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Washington Merry-Go-Round

Repertory Aide Pauley Backs a Hard Peace

At the Chicago Democratic Convention last July there was a little turn of the speakers at the front of the convention hall. One of the speaker's mikes was dead. One was marked "Phony Senior." It was afraid of the little fandango that was taking place behind it.

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Reparations Aside, Pauley Backs a Hard Peace

WASHINGTOZ, May 12 — Today there was a little man behind the wheel of a revolver. He was the only one on the mentor in the convention hall. Off in a corner was the man who, when he heard that Pauley had sold his delegation, wished it had been the man under the wheel of a revolver.

But in the White House, the man who sold the delegation was gone. The man under the wheel of a revolver was still there. He was the man who sold the delegation.

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The President spoke to the governors by letter, saying he was glad to see them and that he was glad to see them. He also said he was glad to see them.

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Congressmen's Franks

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O'Dwyer's Food

General William O'Dwyer, war refugee, has been asked to resign from the position of Secretary of the Interior. The War Department has been asked to resign from the position of Secretary of the Interior. The War Department has been asked to resign from the position of Secretary of the Interior.

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Why Pehle Quit War Refugee Board
In Favor of O'Dwyer—No Feud Involved

Washington, Jan. 29.

There wasn't any personal feud, ideological conflict or other sinister reason for John W. Pehle's resignation Saturday as executive director of the War Refugee Board and the appointment of Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer as his successor.

Under the tremendous handicaps existing throughout his tenure—many of which will never be disclosed until the war is over—Pehle has done a magnificent job. So that, every one concerned, including the board members, Secretaries Stettinius, Stimson and Morgenthau, are agreed. And Pehle has literally loved the work.

The plain facts are that Pehle is a career man in government; he couldn't have refused his recent promotion by Secretary Morgenthau to head the Treasury's procurement division; and, though he had hoped to continue his refugee work on the side, he now finds that the two jobs are more than he can properly handle.

He is sincere when he says he has great confidence in O'Dwyer as his successor—that "Bill" is a fighting guy—and that he expects the work to be carried on from right where he is leaving off.

There have been rumors around town for some time that O'Dwyer, who recently returned to Washington after serving many months as ranking U. S. member of the Allied Military Government in Italy, wasn't planning to go back to Italy.

And there's been considerable speculation as to what he would do, in that case, between now and the forthcoming New York City mayoralty campaign.

O'Dwyer has from time to time taken the position—and many of his friends and associates believe he's in earnest—that he really doesn't want to run for mayor, or for governor either. But, at present, he is by all means the strongest potential candidate the Democrats could offer; and it's quite possible that, whatever his private feelings may be, sufficient pressure will eventually be brought to persuade him to make the race, anyway.

In view of that, naturally, what will happen to the War Refugee Board appears to have an element of some personal or political import, according to some observers in the immediate field. But, in the long run, they all agree, it shouldn't make much difference as to who the official becomes, so long as he has the ability to continue the work.

Incidentally, it's quite possible he would be smart to hurry back to the New York area as soon as possible, by resuming his duties as Kings County District Attorney.

The War Refugee Board appears to have offered the perfect answer.

On a basis of our intermittent observation of O'Dwyer, his tour with AMC in Italy has been a broadening experience. Whatever other shortcomings he might have, he has always had the common touch and his dealings with the defeated, famished, war-weary populace of Italy have made him even more sensitive to the hopes and needs of the average man.

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Old Rankin Superstition Revived

By Drew Pearson

Former Congressman Edgar H. Rankin of Nebraska, who served 20 years with John Rankin of Mississippi, says that a queer superstition grew up when he was in Congress that any woman who married him was doomed to an early death. Rankin is dead.

Congressman Howard Whittier moved the fight on the floor of the House between Rankin and O'Day Mills, late Secretary of the Treasury. Whittier threw an inkwell at Frank Hill, attorney for Andrew McLean. Hogan is now dead.

James Howard left Congress, the superstitious have shelled up any other death in Rankin, that of Congressman Edith B. of Nebraska. This is the first time in recent years the Mrs. McLean has donated blood.

