

Boyle Silent On Judge After Seeing Truman

Chairman Doesn't
Deny That He
Supports Steckler

By DAN KIDNEY

Washington, Feb. 1—Democratic National Chairman William M. Boyle Jr., emerged from an hour-long conference with President Truman at the White House last night and declined to say whether or not William E. Steckler, Indianapolis, will be named judge of the Southern Indiana district.

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It was the national chairman's first conference on the Indiana and other pending judgeships since he was reported to have had a refresher course in the "Back Steckler" business from Indiana Democratic National Committee Chairman Frank M. McHale in Florida.

Mr. Steckler, public counselor with the Indiana Public Service Commission, is the McHale candidate and has had strong backing from Mr. Boyle. The latter, however, was reluctant to discuss it. He finally told reporters at the White House that he doesn't deny his Steckler support.

"It is up to the President to name the man, of course," he quickly added.

Doesn't Name Others

He refused to mention the names of other judgeships appointments discussed with the President and wouldn't have brought Mr. Steckler into it but for being asked definitely about his support of him.

"I don't deny I'm backing him," he finally said.

Meanwhile, Alex Campbell, Ft. Wayne, was reported to be telling friends here that he knew Mr. Steckler will get the judgeship appointment "within the next two weeks." He said he got this "straight from the horse's mouth," but didn't say what horse.

Rep. Winfield K. Denton, Evansville Democrat, and other candidates mentioned and unmentioned remain in the judgeship race, however. It will not be finally settled until President Truman sends the name to the Senate.

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GLASSES ON CREDIT

City Hall Sheds 15 Years of Dirt



That's gold in them thar halls . . . Three former factory workers are demonstrating a new wall-washing process to City Hall. (Left to right) Joe Lescak, Robert Hinkle and Eugene Rice (on scaffold) are bringing out the gold color in the walls. They're rubbing off a 15-year layer of dirt, hoping to get the bid for the entire Hall, if bids are let. The process uses water, towels, a pine-base solution and air pressure—all pouring through a trowel-like device.

Mrs. H. V. Raquet Dies Tomorrow

Former Teacher Lives Here 21 Years

Services for Mrs. Cintilla M. Raquet, 4966 W. 16th St., will be held at 11 a. m. tomorrow in Connie West-16th Street Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Raquet, who was 63, died Monday in her home. A former school teacher, she was the wife of Harvey V. Raquet, retired teacher at Washington High School. Mrs. Raquet was a native of Montgomery County and a resident of Marion County for 21 years.

She was a member of Speedway Christian Church, a former instructor in Putnam and Montgomery Counties, and was graduated from Indiana Teachers' College.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Raquet is survived by a son, Lowell, Speedway; two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Hall, Bainbridge, and Mrs. Bertha Doyle, Russellville, and two grandchildren.

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Services for Russell R. Flesher, 1701 N. Illinois St., who died yesterday on a train bound for Altoona, Pa., from Philadelphia, were being arranged today in Kirby Mortuary. Burial will be in Lexington, Ill. He was 57.

Mr. Flesher was a representative for Calvert Lithographing Co., Detroit. He was born in Lexington, and lived in Indianapolis the last six years. He was a member of the Elmo Hill Post, American Legion in Lexington.

His wife, Mrs. Hester Flesher of Indianapolis, and four sisters survive.

Homer H. Higman

Services for Homer H. Higman, 4459 College Ave., who died yesterday in his home, will be at 10 a. m. tomorrow in Moore & Kirk Colonial Chapel. Burial will be in Washington Park. He was 65.

Mr. Higman was a retired salesman. He was born at Dunkirk and lived in Indianapolis 25 years. He was a member of the Centre Masonic Lodge and Northwood Christian Church.

He is survived by a brother, Paul S. Higman, Muncie, and two grandsons, Carl and Richard Gilmore, Knightstown.

John P. Francis, 18, Fort Harrison; Robert E. Stewart, 21, 2351 N. Pennsylvania; Helen Pollard, 16, 234 N. Pennsylvania.

Future Business Leaders of America; Future Engineers; Indianapolis Women's Benefit Association; 4-H Club; 4-H Club; Indianapolis Athlete Club; North Indianapolis Co-operative Club.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Indiana Sheet Metal & Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning Association; Indianapolis Real Estate Board Annual Banquet-Dance, 6:30 p. m., Athletic Club.

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