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Welch To Enter Two Novis in 500

Nalon, Miller To Drive; Prize Issue Hanging

Owner Stands Pat On Demands; Duke's Car Fully Rebuilt

By ART WRIGHT

The powerful Novi Specials, which have been a question mark in the entry list for this year's 500-Mile Speedway classic, will be brought to Indianapolis for the race.

Duke Nalon, who narrowly escaped death last May 30 when his car caught fire, will be at the wheel of a rebuilt version of that same Novi.

Chet Miller, veteran of 26 years in "auto racing" competition, will pilot the Novi driven last year by the late Rex Mays. Miller was on the Novi team for a time prior to the 1948 race here.

Entries for the cars will be mailed from California to the Speedway office Saturday, the deadline date for entries.

Welch Reveals Plans These plans for the Novi team were revealed today by Lou Welch, owner of the cars, in an exclusive interview with The Times.

One "hitch" in any promise of whether the Novis will compete in the 500-Mile Race rested on Mr. Welch's demand for an increase of the prize purse.

Mr. Welch, who talked with The Times while on business in the East, said that before he left California he received the prize demands in a letter to Wilbur Shaw, Speedway president. "I told Shaw we were entering the cars with the understanding they might run only if the prize purse is increased."

Last winter the Novi owner declared in an exclusive Times interview that he wouldn't run the Novis in the 1950 classic unless the Speedway increased its own contribution to the prize purse to \$150,000. The amount is a boost of \$35,000 over the Speedway's end of the purse exclusive of lap prizes, accessory monies and other gifts.

Other Prizes Donated Last year the Speedway put up \$115,000 of the purse. The total of \$179,150 awarded the 33-car field included lap prizes donated by business firms and citizens, awards made by various accessory companies to drivers using their products and merchandise gifts to winners.

Mr. Welch told The Times today he might be satisfied to run the Novis in the 500 if the Speedway at least adds \$25,000 for the boys who finish from third to 10th places.

"I don't care about us," Mr. Welch said, indicating that he was confident of victory this year, "but I do think the boys who finish from third to 10th should get enough money to get back home."

Mr. Welch said he instructed his secretary in California to "mail in the entry blanks to the Speedway next Saturday so we're sure to have the cars in the race if Mr. Shaw changes his mind and increases the prize purse." Entries postmarked by Saturday are eligible.

Duke's car has been completely rebuilt since his near-fatal crash on the northeast curve last year. A new chassis was required, Mr. Welch said. He said the cars are the same as they were last year except that carburetion has been improved.

Mr. Welch said the Novis will arrive in Indianapolis "some time in May" . . . but insisted that whether they actually compete in the race depends upon whether the Speedway increases the prizes.

'Race Driver' Uses Wrong Speedway. "But, Judge, I'm a race driver." Professional immunity didn't work in Municipal Court 3 today. Judge Joseph Howard fined semi-pro speedster Harry Brooks, 25, of 1975 Hosbrook St., \$5 and costs for "doing" 56 mph on English Ave.

When the judge asked him his occupation, Brooks said his avocation was race driving. He said he won several sprint races last year on the Salem dirt track, and "if everything goes well" plans to enter the 500-Mile classic May 30.

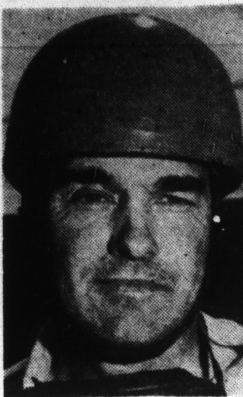
"Well, don't do your racing on our streets," Judge Howard admonished Brooks as he passed sentence.

Driver Leaps Out as Train Smashes Truck A driver leaped to safety when his truck was struck by a Pennsylvania passenger train today at the S. Emerson Ave. crossing.

Residents who witnessed the crash said the driver jumped out just before the diesel-powered engine struck the front of the fruit and vegetable truck. He was not immediately identified.



Duke Nalon



Chet Miller

Realtors Urged to Promote Unified City Government

Time to Co-ordinate Agencies to Perform Over-all Services, Real Estate Board Told

By LARRY STEINERMAN, Times Real Estate Editor Indianapolis realtors today were urged to promote a metropolitan government to eliminate duplicating public services and trim prohibitive downtown real estate taxes.

"It's time to co-ordinate independent functions of government agencies to perform over-all services," the Indianapolis Real Estate Board was told.

"Otherwise a city the size of Indianapolis will face a costly decentralization to suburban shopping and community centers. Downtown property values will suffer."

