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PLAN PHILIPPINE RELIEF

New Group, Headed by Justice
Murphy, Is Set Up

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WASHINGTON, May 9.—The Philippine War Relief (of the United States), Inc., has been organized with Associate Justice Frank Murphy, former High Commissioner of the islands, as president and Mrs. Millard Tydings, wife of the Maryland Senator, as vice president. The Philippine Commonwealth officials here announced today.

Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Philippines, was elected honorary chairman, while Charles P. White was named executive director and J. William Jones, former Insular Auditor of the Philippines, treasurer.

The organization has filed application with the President's War Relief Control Board for authorization to the National War Fund as a participating agency. The new group plans to help relieve suffering among Americans and Filipinos in the islands and among refugees from the Philippines.

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Groups Aiding War Refugees Reach Accord

Intergovernmental Unit and W. R. B. Divide Tasks in Helping Nazi Victims

By Ann Cottrell

WASHINGTON, April 21.—

Close co-operation between the world's two principal refugee status groups was outlined today by John W. Pehle, executive director of the War Refugee Board, and Sir Herbert Emerson, director of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, in a joint press conference at which they outlined the major duties of each organization in aiding persons fleeing from occupied Europe.

After a week of informal discussion, the directors of the two organizations—which on the surface appear as if set up to do the same thing—and they had reached "complete agreement on organizational relations" and had taken definite steps to increase effectiveness of efforts being made on behalf of refugees. Their confidence was climaxed yesterday with a meeting with the War Refugee Board proper. Present were Cottrell Hill, Secretary of State; Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, and Harvey Bundy, representing Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War. Myron Taylor, American delegate to the intergovernmental committee, also was present.

Mr. Pehle's and Sir Herbert's discussion with the press gave the impression that the entire refugee problem is now divided into three phases, with each phase being under the jurisdiction of one organization. The chief concern of the W. R. B. "will be an emergency life-saving job"—aiding people to get out of the Nazi-dominated countries—Mr. Pehle said.

The principal task of the intergovernmental committee will be "looking after the refugees after they reach neutral territory," Sir Herbert said. The third phase, that of repatriating the refugees to their own countries after the war, will be handled by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. Sir Herbert estimated that at least 85 per cent of the displaced persons will wish to return to their homes and will be accepted by their governments.

Appointment of a new field member of the intergovernmental committee and a new special representative of the W. R. B. was announced at the conference. Rowland McClelland, who has served with the American Friends Service Committee in Europe for the last four years, will be stationed in Bern, Switzerland. As the W. R. B. representative, he will be assigned as a special attaché on war-refugee matters. Sir Herbert revealed that Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, former British Consul General at Alexandria, Egypt, is now working for the committee with the Allied Mission of Control, helping to look after non-Italian refugees.

Close-up
MARCH 11, 1944

John W. Pehle— Refugee Board's Chief

Washington.

By WILLIAM O. PLAYER JR.

When correspondents crowded into the office of John W. Pehle last Feb. 4 for his first press conference as Acting Executive Director of the War Refugee Board, they were genuinely astonished.

For hardly any of them had seen Pehle before; they'd heard of him only as the very able Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury and Director of Foreign Funds Control, and they naturally expected to meet some sort of "financial" type—who might turn out to resemble anything from a bank teller to a corporation president.

But Pehle is about as far from either extreme as anybody could possibly be.

In the first place, he is quite young—had celebrated his 35th birthday only a couple of days before his appointment to the War Refugee Board job.

Girl Reporters Declare He's Very Good-Looking

In the second place—on the enthusiastic authority of the girl reporters who happened to be in the crowd—he is very good-looking; six feet tall, 170 pounds, blue eyes, light brown hair, fair skin, and a friendly, engaging smile.

And, in the third place, he is human.

Once every two or three years, he confides, he grows a mustache—"just to see what it looks like again"—but shaves it off after a few months.

He has a mania for good pipes: they're his pet extravagance, and he estimates that at the moment he probably has 35 or 40 of them, all Dunhills, Petersons and other choice makes. (Some are broken, it's true, but he can't bear to throw them away.)

He lives in a log house on a big wooded tract in nearby Bethesda, Md., which served as a tea-room in the Wilson Administration. He cares for the grounds himself, and it's such a large undertaking that, though he also likes to garden, he doesn't have much time left for it. He did put in two 45-foot beds of asparagus last summer, but won't know how it turned out until this summer. "And," he points out, expertly, "it really shouldn't be cut until the second year."

He's Allergic to Cats— His Dogs in a Painting

He drives a tiny British Austin which he bought just before the war broke out, gets 32 miles to the gallon of gasoline—and, believe it or not, belongs to a car-pool, taking his turn carrying three other fellows to work.

