

## More Than Platforms Needed to Tell Parties Apart in Legislature

Party Documents Say Almost Same Thing On Many Questions, Comparison Reveals

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG

It is strange to note how much Democrat and Republican state legislators have in common.

Although they are of opposite political faiths they still go hand-in-hand along many paths.

Both parties have made firm statements of their intentions on many legislative matters. They have backed these up by the pledges in their party platforms.

But how often the Republican and Democratic policies go arm in arm can only be seen when the two parties' platforms are placed side-by-side.

For example, both GOP and pledged a bonus and the only controversy is over how to finance the gift to ex-service men.

Accuse Each Other

At the same time the two parties energetically accuse fingers at each other over the vets.

Says the GOP platform, "We condemn the bungling of Democratic Administration in veterans' housing projects."

Answers the Democrat platform, "We deplore the apathy and lack of interest (naturally on the part of the Republican Party) in veterans' affairs, and its failure to pass legislation to relieve the shortage of veterans' housing."

In labor matters, the Democratic platform "recognizes the right of labor to organize and to bargain collectively." While the Republican platform declares, "Labor's right to organize must be respected and collective bargaining must be encouraged."

Democratic Pledges

However, the Democrats have pledged to liberalize the Workers' Compensation Law, enact an Indiana Wage and Hour Law and repeal the utility anti-strike law passed by the Republican dominated 1947 General Assembly.

Both parties have pledged support to the aged.

The Democrats promise "continued interest and support of payments of old age assistance and aid to dependents, dependent children and the blind."

At the same time, Republicans have promised liberalization of the statutory limitations for "old age assistance, aid to dependent children and aid to the blind to provide reasonable subsistence for those entitled to it."

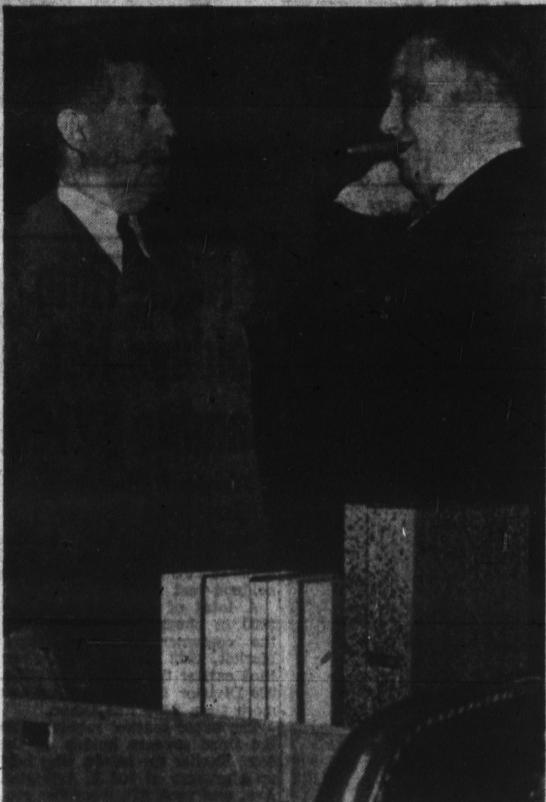
Deceit Centralization

Both parties have been particularly outspoken on their plans to return government to the people. Both decried centralization of government.

Republican platforms bair: "Enormous centralization of government functions in Washington now constitutes a great danger to freedom. We demand that states and local communities be permitted to resume the greatest degree of responsibility of which they are capable."

"Pooh, pooh!" shout the Democrats and add, "We believe the problems of the individual local government can best be solved by the people of the community themselves and we are unalterably opposed to the policy of the

## Tax Lobbyists Prove Eager Helpers To State Legislators Here



Lobbyists barged into the House and Senate floors at the earliest opportunity as the 86th General Assembly opened last week. First on the scene was the tax squad which even elbowed the railroad lobby out of the way. Here Frank J. Murray, Indiana Tax Assessment League (left), and Robert Long, his assistant, advise Rep. Homer Froman (D. Monticello) what the people want. Rep. Froman (facing camera) can't seem to dodge these eager helpers. Rep. William F. Dentlinger (D. Connerville) is seated in the foreground and appears to be listening.

