

Halleck Finds Going Tougher In 2d District

Democratic Chairman Optimistic, Disagrees With McHale

First of a series of articles on Indiana congressional races

By DAN KIDNEY, Times Staff Writer

LOGANSPORT, Oct. 28—This is the home town of Frank M. McHale.

The hard-working Democrats in their busy headquarters here didn't like to have their national committee man listing the Second District congressional seat as safe for the GOP.

Mr. McHale was quoted in an Indianapolis Times interview as saying that he didn't think the Democrats would win the Republican congressional seats in the Second, Ninth and Tenth Districts.

Winning the Second would mean unseating Rep. Charles A. Halleck, dean of all Hoosiers at the nation's capital, who is seeking a ninth term and has nearly as much seniority as any man in the House on the minority side. He was Majority Leader in the Republican 80th Congress and an active candidate for Vice President at the 1948 convention. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York turned thumbs down on Mr. Halleck, after he had delivered the Indiana delegates.

Sees Victory

Second District Democratic Chairman Guy Coplen, who makes his headquarters here, has made defeating Charley Halleck a sort of political life work. He says that this is the year his dreams will come true. Full of statistics, he proves to his own satisfaction that his candidate, State Sen. Dale E. Beck of Young America, will win Mr. Halleck's seat by 7202 votes. Admittedly he would settle for a few either way, so long as his man comes out on the majority side. There are plenty of Democrats around the district who are inclined to settle for the further cutting of Halleck majorities and some Republicans who would like to not see him lose, at least to run behind Sen. Homer E. Capehart on the GOP ticket.

Jenner Attacks Early Recall Plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (UPI)—Sen. William E. Jenner (R. Ind.) said today that President Truman is trying to make a "whipping boy" out of Congress by calling it back for an earlier than scheduled session.

Congress agreed to return Nov. 27 to complete delayed legislation and to stand by in case of any further national emergency.

President Truman said Thursday he might call the legislators back 10 days or two weeks earlier. He listed rent legislation among measures he wants enacted.

Sen. Jenner said in a statement that the President is trying to pass a new rent control law "under the guise of another emergency."

"Everybody knows there are more renters than there are landlords," Sen. Jenner said. "I don't think the American people will relish laws passed by a lame-duck Congress."

WOMAN, 25, KILLED

MADISON, Ind., Oct. 28 (UPI)—A Kentucky woman was killed today when a car ran off Ind. 7 and hit a tree northwest of here. The victim was Louise Osborne, 25, Carrollton, state police said.

A visit to the Congressman's home town, Rensselaer, showed that he wasn't scared enough not to be speaking in Flint, Mich., that day and in Minnesota the next.

Another checkup disclosed that he and Sen. Capehart had been drawing greater crowds at some of the meetings than Mr. Beck and Alex Campbell, the Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate.

The optimistic Mr. Coplen had a ready answer for that. He says the Republicans have been giving all-comers a free feed, while at some of the Democratic meetings you had to pay to get in.

Report GOP Split

That the Democrats throughout the district are united, while the Republicans have a factional fight cooking beneath the surface calm, is another factor upon which he is relying to defeat Mr. Halleck. The Republican county chairman at Lafayette laughed at that. He says there are four factions in the Democratic Party there and each one has its own candidate wanting to be mayor.

Nobody expects the Democrats to carry Tippecanoe County, but Mr. Coplen and his workers there hope to cut the Republican lead down as low as 1500 votes. They say if they do that Mr. Halleck is out.

Feuds With Paper

The old feud between the Congressman and the Henry Marshall Republican paper continues and so Mr. Halleck gets pretty much the silent treatment in the Lafayette daily, which has the largest circulation in the Second District.

Mr. Beck is a well-heeled farmer and a farm organization man, who just tells the folks that he stands for the interest of both farmers and labor in the Second District.

There are many more of the latter than in other years and they also are better organized. Steel and other CIO union men live in Porter County and work in Lake. They have registered and are all set to give Mr. Halleck the business. They contend that the same thing is true of organized labor in Lafayette, here and elsewhere, and that it represents the railroad brotherhoods and AFL unions as well as CIO. All consider the Halleck voting record as being against them.

Appeals to Farmers

Mr. Halleck is trying to hold his farm vote by flooding the district with a franked speech saying that the 80th Congress was best for farmers. Mr. Beck challenges this and is himself such a square-toed healthy farmer type that many folks seem to take his word for it. He led the whole Democratic ticket two years ago, when he was elected to the legislature as joint senator from Cass and Fulton Counties.

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Alex Campbell Launches Final Week of Drive

Busy Week Faces Democrat Candidate For U. S. Senate

By LEON W. RUSSELL

Fresh and fit despite months of steady campaigning, Alex Campbell will launch the final week of his drive for the U. S. Senate today.

The Democratic candidate will address a party luncheon at noon today in Columbus. Tonight he will go to Ft. Wayne, his home town, where a union dinner will boost Mr. Campbell and Congressman Edward Kruse.

Mr. Coplen jubilates. "Charley Halleck has never represented us. He votes against the farmers and laboring men every time and they are the only folks we have around here."

Don't Feel Neglected

Criticism of Mr. Halleck's big cars doesn't mean much around here. This is as fine a farming place as anywhere in Indiana. The farmers have plenty of cars and some airplanes. They are used to prosperity too.

Now do the home folks feel they are being too neglected when their Congressman is busy about national Republican affairs. A young running station attendant in Rensselaer didn't know where Mr. Halleck's law office headquarters was nor even his home. But he is going to vote for him and here is why:

"It's nice to have a Senator from a small town like this."