He is allergic to cats—they affect him something like hay fever. Consequently, Mrs. Pehle, who's crazy about cats, has to do without. On the other hand, however, he loves dogs; but the only ones he owns are two Irish setters in a painting which Mrs. Pehle gave him last Christmas.

In addition to the exercise he gets in his yard, he goes in for badminton and bowling, and bowls once a week with a Treasury group largely composed of



Foreign Funds Control lawyers.

He is normally a big eater, with a special yen for steaks (rare), but in recent months he's taken off 30 pounds of excess weight by the painful process of dieting. Incidentally, he enjoys cooking his own steaks, and is, by his own admission, "a handy man around the kitchen."

He likes a drink: Manhattans before dinner, Scotch-and-soda afterward.

He Enjoys Dancing But Doesn't Play Bridge

He keeps one of his pipes in his mouth almost all the time, striding hundreds of matches a day—lighting up, letting the fire go out and lighting up again.

He doesn't care particularly for social activities, rarely entertains, doesn't play bridge and is "not a joiner." His preference when he gets an evening out, is to take Mrs. Pehle some place where they can dance. They both love it.

He also enjoys an occasional movie, but has no special favorites among the stars; always takes in a show when he goes to New York, and listens to the radio a good deal, "especially to Bob Hope."

He reads practically everything he can get his hands on—from Dorothy Sayers' detective stories to the heaviest kind of economic and legal stuff.

Studies Law at Yale Under Thurman Arnold

He works until all hours, carrying papers home from the office after he knocks off there, and has the happy faculty of concentrating on them while the radio keeps going.

He selects his own clothes—a little on the State Dept. side,

as a rule: dark, conservative suits, and black or grey Homburg hats.

He was born in Minneapolis on Feb. 2, 1909. His father, Otto W. Pehle, was formerly with the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co., but is now in the oil business at Omaha, Neb. Young Pehle majored in English at Creighton University, but, following his graduation with a Ph.D. degree in 1930, entered Yale Law School.

At Yale, he studied under Thurman Arnold, then a professor there; and he believes that Arnold's liberalism probably influenced his general philosophy of government and law more than any other person with whom he has come in contact.

Joins Legal Division Of the Treasury Dept.

After winning his LL.B. in 1933, Pehle spent another year at Yale as a teaching fellow in law, and the following year was awarded a J. S. D. degree. Meanwhile, in 1934, he had gone to work with the legal division of the Treasury Dept.

He became one of the few real career men in government, evincing from the start such a consuming enthusiasm for his work that his superiors were impressed and his subordinates were inspired. Consequently, in the comparatively brief span of 10 years, he worked up to the rank of Assistant to the Secretary and Director of Foreign Funds Control.

Pehle's wide experience and remarkable success in the latter job—which brought him into touch with many foreign governments, numerous agencies of this government and a large variety of private relief agencies—made him a natural choice for the War Refugee Board's directorship, when that opening developed.

He and Mrs. Pehle have two children, John W. Jr., 4, and Stephen, age 5 months.

He Met Bride When She Attended Art School

Mrs. Pehle is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William J. Elser, of New York City and Kent, Conn. Dr. Elser, now retired, formerly was professor of bacteriology at Cornell Medical School and head of the New York Hospital laboratory. Mrs. Pehle is an artist and met her husband-to-be while attending Yale Art School. She also has quite an inventive streak, according to Pehle—and he isn't going to be a bit surprised if she "butts into" something really worthwhile one of these days.

For instance, have you seen these evening slippers with interchangeable ribbon ties that can be switched to match various dresses? Well, Mrs. Pehle thought of that stunt three years ago, and actually had a pair of such shoes built for herself.

Unfortunately, though, she never made any effort to sell the idea; but, along came rationing, somebody else thought of the same thing—and whoever it was is undoubtedly making a killing!



JOHN W. PEHLE has a mania for good pipes.

Associated Press Photo

Free U. S. Ports To Aid Refugees Are Considered

War Refugee Board Studies Setting Up Places Where They Could Await Rescue

From the Herald Tribune Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The War Refugee Board is considering, among other proposals, a plan to establish free ports of temporary residence in the United States for refugees from Nazi Europe, it was disclosed today by John W. Pehle, executive director of the board.

Mr. Pehle was asked about the free port plan at a joint press conference with Ira Hirschmann, of New York, vice-president of Bloomingdale Bros., Inc., and special representative of the W. R. B. in Europe. Mr. Hirschmann returned to Washington yesterday from Turkey, where he had been since Feb. 14.

The purpose of refugee free ports would be to provide a place in the United States where refugees who had no other place to go could wait in safety until it became possible for them either to return to their homes or to settle elsewhere. While in a free port, the refugees would not be permitted to travel to other parts of the United States unless they were legally admitted through the regular immigration procedure.