The warning for a federalized city administration similar to Montreal, Canada, was issued by Kenneth P. Vinsel, executive vice president of the Louisville Chamber of Commerce.

The IREB luncheon speaker told realtors in the Washington Hotel that besides the overlapping wastes in present governmental services, realtors must recognize the metropolitan district as a whole.

Cites Suburb Race In speaking on "Urban Trends," Mr. Vinsel pointed out that more and more home builders and buyers were scurrying to suburbs to escape high taxes, smoke, noise and the lack of convenient downtown shopping facilities.

"As realtors, you must plan for better centralized development," he said. "But, at the same time, you must realize that cities will decentralize unless you make the downtown area more attractive to shoppers and workers."

Rapid decentralization is costly, he said, in that annexed districts tax present government facilities more than they contribute to these services.

Population 'Lost' The former University of Louisville political science dean pointed out one-third of 40 large cities lost population during the '30's, while only two of 40 metropolitan areas lost population.

"This should be warning enough to curb government waste and plan for greater downtown conveniences to protect real estate values and the growth of an expanding city," he said.

Mr. Vinsel was introduced by F. C. Tucker Jr., IREB program chairman. Bruce Savage, board president, presided at the luncheon-meeting.

KEROSENE BURNS FATAL ROCHESTER, Apr. 13 (UP)—Curtis Croussmore, 62, died last night in Woodlawn Hospital of burns suffered yesterday when a can of kerosene exploded in his hands as he built a kitchen stove fire. The fire caused \$2,000 damage to Mr. Croussmore's home.

After hovering near freezing most of the day yesterday, Indianapolis temperatures were expected to rise slowly to a high this afternoon of 37. But more spine-tingling blasts out of the north will send the mercury shuddering to 22 tonight. A high of 45 was forecast for tomorrow.

Weather observers said early crops probably would not be affected by the freeze and tree buds were not far enough advanced to have been killed. But the full effect of the cold blast will not be observed by farmers for several days.

The weatherman said a high pressure ridge extending from Hudson Bay to Arkansas pumped the frigid air into the state. It was expected to drift slowly eastward tomorrow, permitting a gradual warming.

Inside The Times—Times Spelling Bee to be held at Central YWCA tonight. Disciples of Christ set meeting of educators here. . . . Indiana Association of Podiatrists open 27th annual convention here tomorrow.

Who said cops can't be charming . . . police ball set tomorrow night. . . . Dick Haymes to play role of pickpocket . . . Erskine Johnson in Hollywood. . . . Caps to seek clean sweep in Calder Cup playoffs here tonight. . . . The Press Box by Bill Eggert. . . . Eddie Ash reports on the Indians. . . . Civic Theater's production of "Two Blind Mice" opens tomorrow night. . . . PTA news, organizations, clubs, women's news. . . . Blackwood on Bridge, Eat Well for Less, Counter-Spy by Louise Fletcher, The Market Basket, Times Sewing Contest entry blank. . . . Years of free shows coming for the public reports Earl Wilson in his Broadway column "It Happened Last Night". . . . Harold Hartley's business column. . . . Nash presents its new "Rambler". . . . Air Force blue to keynote military ball at Butler tomorrow. . . . last installment of "Francis". . . . Amusements. . . . Bridge. . . . Comics. . . . Crossword. . . . Editorials. . . . Forum. . . . Gardening. . . . Hollywood. . . . Inside Indianapolis. . . . Mrs. Manners. . . . Needlework. . . . Othman. . . . Pattern. . . . Radio. . . . Ruark. . . . Society. . . . Sports. . . . Earl Wilson. . . . Women's. . . . Your Job.

Truman Takes Bow as U. S. Rings the Bell

Credits Himself For 'Fine Shape' The Country Is In

By MERRIMAN SMITH United Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, Apr. 13—

Harry S. Truman in a review of his first five years as President said today that the country is in fine shape and that he deserves the credit.

The President told reporters that employment, business and agricultural conditions are better than they have been in a long time.

And looking to the future, he said he is hopeful for continued improvement in international relations.

As of now, Mr. Truman said, he can see nothing seriously the matter with this country.

Yesterday marked the start of Mr. Truman's sixth year as Chief Executive.

Today, at his 222d news conference, the President said his first five years had been rather difficult but that the country is still on its feet.

More at Work The President spoke slowly and deliberately as he thought back over the tumultuous years since the death of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Apr. 12, 1945.

There is "some unemployment," the President said, but more people are at work in this country than in any other country at any time in history.

He said that if reports from Wall Street may be believed, business conditions are also the best in history. And he added, the position of the farmer is excellent, surpassed only by the all-time peak year of 1948.

