

# Early Trial Balloons Sent Up For County Candidates

## Chief Prizes Prosecutor, Sheriff Races

Both Parties Face Factional Fights

By NOBLE REED

Preliminary sparring on battle lines for one of the hottest primary election scrambles in history here has brought out trial balloons for "tentative" candidates two months earlier than usual.

The major scraps in both Democratic and Republican parties here will center this spring on the contests for prosecutor and sheriff nominations.

Sparked by the mayoralty victory, the first for the Democrats here in seven years, factional alignments in this party will provide as much fireworks this year as the traditional fight for control in the Republican ranks.

Goettl Mentioned

Mentioned so far as possible candidates for the Democratic prosecutor nomination include Henry C. Goettl, former Superior Court judge; Arthur J. Sullivan, former prosecutor nominee; William C. Erbecker, Democratic party secretary and newly named city prosecutor and William Stecker, former Democratic member of the County Election Board.

Mentioned in the preliminary maneuvers for the Democratic sheriff nomination include L. A. Charles Burkett, of the police department; Lewis (Cap.) Johnson, nominee for sheriff in 1946; former Chief of Police Michael Morrissey, now in Chicago; and James Cunningham, former Center Township assessor.

Factional alignments in both these contests may center around the old Democratic regulars associated with Walter Boeticher, county chairman, Mr. Goettl and David M. Lewis and a new faction developing in the city administration of Mayor Al Feeney.

GOP Alignments Vague

Candidates and factional alignments in the Republican contest for prosecutor are vague but the lines have begun to form. Prosecutor Judson L. Stark is expected to seek renomination on an "anti-machine" platform against the regulars. Mentioned as possible opponents include Scott Ginn, present county attorney, and John Tindler, young attorney who was prominent in the GOP mayoralty campaign of William H. Wenner.

Any organized opposition to Sheriff Al Magenheim for Republican renomination to that office is considered "wide open" at this time. Mentioned as possible opponents in this race are Jesse Hutsell, a former GOP sheriff nominee; Dr. Walter Hemphill, former Board of Works member and former candidate for county clerk, and Frank Huse, former county treasurer.

Some of the regular GOP organization workers associated with County Chairman James Ingles are talking about bringing out some "South Side businessmen" for the sheriff's contest but nobody has agreed on who this might be.

LIE TO HUNT PARLEY SITE

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Jan. 6 (UP)—Secretary General Trygve Lie of the United Nations will fly to Europe Friday for a tour of Geneva, Bern, Paris, Brussels, The Hague, Prague, and London in search of a site for the next United Nations General Assembly meeting in September.

## Swiss Wonder If King Michael Is Really 'Broke'

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Jan. 6 (UP)—Former King Michael's secretary said today he was about broke.

But those who gathered at the station to watch the unloading of the royal baggage wondered. The young Romanian and his mother stayed in their hotel suite resting from the rigors of the first leg of Michael's journey into exile. Michael's secretary, Mircea Ionitu, said the abdicated monarch had left his country with very little money and no assets abroad.

BUT THOSE who gathered at the station to gaze and stare at the royal baggage got glimpses of a Lincoln automobile, two Buicks, one jeep, one motorcycle and nine cases of gin.

A royal aide unlocked the baggage cars of the special train which brought the ex-king and his entourage from Bucharest. There were four big trunks, and about 40 bags and suitcases.

Michael also brought three shotguns, an old-fashioned movie camera on a wooden tripod, five cases of sugar, and 15 automobile tires which he had bought in Switzerland four weeks ago.

RELIABLE reports said Michael talked for 15 minutes last night with Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parme, in Copenhagen, and it was agreed the princess would delay her scheduled visit to see him in Lausanne.

It was apparent that the 36-year-old exiled monarch was more shaken by the events surrounding his abdication than the world yet has learned. With his mother, Queen Helene, he appeared shaken, drawn, tired and nervous when he arrived here yesterday afternoon.

Michael's secretary said Michael was forced to sell a quantity of wine from the royal cellars, and other personal possessions, to obtain funds for the flight from Romania.

Farm Co-ops Buys 44 New Oil Wells

The Marion County Farm Bureau Co-op has purchased 44 producing oil wells and leases on undeveloped property owned by the National Associated Petroleum Co. of Tulsa, Okla., at a cost of about \$1 million.

Officials said the purchase will increase the crude oil production of bureau holdings by nearly 1100 barrels daily, bringing the total to 2500 barrels of the bureau and the purchase rights on wells owned by the Pursuit Oil Co.

