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FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness tonight followed by showers tomorrow morning. No decided change in temperature.

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Primary Vote to Test Party Leaderships

Balloting Seen As Lightest In Many Years

Estimate 60-75,000 Will Go to Polls

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By NOBLE REED
The main issues in tomorrow's primary balloting here will be the tests of leadership for organization control in both Republican and Democratic Parties.

An estimated 60,000 to 75,000 voters will go to the polls here between 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. (Daylight Saving Time) in what may be the lightest balloting in years. Predictions of a light vote are based upon lack of general public interest in most of the factional party fights over slates of candidates.

Files Injunction

The major fight in the Democratic Party appeared to be centering on the prosecutor contest between William C. Erbecker, the anti-machine candidate and George S. Dalley, supported by the City Hall regular organization.

Mr. Erbecker filed an injunction suit in Superior Court, demanding a restraining order to prevent Democratic Chairman Paul McDuff from issuing the regular "organization" slate of candidates on the ground that it does not represent the choice of the majority of party workers.

The suit also asked an injunction against threats to fire precinct committeemen who support Mr. Erbecker.

The campaign was enlivened Saturday and today by supporters of Mr. Erbecker who had an airplane drop campaign leaflets over the downtown sections and appeal for votes through a loudspeaker from the air.

Charges Bossism

The other major Democratic contests were between Andrew Jacobs, regular organization candidate, and Raymond E. Murray for the Congress nomination and James F. Cunningham, regular organization, and Roscoe Bredell for the sheriff nomination.

C. Sheldon Book, who resigned recently as 11th district Democratic chairman, issued a statement charging that the "machine" has spoken, "referring to Mayor Al Feeny and his party leadership as having taken over control of the party machinery."

"Chairman McDuff, picked by City Hall as the party head, has refused to issue supplies to me as 18th ward chairman for use at the polls tomorrow because this is a bossed primary."

Mr. Book said he would continue to act as ward chairman despite attempts of the City Hall leaders to reduce his power.

Warned of a "stealing" in the Republican Party leadership was centering on the race for Congress nomination between George T. Denny, supported by the so-called regular organization, and State Senator Hoyt Moore, backed by another faction, led by James L. Bradford, former county chairman.

The GOP regular organization slate is being handed out by the Republican Candidates Committee and the Bradford group is operating as the Marion County Republican Campaign Committee.

Both groups are slating the same candidate for prosecutor and sheriff, Frank H. Fairchild and Sheriff Al Magenheim.

Prosecutor Judson L. Stark, who was not slated by either group, issued a warning against any attempt to "steal votes" or commit other frauds at the polls tomorrow.

Will Investigate Complaints
"I hope it will be an honest election but I am prepared to investigate all complaints of irregularities and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law," Mr. Stark said.

"Election boards must permit only qualified voters to cast ballots and must have them sign their own names and not allow illegal signatures on the poll lists as were found in the primary two years ago."

Twisters Kill 19 in Midwest, 4 Hurt in State

Indiana Storm Cuts 30-Mile Swath

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
7 a. m. ... 48 11 a. m. ... 62
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9 a. m. ... 55 1 p. m. ... 65
10 a. m. ... 58

Winds of tornado velocity, accompanied by electrical storms and in some sections hail, lashed the Midwest over the week-end killing at least 19 persons and injuring scores of others.

At least four Hoosiers were among the injured as the eastward moving storms swept down on three eastern Indiana counties. Twisters claimed 10 lives in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri during the week.

Three persons were killed by a tornado which ripped through central West Virginia and five died in a twister which struck near Alpha, Ky., last night. A man was electrocuted in Illinois as the result of a storm.

Earlier reports had said that four were dead in West Virginia, which erroneously had raised the total death toll to 20.

Homes Demolished

Police Chief Charley Back of Fortiello, Ky., said casualties in his city included five dead and at least 50 injured. There were three dead at Clarksburg, W. Va. In Indiana, more than a dozen homes in Randolph, Delaware and Jay Counties were demolished. Damages in the Indiana counties alone were estimated at thousands of dollars.

