

## State Politics—

# GOP 'Co-operation' Finds Democratic Tongues In Cheek

By ROBERT BLOEM

WHAT STARTED out to be a very co-operative attitude by Republicans as Democrats prepare to take over the statehouse has developed into what may be a fast breaking curve.

Democrats have their fingers crossed in the case of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. There the retiring Republican administrator, Secretary of State Thomas E. Bath, suggested the Democrats might get into a lot of hot water unless they kept some Republican with department know-how on the payroll for a while.

Because the department is an intricate one, and because Democrats have taken little trouble to learn the ropes to date, the idea sounded like a dandy. Some of the Democrats still think it is, and an agreement has been signed for six months with the assistant director, a Republican.

WHAT CAST the shadow of doubt over the move was that other Republicans immediately reacted unfavorably. Many partisan politicians take a dark view of members of their own party who are friendly with the opposition party, even when the opposition is in power.

So Republicans started looking for the gimmick. They've got factional troubles. It looked to them like somebody in one faction might be getting into a position of advantage over the other faction by keeping a hand on the government reins for a while.

Democrats wouldn't particularly care about that

part, of course. In fact, GOP factional feuding delights them no end.

But the suspicious Republicans also cast some doubt on the ability of the GOP assistant director, Eramen P. Gruesbeck of Columbia City (Gov. Gates' home town), to hold other Republicans on the job until they can be replaced in orderly fashion.

DEMOCRATS ARE still trying to get their patronage set up and the whole idea of retaining Mr. Gruesbeck was to keep the personnel of the department from falling apart in the meantime.

The department's busiest time is coming up. The new department heads need all the help they can get partisan politics notwithstanding.

But if the word goes out that Mr. Gruesbeck is being used by GOP factional leaders in the factional battling, many Republicans who hope for a future in their own party may decide to get out from under and quit their jobs in the department.

If that happens, it will be no fault of Mr. Gruesbeck's, because he's not a big-shot politician. But it will leave him and the Democrats both in an awkward spot, thanks to GOP "co-operation."

THERE ALSO has been some talk of co-operation from the Republican-controlled Senate in the coming legislative session. A keyhole listener almost up the apple cart on that one some time back. He learned and revealed that GOP state senators were talking privately about beating the Democrats to the post with their own platform bills to "grab the credit."

Later it developed that certain Republican lobbyists, identified in the party factionalism, also took a dark view of co-operation. It seems they differ somewhat with GOP Senate leadership on which Republicans should have certain Senate committees and serve as minority members on certain house committees.

Should these individuals gum up the so-called Senate co-operation, it might result in a large piece of time-wasting wrangling over legislative organization. This is what the Democrats hoped to avoid by accepting the GOP offer of co-operation on certain matters.

SOME REPUBLICANS have been urging Atty. Gen. Cleon Fogarty, a Republican, to make a court fight over the legality of the Democratic successor's election. Many attorneys believe Democrat J. Emmett McManamon cannot take the office legally because he ran for it while holding another judicial office—Magistrate in Speedway City.

The constitution says you can't do that—at least if you consider magistrate a judicial office. Anyway, the attorney general is showing no inclination to make a mess out of the situation. A very co-operative attitude, one way of looking at it.

Another way of looking at it is that if there's anything to the contention that Mr. McManamon is ineligible, then there will be the devil to pay if someone challenges him later. It could tie up the office of attorney general in 10,000 knots, and that's a key office in anybody's administration.



Sucker Pitch?

## Washington Calling—

## Your '49 Tax to Hinge On Tiff Over Spending For Defense Agency

Truman Fixes \$15 Billion Department Ceiling; Armed Services Want \$17.5 Billion

By Scripps-Howard Newspapers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27—Your tax next year depends on who wins the battle over defense department spending.

Truman budget will be up—but higher corporation or excess profits taxes could take care of the increase. If military takes its case for still more money to Congress and wins, there'll either be deficit or more income taxes.

Truman's ceiling for Defense Department is \$15 billion. That's up nearly \$3 billion from this year. But armed services say they can't function with less than \$17.5 billion. Congress, which voted 70-group Air Force over administration protests, may give it to them.

If we start shipping arms to Western Europe it will cost another billion. So far there's nothing for China in budget.