Most of the wells are in Southern Illinois.

The Co-op recently sold some of its holdings in Southern Indiana and Illinois to the Pursuit Oil Co. in a \$2 million transaction. However, the purchase rights on the oil, which averages 1400 barrels daily, were kept.

In addition, the Co-op is buying crude oil from other sources, bringing its supply to 5700 barrels a day. All but 1800 barrels of this supply is processed at the Co-op refinery at Mount Vernon.

WALLACE TO INVADE OHIO

CLEVELAND, Jan. 6 (UP)—The Ohio Wallace-for-President campaign will be launched Feb. 1 in Columbus with Henry A. Wallace, president and leader of the third party movement as the speaker.

## 4 More Safes Looted Despite Police Cleanup

Crime Breaks Loose; 60 Suspects Jailed

Another outbreak of holdups and burglaries broke over the city last night as police stopped up the tempo of their anti-hoodlum drive and prepared a new offensive against burglars.

Safe crackers looted four business houses of an estimated \$5000 overnight. Two daring holdups were staged, but one bandit was frustrated by an irate liquor store clerk who chased him from the Claypool Hotel to the Court House lawn.

Police Chief Edward D. Roush put into effect this morning extraordinary measures to drive the burglars out of town and break which high police officials said was the worst outbreak of burglary they could remember.

Search of Cars Ordered

Police were instructed to stop any slow-moving or suspicious looking car after dark for any reason, search it and ask the occupants to identify themselves and their business on the streets.

At the same time, Inspector Jack O'Neal proposed to put the entire detective department on the cleanup of burglars and issued a sharp order to district patrol cars to watch their areas more closely.

Inspector O'Neal went into conference with Chief Roush this morning to work out details of the plan. The inspector said this morning that the outbreak of burglary was the worst he had ever seen.

Promises Action

"We've got to put a stop to this," he said. "There's a gang of experienced safe crackers holed up around here and we're going to nail them. Meantime, purse snatching, rape attempts, molestings of women and beatings dropped off to the vanishing point as police continued to run holdups and lofers out of the downtown area, or into jail on the cover-all charge of vagrancy."

A total of 60 more persons were arrested on vagrancy, intoxication, drunken driving and other minor charges between noon and 4 p. m.

Police Rushed All-Night Restaurants

Police rushed all-night restaurants, cleared out the Union Station and the Traction Terminal and swept the downtown streets clear of lunchroom loungers and men hanging around alleys or leaning against buildings.

Three were arrested for vagrancy at an all-night lunch room in 2409 Station St., four more in the 1400 block of E. 25th St., three more for hanging around on a corner in the 800 block of N. East St., three in a restaurant in the 400 block of E. Washington St., and four who were drinking from a bottle at the corner of East and Washington St.

Others were hauled into headquarters individually and in pairs. Stopping of suspicious automobiles produced drunken driving charges against two drivers.

One man brought into headquarters for looting by the State Police was checked and found to be wanted for a parole violation in Texas.

The biggest holdup of the night was the \$250 robbery of Isaac (Tuffy) Mitchell, 35, at the Indiana Avenue Sky Club. Mr. Mitchell said a bandit with a "Jamaican brogue" took his cash box containing \$250 at the point of a gun as festivities at the club were getting under way.

'Good Samaritan' Robbed

Fred V. Jackson, 37, of 3418 N. Drexel Ave. told police he was held up and robbed of \$160 at 7 p. m. yesterday in the 900 block of N. Delaware St. when he stopped to lend a helping hand to two men trying to push a stalled car.

When he rolled down his window, he said, one of the men flashed what he thought was a gun and compelled him to hand over his billfold.

James Hope, 36, a clerk in the State Liquor Store in the Claypool Hotel business block, said a bandit pointed a gun at him about 7:15 p. m. and demanded the money in the cash register.

Mr. Hope said he rushed around the corner to seize the bandit, who fled. The clerk told police he chased the would-be holdup man through alleys to Delaware St. but lost him when the fugitive darted into the shadows on the Courthouse lawn.

## Deanna Durbin Quits Director Husband, 45

Separation Called 'Friendly Parting'

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 6 (UP)—Deanna Durbin—through her attorney—confirmed rumors today, admitting she was separating from her 45-year-old husband, Felix Jackson.

Her lawyer, Elmer P. Bromley, called it a "friendly parting of the ways." He said neither contemplated divorce "for the present."

There was, he added, "no difficulty between them that would be of any particular interest to the public."