Mr. Pehle said he could not say how far consideration of the free-port plan had gone, and that no decision had been made or action taken so far. It is the duty of the War Refugee Board to study all possible ways of finding temporary havens for refugees, he explained.

Mr. Hirschmann, whose account of his experiences in Turkey occupied most of the press conference, said that President Roosevelt is regarded as "a god" in occupied Europe because of his efforts on behalf of oppressed peoples.

"There may be some people in this country who don't like him," said Mr. Hirschmann, "but that is not true in Europe. He is a god there. They can't believe there is any opposition to him. He is in their eyes a savior."

Mr. Hirschmann said Mr. Roosevelt's declaration of March 24, in which he called on the free peoples of Europe and Asia "temporarily to open their frontiers to all victims of oppression," had had an "electrifying effect" in the Balkans. It was broadcast over and over again, and it gave people hope because it made them feel some one was coming to help them, he said.

Mr. Pehle added that Mr. Roosevelt's declaration had an important effect in overcoming the discouragement of some refugees who had given up trying to get out of the Nazi grip and decided that since their case was hopeless they might just as well die where they were. With the Roosevelt encouragement these people made a new effort, he said, adding that it is essential that they keep trying to help themselves.

Mr. Hirschmann said the War Refugee Board had been instrumental in moving refugees from a camp in Transdnistria, the Romanian borderland now held by the Russians, into the interior of Romania, whence they may hope to get out through Turkey.

There were 48,000 people, mostly Jewish, crowded into the Transdnistria camp, Mr. Hirschmann said, under conditions which were too deplorable and heartrending to describe.

"The whole principle of taking human beings and putting them in one place not fit for human life, and having that accepted as routine without protest, without an attempt by civilized people to rescue them, is one that has to be challenged, apart from the misery of the people themselves," he said.

Just as arrangements had been completed to move the 48,000 into

the interior, the Russians moved into the Transdnistria, and transportation lines were choked as a result. The movement of the refugees was "not expedited, to say the least," Mr. Hirschmann said, but it did get under way, with assistance of the Romanian government.

Mr. Hirschmann said the Russians were also very co-operative, and he paid high praise to Lawrence Steinhardt, American Ambassador to Turkey. Mr. Steinhardt "not only backed me up, he plunged into the work," said Mr. Hirschmann. "I think this board and the President and the people of this country who are interested in human beings wherever they are should be very grateful for having Mr. Steinhardt in Turkey at this time."

The War Refugee Board has been negotiating with the Turkish government to charter the S. S. Tari to carry 1,500 refugees to Haifa. Everything has been arranged, except a safe conduct from the Germans, and it is hoped that the ship will sail any day, he said. In the last few weeks three small Bulgarian boats brought 350 refugees each to Istanbul from Constantza, in Romania. The usual route from Istanbul to Palestine is overland.

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FLYNN REJECTS TIES TO ALP IN BRONX

Orders Local Candidates Not to Accept Endorsements—Lyons, Foley Affected

JOSEPH HAS DESIGNATION

Leader Seen Desiring to Avoid Coalition With Party With Communist Element

By JAMES A. HAGERTY

A break in the Bronx between the Democratic and American Labor parties, which have united in support of city-wide candidates seemed certain last night, when it was learned that Edward J. Flynn, Bronx Democratic leader, had sent word to all local Bronx Democratic candidates not to accept endorsement by the Labor party.

Such direction does not apply to State Senator Lazarus Joseph, who already has accepted the designation of the Labor party for Controller, but does apply to Borough President James J. Lyons and District Attorney Samuel J. Foley, both of whom have been designated for renomination, and to all Bronx local candidates.

There remains the possibility of endorsement of the Bronx Democratic candidates by the Liberal party, which, as it is not yet a legal party, will file independent nominating petitions after the primary election on July 31.

The Labor party has designated Leo Isaacson for Borough President and George Salvatore for District Attorney and named five candidates for Municipal Court Justice. It had been expected that most of these designees would be withdrawn by tomorrow, the last day for withdrawals, and other candidates substituted.

In issuing a request for Bronx Hillman himself campaigned in Democratic candidates not to accept 1941, together with Governor Labor party endorsements, Dewey, for La Guardia and in opposition to William O'Dwyer. Had La Guardia been a candidate this year Hillman again would have been allied with Governor Dewey was this point of view, it was said, in support of his candidacy. Unable to justify his alliance with Tammany Hall in the present Democratic campaign, Sidney Hillman is trying to repeat the 1944 campaign it became known to him that Mr. O'Dwyer insisted upon the Labor party nomination also. It was used by Clarence Hillman to get out of office on the ground that the District Attorney failed to vote for Roosevelt at the last national convention. Tammany Hall's lack of enthusiasm for Roosevelt in the 1944 election is well remembered. They as well as Mr. Hillman are now exploiting the memory of our late President for their own nefarious purposes. New York citizens are not that gullible."