War Notes

The ranking radio, trying to better home morale, has lost the war. The compelling story of the Japanese commander at Iwo Jima has increased that the Japanese government has made a gesture in compensation. During the next 6 months, Kei,(ages to have to pay the ordinary tax by listening to the radio."

Congressman Bill O'Dwyer, the Brooklyn district, in his morning speech before the House, said: "It is estimated that the U. S. Army has now killed or captured 1,500,000 Germans in the Pacific and is working hard to get out of the Pacific.

I was the first to suggest that in the Pacific the Russians have been more than the Nips. The Russians are getting in on the move. We must be on our toes if we are to be ready to receive them at the beginning of the war.

Films Banned at Top

Under the guise of banning films it looks as if certain enemies were beginning a clampdown against Hollywood. Byrnes claims that the actual number of pictures prohibited is not as large as is feared by the public. The extent of the damage is that the pictures are being made for private consumption only.

Capitol Chat

Washington Post MAR 11 1945

Most people immediately. The Byrnes office has just released a report on the situation in the U. S. A. with the new officers from the U. S. A. and the new administration. The report is on the current situation in the U. S. A. and the new administration. The report is on the current situation in the U. S. A. with the new officers from the U. S. A. and the new administration.
O'DWYER SHIFTS HIS AIDES

Hughes—Will Remain in Post, With Heffernan Chief of Staff

William O'Dwyer, Kings County District Attorney who recently returned from the Army where he was a brigadier general, has shuffled several posts in the prosecutor's office, although it was learned yesterday there was no political significance in the changes. Thomas O'Cradock Hughes, who served as acting district attorney during his superior's absence in the service, will continue to hold the same post when Mr. O'Dwyer leaves the city for his work as executive director of the War Refugee Board.

However, Edward A. Heffernan, who served under District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan and continued during the O'Dwyer regime, has been designated as chief of staff. He had been chief of the Investigation Bureau. In this post, Louis Aldino, an original O'Dwyer appointee, will serve.

Assistant District Attorney Charles N. Cohen, who has had twenty years experience as a prosecutor at trial in the County Court, has been named chief of the assistants appearing in that court. Mr. Cohen replaces Assistant District Attorney James A. McGough, who is in the Navy and stationed at Honolulu.
Washington Background

O'Dwyer Shocks Capital
By Modest Demeanor

By Inquirer-Washington Bureau Staff

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM O'DWYER, the latest addition to the Washington scene, made veteran publicity hounds here gasp with his first public performance. Appointed to the War Refugees Board, General O'Dwyer held a press conference.

He was asked the customary questions. A beautiful blonde secretary sitting next to him whispered the customary answers. He was asked the customary questions.

Indications are that the Vice President's office just off the Senate chamber will soon become the same center of political activity that it was in the days of former Vice President John N. Garner. In those days, many legislative shots were under the shrewd prompting of Mr. Garner, who had the knack of bringing discordant elements together in an atmosphere of conviviality.

Things changed when Henry A. Wallace became Vice President because Mr. Wallace lacked Mr. Garner's geniality and convivial instinct. The new result was that most Democratic Senatorial plotting and planning was shifted to the office of Colonel Edwin A. Halsey, secretary of the Senate. Colonel Halsey's death a few days ago, plus the fact that the new Vice President, Harry S. Truman, likes company and gets along well with his former colleagues in the Senate, makes it likely that the Vice President's office will once more become the scene of Senatorial off-the-record activities.

The Japanese will not be pleased to know, not only that Uncle Sam's aircraft are getting better and better, but also that they are getting bigger.

Figures released by the Bureau of Ordnance on 1944 plane construction revealed that the unit weight per air-frame was 6966 pounds, but that the air-frame weight per unit (average) for 1945 will be 10,655 pounds. This increase in air-frame weight is reflected in construction of larger transports, but also, it is understood, in new model combat craft, details of whose construction and performance have not been revealed.

The United States Navy doesn't have any doubt about its ability now to execute what formerly was supposed to be the most difficult task of all military operations—landing in strength upon a hostile shore.

