

Halleck Declines To Comment On 'Switch Vote' Rumor

Dismisses Jenner 'Deal' Talk Lightly

Later 'Satisfied' With Times' Poll

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Majority Leader Charles A. Halleck (R., Ind.) declined to comment today on an Indiana rumor that he is ready to cast a "courtesy vote" for Hobart Creighton of Warsaw and then switch to Sen. William E. Jenner for governor in the Republican state convention June 11.

Sen. Jenner, however, promptly denied that there was any such deal. He admitted that "Creighton is the man I have to beat" and added that he would "settle for the percentage lead given me in the Indianapolis Times poll."

"That would mean a landslide," Sen. Jenner concluded.

Mr. Halleck is on record for Creighton for governor as are other second district Republican leaders, including District Chairman Ira Dixon and Mrs. Mabel Frazer, vice chairman. All three are included in the "switch" rumors.

"Former" Jenner Backer

Previous to Mr. Creighton's entry into the gubernatorial race, Mr. Halleck had been listed with Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R., Ind.) as a Jenner backer here.

Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Frazer and Morrison Rockhill, Creighton campaign manager and former second district chairman, all have been here in the last few months "talking things over" with Mr. Halleck.

In declining to comment, Mr. Halleck did say today—

"I expect no end of rumors of all sorts to circulate in Indiana from now until after the convention. But I certainly do not feel called upon to comment on them and I do not intend to do so."

"Will Settle for Poll"

"Sure, I expect to get some second district delegate votes on the second ballot, if there is one, but to say there is any kind of deal about that is just absurd," Sen. Jenner said.

"I am in this of course, the way things have shaped up, Creighton is the man I have to beat. But those Times poll percentages show I'll do just as well as I can do."

Sen. Jenner is going back to Indiana again tonight and will meet with a veterans group at the Columbia Club tomorrow he said. It was suggested that he might run into his political enemy, Gov. Ralph Gates, who is reported spending considerable time at the club in conference with Mr. Rockhill.

"Can Beat Schriker"

Commenting on Sen. Jenner's prediction that he can beat former Gov. Henry F. Schriker if Mr. Schriker is the Democratic nominee, Sen. Capehart, who beat Mr. Schriker for the Senate in 1944, said:

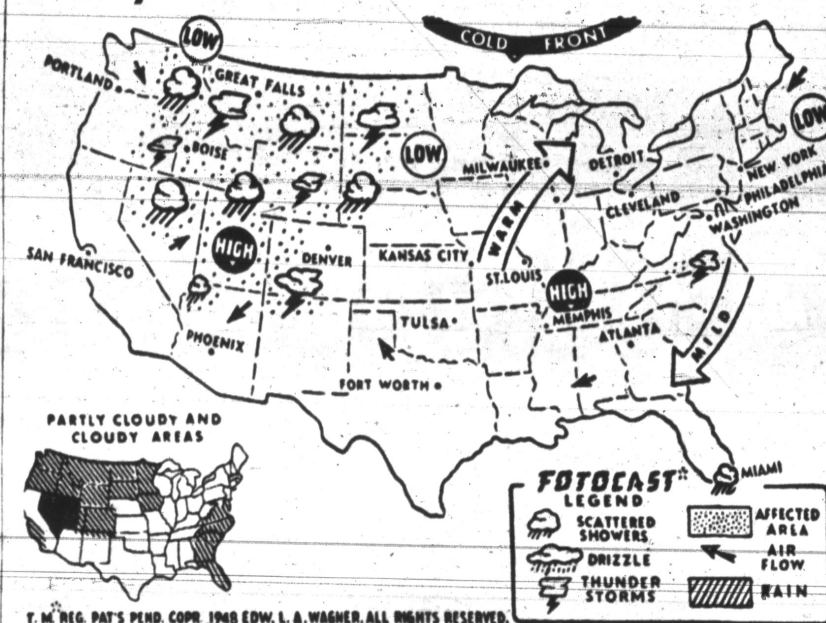
"I am sure that Jenner can beat him for Governor. Plenty of Democrats are disgruntled at the way Pleas Greenlee was ousted from the Democratic state chairmanship. They know that Schriker has been running for the governorship and that the Greenlee ouster was well organized and well financed on his behalf."

Pastor to End Series

The Rev. Donald J. Dunkin, pastor of the Lynhurst Baptist Church, will give the concluding lecture in the "Family Living Series" tonight at Indiana State Teachers' College, Terre Haute.

The Rev. Mr. Dunkin will speak on "Philosophy of Marriage."

Today's Weather Fotocast



TONIGHT AND TOMORROW—Clear weather and mild temperature will continue for the next 24 hours in the northeast. By dawn tomorrow the mercury will be in the 50's. Tonight it will be clear from Maine to Wisconsin and down through the Ohio Valley and the Central Plains to the Gulf States and the Southwest. Weather over the eastern half of the country will be determined by mid, dry winds flowing around the high pressure cell centered over Tennessee.

Sharp Drop in New Homes Seen Unless Congress Acts

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tion or have been recently completed.

Except for low rent projects renting for \$50 a month, like Bridges & Graves' Hillside Terrace at 24th St. and Hillside Ave., the average rental for new construction starts at \$70 a month.