The ALP-CIO Campaign Plan-ning Board will meet tomorrow morning to make final decisions on the party's candidates. It is certain that it will substitute District Attorney Frank S. S. Hogan for Mendel Lurie, its designee for District Attorney of New York County, and probable that it will substitute Capt. Hugo E. Rogers, Tammany designee for Borough President of Manhattan, for Alvin Udell, its designee for that office.

ROSE ATTACKS HILLMAN

Says He Uses National Issues to Cover Tammany Alliance

Alex Rose, administrative committee chairman of the Liberal party, asserted yesterday that Sidney Hillman, State Chairman of the American Labor party, was attempting to inject irrelevant national issues into the New York City campaign to help Tammany capture the municipal government.

In reply to Mr. Hillman, who on Tuesday evening declared that Judge Jonah J. Goldstein and his running mates on the Republican, Liberal and City Fusion party tickets were handpicked by Governor Dewey to further the latter's ambition to run again for Governor and President, Mr. Rose said:

"Hillman helped the Communists capture the ALP. He now wants to help Tammany Hall capture the City of New York. To accomplish this purpose he drags in irrelevant national issues which have no place in a municipal election. He uses national issues as a fig leaf to cover up the shameful alliance of the Tammany and Marcantonio machines.

In the camps of Jonah J. Goldstein as well as of William O'Dwyer can be found pro-Roosevelt and pro-Dewey supporters of 1944. This is only natural. A similar situation existed in the municipal campaigns of 1937 and 1941, when people who differed vigorously on national issues nevertheless united behind a local good government ticket. Sidney

District Attorney O'Dwyer, Democratic and Labor party candidate for Mayor, who is executive director of the War Refugee Board, left La Guardia Field for Washington late in the afternoon. Questioned about the local political situation, Mr. O'Dwyer smiled, spread his hands and said, "No politics."

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Split of Bronx Democrats and A.L.P. Reported

Borough Candidates Are Reported Rejecting Help From Left-Wing Party

The Democratic candidates for Bronx borough officers were reported yesterday by a party officer to have refused support from the left wing American Labor party which has nominated the Democratic city-wide ticket headed by District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings.

The reported decision of the Bronx Democratic candidates to go it alone indicates a four-way contest in that borough among the Republican, Democratic, Liberal and American Labor parties on the county ticket.

In the other four boroughs the Liberals are inclining toward the Republican candidates while the A. L. P. is preparing to follow through with the Democratic candidates. The A. L. P. expects to announce tomorrow its revised borough slates. The Liberals will name their county candidates shortly. Each party claims the balance of power in most of the boroughs. Each just about counterbalances the other in most. The Liberals are backing the Republican city-wide ticket.

Flynn's Stand Cited

The anti-A. L. P. position attributed to the Bronx Democratic candidates is in line with the reputed opposition of Edward J. Flynn, the Bronx Democratic leader, to designation of Mr. O'Dwyer for Mayor — because of his left-wing support. Mr. Flynn was not available last night for comment. The candidates left any comment to him.

A. L. P. officials said they had heard the reports. They indicated a willingness to stand on the Bronx Borough candidates nominated in their petitions filed Tuesday. They are Assemblyman Leo Isaacson for Borough President and George Salvatore for District Attorney. The Democrats designated Borough President James J. Lyons and District Attorney Samuel J. Foley for re-election. The Republican candidates are Archie D. Morrison for Borough President and Thomas A. DeBellis for District Attorney.

Rose Answers Hillman

Alex Rose, chairman of the administrative committee of the Liberals, issued the following reply yesterday to the address of Sidney Hillman, state chairman of the A. L. P., at the notification Tuesday of Mr. O'Dwyer:

"Hillman helped the Communists capture the A. L. P. He now wants to help Tammany Hall capture the City of New York. To accomplish this purpose he drags in national issues which have no place in a municipal election. He uses national issues as a fig leaf to cover up the shameful alliance of the Tammany and Marcantonio (Representative Vito Marcantonio) machines.

"Sidney Hillman himself campaigned in 1941 together with Governor Dewey for La Guardia and in opposition to William O'Dwyer. Had La Guardia been a candidate this year Hillman again would have been allied with Governor Dewey in support of his candidacy.

"Unable to justify his alliance with Tammany Hall in the present campaign, Sidney Hillman is try-

ing to repeat the 1944 campaign of Roosevelt vs. Dewey. The hypocrisy of this maneuver is self-evident. It was used by Clarence Neal when he wanted to turn District Attorney Hogan out of office on the ground that the District Attorney failed to vote for Roosevelt at the last national convention."