Rear Admiral Richard L. Conolly—who has directed amphibious landings on Sicily, Salerno, Roen-Namur, Guam, Leyte and Luzon—was asked the other day whether the Navy feels it has mastered the technique of amphibious assault.

"Oh, yes," he replied. "We can land anywhere we choose.

"Sure, anywhere?" the admiral replied imperiously. "I'm absolutely sure we can land anywhere."

Edited by John C. O'Brien
O'Dwyer Says 'No' to Race For Mayoralty

'Not a Candidate,' Heads News on Eve of Resuming Role as Kings Prosecutor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—In his first press conference as executive director of the War Refugee Board, Brigadier General William O'Dwyer today told reporters who asked him whether he would be receptive to the Democratic nomination for Mayor of New York that it was the same question they had asked him. The answer, he said, was "no." It was his first public disclaimer of interest in the New York Mayoralty.

General O'Dwyer, who goes on inactive duty and into civilian clothes at midnight tonight, then submitted to several variations of the same question. Would he say that he did not choose to run, reason pursued. Was he "positively not a candidate." If his "no" came so readily and emphatically that a reporter asked: "Why do you dislike the idea of being Mayor of New York so much—Mayor LaGuardia seems to like it well enough."

There was no reply.

General O'Dwyer, who entered the Army as a major on June 1, 1942, will return tomorrow to his $20,000-a-year post as District Attorney of King's County (Brooklyn), from which he has been on leave. Four years ago he was the Democratic candidate for Mayor; but Mayor LaGuardia defeated him by 125,000 votes.

According to General O'Dwyer has been vice-president of the economic section of the Allied Control Commission for Italy with the personal rank of minister. He will keep his war refugee post which is non-paid. In addition, to being a district attorney, O'Dwyer is a member of the board of a number of Jewish war-relief organizations, which are semi-official.
O'Dwyer Not to Seek New York Mayoralty

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, newly named executive director of the War Refuge Board, declared flatly yesterday that he would not be a candidate for Mayor of New York this year.

O'Dwyer, who resumes his post as district attorney of Kings County (Brooklyn) today, will divide his time between New York and Washington.
General O'Dwyer Declares
He Will Not Run for Mayor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 - Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer said today that he would not run for Mayor of New York in this year's election.

General O'Dwyer will shed his uniform as of midnight tonight and return tomorrow to his $6,000-a-year post as District Attorney of Kings County. He now is executive director of the War Refugee Board, a non-paid position. Until recently he was vice president of the Economic Section of the Allied Control Commission for Italy, with the personal rank of Minister.

Since his recall there have been persistent rumors that the Democratic nomination for mayor would be offered to him. Four years ago he ran for that office and was defeated by Vito J. Lisciandro by 115,000 votes.
O'Dwyer Says War Trial
Vacillation Helps Nazis

By CHARLES A. MACMURR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 - Reports that the United Nations War Crimes Commission is disinclined to press for criminal trial and punishment for top Nazi leaders may encourage them to think they can commit more murder and not be answerable for it, according to Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, new executive director of the War Refugee Board.

It is his personal reaction that the psychological effect of the vacillation policy of the Commission will be "sad" within the Reich.

There are at least 500,000 persons - mostly German Jews - within the shrinking borders of the German Reich who must be helped to safety by the board, O'Dwyer disclosed.

O'Dwyer succeeded John W. Peible, assistant to Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, who has held the post since creation of the agency by President Roosevelt in January, 1944.

The new director refused to discuss how his office arrived at the figure of 500,000 persons "within enemy lines and in danger of their lives." He intimated such information might advise the enemy of our methods of rescuing helpless persons from the Nazi.

For this reason he refused to discuss the field operations of the board or how many refugees have been assisted up to now.

O'Dwyer, who has been retired to inactive status by the Army, takes off his uniform today. He said he intended to divide his time between his War Refugee Board duties and his office as district attorney for Kings County, New York. He definitely will not run for mayor of New York City on the Democratic ticket. The only reason he never said so before was because nobody asked him, he told a press conference.