Cost of home measures Truman promised in campaign is small compared with these items. For instance: First-year cost of aid to education would be \$290 million; scientific research, \$55 million; health program, \$15 million for first year but most of this would come from payroll taxes; higher public assistance payments, \$100 million; housing program, \$44 million; restored reclamation cuts, \$30 million; operation of inflation controls, \$88 million; stream pollution abatement, \$1 million. It adds up to \$573 million, only half cost of arms for western Europe.

Total spending this fiscal year will be at least \$42.2 billion. It may go to \$47 billion next year. Administration estimates about \$43 billion revenues next year from present taxes.

## Forrestal May Stay

DEFENSE SECRETARY Forrestal's friends now think he'll stay until second anniversary of unification—almost year away. But he's lost Navy support. Navy men say he won't make decisions, constantly passes buck.

They cite refusal to use his authority to allot \$15 billion budget estimate among services. Next minute, Navy's calling Forrestal "authoritarian" for favoring Army and Air Force proposals for strengthening unification.

## Relations Strained

PERSONAL relationships among key men in defense establishment are strained to breaking point. Insiders can't recall anything like it.

Best haters are in Navy and Air Force. Behind scenes, demands for apologies and disciplinary action have been thrown around like confetti.

High-ranking officers in both services write letters to Washington papers—using pseudonyms—bitterly attacking other officers. Air Secretary Symington brought this to attention of Eberstadt committee studying unification for Hoover Commission.

Navy accuses Air Force of subsidizing Air Force Association, says association boasts it will destroy naval aviation. Money, Navy says, comes from sale of planes with Air Force contracts.

Forrestal's solution is to act as if bitterness doesn't exist.

But, Symington, Mr. Symington told accused Navy officers of jeopardizing national security, cleared his letters with Forrestal before sending them to Eberstadt.

## Yule Customers Choosy

YOUR DOLLAR may buy more after Christmas.

Many industries report it's hard to get orders, more stores find real customers choosy about what they'll take.

For past three weeks, New York City department store sales have been below last year's, on dollar basis. Volume of sales had been down before, but not dollar totals.

Advertising men say specialty clothing stores are having difficulty, look for trouble all next year. In some cities grocers are using coupons to push sales. Natural rubber is off almost fifth, and manufacturers' warehouses are filling up with unsold tires.

Stocks of raw cotton, yard goods and manufactured goods are piling up. Mills in South and New England have cut back production. But government support program will keep cotton goods from falling too much. Third of this year's huge crop probably will be put under government loan.

Farmers report gray market in

## World Report—

## China Premier Wants U. S. to Send General To Nanking as Adviser in War Upon Reds

Dr. Sun Promises to Give Him Power; Chiang Reported Blaming Plight on Yalta

Compiled From the Wire Services

Dr. Sun Fo, China's new prime minister, said today in an exclusive interview with Miles W. Vaughan, United Press vice president for Asia, that Nationalist China needs some outstanding American military figure such as Gen. Douglas MacArthur to advise it in the war against Chinese Communists.

The American-educated Dr. Sun said he believed the American should be appointed supreme military adviser. The government must be prepared to grant him full powers, he said.

Dr. Sun, son of Sun Yat-sen, the father of modern China, said he personally believes that China must be prepared to make any reasonable concession to obtain major American military assistance at the earliest possible moment and he will recommend this policy to his cabinet.

He emphasized that his cabinet has not yet been organized and that national policies would be formulated only after discussion by the government as a whole. But, he said, it is reasonable to assume that his personal views would have considerable weight.

DR. SUN said he favors reopening the Yangtze River and other inland waterways to American and other foreign shipping for landing and embarking cargoes.

Under certain circumstances, he said, U. S. Navy forces should be allowed to use inland waters as American military advisers might desire. He said there should be no objection to a system under which American warships would operate on the Yangtze as a patrol group.

Emphasizing again that he was speaking only for himself, Dr. Sun said he favored an immediate "new deal" for foreign business interests in Shanghai and elsewhere in China under which foreign traders would be given every reasonable encouragement and protection.

Dr. Sun said he saw no possibility of making peace with the Communists. He believed the war would have to continue to the "bitter end."