The storm, accompanied by heavy rain, cut a 30-mile swath across Indiana.

Improved weather was in prospect, however, for clearing up the storm sections. The forecast here was clear to partly cloudy and rather cool today, tonight and tomorrow.

Three persons were injured when their home collapsed south of Fortiello. The victims were Clarence Bickel, 52; Mrs. Mable Shawver, and her seven-year-old daughter, Sandra Kay.

Mrs. Henry Dalley of near Ridgeville was in the hospital with a broken arm after her home collapsed.

Tax Installment Due Tonight, Official Warns

The deadline for payment of the spring installment of Marion County property taxes is midnight tonight.

Treasurer Frank P. Huse warned taxpayers that failure to pay taxes either at the Court House office or by check through the mail by tonight will result in a penalty of 8 per cent and an additional 50-cent fee for late collection costs.

GI From Indiana Missing at Berlin

BERLIN, May 3 (UP)—Three American soldiers, one from Richmond, Ind., have disappeared in the Russian sector of Berlin and were listed "missing or AWOL" today.

The men were identified as Pvt. Kenneth E. Wilkerson, Richmond; C. George F. Baumann Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.; and Pfc. Joseph S. Lenz, Lancaster, O.

U. S. Army authorities asked the Russians whether they are holding the men but the Soviets have not replied.

A German girl reported the three enlisted men went off duty at Tempelhof Airfield shortly after midnight Saturday and then entered the Soviet sector to visit her.

Trouble in Cafe
She said some trouble started in a cafe while she was with the soldiers and that Russian police who appeared in a civilian automobile, took the soldiers into custody.

The girl said she "believed" one of the Americans carried a gun while off duty, which is against military regulations.

House Group OK's 19 Through 25 Draft

Bill Proposes Registrations From 18 to 31

Debate Expected To Open Next Week

WASHINGTON, May 3 (UP)—The House Armed Services Committee today voted 28 to 5 to draft men 19 through 25 for two years of military duty.

Veterans generally would be exempt. Enough men would be called to boost the Army, Navy and Air Force from their present strength of 1,354,000 men to a total of 2,005,882 by 1951.

The Air Force would be built up to 502,000 men—enough to support a 70-group Air Force. The draft would get under way automatically 90 days after it is approved by Congress and signed by the President.

The committee acted after Defense Secretary James Forrestal called the draft bill an "excellent" measure. He urged fast approval.

Gets Good Boost

The committee's okay gives the measure a good boost toward passage. But it does not assure that it will become law. It must pass the House and Senate and be signed by the President before it can become effective.

However, the House Republican leadership hinted today it will give the bill a green light. Rep. Leslie Arends (R. Ill.), House Majority Whip and a member of the Armed Services Committee, announced that he will support the draft in the House. But he warned he will change his mind if any effort is made to couple the bill with universal military training.

Studying Blend

The Senate Armed Services Committee previously reported a "blend" proposal for coupling the draft and UMT.

The House Armed Services Committee previously reported a "blend" proposal for coupling the draft and UMT. But House leaders have never let the bill come to the floor for a vote.

The bill approved today by the House Committee provides for registration of all men 18 through 30. Those 19 through 25 could be called for two years' service. Committee Chairman Walter G. Andrews (R. N. Y.) said he hopes the draft bill will be brought to the House floor for debate some time next week.

Report RR, Unions 'Still Far Apart'

CHICAGO, May 3 (UP)—Government mediators reported today that the railroad unions and three unions which threaten to strike May 11 are "as far apart as ever" in their dispute.

Chairman Frank P. Douglas of the National Railway Mediation Board made the statement as he resumed discussions with representatives of the railroads. He said he still is trying to get the two sides together for a joint meeting.

RADIO MC DROPS DEAD

NEWPORT BEACH, Cal., May 3 (UP)—Radio Master of ceremonies Dudley Williams, 45, who originated the coast-to-coast broadcast "What's the Name of That Song," dropped dead at the home of a friend, it was disclosed today.