Mr. Truman's anniversary dissertation was touched off by a question: "Are the first five years the hardest?"

He said this country came out of World War II easier than from any other war in U. S. history.

Easy to Criticize He said it is easy for some to give no credit to the President for the currently good position of this country. "It would have happened if a moron had been on the job, if some of the press is to be believed," the President added.

But he said he thinks the chief executive can take the credit and he certainly intends to do that.

In his first news conference in the Capital in more than a month, Mr. Truman made these points on immediate matters.

ONE: "He didn't think it possible for him to label Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R. Wis.), as Sen. Robert A. Taft (R. O.), has charged. McCarthy instigated the investigation of Communists in the State Department."

The President dismissed Sen. Taft's defense of Sen. McCarthy and criticism of the administration. He said Sen. Taft's effort to win re-election in Ohio.

TWO: He said he personally ordered the federal grand jury investigation of crime in Kansas City. Two of the witnesses before the grand jury, Democratic Boss Charles Binagogy and his lieutenant, George Gargotta, were slain by gunmen last week.

Mr. Truman said it was up to the Justice Department to decide whether the FBI should investigate the slayings.

THREE: The fair employment practices bill—which Southern Democrats don't want—will be taken up in the Senate after it approves another year of Marshall Plan aid. He said there is no point in bringing up FEPC now and delaying the foreign recovery program by a filibuster.

FOUR: He had no comment on Russian reports of a clash between an American and a Soviet aircraft.

In the international field, the President said conditions have improved since 1946. His reason for saying that, Mr. Truman said, is that he considers 1946 the low point since the end of World War II.

He called it the worst time he could remember and the worst time this country has faced except in a shooting war itself.

The President said improvement in foreign affairs, however slow, started with the inauguration of the Greek-Turkish aid program and the subsequent Marshall Plan.

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Fear Missing Plane Fired On by Reds Sank Without Trace

U. S. Withdraws Price Supports From Poultry

WASHINGTON, Apr. 13 (UP)—The government today unexpectedly withdrew price supports from all poultry.

Agriculture officials said this could mean cheaper prices for turkey during the holiday season next fall.

The Agriculture Department announced that for the first time in nine years there will be no support for 1950 crops of turkeys and chickens. This is the first year since 1941 that supports are not required by law.

THE DECISION was made in the face of reports indicating that farmers are planning to boost production of poultry meat this year.

The department never had to buy chickens to hold prices at support levels in the past. However, because of record-high peacetime marketings, only government buying kept prices of last year's turkey crop from sagging below the 31 cents a pound support level.

Assault Ruling Postponed Again

Drive-In Fracas Verdict Delayed

The case of an 18-year-old youth charged with double assault and battery in a North Side drive-in fracas was postponed for the third time in Municipal Court 3 today.

Judge Joseph M. Howard continued charges against Francis Wilhelm, 18, of 5255 Pleasant Run Pkwy., to June 16. The case was first continued to Tuesday, and at the conclusion of evidence today Judge Howard took it under advisement until today. Today he said he would give his ruling June 16.

The 18-year-old youth is charged on two assault and battery affidavits. One was signed by Mrs. Adelaide Funston, 2328 Central Ave., whom he is alleged to have assaulted as she left the drive-in restaurant.

Injured in Fight A fight between a woman's husband and a gang of loiterers ended in which Paul Bohannon, 22, of 1501 E. 26th St., was injured when he entered the fracas in the woman's behalf.

Mr. Bohannon signed the second affidavit against Wilhelm. In court Tuesday Wilhelm, a six-foot-three, 200-pounder, admitted knocking the five feet 9 inch, 160-pound Bohannon and of continuing to beat him after he was down.

"I beat him up, I'll do it again," he said. "I'm not afraid of anyone."

Denies Molesting However, he denied that he was the member of the crowd who molested the woman. He named the mother youth, air aid on probation on a traffic charge, as the guilty party.

In court today Judge Howard told Wilhelm to "stay in the house" after 10 p. m. and gave the same warning to the father of the second youth named. He said he intended to "clean out" gangs loitering in drive-in hangouts and would give his complete ruling June 16.

Another youth, John O'Hara, 18, of 5140 Col. Ave., who was charged with disorderly conduct for making improper remarks to the woman, was promised a jail sentence by Judge Howard Tuesday. Today, however, he said he had talked to the youth and his widowed mother and decided to let the boy go back to school at Notre Dame.

2 Gas Truck Drivers Escape Flash Fire Two gasoline truck drivers escaped unscathed today as they doused a flash fire in the rear of a fully loaded tanker, while flames lapped at the highly explosive cargo.