"The immediate and direct job of the War Refugee Board is to get these hundreds of thousands of unfortunate people 'out from under,'" O'Dwyer declared. He said he did not know if the board would continue to function after the collapse of Germany, but pointed out there is nothing in the President's mandate which would prohibit the agency from operating in the Pacific theater of war. At this moment, he added, there is no need for their services in the East.

Because the War Refugee Board is not a joint agency with representatives of British and Russian, it is not operating in Eastern Europe. It is a purely American institution, supported at the moment from emergency appropriations. Many of its field workers have been taken over from other agencies back of the battlefront.

O'Dwyer also refused to express an opinion on whether the Nazis, with defeat in sight, will wind up their reign in a great blood bath.
O'Dwyer Says War Trial Vacillation Helps Nazis

By CHARLES A. MICHIE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1—The United Nations War Crimes Commission is disinclined to press for criminal trial and punishment for top Nazi leaders, many of whom were leaders in the concentration camps. The commission, which was established by the United Nations, is not operating in occupied Europe, and it is not operating in Eastern Europe.

There are at least 100,000 persons—mostly German Jews—whom the commission has been unable to assist.

O'Dwyer, who has been retired to inactive status by the Army, said he was told by his office at the time when he was assigned to duties as judge advocate for the 9th Army in the European theater of war. The only reason he was allowed to return to duty was because nobody asked him, he told a press conference.

The immediate and direct job of the commission is to get down to the thousands of requests for help from the families of American soldiers who are still missing.

O'Dwyer declared: He said he did not know if the board would continue to function after the collapse of the Nazi régime.
O'Dwyer Says 'No' to Race For Mayoralty

'Not a Candidate,' He Asserts on Eve of Resuming Role as Manh. Prosecutor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—In his first news conference as executive officer of the War Refugee Board, Brigadier General William O'Dwyer today told reporters who asked him whether he would be a candidate to the Democratic nomination for mayor of New York City, "I was asked that question through the press. The answer was, 'No.' It was his Thirty-third disclaimer of interest in the New York Mayoralty.

General O'Dwyer, who goes on inactive duty into civilian clothes at midnight tonight, then material, to speak of the same question, won't say that he 'did not care to run,' reported Sunday was 'poorly and favorably as a candidate in the byelection a district county. O'Dwyer thinks a member of the Board would address the estimated 500,000 Jews who are still within the shrinking borders of Germany. It is the task of the Board, he explained, so to resettle them (under terms of the United Nations and other agreements) as they have been and to show down questions which tend to confuse the hungry methods of operation.

The War Refugee Board is doing very little in the Far East. General O'Dwyer amplified and clarified, refusing to answer further questions on that score, but he indicated that efforts may be in progress to increase those Jews' safety in that area.
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O'DWYER IS DUE BACK IN OLD JOB TOMORROW

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, who left his post as Kings County Dis- trict Attorney in the spring of 1941 to become an Army major, will return to his duties as Brooklyn prosecutor tomorrow. On Saturday he was named executive director of the War Refugee Board and in this capacity he will return to civilian life on inactive status from the Army.

The nonpartisan Federal post is expected to permit him to give considerable time to his Brooklyn office, which has been headed by Thomas Crockett Hughes for more than two years.

There has been considerable speculation as to whether Mr. O'Dwyer would run for Mayor again this year. (He lost to Mayor La Guardia in 1931 by 122,000 votes.) Some of his friends have insisted he would be the Democratic candidate for Governor next year.

Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn Demo- crat leader, is in Florida, and no official announcement has been made. But some Brooklyn Democratic leaders have let it be known that Borough President John C. McNamee was their first choice as the party's candidate for Mayor. Mr. Kelly, however, is expected to have the final word.
O'Dwyer Again Put Forward For Mayoralty

Will Resume Duties As Kings Prosecutor
As Possible Bid For Mayoralty

BY RAY GHENT
World-Telegram Staff Writer.

Announcement today that Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, newly returned to inactive Army status, will take up his duties as Brooklyn district attorney on Thursday, aroused immediate speculation in political circles as to his chances of again being the Democratic nominee for Mayor in this year's municipal election—or possibly of trying for Governor next year.

Politicians were viewing Gen. O'Dwyer's federal appointment a few days ago as executive director of the War Refugee Board (an organization charged with the aid and rescue of victims of enemy persecution) as another sign of White House approval of him.