(When China was fighting to clean out its Japanese invaders in the Second World War, the United States sent the late Lieut. Gen. Joseph Stilwell to Chiang Kai-shek as a military adviser. But Chiang, so Gen. Stilwell reported before his death, was loathe to follow anyone's advice but his own. Gen. Stilwell, at any rate, was recalled.)

MEANWHILE, Chiang Kai-shek was reported to have told President Truman that the United States is obliged to rescue China from the Communists because of alleged U. S. diplomatic mistakes at Yalta.

This was disclosed by diplomatic officials at Washington as the Generalissimo's wife prepared to take off from Shanghai tomorrow on an emergency helicopter flight to the United States.

Chiang's charges and Mme. Chiang's mission both seemed likely to receive cool treatment at Washington.

The Yalta Agreement was signed Feb. 11, 1945, by the late President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Premier Josef Stalin.

Among other things, it provided for joint Soviet-Chinese operation of two Manchurian railroads turned over the Kurile Islands to Russia, and noted Russian readiness to sign a Chinese-Soviet treaty of "friendship and alliance."

Neither Chiang's appeal nor the President's reply have yet been made public. American officials,



Ten thousand Red troops today had stabbed as far south as Chingping (1), only 35 miles from Nanking (2), the capital of Nationalist China.

Red diversionary attacks were also made on Tingyung and Tzuho (3). Nationalists rushed reinforcements from Pukow, across the Yangtze from Nanking (2) and Pengpu (4). Fighting raged meanwhile on the 45-mile front between Suhsien (5) and Linpi (6), with the brunt of the fighting being felt by Suhsien, railroad 45 miles south of Suchof (7). Shaded areas show approximately those districts held by the Communists.

however, informally reject Chiang's argument.

## Germany

SOVIET Marshal Vassily D. Sokolovsky met with his top officials today to discuss establishment of a separate city government for the Russian sector of Berlin.

The British-licensed News Agency DPD reported. The agency attributed the report to "well informed sources close to the Soviet military administration."

The sources were quoted as saying Marshal Sokolovsky had ordered Berlin's city council ousted from the city hall in the eastern sector before municipal elections Dec. 5. Elections have been barred in the Soviet sector.

Allied officials were not able to confirm the DPD report.

## Greece

The United Nations General Assembly formally indicted Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia last night for aiding Greek guerrillas. The assembly vote was 47 to 6.

By the same vote, the assembly rejected a Russian resolution calling for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Greece and ending the life of the United Nations' special committee on the Balkans.

The resolution indicting Greece's three northern neighbors was sponsored by the United States, Britain, France and China.

During the debate, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky described the Balkan committee's report on Greece as "junk and garbage."

## Greek Foes Indicted

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## Balance of Power Being Changed

Alliance of West Provoked by Russ

By HAL O'FLAHERTY

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The balance of power is on the verge of a radical change in favor of the western democracies.

This is due to the completion of a long-term alliance to be signed shortly by Britain, France and the Benelux countries in which they pledge mutual armed assistance in case of attack and agree to set up a joint military and political board.

Canada and the United States will receive copies of the new alliance as soon as the European group has signed, with every prospect favorable to its extension across the Atlantic.

## Stabilizing Force

Should the North American group including Canada, the U. S. and the Latin-American republics join the alliance, it will act as the greatest stabilizing force ever known in world politics.

Russia has provoked the Western nations into a defensive alliance by its unrestrained expansion and its stubborn insistence upon dealing with the United States as an enemy.

Persuading the United States to become a member of the Atlantic Pact should not be difficult nor require too long a debate. A rider week in London, reserves to each member the constitutional rights of its Parliament or Congress to decide on war in face of aggression.

## Sovereignty Safe

The American Congress should be willing to join the pact with this reservation which avoids the ancient prejudice of surrendering the right to make war or remain neutral. United States' sovereignty would not be endangered.

Once Canada and the United States have joined the pact, the door would be open to all of Central and South America, to other European countries such as Ireland, Portugal, Greece, Turkey and the Scandinavians. The Atlantic pact is the key to future peace.

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## England

Dr. James Rognvald Learmonth, 55-year-old former Mayo Clinic surgeon, will be called in if it is decided to operate on King George's arteries, palace sources said today.