FBI PROBES ARMS CACHE

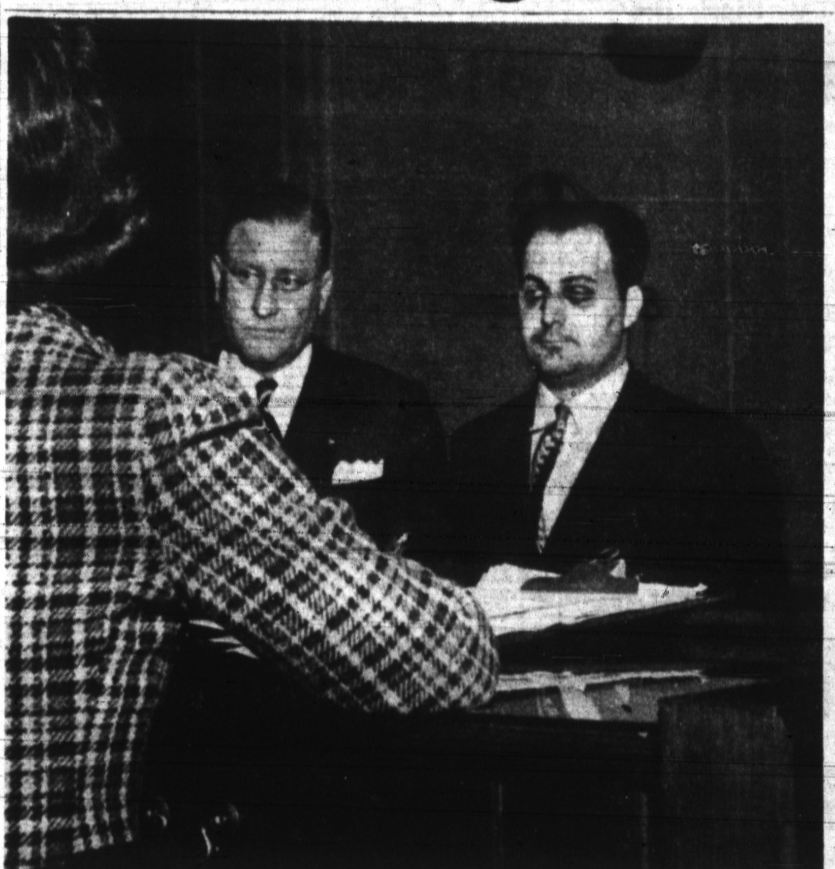
WASHINGTON, May 3 (UP)—The FBI has started a full-scale investigation of the Palestine-bound arms cache recently unearthed in a New York building loft, it was disclosed today.

BRUCE NAMED FOR ERP

WASHINGTON, May 3 (UP)—Howard Bruce, Baltimore banker, was nominated today by President Truman to be deputy administrator for the European Recovery Program.

Choice Horse Show Seats Available

The Legion-Times Charity Horse Show opens next week from Friday—on May 14—and there still are choice reserved seats available at a special booth in the Circle headquarters of the Indianapolis Power and Light Co.



WILLIAMS ARRAIGNED—Bruised and beaten after what he alleged was a "kangaroo court" by fellow prisoners, Ralph Williams (right), confessed child rapist, appeared for arraignment today. At left is Prosecutor Judson L. Stark.

U. S. Court Upsets Segregation Laws

Vinson Delivers Unanimous Decision

WASHINGTON, May 3 (UP)—The Supreme Court ruled today against racial real estate agreements which bar Negroes and other minorities from "white" neighborhoods.

The high court ruled that such covenants cannot be legally enforced in court.

The decision knocked the legal props from under so-called restrictive covenants that blanket many all-white residential areas in almost every big city from coast to coast.

Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson handed down the decision. There were no dissents.

However, Justices Robert H. Jackson, Stanley F. Reed and Wiley B. Rutledge dissented themselves from the case.

While justices do not give reasons for staying out of cases, it is known that at least Mr. Jackson and Mr. Rutledge own property covered by restrictive agreements.

"Upon full consideration," Chief Justice Vinson said, "we have concluded that in these cases the states have acted to deny petitioners the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the 14th Amendment."