May Have Eye on Albany.

But whether this sign and some others have to do with the General's prospects with regard to the Mayoral election, in view of President Roosevelt's endorsement of Mayor La Guardia over then candidate O'Dwyer four years ago, or with a long range buildup looking toward 1946 and the Governorship, has the politicians puzzled.

In any event, the way is seen cleared for the rise of the O'Dwyer political star again.

For some weeks friends of the popular General have been saying he is not interested in the Mayoralty, although lately a group has been mentioning him again. Four years ago he lost to Mayor La Guardia by 132,000 votes.

Might Clash with Mead.

Should he bypass the Mayoralty and try for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, observers see him as running smack into the ambitions of Sen. James M. Mead, who may have had his eye on Albany. The Senator has been much in the spotlight lately as head of the Select War Investigating Committee, formerly headed by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

Efforts of some upstate friends
O'Dwyer Likely To Resume Old Job Tomorrow

His Return to District Attorney's Duties May Affect Mayoralty Picture

Brigadier General William O'Dwyer will return tomorrow to his duties as District Attorney of Kings County if his return to civilian life can be facilitated by then.

General O'Dwyer was appointed executive director of the War Refugees Board on Saturday when it was announced in Washington that his retirement from the Army would be completed by today or early tomorrow. As his Federal post is non-salaried, it is believed that he can hold it without resuming his tenure of office as District Attorney.

General O'Dwyer is the top-ranking Democrat mentioned for his party's nomination for Mayor this fall. His initials were used yesterday that was not willing to run again for the office.

Four years ago General O'Dwyer was defeated for Mayor by H. H. LaGuardia by only 13,900 votes. Twice during the campaign President Roosevelt appealed for support for Mayor LaGuardia despite his known reluctance to seek the mayoralty a second time. Democrats launched a draft O'Dwyer movement several weeks later.
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support for Mayor LaGuardia.
Despite his known reluctance to
seek the mayoralty a powerful
Delegates' faction is behind
General O'Dwyer's candidacy, sources
said.
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January 29, 1945

Name Gen. O'Dwyer
To War Refugee Board

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer was
appointed by Secretary of
State Hull as the new War Refugee Board
director, succeeding John W. Pebley. Gen.
O'Dwyer recently returned from
India where he served as vice presi-
dent of the economic section of the
Allied Control Commission.
O'DWYER TO RETURN TO OFFICE IN KINGS

Believed of his military duties to assume the non-related part-time post of executive director of the War Refuge Board, Maj. Gen. William O'Dwyer will return tomorrow or Wednesday to his duties as Kings County District Attorney, it was reported today.

The Refuge Board post can be held by Gen. O'Dwyer without interfering with his prosecutor's duties, it is believed. How soon he returns depends on the speed with which the Army acts in placing him on the inactive officers' list.

Word of his return raised the hopes of many Democratic leaders who see Gen. O'Dwyer as the party's best prospect to succeed the mayoralty chair from Pierpont LaGuardia. Four years ago, in the face of the strongest opposition, he defeated the Mayor in a keenly contested election, losing by 23,000 votes. LaGuardia's victory was due to the combined support of the Republican, American Labor and City Fusion parties.

Although friends maintain that Gen. O'Dwyer would be reluctant to make a second mayoral bid, a draft-O'Dwyer movement had been under way for several weeks.
Resignation of John W. Pehle as executive director of the War Refugee Board and appointment of Brig.-Gen. William O'Dwyer as his successor was announced yesterday.

Pehle resigned because of press of his duties as assistant to the secretary of the Treasury, the announcement said. It noted that Gen. O'Dwyer is going back to the War Department to take an assignment. O'Dwyer recently returned from Italy, where he served in the Allied Control Commission.

The War Refugee Board is composed of the secretaries of state, Treasury and war. It seeks to aid persecuted civil minorities in occupied Europe.
The News

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Triple-Expansion of Education Office Asked by Studebaker

By Allen J. Green

A bigger, stronger U. S. Office of Education, to meet increasing demands from state governments developing educational systems to meet post-war needs, is proposed by Commissioner John W. Studebaker in the office's annual report to Congress.