RUMORS of a rift between the 26-year-old singing star and the four-times married producer who eased her from chubby little-girl roles to glamour queen epics have been swirling around town for several months.

The smash-up was no surprise to the people who said two and a half years ago—when the young divorcee picked a man 20 years her senior—the marriage "would never take."

"It was just a case of May and December," a spokesman at Universal-International studio shrugged. "We've all been waiting to see how long it would last."

MISS DURBIN's elopement to Las Vegas, Nev., two months after she announced her intentions of remaining a bachelor girl "for years and years," was quick and quiet.

She had her first wedding four years earlier, in 1941, when she married her first beau, Vaughn Paul. Then Miss Durbin wore a sweeping white satin gown and a lace veil and all the trimmings.

Some 900 guests squeezed into the church, while 2000 screaming spectators kept police busy outside.

A routine fingerprint check by Indianapolis police revealed that Fred H. Haney, 47, was wanted for felony violation in Texas after serving 10 years of a 99-year robbery term. He had been sought since 1941.

Haney told authorities he had worked during the war as a civilian in various Pacific islands. He said he has a wife and daughter in Honolulu.

Wants Powers Extended

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 6 (UP)—President Gabriel Gonzalez Videla has asked the Chilean Parliament to extend for six months the extraordinary anti-strike powers due to expire Jan. 15. The powers were granted last October when Chile broke with Russia and Czechoslovakia.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

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## Durham Back On Police Job; Loses \$89 Pay

4 Captains and Chief Uphold Charge

Patrolman Jacques Durham was back on the job today, directing traffic at the Sears-Roebuck Co. parking lot.

But, his next paycheck will be light about \$89 as a result of a police trial board verdict yesterday.

In an unusual five-hour session, the board of four captains and Police Chief Edward Roush found the outspoken patrolman guilty of being "discourteous to a superior officer."

Draws 12-Day Suspension

Patrolman Durham, who charged the hearing was the 51st attempt in four years to "frame" him, was given 12 days suspension following the decision.

This enabled him to return to work immediately, since his badge was removed Christmas eve and he was relieved of his duties.

Henry J. Richardson Jr., chief of several attorneys who took up the legal cudgels, snarled at the outcome and called the hearing "child's play," not the sort of thing the public approves.

He said he had not made up his mind, but he thought the "unjustified" decision would be appealed to the safety board. Patrolman Durham left all the talking to his attorneys.

The police officer was ordered before his superiors when he and Donald Tooley, formerly an inspector and now a captain, both admitted they lost their tempers and verbally blasted one another.

Anonymous Phone Tip

Patrolman Durham had been brought to the inspector's office after Capt. John Ambuhl said he received an anonymous telephone call that a police officer was drunk and waving a gun in the rear of a tavern.

Old George Sneed was sent to the Old Point Tavern, near the Sears-Roebuck parking lot, and found Patrolman Durham in the kitchen, warming himself while on "relief" from his duties, according to the suspended officer.

At headquarters, Patrolman Durham was exonerated of the charges, witnesses saying that he had not had a drink and was merely talking to a patron. Then, the argument with his superior officer developed.

Chief Roush disclosed the board's decision was unanimous.

However, Attorney Richardson said it was "significant that the board took 40 minutes to make up its unanimous mind."

Insubordination Charge Dropped

The board, according to the chief, did not even consider an earlier charge that the suspended patrolman failed to remove his hat when entering the inspector's office, thus allegedly showing his insubordination.

Instead, the disciplinary action was taken on the belief that Patrolman Durham was "discourteous" toward Capt. Ambuhl by accusing the superior officer of trying to "frame" him, Chief Roush added.

"This controversy is past the stage of Durham vs. the police department," declared Mr. Richardson. "Now it has become a taxpayers' problem."

"The public, I feel, wants policemen to be red-blooded men who catch criminals, as Durham has done. The public does not want policemen spending their time tipping their hats to superiors."

STRAUSS SAYS—

SAVING TRADITION WITH A TOUCH OF TOMORROW

## \$122,000 Deficit for 1947 Disclosed by Mayor Feeney

Preliminary Check, He States, Reveals Only \$53,000 on Hand for \$175,000 in Back Bills

A City Hall deficit of \$122,000 for 1947, was disclosed by Mayor Al Feeney today after a preliminary check of the city's financial position by Controller Phillip Bayt.

The Mayor and Mr. Bayt said they have discovered that the city has only \$53,000 to pay \$175,000 in past due bills.

The deficit may become considerably larger, the Mayor said, when the controller's office completes its check of last year's spending.