Hillman Assails Dewey for Hand In City Election

Says Governor Seeks to
Aid Own Cause, Speaks
at A. L. P. Notification

Sidney Hillman, whose chairmanship of the Political Action Committee made him a central figure in last fall's Presidential campaign, jumped squarely last night into the city mayoralty campaign with a charge that Governor Thomas E. Dewey is using the mayoralty election "as a pawn in his personal political game."

Mr. Hillman's attack on the Governor was made at ceremonies formally notifying District Attorney William F. O'Dwyer, of Brooklyn, Democratic mayoralty nominee and his running mates of American Labor party indorsement of them. The notification took place at New York Times Hall, 240 West Forty-fourth Street.

While lowering his sights to send verbal blasts in the direction of Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, Republican-Liberal mayoralty nominee, and Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick, Republican-Liberal candidate for re-election, Mr. Hillman made it clear that his number one objective is his foe of last year, Governor Dewey.

Turns Guns on Dewey

"Goldstein and McGoldrick were hand-picked from Albany by New York's only full-time candidate, the man who hasn't stopped running since 1937," said Mr. Hillman in his capacity as state chairman of the American Labor party.

"Governor Dewey, who has always regarded each office to which he is elected as no more than a stepping stone to something bigger and better, is at it again. For him the mayoralty election is a pawn in his personal political game. The designation of Goldstein and McGoldrick was his opening move for 1946 and 1948."

"The Dewey dictated ticket," according to Mr. Hillman, will be backed by "all the most reactionary elements in the Republican party."

Mr. Hillman said that the American Labor party would have supported Mayor F. H. La Guardia had the Mayor sought a fourth term. When it became apparent that the Mayor would not seek another term, Mr. Hillman said, the A. L. P. was confronted with the task of finding a successor to "carry forward the La Guardia tradition."

"We are confident that we have such a man in General O'Dwyer," he declared.

Judge Goldstein's "sole claim to distinction is his so-called anti-Tammany revolt by which he won election to the General Sessions bench in 1939," Mr. Hillman said.

Calls Claim "Fiction"

This claim is a "fiction," Mr. Hillman asserted, adding that Judge Goldstein had opposed Jacob Gould Schurman, the Republican Chief Magistrate who had both the Democratic and Republican indorsements, and was a man "with an outstanding record of judicial service."

Comptroller McGoldrick was castigated by Mr. Hillman for "repudiating his political godfather," Mayor La Guardia, and for voting to "eliminate budgetary controls which were one of the important achievements of the La Guardia administration."

The Liberal party also came in for a share of Mr. Hillman's criticism. He said it "open alliance" with Governor Dewey has "revealed the depths of moral and political bankruptcy to which their blind factional hatred has led them."

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Surplus Is Out, No Republican Primary Fight

Deadline for Nominating Petitions Passes Without Challenge to Either Slate

The city-wide slates of the Republican and Democratic parties went unchallenged last night as the 8 o'clock deadline for filing nominating petitions in the July 31 primaries passed.

This assures Judge Jonah J. Goldstein of General Sessions the Republican nomination for Mayor and District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings the Democratic line on the November ballot for the same office. Supporters of Magistrate Abner C. Surplus, of Brooklyn, decided not to enter him for the mayoralty nomination in the Republican primary.

The American Labor party designation of the Democratic city-wide ticket headed by Mr. O'Dwyer likewise went unopposed for the mid-summer primary.

The Liberal and City Fusion parties will nominate the Republican Goldstein slate through independent petitions to be filed by Aug. 15. This will give Judge Goldstein three lines on the November ballot—Republican, Liberal and Fusion—and Mr. O'Dwyer two—Democratic and A. L. P.

Morris Holds Back

The possibility of a third candidate for mayor on an independent ticket exists. Newbold Morris, retiring President of the City Council, who rejected re-designation by the Republican party, has made himself available for an independent race for mayor. Quite obviously he hopes for support in such an event from Mayor F. H. La Guardia. This will have to be decided before the Aug. 15 time limit, when independent nominating petitions must be filed.

Judge Goldstein was designated by the five Republican county chairmen and by the Republican county organizations.

The July 31 primary, which was

advanced by the Legislature from the usual mid-September date in order to assure preparation of the ballots in time for mailing to the men and women in the armed services, now promises to be one of the quietest on record.

No contests developed in the Republican primary. Only five judicial contests and one for the nomination for Borough President of Richmond appeared in the Democratic primary.

Fights in Tammany

A whole flock of Tammany leadership battles came out of the final rush of petition filing at the Board of Elections, 400 Broome Street, promising to enliven the primary, at least in New York County. Only one fight was recorded in the Manhattan Republican district leaderships, William L. Brown filing against Harold C. Burton in the 12th Assembly District in upper Harlem.

