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Democrats War Under Surface Of County Calm

Factional Lines Begin to Show In Three-Way Split of Party

By NOBLE REED

In spite of repeated proclamations of harmony in the Marion County Democratic Party, deep rumblings of bitter factional strife have been heard under the surface during the last three weeks.

Factional lines have begun to show a three-way split revolving around the newly elected Democratic county officials, the City Hall wing of the party and the old regulars who had control before Mayor Feeney was elected in 1947.

The alignments are shaping up in a major scramble for key positions in the primary campaign next year when the real test of party control will determine the dominant faction.

Rally Around Two

The newest faction is that rallying around Prosecutor George S. Dailey and Sheriff James Cunningham, both of whom took office only three weeks ago.

This group which was publicly aligned with Mayor Feeney's City Hall regime during the 1948 election campaign is now admittedly not in "complete harmony" with the Feeney administration politically.

These two factions are reported to have clashed on several issues incident to their respective programs in the legislature. Some City Hall Democrats are not supporting Mr. Dailey's bill for a budget increase to modernize operations of his office.

There is also reluctance on the part of some newly elected Democratic county officials to go along with the City Hall's program in the legislature.

Regulars' Move Seen

Behind these two factions is a group of old regular organization leaders who are expected to move out in front in time to put in a heavy ear in the primary campaign build-up next year. These include David M. Lewis, former prosecutor; Henry O. Goett, former Superior Court judge and Judge Joseph Howard of Municipal Court.

County Chairman Paul McDuff has been working the "middle role" between all three groups up to now.

A foregone conclusion reached by most party workers is that Prosecutor Dailey will have stiff opposition when he runs for renomination next year although factional lines have not yet been drawn on any other candidates.

Lines Drawn Clearly

Preliminary factional lines have been drawn more clearly in the next race for the Democratic sheriff nomination.

"The sheriff candidates around whom the three-way party split may develop in the next few months include Tony Maj, city street commissioner, as the City Hall possibility and Sgt. Charles Burkett, police officer assigned to Prosecutor Dailey's office.

Although the whole picture may change before campaign time, associates of these two potential candidates are seeking support to defeat Sheriff Cunningham.

The final balance of power in the party organization will hinge upon the divisor of precinct commissioners and ward chairmen when the chips are down for the primary scramble a year from now.

Policeman Hurt In Taxi Crash

A 25-year-old police officer was injured yesterday in a motorcycle-taxi collision at Ohio St. and Park Ave.

Officer Robert N. Caldwell was treated at General Hospital for scalp lacerations and later released.

Traffic men said Officer Caldwell was riding east on Ohio St. and collided with the cab which darted from behind another car while going south on Park Ave.

Driver of the cab was Robert Snyder, 50, of 1205 W. 31st St., police said.

8 Die as Fires Sweep 2 Chicago Dwellings

CHICAGO, Jan. 22 (UPI)—Eight persons, including two children, died and at least 10 others were injured today in two fires that destroyed a tenement building and a frame house on Chicago's crowded South and West sides.

An 8-year-old boy was still missing after fire swept the tenement.



Capt. George Stafford, gas station owner

Capt. William G. George, building contractor

F. O. David Kelso, jewelry salesman

Lt. James Cary, wheelwright



Lt. Col. Edgar F. Hoffman, general excavator



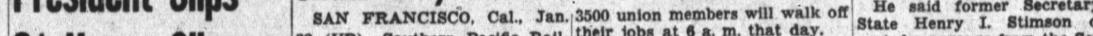
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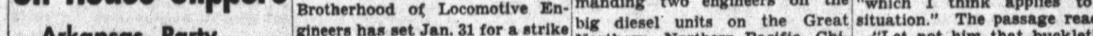
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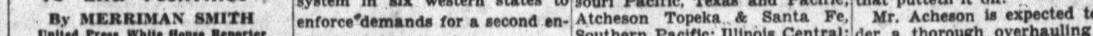
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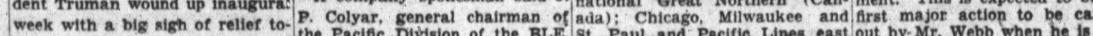
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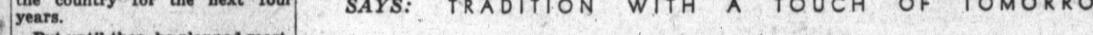
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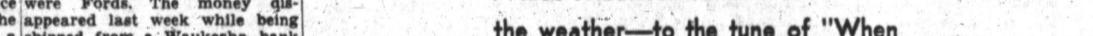
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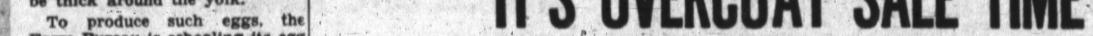
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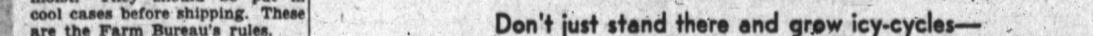
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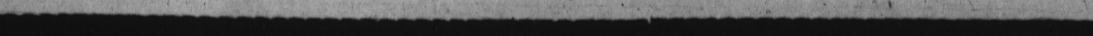
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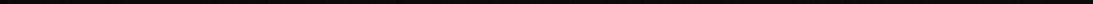
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