Albert T. Bennett, 1953 Carrollton Ave., said that he noticed a blaze in the rear of his Hoosier Petre truck as he turned off 86th St. on to Ind. 29. He pulled the vehicle to the berm and attempted to extinguish the blaze with a hand extinguisher.

An unidentified driver of another gas truck stopped his vehicle and joined Mr. Bennett in fighting the fire with another extinguisher. Using a bucket, the drivers also doused the burning truck with water from a nearby stream.

78 PILGRIMS TO SAIL NEW YORK, Apr. 13 (UP)—Seventy-eight Holy Year pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Chicago sail for Rome tonight aboard the Cunard Line's Queen Elizabeth.

Feeney Group Opens County Control Fight

Good Government Bloc Sets Up Quarters; Indorses Slate

By IRVING LEIBOWITZ Mayor Feeney's new City Hall political party took its first steps today to gain control of the Marion County Democratic Party.

Under the leadership of City Clerk Richard Stewart, the City Hall's Democratic Good Government Committee established headquarters in the Washington Hotel.

At the same time, the new group sought support from political workers all over the city and indorsed a slate of candidates.

City Hall Democrats said the political party was in a "good position" to unseat the regular organization.

Feeney Remains Silent They say the 38 of 390 precinct committees have city jobs. Also, that 2300 persons are on the city payroll, exclusive of police and firemen, compared to the 350 jobs controlled by the county Democratic machine.

Mayor Feeney declined to comment on the political organization, saying he was interested only in getting public support to "put the best qualified candidates on the Democratic ticket."

Democrats counted six county machine ward chairmen who work under Mayor Feeney. They are:

15th Ward—Joe Bisesi, city market master.

1st Ward—Walter Myers Jr., Sanitation Board attorney.

18th Ward—Jack Deboit, engineer's department.

Washington Township—Harry Latham, Health Board attorney.

6th Ward—Roy Hensershot, street department.

16th Ward—John Lund, asphalt plant.

Nine other ward chairmen have openly opposed the county organization's support of Sheriff Cunningham for renomination.

To Take Ward Vote Floyd (Bob) Leslie, investigator for Prosecutor Dailey and 14th Ward Democratic chairman, said he has heard strong sentiment against Sheriff Cunningham's candidacy in his ward.

Mr. Leslie said he was going to take a ward organization vote on candidates Saturday night, paying particular attention to the sheriff's race.

Six other county machine ward chairmen have "obligations" or "entanglements" that could have them opposing the regular Democratic party slate.

However, Paul McDuff, county Democratic boss, said:

"When the chips are down, I know the county organization will be able to control 30 out of the 33 ward chairmen when they vote on the official slate."

A 'Great Guy' Commenting on the candidacy of Sheriff Cunningham, Mr. McDuff said the county machine would continue to support the sheriff for renomination.

"Cunningham is the greatest guy in the world," he said.

The City Hall Democratic Party indorsed the following slate of candidates today. The list was first publicized in last week's Sunday Times.

Sheriff—Tony Maio.

County Clerk—Albert Losche.

Probate Court Judge—Patrick Barton.

Center Trustee—Henry Mueller.

Kremlin Paper States That 'Insolent Flier Got a Proper Lesson'

Reds Fail to Offer to Help Search; New Report of Debris Fails as Clue

By United Press Searchers feared today that a missing U. S. Navy Privateer plane carrying 10 men crashed and sank in the Baltic Sea without a trace Saturday after being fired on by Soviet fighters.

A German ship's report today that it sighted airplane wreckage 90 miles northeast of Bornholm Island proved to be just another false alarm, search officials reported.

Air Force Capt. Michael F. Ognisty of New York, deputy commander of search operations, said at Wiesbaden, Germany, that the searchers decided the area was a dumping ground for surface vessels and contained no debris identifiable as remains of an aircraft.

The search planes assigned to cover the area have been recalled to Copenhagen, Capt. Ognisty said. But the general search went on.

Russia today said that the missing plane was the same one which a Soviet fighter fired upon last Saturday.

The revelation came through Pravda, one of the government's two official newspapers.

Pravda denounced a statement by U. S. Air Force officers in Wiesbaden that the American plane flew a normal route between North Germany and Denmark, "ignoring the fact that this plane violated the Soviet border and engaged in so-called 'training' over Soviet territory."

"The American adventures think they are permitted to do anything openly, declaring as did an Air Force representative in Wiesbaden: 'We can fly over the Baltic if we wish.'"

'Stupid Boast' "The facts contradict this stupid boast as evidenced by the incident of Apr. 8 south of Libau (Lepaya)."

