

# 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 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 seat in the Second, Ninth and Tenth Districts.

Winning the Second would mean unhorsing Rep. Charles A. Halleck, dean of all Hoosiers, 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 Charles 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's majorities and some Republicans who would like, if not see him lose, at least to run behind Sen. Homer E. Capehart on the GOP ticket.

Trims Majorities  
The fact that the district was whittled out for the 1948 election will be perpetually a Republican often is cited. Now Mr. Coplen is challenging that. He thinks that there has been an influx of new Democratic voters since those days and the only reason he hasn't whittled down the Halleck majorities more in the past is because the Democrats didn't get out and vote.

At that he cut them from 45,000 in the year he took over the district chairmanship to 36,000, 22,000 and down to 14,000 in 1948.

With Mr. Beck being a candidate made-to-order for the district, this is the year the Democrats are going to win, he declares.

Scared, Tales  
There are tall tales of Mr. Halleck "running scared." They say he canceled a lot of important national speaking engagements to return to the district and make 14 campaign speeches.

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.

# 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.

Last week was a strenuous one for Mr. Campbell and his traveling companions, Robert Whitehead, Kokomo, candidate for appellate court judge, and Eddie DeVaux, Ft. Wayne, driver and aide.

There were speeches in Lafayette, Peru, Noblesville, Richmond, New Castle, Elkhart, Goshen, Speedway and Marion. There was a big "Campbell Caravan" through Elkhart, Marshall and St. Joseph Counties.

The caravan stopped at many towns, where Mr. Campbell and other Democratic candidates delivered brief talks.

Has Covered State  
In addition to public speaking, 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 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.

# 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 administrations will become one of the major programs of the 1951 State Legislature.

Definite action toward reforms 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 creation 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 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.

THREE: Placing the appointment of all probation workers of Marion County Juvenile Court under the merit system of the State Personnel Department.

FOUR: Integration of Marion County courts through creation of a judicial conference of judges of all 16 courts.

Republican candidates running for the Legislature from Marion County outlined their program, in addition to the government reform pledge, as follows:

ONE: Opposition to any trend toward socialism such as the Brannan farm price support program.

TWO: Continued support for laws strengthening Indiana's health program started by the GOP between 1944 and 1948.

THREE: Opposition to government socialism such as the insurance and real estate agency.

# Smith Blasts State License Bureau 'Chaos'

GOP Candidate Attacks Fleming Administration

By IRVING LEIBOWITZ

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# Jenner Attacks Early Recall Plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (UP)—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 (UP)—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.

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.

Fends 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 folk 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.

"He is the best candidate this

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