Convinced that determined action is necessary to avert serious financial difficulty this year, the mayor said he was considering the advisability of asking the city's creditors to file a friendly suit in order to collect funds due them.

A judgment against the city would enable it to use emergency financial powers to issue 10-year bonds to pay its 1947 bills, instead of paying them out of the 1948 budget.

The practice of paying last year's bills out of this year's budget fund, said Mayor Feeney, would throw the 1948 budget into a deficit.

The city's biggest creditors are the public utilities, with claims totaling \$140,000, Controller Bayt said.

There are, in addition, \$12,000 in miscellaneous bills to be paid, a \$6000 unpaid salary account in the Board of Works and an \$8000 Fire Department bill unpaid.

Other departments are just beginning to discover unpaid bills, the controller said. He predicted the total of unpaid bills would increase, but he was unable thus far to determine the total of unpaid 1947 obligations.

All Bills Not In

Not all the 1947 bills in the Park Department have been received. Some 1947 bills from the Police Department were sent to City Hall today dating back to August. Nearly every department has 1947 bills which have not yet been added to the over-all total, Mr. Bayt said.

The Mayor said he was firmly opposed to using any of 1948's funds to pay 1947 bills.

"We are going to try and get this city back on a year-to-year basis," he said. "I have already instructed every department head to put into effect the strictest economies."

"When we get all the figures," he continued, "we are going to call in some of the top financiers of the city and get their opinion on the best method of coming out of the hole. In the meantime we are going to cut expenses around here."

Lecture Series Offered By Catholic Bureau

The Catholic Information Bureau, Capitol Ave. and Georgia St., will conduct its winter series of free lectures on the Catholic religion on consecutive Thursday nights at 8 o'clock beginning this week and ending March 18.

Persons unable to attend the lectures Thursday nights may arrange for special instruction through the bureau. It is open daily from noon until 8:30 p. m. except Saturday, when the closing hour is 5:30 p. m.

Woman Goes on Trial on Embezzlement Charge

The trial of Hilda Uebelhor on an embezzlement charge was started before a jury in Criminal Court 2 today.

Mrs. Uebelhor is charged with embezzling \$6004 from the C. D. Kenny Division of Consolidated Grocers Corp., where she was employed until June, 1946. The trial is based upon a grand jury indictment returned in September, 1946.

## Feeney Announces 4 New Appointees

Legal, Medical, Garage Posts Filled

Four new appointments in the City administration were announced today by Mayor Al Feeney.

William C. Erbecker has been appointed City prosecutor, Milton E. Craig has been appointed assistant prosecutor, Dr. John E. Wittenbach has been made police and firemen surgeon, and D. G. Watkins has become garage superintendent.

Mr. Erbecker, an attorney, is secretary of the Marion County Democratic Committee. He has practiced law here for several years and is a veteran of World War II.

He attended Butler University and was graduated from Indiana Law School in 1936. He holds membership in Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, American Bar Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Good Government League. He makes his home in 717 E. Morris St.

His assistant, Mr. Craig, is also a Democrat and a practicing attorney here for seven years in partnership with Walter G. Todd.

He is 31, unmarried and a lifelong resident of Indianapolis. Mr. Craig was graduated from Technical high school, attended Butler University and received his law degree from Indiana University school of law. He spent three years in the air force during World War II.

Mr. Craig is a member of Parkview Presbyterian Church, YMCA, Centre Lodge, F. and A. M. Scottish Rite, Shrine, Sahara Grotto, Indiana Bar Association and Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity. He resides at 2246 Park Ave.

Practiced Here Since '28

Dr. Wittenbach, who is 46, has practiced medicine here since 1928 except for five years during World War II when he served in the Army medical corps, attaining the rank of colonel.

He is a member of the surgical staff of Methodist, St. Vincent's and General hospitals and a member of Indianapolis, Indiana and American Medical associations.

Dr. Wittenbach is also a member of American Legion, Forty and Eight, Masonic Lodge, Shrine, Sahara Grotto, Loyal Order of Moose and Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church.

Has Two Children

He is president of the Indiana Democratic Club. Dr. Wittenbach served his internship and residency at New York City Hospital and did post graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. He is married, resides in 5509 Kenwood Ave. He has two children.

Mr. Watkins was superintendent of the municipal garage from 1932 to 1943. He had 38 years' experience with the Marmon and Stutz automobile companies before they closed and has been employed at Jones & Malesy since 1943.

Married, Mr. Watkins resides at 234 E. 9th St. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, Sigma Chi fraternity and attended Centre College at Danville, Ky.

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