"The impudent behavior of American spies encountered an appropriate rebuff from Soviet planes guarding the border of the USSR. The insolent flier got a proper lesson and was compelled to beat a retreat."

The account referred through-out to both the American plane from Wiesbaden and the American plane which appeared over the Baltic border as being a B-29 and the same craft.

Fears that the plane had sunk without trace were strengthened by Moscow dispatches saying the Privateer was the same plane that the Russians had shot at.

"Our hopes aren't too high," said Capt. Jack Klingler, of Franklin, Pa., who is directing the search from Copenhagen's Kastrup Airport.

17 Plans in Hunt "This search has been on for five days now and this is the third time we have scoured the same area."

Seventeen planes roared out to renew the search shortly after dawn today. Capt. Klingler said they were covering 60,000 square miles of Baltic waters divided into 30 box-shaped areas assigned to individual planes.

However, the weather was much improved over yesterday when the same planes covered 55,000 square miles. There was a 3,000-foot ceiling and visibility extended between 10 and 12 miles.

"We will cover much of the same area today," Capt. Klingler said. "We want to be sure every square mile where the plane might be down has been checked."

Some search crews brought back reports they had seen Russian ships and planes maneuvering in the Baltic but officers refused to discuss them. They said their only job was to search for the Privateer.

Baltic Littered A search officer said the oil slick and floating objects sighted by search planes yesterday "apparently came from fishing boats or other surface craft."

"The Baltic seems to be littered with debris of one kind and another," he said.

Air Force officers said the 10-man crew of the Privateer could survive 20 days in the Baltic if they made a good landing and were able to get their six rubber life rafts out.

But they said search planes have combed the likely crash areas as many as five times without sighting wreckage positively identified as that of the Privateer.

"We'll keep looking until we find them or until we are sure beyond the last possibility that there is no hope," an Air Force officer said.

"However, it looks bad. We've used every search technique in the book. If they are alive we should have sighted them by now."

The Russians have made no offer to help look for the missing plane.

"We've had wonderful co-operation from the Danes, who have practically handed over Kastrup Airport to us," one officer said.

"The Swedish air force is helping us too, and the Portuguese even offered to send one of their rescue planes from the Azores."

"But we have not heard a word from the Russians. Under international courtesy they should have offered their help—it's not our place to ask for it."

"I am sure we would have offered our assistance if a big Russian plane were lost in any area in which we operate."

London Reds Charge Planes Carry Arms LONDON, Apr. 13 (UP)—The Communist newspaper Daily Worker charged today in a Copenhagen dispatch that three U. S. Navy Privateer planes now at Kastrup Airport, Copenhagen, carried 12 machine guns each.

The newspaper said the planes landed there to join the search for a similar Privateer missing in the Baltic since Saturday and believed to have been shot down by Russian fighters.

(It has been announced officially in Copenhagen, headquarters for the Baltic search, that none of the search planes are armed.)

The Daily Worker said the Copenhagen Communist Newspaper Land Og Folk had published a picture of one of the Privateers "on which the barrels of the machine guns are clearly visible."

Ruse Charged It said the American press officer in Copenhagen, Capt. Louis Curdes, had "tied himself in knots trying to maintain that the search planes were not armed" but finally "admitted that some American Navy planes in Denmark must be armed."

Meantime, reports from Oslo, Norway, quoted the Communist Party newspaper Friheten here that "Kastrup had changed into an American base" and that the search for the missing plane actually was "a great military maneuver."

Friheten expressed doubt that there actually was a missing plane and said the current operations gave American planes an opportunity to stage war games in an area where American bombers might be based in the event of war.

U. S. Won't Put Arms On Patrol Planes WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (UP)—Defense officials made clear today that they have no intention of sending armed patrol planes over the Baltic Sea or of committing any other act that Russia could call aggressive.

Navy, Air Force and Defense Department spokesmen declined direct comment on the proposal by Sen. Styles Bridges (R. N. H.) for Baltic patrols by the best U. S. warplanes armed "to the teeth."

But spokesmen said that defense officials do not intend to change their "non-aggressive" air policy in Europe even though it is feared that Russian fighter planes shot down an unarmed U. S. naval Privateer patrol bomber in the Baltic area last Saturday.

Book Firm to Print Writings by Pelley NOBLESVILLE, Apr. 13 (UP)—Former Silver Shirt leader William Dudley Pelley's nonpolitical writings were being collected today by a newly formed publishing company which will print them in book form.

The Soulecraft Press Co., capitalized at \$1000, filed articles of incorporation yesterday with Adelaide Pearson, Mr. Pelley's daughter, Melford Pearson; her husband, and Herma Jeffreys listed as its officers.