The only threatened Tammany leadership contest which did not develop was that of James F. Galvin whom Representative Vito Marcantonio, New York county chairman of the A. L. P., had backed against Edward V. Loughlin, the Tammany chief, for the Democratic leadership of the 8th A. D. North. Mr. Loughlin last Friday announced Tammany support for Eugene P. Connolly, secretary of the Manhattan A. L. P. committee, for the City Council.

However, Representative Marcantonio carried through his intention to install Democratic leaders in another trouble spot in his 18th Congress District on the upper East Side, filing slates of county committeemen against Francis X. Mancuso and Frank Rossetti in the 16th A. D. He is backing Canio Lagala against Rossetti. The candidate against Mancuso has not been named.

Co-Leaders Involved

The Tammany insurgents who have been demanding the ouster of Clarence H. Neal Jr., chairman of the elections committee and reputed contact man in Tammany for Frank Costello, the slot machine king, all encountered opposition except George W. Thompson in the 6th A. D. North.

These contests involve Patrick H. Sullivan and Joseph H. Broderick, fellow leaders of the 7th A. D.

opposed by Robert S. Blaikie; Fred Dickens in the 11th A. D. opposed by Joseph Pinckney; and Herbert L. Bruce in the 12th A. D. opposed by Joseph H. Ford and Guy R. Brewer. The latter two are backed by Representative Adam C. Powell Jr. Irving D. Neustein, another rebel, did not file a county committee slate in the 6th A. D. South. Sidney Moses filed in this district.

Other Tammany leaders who encountered opposition are: Dr. Paul F. Scarubbi, 2d A. D. Middle, opposed by James F. Mahoney; Michael J. Kennedy, 3d A. D., opposed by Eugene McManus; William J. Connolly, 8th A. D. South, opposed by Vincent F. Abano Jr.; Edward J. Barry, 10th A. D. South, opposed by Martini J. Kelly; J. Raymond Jones, 13th A. D. East, opposed by Lloyd E. Dickens; and James P. Pemberton, 14th A. D., opposed by Eyre Harris.

In the scattered Democratic borough contests, Harry Cassidy filed against John A. Lynch, the organization designee, for the Borough President nomination in Richmond. Judge Thomas Downs, of the Queens County Court, drew two opponents in the Democratic primary as well as a Republican opponent—Justice Gustav W. M. Wieboldt, of Special Sessions. It is customary for both parties to re-nominate a sitting jurist.

Opposition to Whalen

Isadore I. Steinberg filed against Justice Thomas J. Whalen, of the Municipal Court, in the 5th District, Manhattan, for the Democratic nomination. Justice Whalen is the Democratic organization designee and is unopposed for the Republican nomination. The Bronx foes of Edward J. Flynn, Democratic leader, settled for a couple of entries for the Municipal Court against the organization slate.

In announcing the decision not to enter Magistrate Surplus in the Republican mayoralty nomination, George H. Ittleman, chairman of the Independent Citizens Committee for Surplus, said "the committee will continue to function as a group in the Congressional elections to help elect the man best fitted to hold the office of Mayor." There was an intima-

tion of support for a third candidate should one develop.

Republican workers filed approximately 53,000 signatures to the Goldstein petitions while the O'Dwyer petitions carried more than 100,000 signatures in the Democratic ranks and 18,800 from the A. L. P.

With no primary contests involving the city-wide slates it looks like the city campaign will go over to the customary September opening.

OLDSTEIN, O'DWYER
TO BE UNOPPOSED
IN THE PRIMARIES

Surplus Withdraws Despite
Having More Than Enough
Backing to Enter Race

NY DEMOCRATIC FIGHTS

Candidacies for Public
Office and 10 Leaderships
in Tammany Involved

General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein of Manhattan and District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn were assured unopposed nominations for Mayor yesterday as the deadline for filing designations was reached at 5 P. M. without the appearance of opposition petitions. There remained a remote possibility opposition petitions might be filed in the mails before midnight.

The last threat of primary opposition to Judge Goldstein was retracted earlier in the day when Judge H. Ittleman announced that Magistrate Abner C. Surplus of Brooklyn would not make a contest for the Republican nomination despite the fact that more than 100 signatures had been collected to enter him in the race. Ittleman had been serving as chairman of the Surplus campaign committee.

O'Dwyer's Mates in Clear

Mr. O'Dwyer was without opposition from the start for the Democratic and American Labor nominations and there were no last minute surprises in this respect yesterday.

An appearance of opposition to Mr. O'Dwyer's running mates on the Democratic and Labor party tickets, Vincent R. Impellitteri for President of the Council and State Senator Lazarus Joseph for Controller, was created through the filing of the Queens Democratic designating petitions bearing the names of other candidates for these offices. But the Queens candidates have already signed declarations that will be filed before the Friday deadline and Mr. Impellitteri and Senator Joseph will be substituted in their places.

