate committee set up to investigate immigration problem. They regard chairman, Senator Chapman Revercomb (R. W. Va.), as opponent, and think he'll stack evidence against them. Mr. Revercomb has never committed himself, says only that investigation is needed. His committee will visit Europe.

ARMY WILL spend \$75,000, navy \$50,000, training and feeding soldiers and sailors who compete in Olympic games next year. Army already has talent scouts out in all areas.

Neither service men now Avery Brundage, president of U. S. Olympic committee, expect games to be cancelled because of reports undernourished Europeans can't compete with Americans. Mr. Brundage says undernourishment angle has been exaggerated, cites recent preliminary games in Oslo where several hundred Europeans had high competitive marks.

INDIANAPOLIS CLEARING HOUSE

Clearings For the Day \$ 8,610.000

Debits 24,515.000

Clearings For the Week \$ 51,047.000

Debits 130,916.000

Clearings For the Month \$ 1,531,000.00

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Clamp Placed On Trial Dates

8 Defendants Ordered To Take Normal Turns

The prosecutor's office today discontinued its policy of permitting early trials of cases as an accommodation to defendants who are unable to appear at regular scheduled hearings.

Eight defendants who were scheduled to appear in court this morning at their own request instead of taking their normal turn, were notified by the prosecutor's office they would have to go through regular channels.

Specific Case Cited The action came after an Indianapolis businessman spent two and a half hours in jail on a speeding charge for which he had already paid a fine.

John T. Wolf, 2825 E. 18th st., was arrested at his home Thursday night and was taken in a police wagon to the city lockup, fingerprinted and held until he produced \$50 bond.

An investigation yesterday revealed Mr. Wolf had appeared before Judge Alex Clark in municipal court 4 July 24, the day he was arrested on the speeding charge and paid a fine of \$1 and \$5 costs.

Says Police Laughed Mr. Wolf said "the police laughed at me at the time of the arrest, even when I showed them my receipt for the fine and costs."

"I was greatly embarrassed when my neighbors saw me being taken away to jail," he said, "and my young son doesn't know what to think of me."

Shortwave to Be Poor By Science Service WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Radio reception of shortwave broadcasts will be only fair today and tomorrow, with disturbances predicted for Monday through Friday next week, national bureau of standards forecasters said today.

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