Dr. Studebaker wants to establish eight divisions to deal with elementary, secondary, vocational and higher education, school administration, international educational relations, auxiliary services and central office services. Each division would have approximately 150 permanent employees, or a total of 1,200, as contrasted to only 600 employees now, of whom more than half are temporary. The President, in his budget message, asked for an increase of 1,199 for the reorganization.

Out of Step

The report says that the office has not kept pace with increasing demands for service from the states, pointing out that the reorganization would carry out almost universal recommendations from educational groups and national and state organizations.

For example, Dr. Studebaker says, there is only one specialist on high school education in the office, "while the outstanding educational development of the 20th Century has been the growth of American secondary education." There are 10,000 children in elementary schools; the office has only one elementary specialist. It now has, aside from its war services, three small divisions compared to the eight proposed.

Still Going Down

For the fifth straight month, the number of Federal employees in the metropolitan Washington area declined last month to 255,185, or 15,316 less than were here at the end of July, 1944. Now there are 20,000 vacant Federal jobs in Washington. All efforts to determine accurately, with reports trickling in from all over the globe, but Federal employment outside the continental United States is probably at an all-time high. The unrevoked total of overseas employees on Dec. 31 was 40,000. Previously reported figures on overseas employment were for Dec. 29 were 32,896, but a large War Department report recently turned that to 43,000, which is the official highwater mark. So it's likely that the Dec. 31 figure will also be revised upward. The decrease of 1943 employees here last month, and of 15,316 over the nation, was in full-time rather than part-time jobs.

In the New Faces

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, former New York district attorney who recently returned from Europe, is the new executive director of the War Ration Board. He replaces John W. F. Fessell, who resigned to devote his time to his other job of heading up Treasury Procurement and surplus property disposition. Collier Bookman, as he is known, has become assistant executive director of War Manpower. Commission, in charge of program development, replaced William Fisher, who is now director of manpower liaison and co-ordination in the Office of War Mobilization.
O'Dwyer Will Return To Post Here Soon, Named Refugee Aide

Retiring From Army, He'll Take Over Again As District Attorney

Brig. Gen. William A. O'Dwyer, Brooklyn's district attorney on military leave, will return to his Municipal Building office as soon as formalities involving him from the army have been completed. It was learned authoritatively last night, following the announcement in Washington that he had been appointed executive director of the War Refugee Board, an unpaid position.

Reached at his Bay Ridge home, O'Dwyer refused to comment upon the appointment.

It was learned, however, that the duties of the new post are not much to require full-time presence and that the general, who joined the army shortly after Pearl Harbor, would have the major part of his time for the resumption of his duties in Brooklyn.

Retiring This Week

A Washington United Press dispatch said O'Dwyer had been returned to inactive army status, in order that he might take the new assignment to the War Refugee Board. It was learned that O'Dwyer will go through the formalities of retiring early in the week and he will be in his Brooklyn office as soon thereafter as possible.

As executive director of the WRRB, he succeeds John W. Pease, who resigned in order to remain his post as assistant to Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau. The general's appointment is to take all possible steps to return half-allied victims of enemy occupation.

O'Dwyer's return to active duty as head of the District Attorney's office would clear the way for his brother to fill his political and local duties as desired.

While serving in the army he was permitted to stand as a candidate for re-election to a new term of as prosecutor, but was prevented from seeking an active campaign under army regulations. The Democratic, Republican and American Labor parties chose him as a non-partisan candidate in 1933 when he was re-elected without opposition.

Made Head for Mayor

He has been mentioned periodically for mayor on the Democratic ticket, but has told close personal friends that he has no intention of entering such a race under any circumstances. He was defeated by Mayor La Guardia in the 1933 city campaign.

O'Dwyer's friends also have mentioned him as a possible nominee for Governor in the 1936 state race.

Only recently O'Dwyer returned from Italy where he served as vice-president of the economic section of the Allied Commission for Italy with the personal rank of colonel. He had reported directly to President Roosevelt on the Italian situation.