The ruling came in the cases of Negro families who bought into covenanted neighborhoods in St. Louis and Detroit. Courts in both states ordered the Negroes evicted.

U. S. Steps In

The Federal Government considered the issue so important that it intervened formally when the cases reached the Supreme Court. The Justice Department asked the high tribunal to strike down all discriminatory restrictive real estate agreements.

EX-LA PORTE MAYOR DIES

LA PORTE, May 3 (UP)—John S. Martin, 62, Mayor of La Porte for five years until last Jan. 1, died yesterday. Services will be held here Wednesday.

Board Studies Light Problem

Board of Public Works officials were confronted today with the case of the glaring street light.

A delegation of 20 citizens appeared before the board and asked that a light in front of 17 N. Addison St. not be removed. The same group last August succeeded in having the light installed, maintaining the street is dark at that point.

Mrs. Mary Masaroli of the N. Addison St. address previously had asked that the light be removed after city workers found no way to shield the light from her home. She is 24th Ward Democratic vice chairman.

The board decided to give the matter more study.

Little David Must Go to Court

Juvenile Judge Joseph O. Hoffman today overruled a motion to block a custody hearing in the case of Little David Walker, boy evangelist.

The motion was filed Friday by Louis Rosenberg, representing his law partner and the boy's legal guardian, James Dawson.

Mr. Rosenberg had contended in his motion that Juvenile Court had no jurisdiction in the case. He asked that a court order which he said found the boy to be dependent and neglected be withdrawn.

Judge Hoffman overruled the motion on the grounds that a final order making such a finding had been issued.

He said the court last week taking custody of Little David pending a hearing on charges the 13-year-old evangelist has been neglected.

The charges were brought last Thursday by Jack L. Walker of Chicago. Little David's father, the father said he unwittingly had granted custody of the boy to Mr. Dawson.

Child Rapist Beaten in Jail

Judge Orders Probe Of Prisoners' Fracas

A probe into the beating of confessed child rapist Ralph Williams by fellow prisoners at Marion County jail was ordered today as Williams appeared at arraignment bruised and beaten.

Judge Saul I. Rabb of Criminal Court 2 ordered Prosecutor Judson L. Stark to conduct an investigation after Williams' somewhat incoherent story of a "kangaroo court" failed to coincide with official reports of the beating.

"This seems to me to be a matter between prisoners and does not seem to involve a law enforcement agency," Judge Rabb said. He added, however, that he felt a report should be made.

Eyes Blackened

The 29-year-old confessed rapist stumbled into court aided by a cane. He was disheveled and both eyes were blackened. There was a cut and a gash on his face.

Williams, held on \$40,000 bond, was arraigned on charges of kidnap and rape of a child but his plea was postponed after his attorney, Frank A. Symmes, filed two motions to quash.

After the arraignment Judge Rabb called the prisoner back to explain his condition. Williams' tangled explanation was that he was getting cigarettes for a prisoner when one prisoner grabbed him and another leaped from behind and hit him with a shoe.

Clippings on Bunk

He said that when he got back to his cell, clippings with the details of his rape of an 8-year-old girl Apr. 10, were spread out on the bunk. He also told the judge that his fellow prisoners don't like me because of the nature of his alleged offense.

Sheriff Albert Magenheim, however, denied that there was any "kangaroo court" implication to the beating. He said that Williams was a sexual pervert and that the beating ensued after he made suggestive remarks to a fellow prisoner.

Sheriff Magenheim said he had placed Williams in a section close to the desk to prevent any such occurrence. He said the beating Saturday night happened "in 15 seconds."

Assigns Deputies

He said deputies were less than 12 feet away but that the flareup started and ended before they were able to reach the cell. He added that Williams was not liked by other prisoners both because of his crime and because of suggestive remarks which he has made. He added that he would assign Deputies Virgil Quinn and Robert Reasner to make an investigation.

Judge Rabb set hearings on the two motions to quash at 10:30 a. m. Saturday. Defense Attorney Symmes filed the motions on grounds that "alleged facts do not constitute a public offense" and that the affidavit "does not state alleged offenses with sufficient facts."

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