There was not even the semblance of opposition to Judge Goldstein's running mates for city-wide offices. Municipal Court Justice Nicholas M. Pette of Queens is without opposition for the Republican nomination for President of the Council and Controller Joseph J. McGoldrick for renomination or his present office.

16 Democratic Fights Seen

Primary contests for six Democratic nominations to public office and for ten Tammany district leaderships in Manhattan were indicated by the designating petitions filed yesterday. Whether all of these contests will materialize depends on the number of candidates who file declarations by 5 P. M. Friday and on the action of the Board of Elections in determining whether their petitions are valid.

On the Republican side only a single contest for a district leadership in Manhattan was indicated by the designating petitions.

Five of the Democratic nominations apparently in contest involve judicial offices. The sixth is the nomination for Borough President of Richmond, where John A. Lynch, former Borough President, is seeking another nomination and is being opposed by Harry Cassidy.

Two insurgent candidates, Frank A. Bellucci and Emanuel J. Rubat, filed in the Democratic primary for County Judge of Queens against Thomas Downs, the incumbent, who has the backing of James A. Roe's county organization for another term.

In Manhattan, Isidore I. Steinberg was entered in opposition to Municipal Court Justice Thomas J. Whalen, who is seeking renomination in the Fifth District. Justice Whalen is unopposed for the Republican nomination.

In the First Municipal Court District of the Bronx, where three vacancies exist, Edward A. Cunningham and Neal P. Battiglieri, insurgents, filed against the Democratic organization choices, Charles A. Loreto and Justice William Lyman and Christopher C. McGrath. The two last named are seeking re-election. In the Second Municipal Court District of the Bronx Isaac Ben Greenman filed as an insurgent against Justice Agnes M. Craig, the incumbent and organization choice.

Brooklyn Court Contest

In Brooklyn there is a contest between M. Henry Martuscello and Antonio M. Luongo for the Democratic nomination for a vacancy on the First Municipal Court District bench. Assemblyman Lewis W. Olliffe is unopposed for the Republican nomination in the same district. A threatened contest in the Sixth District of Kings was averted through the declination of former Justice Nathan M. Sweedler.

On the basis of petitions filed yesterday, there will be contests for the Democratic district leaderships in the Second, Third, Seventh, Eighth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Sixteenth Assembly Districts in Manhattan and a single Republican contest for the leadership in the Twelfth District. No leaderships are at stake in the other boroughs.

On the Democratic side, the contest in the Second is between Dr. Paul F. Sarrubi, the incumbent, and James F. Mahoney; in the Third, where only part of the district is involved, between Eugene F. McManus and Michael J. Kennedy; in the Seventh, between Robert B. Blaike on the one hand and Assemblyman Patrick H. Sullivan and Joseph H. Broderick, the incumbents, on the other; in the Eighth, where only part of the district is involved, between William Connolly, the incumbent, and Vincent Albano; in the Tenth, between Martin J. Kelly and Edward J. Barry, the incumbent; in the Eleventh, between Joseph Pinckney and Fred Dickens, the incumbent.

In the Twelfth, Herbert L. Bruce, the incumbent, is being opposed by Joseph E. Ford and Guy R. Brewer in a three-cornered fight. The contest in the Thirteenth is between J. Raymond Jones, the incumbent, and Everett Dickens, a brother of the present leader in the Eleventh. In the Fourteenth the fight is between Eyre Harris and James Pemberton, incumbent. Both Frank Rosetti and Francis X. Mancuso, the present leaders of the Sixteenth, have opposition, but there has been no announcement of the candidate or candidates who will oppose them. Since the election of leaders is made by the county committees in the district, an agreement on the opposition candidate is not necessary until the new committeemen are elected in the primary.

Long Republican Fight

The lone Republican leadership fight is between William L. Brown and Harold L. Burton, the incumbent, in the Twelfth District.

Simultaneously with the filing of designating petitions yesterday, Eugene P. Connolly, who has been assured of Democratic and American Labor backing for City Councilman, announced the formation of a Broadway nonpartisan committee to assist his campaign. It is being organized by Leo Shull and includes Alexander Yokel, Sam Jaffe, Zero Mostel, Milton Berle and Margot.

In announcing that designating petitions for Magistrate Surplus would not be filed, Mr. Ittleman said that his campaign committee would be kept intact. The announcement criticized the Republican leaders for their selection of Judge Goldstein as the party's standard-bearer and left the way open for a committee decision to back the Democratic candidate, although Mr. Ittleman refused to speculate on this possibility.

Shortly after the announcement Chief City Magistrate Henry H. Curran, who had relieved Magistrate Surplus of his judicial duties during the pre-designation period, announced that Mr. Surplus was being assigned to sit in Queens Traffic Court today.