O'Dwyer is the only member of the gang that is not known for his restless prosecution of Brooklyn's notables Murder for Money Circuit, but his life has been marked by orderly rise to the top and mastery of the most difficult situations by the firmness formula.

Born in Ireland

Born in County Mayo, Ireland, July 11, 1891, he was educated in Mayo community schools, where his parents were teachers. He also studied.

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Washington, Jan. 27. (AP)—
Resignation of John W. Kehle
as Executive Director of the War
Refugee Board was announced by
Gen. Edward L. Doheny Jr., the
Board's acting Executive Director
in the resignation letter. Kehle has
been in the new position since
he was appointed from Italy where
he served with the Allied Control
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Kehle Resigns
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D-Dwyer Released
By Army to Head
War Refuge Board

Washington, Jan. 27.—Resignation of John W. Peible as executive
director of the War Refuge Board, and appointment of Brig.
Gen. William O'Dwyer as his successor, was announced today.
Peible resigned in order to accept
his duties as assistant to the Sec-
retary of the Interior. The War
announced today, that General O'Dwyer is being
in Hawaii as an officer in the United
States Army. He will
headquarters in New York City.

The War Refugee Board is com-
piled of the secretaries of state,
secretary of the interior, and
secretary of the navy.
PECHE Quits As Head of War Refugee Board

Washington, Jan. 25—(AP)—Resignation of John W. Peché as executive director of the War Refugee Board and appointment of Maj. Gen. William O'Dwyer as his successor were announced today.

Peché resigned because of press of his duties as assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, the announcement said. It added that General O'Dwyer is being assigned in an executive position to the Department of State and to the Office of the President to act as his armed forces advisor.

O'Dwyer recently returned from duty where he served with the Allied Control Commission.

The War Refugee Board is charged by the United Nations with providing relief for displaced persons in occupied Europe.
THE NASHVILLIAN
Nashville, Tenn.
January 28, 1945

War Refugee Board Shifted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—(AP)—Resignation of John W. Pehle as executive director of the War Refugee Board and appointment of Lt. Gen. William D. Leahy as his successor was announced today.

Public responsibility for the war refugee board of the Department of State was transferred to the treasury, the announcement said. It added that General Leahy is being returned to inactive status by the war department to permit him to take the new post.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP) - Resignation of John W. Peake as executive director of the War Refugee Board and appointment of Brigadier General O'Dwyer as his successor were announced today.

Peake resigned because of pressure of his duties as assistant to the secretary of the treasury, the announcement said. It added that General O'Dwyer is being returned to inactive status by the war department to permit him to take the new assignment.

O'Dwyer recently returned from Italy where he served with the allied military forces.

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Pehle, Resigns Post

With Refugee Board

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Pehle recently returned from a
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Occupied Europe.
WASHINGTON, Jan 27 (AP) - Resignation of John W. Pehle as executive director of the War Refugee board and appointment of Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer as his successor was announced today.

Pehle resigned because of press of his duties as assistant to the secretary of the Treasury, the announcement said. It said that General O'Dwyer is now resigned to inactive status in the War department to permit him to take the new assignment. O'Dwyer recently returned from Italy where he served as an Allied control commissioner. The War Refugee board is composed of the secretaries of state, treasury and war. It seeks to aid persecuted civilian minorities in occupied Europe.
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Resignation of John W. Pehle as executive director of the War Refugee Board and appointment of Brigadier-General O'Dwyer as his successor were announced today.

Pehle resigned to devote his time to the Secretary of State, the announcement said. It added that General O'Dwyer is being returned to inactive status by the War Department to permit him to take the new assignment. O'Dwyer recently returned from Italy, where he served with the Allied Control Commission.

The War Refugee Board is headed by the Secretaries of State, Treasury and War. It acts to aid persecuted civilians in Nazi-occupied Europe.
Refugees Board

Director Resigns

Washington, Jan. 27 (AP)—Resignation of John F. Pehe as executive director of the war refugees board and appointment of Maj. Gen. T. J. O'Dwyer as his successor was announced today.

Pehe resigned because of pressure of his duties as assistant secretary of the treasury. The announcement said, in part, that General O'Dwyer is being returned to this status by the war department to permit him to take the new assignment.

