

State Democrats Plan More Conservatism in '50 Campaign Promises

Went Too Far 'Out on Limb' in 1948, Found They Weren't Able to Deliver

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Indiana Democratic leaders have decided they're not going to get so far "out on a limb" in their 1950 state convention platform as they did in 1948.

The platform two years ago promised a lot of specific things that couldn't be delivered when the time came to put the planks through the legislative mill. So the party platform drafters are moving more cautiously this year on the issues that will form the basis of campaign offerings this fall.

Most of the Democratic leaders have agreed to dodge any proposals in the form of specific bills for the legislature.

Couldn't Deliver

In 1948, the convention stepped out boldly for repeal of the cigarette tax and some other promises in the form of specific legislation.

Then, when it came time to deliver on the platform pledges the party leadership in the General Assembly split wide open on the proposals and many of them never got very far past first base in the Democratic controlled House.

Many Democratic members of the legislature who balked on some of the 1948 platform pledges complained they hadn't been consulted on the party's promises and therefore didn't feel they were obligated to carry the ball on them.

Conference Called

So, it's going to be different this year.

State Chairman Ira Haymaker has called all Democratic candidates for the legislature into a special conference at party headquarters here June 12 to "go over" the tentative drafts of the 1950 platform.

The platform workers said they would hold the party proposals down to general statements of principle rather than make pledges on specific legislation.

"That way the several groups of different viewpoints within the party can agree on the broad principle and then work out the compromise on specific legislation later," said one party chieftain.

Democratic leaders are paying extra attention to the views of the legislative candidates because they're the ones who will have to make good on the pledges.

GOP Cautious Too

Republicans, too, are going slow on their platform planks in an effort to get the party's message "over to the people" on the vital issues.

Meeting yesterday, the GOP Platform Committee, headed by Kenneth Miller, of Brazil, challenged the Democrats to take a specific stand on such issues as the Brannan farm price support plan and socialized medicine.

Mr. Miller said the GOP platform will contain the best of the suggestions now being received from party workers and candidates from all over Indiana. "We will make our platform a genuinely progressive document, a positive and forceful document, presenting the views of the common people of Indiana," he said.

"Do the Indiana Democrats dare to give unquestioning and goose-stepping allegiance to the Brannan plan, the socialized medicine program and other alien doctrines which the President demands? If they do not they are going to be purged as relentlessly as are those who differ from the edicts of the high command in Russia."

The GOP platform committee reflected optimism on the chances of victory in November.

Gas Price Boosted Cent a Gallon Here

Costs Now at Level Before War Started

Chalk up a few more cents on the cost of a Sunday afternoon automobile ride.

Major oil companies in the Indianapolis area upped gasoline prices one cent per gallon yesterday and others were expected to meet competition today.

Prevailing prices last night were 27.9 cents for ethyl and 26.6 for standard fuel. Some stations were charging one cent more for both grades.

The increase of yesterday returned prices to the levels prevailing before the mid-December gasoline price war started. During the Spring, gasoline prices plunged as low as 20 cents per gallon for high test gas at some stations.

Tank Prices Boosted Standard Oil of Indiana first added the one cent per gallon cost to tank wagon prices yesterday. Other companies were quick to follow.

Spokesmen for several companies attributed the price increase to "improved quality of gasoline" as an increased vacation market was reported throughout the city.

Air Force Discloses Plans for Mock War

WASHINGTON, June 3 (UP)—The Air Force disclosed today that secret maneuvers, including air defense exercises, will be held under simulated wartime conditions throughout the United States during the next two weeks.

Details of the maneuvers are being withheld because one of the purposes is to train Air Force personnel in wartime security measures, a spokesman said.

The Air Force said bases being used in the maneuver include Selfridge at Mt. Clemens, Mich.; Davis-Monthan at Tucson, Ariz.; Westover at Chicopee Falls, Mass.; and Fairfield-Suisun in California.

Training Group to Install Officers



These new officers will be installed into the Industrial Training Association of Indiana at a dinner meeting tomorrow night in the Marott Hotel. They are (left to right) W. C. Christensen, president; Charles Turner, vice president; A. W. Collins, secretary, and Robert E. Lee, treasurer.

American Grandpa Takes Austrian Blond, 28, as Wife

Sam Hedge, 61, Weds 'Mail Order' Fiancee in Flag-Bedecked Alpine Village

BAD GLEICHENBERG, Austria, June 3 (UP)—Sam Hedge, 61-year-old Chicago restaurant cook, and his pretty "mail order" fiancée were married today in this Alpine village, flag-bedecked in their honor.

Edith Rauch, 28-year-old Austrian blond, promised to be a "loving wife" to the American grandfather who wooed her for almost two years by mail and transatlantic phone.

They were married at noon by Justice of the Peace Andrew Thurner in the public room of the mayor's office. The townsfolk declared a holiday.

The bride wore the navy blue silk dress which Mr. Hedge sent her before coming here last month. She carried a bouquet of white roses and red orchids.

Mr. Hedge, who won his bride over the opposition of her parents, wore a jaunty boutonniere of

performed in German. A young student, Helmut Felder, translated for Mr. Hedge. The bride answered in German and Mr. Hedge in English—both in loud voices.

The witnesses were Carl Wolf, the local butcher, and Tullio Mareno, the village's auto mechanic—both distant relatives of the bride.

The end of the ceremony was drowned out as the band quartet played an operatic tune.

Mail of My Choice

Edith said she realized it would be a "new and perhaps hard phase in my life, going to a new distant country."

But she said she wanted to be with "the man of my choice—Sam, whom I have long loved."

The couple, her relatives and a few close friends, then attended a wedding dinner. There

Traffic Victim Dies

WASHINGTON, Ind., June 3 (UP)—A. H. Winheim, 44, Webster Groves, Mo., died of injuries suffered today when his car plunged into a ditch along U. S. 50 east of here during a rainstorm. His wife, Mildred, was hospitalized and suffering from shock, authorities said.

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