### Schricker Labors Over Message

#### Contents Are Secret To Assembly Leaders

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Governor-elect Schricker was

### Anti-Capital Punishment Bill Looms In Assembly

#### Darrowin Society Sponsors Proposal; South Bend Attorney Lobbies for Measure

By PHILIP F. CLIFFORD JR.

A bill to outlaw capital punishment in Indiana is expected to be tossed into the hopper of the 86th General Assembly within a few days.

Meanwhile, legislators were back on their home grounds today in recess until tomorrow at 10 a.m. After the first two days of the session they adjourned Friday after putting on a slight crease in their new legislature chairs.

The anti-capital punishment bill is sponsored by the Darrowin Society, a national organization for the abolition of capital punishment; the bill is being lobbied in the legislature by Mansel Haggerty, South Bend attorney.

The Darrowin was founded in 1938, and named in memory of the late Clarence Darrow, famed Chicago criminal lawyer who saved two young Chicago scions from the death penalty more than 30 years ago. They had been arrested and convicted for the "thrill slaying" of youthful Bobby Frank.

She also has served as a Deer Creek Township trustee in Carroll County and was a member of the Delphi School Board. She was vice president of the Indiana State Teachers Retirement Fund from 1932 to 1941. She is the widow of William Afflis, a Delphi businessman, and has one son, William Franklin Jr.

### Mrs. Afflis Made Probation Head

#### Cincinnati Man Named Kingan & Co. Director

W. H. Mooney of Cincinnati

was unsuccessful candidate for Congress from Indiana's Second District in 1946, today was named by Gov.-Elect Henry Schricker as secretary and director of the Indiana State Probation Board.

Mr. Mooney is president of the American Oak Leather Co. and a director of the Indianapolis Power and Light Co., the American National Bank of Indianapolis, and the Fifth-Third Union Trust Co. of Cincinnati. He is a former president of the Indianapolis Abortion Corp.

Mr. Keehn retired after 61 years of continuous service.

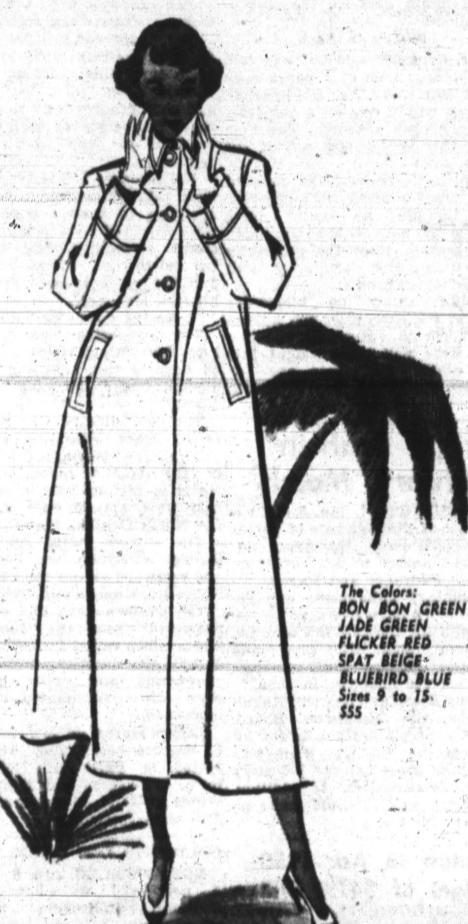
### Assessor Named

#### Victor R. Jose, Marion County Assessor, announced yesterday he had appointed Ronald T. Roberts as Lawrence Township assessor.

Mr. Roberts has been in the real estate and insurance business in Lawrence for many years. He is a resident of that community.

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