Builders say the medium on new rental construction is about \$82.50. The rents of rental buildings are fast as they were finished.

While Wallace Lane suites at 100 per cent GI loan financing available on prebids now going up at Kessler Blvd. and U. S. 52.

Kessler Homes is now erecting three prefabricated houses ranging from two- to three-bedroom homes, some with garage, breezeway and full basement.

The price range is \$7900 to \$10,300. Although 100 per cent financing is available to veterans on these homes, the corporation says half of the buyers are voluntarily making down payments.

Contract selling on new dwellings is becoming more in evidence in this area. Some finance companies are lending "down payment" money.

In general, however, the buyer of a small home with limited savings is finding 10 per cent the minimum down payment. When the crop of Title VI housing is sold, builders predict 20 per cent down payments, unless Congress renews its easy mortgage aids.

Today—three years after the end of the war—the future of housing in this area appears to be tied still to the apron strings of congressional policy. The housing shortage has become less acute in those three years, but it remains unsolved.

\$122.50 represent the approximate upper limits of rentals here, the rental would be considered medium in cities like Cincinnati and Pittsburgh where construction costs are higher.

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Plan Inter-Church Lay Retreat

YMCA, Federation To Sponsor Event

Churchmen will observe 20 hours of silence at the "Quiet Day" laymen's inter-church retreat tomorrow and Saturday at the YMCA Camp, St. Paul, Ind.

The laymen's retreat will be sponsored by the Indianapolis "Y" and the Church Federation.

The Rev. Douglas MacLaury and the Rev. James Savoy, both Episcopal clergymen, of Canterbury College, will conduct the two-day spiritual program.

Begins at 6 p. m.

The Rev. Mr. Savoy will explain the plan and rules of the retreat at 6 p. m. tomorrow to the assembled retreatants. Silent meditation will begin with a chapel service at 8 p. m. The absence of conversation will be observed until 3 p. m. Saturday.

The Rev. Mr. Savoy will hold periods of counseling for those who wish to consult him about a rule of life, helpful reading or any spiritual needs.

Compline Service

A brief compline service will follow the first meditation period in the chapel the opening night. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a. m. Saturday preceding breakfast. Devotions, meditation, noonday prayer, and a 2:15 p. m. meditation will conclude the retreat.

L. Lynd Esch, president of Indiana Central College, is chairman of the Christian emphasis committee of the YMCA which suggested the retreat.

Parker Jordan, general secretary of the YMCA, and Dr. Howard Baumgardner, executive secretary of the Church Federation, planned the program. Registration is by reservation and is open to laymen of all faiths.

Piano Teachers Meet Tomorrow

The Indianapolis Piano Teachers' Association will hold the last business meeting of the season at 10 a. m. tomorrow in the DAR Chapter House, with Mrs. W. G. Patterson presiding.

The following new officers will be installed:

Mrs. Mildred Jarvis, president; Mrs. Georgianna Ritter, vice-president; Mrs. Harriet Burch, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Norma Kristian, recording secretary, and Miss Maxine Hodson, treasurer.

New members to be initiated are Mrs. Lyle Snyder, Miss Estelle Leonard and Lee George Blazer.

NEW TYPE GAS MADE

Sulfur and fluorine are used to make a relatively new gas, sulfur hexafluoride, which has unusual properties as a gaseous insulator for high voltage electricity and, perhaps, may be used as a fire extinguisher and a refrigerant.

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DEPARTMENTAL HONOR WINNERS — These Technical High School pupils have received awards for quality work in various departments. All are seniors. They are, left to right, front row, Anne Henshaw, Marie K. Bininger, social studies medal; Barbara Steele, music award; Elizabeth Wrancher, music award; Margaret Gamage, Esther Fay Shover English medal, and second row, Richard Frazer, Marie K. Bininger, social studies medal; Thomas Pratt, Dyer medal; Arthur Campbell, mathematics medal, and third row, Robert Highfield, Latin medal; William Jenkins, science medal; David Thomas, mathematics medal; James Wiese, Harry F. Markus, electricity medal. Not shown are Richard Shellenberger, French award winner; Theodore Hopkins, Spanish; Mary Lou Stahl, commercial, and Marian Hurley, home economics.

Named to New Post at Butler

Mrs. Naomi Whitesell, who for the last year has had charge of production of the Butler Collegian, has been appointed instructor in the Butler University Journalism Department.

She received her master of arts degree from the University of Michigan and did free lance publicity and sales promotion work for approximately nine years. She has written short stories for the Chicago Daily News.

Mrs. Whitesell is a member of the Michigan Editorial Association and the American Association of University Women. She resides in 6050 Carrollton Ave.

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Gambler Suspects Due in Court

A number of suspected local gamblers were to appear in court today to face charges filed following a series of police raids yesterday.

Police who have struck hard at pool ticket operations during the last week last night uncovered 44 books of tickets in a cigar store at 2178 N. Illinois St.

Floyd Morris, 49, of 2214 N. Illinois St., was charged with keeping a room for pool selling, while David Krieger, 56, of 4458 College Ave., faced a charge of advertising a lottery scheme and gift enterprise.

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