As a long-time House member, Mr. Halleck would waive the wrong title. He and his staff think the going is somewhat tough.

Has Covered State

In addition to public leaders, there were calls on political leaders and old friends.

Mr. Campbell spent his idle moments, when there were any, catching up on his handshaking.

Most of the face-to-face individual campaigning that candidates so love had been done earlier. Mr. Campbell started his campaign last January, soon after his resignation from the U. S. Attorney General's office in Washington, where he was head of the criminal division.

Since then there has never been a letdown. He has toured Indiana from the Ohio to Lake Michigan, chatting, conferring with leaders, and speaking.

One night a little over a week ago, in Hammond, he made 20 speeches in one evening.

But the candidate has shown no strain. T-bone steaks and a relaxed attitude keep his energy at top output. He says he has gained 10 pounds since January.

Backs New Deal-Fair Deal

Some of the crowds have been small, as the rallies have often competed with football games and other attractions. But the party faithful have shown an enthusiasm that has filled Mr. Campbell with confidence.

The broad outline of his political argument has been that "the Republicans have no program, except smear and fear."

Mr. Campbell has upheld the New Deal and Fair Deal programs—although he never uses those words—as giving the nation its current prosperity.

This week's schedule includes a tour of Wells and Adams Counties, with rallies in Bluffton and Decatur on Monday, and a rally in Shelbyville at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

Mr. Campbell will devote all day Wednesday to touring Indianapolis and Marion County.

Drive to Cut Overlapping City, County Functions Due

Both Parties Pledge Support for Move When Legislature Convenes Again

By NOBLE REED

Governmental reforms to eliminate wasteful duplications of Indiana's county and city administration will become one of the major programs of the 1951 State Legislature.

Definite action toward reform in the antiquated structures of local governments has been pledged by both Democratic and Republican candidates for the General Assembly from Marion County.

Democratic candidates reported yesterday that they found widespread support for a reform program during public hearings on the issue recently.

Pledge Support

They pledged support for creation of a study commission to draft proposed legislation along lines designed to create "metropolitan districts" in heavily populated areas. This would eliminate overlapping functions of municipal, county and township governments.

Republican candidates also advocated appointment of a competent commission, in the nature of the Hoover Commission, to make a complete study of all governmental operations at all levels to the end that more efficient and less expensive government can be achieved in Indiana.

Democratic Program

Democratic legislative candidates also pledged support for bills that would provide:

ONE: More equitable distribution of state-collected tax money to cities and towns, permitting the state to enter into contracts with cities under which the latter would receive more funds.

Two: Stricter laws to force runaway fathers to support their children under penalty of jail sentences.

For House of Representatives:

John Bartee, 4847 Gulf Ave., Indianapolis representative of UAW-CIO; Sarah Louise Beasley, R. R. 16, Indianapolis, former member of State Personnel Board; Arnie Rex Burks, 2026 Hobart St., railroad employee and member of Legislature; Bernard E. Cantwell, 55 N. Worth St., airline operations agent and war veteran; Donald J. Corrigan, 5413 Grace Ave., attorney; Mabel A. Dunn, 2334 N. Pennsylvania St., social worker and member of the State House; Forest Walker Littlejohn, 44 N. Pennsylvania St., attorney and member of the Legislature; Charles H. Homey, 2837 Gulf Ave., farmer and school teacher; David Probsteln, 6350 College Ave., attorney and war veteran; James F. Griggs, 445 W. Jefferson St., Franklin attorney, for joint representative of Marion and Johnson Counties.

Republican candidates:

For State Senator: Hoyt Moore, R. R. 3, Indianapolis, farmer and State Senator.

For House of Representatives:

Alembert W. Brayton, 5260 Primrose Ave., lawyer and war veteran; Earl L. Buchanan, 1215 King Ave., treasurer of Malleable and Steel Castings Co.; George S. Diener, 5024 Graceland Ave., head of Diener Advertising Agency; Addison M. Dowling, 1110 Fletcher Trust Bldg., lawyer and former nominee for Superior Court judge; Nelle B. Downey, 3435 N. Pennsylvania St., principal of School 32 and civic worker; Thomas C. Hasbrook, 6001 Haverford Pl., public relations for Eli Lilly & Co.; John E. King, 1120 Pleasant St., Power & Light Co. employee and former City Councilman; Leo L. Kriner, R. R. 8, Indianapolis, former deputy prosecutor; William Davis Mackey, 3203 Boulevard Pl., insurance man; J. Perry Meek, 3742 N. Pennsylvania St., life insurance and real estate agent; Fern E. Norris, 2444 N. Meridian St., official of Ball Park Lumber Co. and former reporter for Indiana Supreme and Appellate Courts; Kenneth F. Blackwell, of Franklin, former member of Legislature, president of State Fair Board, farmer, for joint representative from Marion and Johnson Counties.

DETROIT TRANSIT UNION Postpones Strike

DETROIT, Oct. 28 (UPI)—AFL bus and streetcar operators postponed their strike against the city's department of street railroads for two weeks today and agreed to resume negotiations.

SEVEN: Support for the right of equal opportunity in jobs regardless of sex, race or religion.

EIGHT: Removal of all Communists from all branches of state government.

NINE: Indorsement of the American Medical Association's stand opposing socialized medicine.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Democrat candidates for the Legislature are:

For State Senator: Russell J. Dean, 908 N. Bolton Ave., former deputy prosecutor and former member of the Legislature.

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