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RETIRED BOARD CHANGE

Perry Replaces As Executive Head

Washington, Jan. 23. -- Retired Rear Adm. David C. Shanks was succeeded by Rear Adm. John W. Peble as executive director of the War Reprisal Board and assistant director of Natl. Council of Defense, according to an announcement issued by the Department of War. The successor was sworn in today.

The announcement was made by the press of the State Department. The Secretary of the Treasury, the announcement said, directed that the Secretary of the Treasury, the announce- ment said, that Rear Adm. William D. De Leeuw is being returned to his previous position in the War Department in order to take the new assignment. De Leeuw, recently returned from Italy where he served with the Allied Control Commission.
O'Dwyer to Direct War Refugee Board

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The War Refugee Board last night announced appointment of fiery Sen. William O'Dwyer, to leave as district attorney of Bronx County, N.Y., as its executive director. O'Dwyer has been ordered to the active Army by the President to return him to take this assignment. He will succeed John C. Pumphrey, who resigned last week to return to his post of assistant to Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr. The board is charged with taking all possible steps to return and resettle the millions of enemy prisoners. O'Dwyer recently returned to this country from Italy, where he served as vice president of the economic section of the Allied Control Commission for Italy, with the rank of major of minster. He served as a combat officer when he entered the late 93rd Infantry in Brooklyn.
OBSERVER
Charlotte, N. C.
January 28, 1945

PEHLE RESIGNS AS HEAD OF WAR REFUGE BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pehle resigned today as head of the War Refuge Board. His resignation was announced today.

[Signature]
Pennsylvania Inquirer

January 28, 1946

O'Dwyer to Head Refugee Board

Inquirer Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Brigadier General William O'Dwyer, former federal attorney of Kings county, N. Y., who won fame as a gangbuster, today resigned his Army commission to accept the position of executive director of the War Refugee Board. He succeeds John W. Peikol, who recently was appointed assistant secretary of the Treasury in charge of procurement.

The elevation of General O'Dwyer to the War Refugee Board was interpreted here as a Democratic move to build up the former prosecutor as the party's candidate for the Governorship of New York in 1946.

SERVED IN ITALY

General O'Dwyer was on leave from his office as federal attorney when he was sent overseas by the War Department. He recently returned from Italy, where he served as vice president of the economic section of the Allied Control Commission for Italy, with the personal rank of Major. The bulk of the refugees are either Italians or Jews. By playing an important role in the re-settlement of these unfortunate, General O'Dwyer could acquire an extremely important New York political asset.
O'Dwyer Heads Refugee Board

Brigadier General E. O'Dwyer, King's County, N. Y., former chief of the War Refugee Board. He replaces John W. Peck, who resigned yesterday in order to devote full time to his job as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

O'Dwyer, who returned from Italy, will be president of the economic section of the Allied Control Commission for Italy, with the personal rank of minister.

He is being returned to inactive status by the War Department in order to handle his new assignment.

Peck, as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, directs the disposal of all consumer goods declared surplus by the Army and Navy.

In his letter of resignation he mentioned "increasingly heavy burdens," and said he no longer felt the "usual reluctance" to resign the war refugee post that O'Dwyer had coveted for the assignment.
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE
January 28, 1945

O'Dwyer Named Director Of War Refugee Board

General Put on Army Inactive List to Qualify for Post

Washington, D.C. (AP) - The War Refugee Board tonight announced appointment of Brigadier General O'Dwyer as Director of the economic section of the Allied Control Commission for Italy, with the personal rank of Major General. He will succeed John W. Poehle, who resigned in order to resume his post as assistant to Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr. The Board is charged with taking all possible steps to rescue and aid victims of enemy oppression.

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New Director Named
For War Refugee Body

Washington, Jan. 27 (AP)—The resignation of John W. Pehle as executive director of the War Refugee Board was announced today. Pehle resigned at the request of his duties as assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, the announcement said. It added that William O'Dwyer is being returned to his duties as assistant to the War Department and will be returned to the War Refugee Board and will be returned to the War Refugee Board.

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