

Early Trial Balloons Sent Up For County Candidates

Chief Prizes Prosecutor, Sheriff Races

Both Parties Face Fractional 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, fractional alignments in this party will provide as much fireworks this year as the traditional fight for control in the Republican ranks.

Goett Mentioned

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

Mentioned in the preliminary maneuvers for the Democratic sheriff nomination include Lt. 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 Boettcher, county chairman. Mr. Goett 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 Ging, present county attorney, and John Tinder, attorney who was prominent in the GOP mayoralty campaign of William H. Wemmer.

Any organized opposition to Sheriff Al Magenheimer 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 businessman" 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 (UPI)—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 (UPI)—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 Ionitiu, said the abdicated monarch had left his country with very little money and no assets abroad.

BUT THOSE who gathered at the station to gape 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 shot-guns, 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.

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It was apparent that the 26-year-old exiled monarch was more shaken by the events surrounding his abdication than the world yet has learned. With his mother, Queen Helen, he appeared shaken, 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 cellar, and other personal possessions, to obtain funds for the flight from Romania.

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44 New Oil Wells**

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Officials said the purchase will increase the crude oil production of bureau holdings by nearly 110 barrels daily, bringing the total to 2500 barrels daily from direct holdings of the bureau and the purchase rights on wells owned by the Purple Oil Co.

Most of the wells are in Southern Illinois.

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In addition, the Co-op is buying crude oil from other sources, bringing its supply to 6700 barrels a day. All but 1800 barrels of this supply is processed at the Co-op refinery at Mount Vernon.

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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 stepped up the tempo of their anti-hoodlum drive and prepared a new offensive against burglars.

Safe crackers looted four businesses of an estimated \$2500 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.

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Deanna Durbin Quits Director Husband, 45

Separation Called 'Friendly Parting'

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

Her lawyer, Elmer F. 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 episodic have been swirling around town for several months.

The smash-up was no surprise to the people who said a half-year 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."

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 Rousl this morning to work out details of the plan.

The inspector said this morning that the outbreak of burglary was the worst he had even seen.

Promises Action

"We're going 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 hoodlums and loafers out of the downtown area, or into jail or 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 a. m.

Raid All-Night Cafes

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 in E. 25th St., three more for hanging around on a corner in the 500 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 Sts.

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.

Burglars knocked the combination off the safe at the Polar Ice & Fuel Co., 317 W. 16th St., over night and took \$705. Ray Williams, 33, an employee, reported.

Yeggs broke into Fisher's Garage, 932 E. Washington St., and carried away the five-foot safe with the name of the company painted on it in gold lettering.

Bernard M. Fisher, 26, garage manager, said the safe contained \$925 in jewelry and war bonds worth \$500.

Yeggs' Revisit Fails

Yeggs revisited the John H. Loosan Food Products Co. and although they knocked the combination off the safe they were unable to open it.

On Dec. 15, safe crackers entered the company, located at 2934 Moore Ave., and robbed the safe of \$3500.

Burglars entered the Muesing-Merrick Coal Co., 401 S. State Ave., and attempted to knock a hole in the back of the safe. Their attempts were unsuccessful. Blood found on the floor led police to believe one of the yeggs might have injured himself in the break-in.

GRADE A' BUTTER DROPS

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (UPI)—Top grade butter prices dropped 3 cents a pound in the wholesale market today, reflecting heavier receipts, while the cheaper grades held unchanged.

Durham Back On Police Job;

Loses \$89 Pay

4 Captains and Chief Uphold Charge

Patrolman Jacque 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 Rousl found the outspoken patrolman guilty of being "disobedient to a superior officer."

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