Dr. Learmonth is an expert on the surgery of blood vessels. He has been professor of surgery at the University of Edinburgh since 1938. He was at Mayo from 1928-32.

Although the King's illness was said to be serious, informed quarters did not believe amputation of the leg would be considered necessary now.

## Yugoslavia

The Yugoslav Communist organ Borba today attacked Bulgarian Communist leaders for "casting eyes" on Yugoslav Macedonia and Albanian Communist leaders for ignoring economic commitments to this country.

Renewing the sharp struggle with the Cominform, Borba said in two unsigned editorials that Bulgarian and Albanian leaders were "trampling" on treaties of co-operation, friendship and mutual aid which they had signed with Yugoslavia.

## Our Fair City—

## Bingo and Roulette Going Full Blast As Joins Seek to Lure Customers

Officials Mark Time Pending Change In Sheriff's Office, State Posts

BINGO HAS come into its own again in Marion County. So has other gambling.

Three bingo games are going full blast. Two gambling casinos are operating wide open, one serving free steaks to customers. Same crowd of gamblers. A third joint is opening.

Crash of slot machines being broken up has masked the softer hum of roulette wheels. One politician "picked up" \$500 in one joint, dropped it in another.

## Struggle on for Sheriff's Office

OFFICIALS ARE marking time. Sheriff is retiring. State police are waiting for "developments" in reorganization of force under new regime. City cops are busy with epidemic of prowlers, molesters.

Meantime, terrific clandestine struggle for control of sheriff's office is under way. Two factions, financed by gamblers, are fighting for an "in." Each is working for position to run the other out of the county.

Another development in sub-world of chance is a slump in pool tickets. Operators believe the slump is seasonal—Christmas buying. Some say, though, suckers are running short of cash.

They point to increase in pawnshop, petty loan business to support theory.

## E. 38th Called Traffic Bottleneck

MOTORISTS who cross town via E. 38th St. accuse the city of bad traffic management between Central Ave. and Fall Creek. Double parking on both sides of College Ave. is one complaint.

It funnels traffic into a single lane east and west, jams it up from College to Washington Blvd.

Angle parking another beef. Much of the double parking, motorists say, is caused by drivers waiting for a spot to angle park.

Third bottleneck is the Fairgrounds when some event is on. This time, the event is the Sonja Henie Ice Show. A half dozen special policemen attempt to keep traffic moving into the Fairgrounds. To do it, they halt east and west bound traffic until it backs up for blocks.

Fourth bottleneck is the Chicago-bound Monon Railroad passenger train. As it loads at Boulevard Station, rear cars just out into 38th St. This creates the biggest jam of all.

Watch for a slump in building early next year. Some

## City on Air Map

CIVIL AERONAUTICS show at Weir Cook Airport is not quarters, but laying ground-work for future. Experts com-

ing here from Britain, Canada and over U. S. have hinted at future possibilities.

Indianapolis, they say, might one day become one of world's major air terminals for air cargo. Central location, good rail and road net make it desirable as terminus for foreign shipments in future when cargo planes develop vast range and carrying capacity predicted.

Speculation on this subject has set air-minded Indianapolis businessmen thinking.

## Protest Cab Service

COMPLAINTS of cab patrons that drivers leave them stranded in the rain at the Fairgrounds still persist. In addition, complaints reached The Times last week cables refused fares downtown in rain unless the ride was a good, long one.

Complaints are not new. New development is group of veterans who haven't given up hope of getting into cab business here. They are preparing to demand same type of Veterans cab system Washington, D. C. has. There licensing system enables individuals to operate own cabs with proper insurance safeguards.

## Star Plates Out

STAR LICENSE plates are out next year... except 22 of them for elected officials. The new bureau of motor vehicles has clipped stars from plate number 23 to 999. They say issuance of stars was a patronage practice that never got any votes, anyway.

Plates next year will be white on red. After that, State will adopt the federal system of yellow on black in 1950, vice versa in 1951, and so on. Better visibility with those colors, they say.

Low numbers will vanish entirely in 1950 when the new letter-numeral combination is adopted.

## Resettlement Plan

LEGISLATION to amend the Indianapolis Redevelopment Act is in the making. Present law, passed in 1945, makes no provision for rehousing householders evicted in slum clearance projects. This has led to bitter court battles.

Amendment now being drawn would mandate Redevelopment Commission to rehouse all families moved from slum projects before wrecking dwellings.

Significance is not simply humanitarian. Amendment is necessary if Indianapolis wants to qualify for federal aid in event Wagner-Blender-Taft or similar housing legislation passes 81st Congress.

Mayor Feeney has made it clear he will grab every dollar of housing aid he can.

## Labor Plans Continued Political Activity, Guided By 1948 Experience

By BURTON HEATH

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 27—Organized labor is building the national Tammany Hall of the near future.

Such a statement probably over-simplifies what the AFL, the CIO and major independent unions are doing, and plan, to make labor unionism the greatest political force in the country. Also, it does an injustice to the unions, if you are one of those who think first of Tammany's graft and corruption, and forget the streamlined vote-getting machinery that gave Tammany the power, in its heyday, to graft and corrupt.

What the unions are doing is creating, on a nation-wide scale, a machine that will go after votes by the same methods that Tammany's Boss Murphy, Chicago's Kelly-Nash, Jersey City's

Hague, Pennsylvania's Penrose, used to elect whomever they favored, elect whomever they disliked or feared.

Technically these methods are reactionary. They go back to the old-fashioned ward-heeler mechanics. They require activity 365 days of every year, instead of a long sleep followed by a few weeks of noisy pamphleteering and speech-making and star-studded radio shows. They involve helping the unemployed get jobs, putting food on the tables of the impoverished, providing advice for the bewildered and a lawyer for the chap who runs afoul of the law.

## Worked Day by Day

Day after day, week after week, month after month, the old-time machine taught voters to consider the Boss as their friend, the adviser, their free employment agent, their hard-

time banker. Then, when election time came, the Boss' heels reminded the voter to get registered, shepherd him to the polls, and happily waited for the returns.

This is exactly what, on a national scale, the CIO, the AFL, and at least some of the big independents are planning now to do, in order to beat those who vote in the 81st Congress for keeping the Taft-Hartley law, to re-elect those who go along with Labor's program, to force the major parties to choose candidates acceptable to the unions.

All three groups now are engaged in polishing up the machinery they used so successfully this fall, strengthening weak spots, putting the whole business on a permanent basis.

## Will Get Out the Vote

"The emphasis," says an AFL politico, "is on precinct organi-

zations manned by flesh and blood trades unionists. We want a political steward in every precinct, whose job it will be to get our members, their families and friends to the polls.

"We have a big job coming up in 1950 because there is no presidential election to dramatize the situation. It is in these 'off years' that we have taken our beatings in the past—as in 1946. But by 1950 we expect to have an organization that will make Labor a major force in politics."

Agreeing with this, a CIO spokesman goes on: "We start with a big advantage over the old-line political machines. They had to keep going, between elections, on patronage. But we already have a nation-wide going concern, tied together with economic self-interest, in which the unions maintain daily contact with every member,

who in turn has daily contact with his family and friends.

"We (the CIO Political Action Committee) took a bad beating in 1946 because we were disorganized and had been largely asleep since 1944, and we never had tried to campaign without Franklin Roosevelt as a symbol. We learned a lot from that beating."

## Must Ring Doorbells

"So we worked up the precinct ward organization we used in 1948. We had discovered that we couldn't win with reprints, speeches, ballyhoo—that we had to ring doorbells, make sure our members were ready, get them to the polls. We did that. We're so pleased with the results this fall, that from now on we'll build along those lines for the future."

The PAC perhaps has gone further with the Tammany type of building than the AFL's

League for Political Education. Each CIO union has a PAC, with a director. Each CIO State Council has a PAC. So does each Congressional district and each City CIO Council where such exist. Each of these lower level PAC's has jurisdiction in its area, but all are tied together to co-ordinate their efforts.

"We suggest to them," a spokesman for the national PAC says, "that they go into the kind of political activity the ordinary Democratic or Republican ward worker does, if he is to be successful."

It is on this level that the unions intend to build up their political machinery from now on. They are trying to do, nationally, what up to now never has been done successfully on a scale larger than city or county-wide.

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