Judge Goldstein, without commenting on Mr. Surplus' decision, announced that he would leave Friday for a month's vacation on his farm at Bethlehem, N. H.

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Surpless Out, Friends Plan New G.O.P. Slate

By John Crosson and Jess Stearn

Magistrate Abner C. Surpless abruptly pulled out of the mayoralty race yesterday and his backers promptly announced they were considering entering an independent Republican slate.

Surpless' withdrawal was announced by his committee of supporters a few hours before the 5 P. M. deadline for filing nominating petitions for the party primaries on July 31.

The Brooklyn Republican will now go back to the bench from which he was temporarily removed following announcement of his mayoralty aspirations. Chief Magistrate Henry Curran said Surpless had been assigned to sit in Queens Traffic Court, Kew Gardens, at 9 A. M. today.

Backers Attack Goldstein.

In a statement bowing Surpless out of the Republican primary, his committee attacked the G. O. P. designation of Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, a Democrat, as the organization's mayoralty choice. It said of the Republicans, "They have made their bed, now let them lie in it."

Surpless' continued candidacy, the committee stated, would serve no useful purpose to his party, his friends, or himself—in face of the G. O. P. present attitude.

However, the Surpless group indicated it was still in the mayoralty fight. John Rice Gibbs, head of the magistrate's Manhattan committee, said it was contemplating running an independent ticket, and hinted it may be headed by Council President Newbold Morris. He said, emphatically, "We are not going to support Bill O'Dwyer."

The American Labor Party, endorsing O'Dwyer and his two running mates, Lazarus Joseph and Vincent R. Impellitteri, filed a complete list of candidates for borough offices. Benjamin Fielding, ALP executive state secretary, said the borough slate was subject to change.

It listed, for borough presidents:

Joseph F. Kehoe, Kings; Alvin Udell, Manhattan; Leo Isarson, Bronx; Sol Chalek, Queens, and Kenneth Doolittle, Richmond.

Both Candidates Leaving City.

The three Democratic candidates last night attended ALP notification ceremonies at 244 W. 44th St., highlighted by an attack on Gov. Dewey by ALP leader Sidney Hillman. After criticizing Goldstein's lack of administrative experience and his tutelage in Tammany Hall, Hillman declared:

"Goldstein and McGoldrick were hand picked from Albany by New York's only full-time candidate, the man who hasn't stopped running since 1937—Gov. Dewey."

O'Dwyer will fly to Washington today to spend a few days on his job as director of the War Refugee Board. Goldstein is leaving Friday for his New Hampshire farm. He will return Aug. 1.

SURPLESS LIKELY TO DROP CANDIDACY

His Committee Holds a Night
Session and Final Decision
Is Promised for Today

THIS IS DAY FOR FILING

First Batch of Petitions for
O'Dwyer Already In—ALP
Notification Tonight

Withdrawal of Magistrate Abner C. Surpless of Brooklyn as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Mayor became a distinct possibility last night as his campaign committee met to consider his chances for success in the primary and its probable cost. If Mr. Surpless fails to file designating petitions by the deadline today, General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein of Manhattan, who has the backing of the five Republican County leaders, will have a clear field for the nomination.

George H. Ittelman, Magistrate Surpless' campaign manager, said last night after the Surpless campaign committee had been in executive session for more than an hour, that a final decision would be made today. Mr. Surpless, at an earlier conference with Mr. Ittelman, agreed to abide by whatever decisions the committee reaches.

First O'Dwyer Petitions Filed

The first batch of petitions designating District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn for the Democratic nomination were filed yesterday with the Board of Elections. They contained the names of Democratic voters in Brooklyn and Queens. Supplemental petitions from Manhattan, the Bronx and Richmond will be filed with the board today.

The Democratic petitions filed yesterday designated Vincent R. Impellitteri of Manhattan and State Senator Lazarus Joseph of the Bronx as candidates for the Democratic nominations for President of the City Council and Controller, respectively, as well as placing Mr. O'Dwyer in nomination for Mayor. The Queens petitions, circulated when it was not certain who Mr. O'Dwyer's running mates would be, contain tentative designees for President of the Council and Controller. These are to file declinations for the substitution of Mr. Impellitteri and Mr. Joseph by Friday.

ALP Meeting Tonight

Petitions designating Mr. O'Dwyer and his two running mates for the American Labor party nomination also will be filed today. The filing will be followed by the appearance tonight of Mr. O'Dwyer, Mr. Impellitteri and Mr. Joseph at a notification meeting of the Labor party in the New York Times Hall, 40 West Forty-fourth Street.

Republican petitions designating Judge Goldstein for the nomination for Mayor; Municipal Court Justice Nicholas F. Pette of Queens for President of the City Council and Joseph D. McGoldrick for Controller also will be filed today. The Liberal and City Fusion parties, which have joined the Republicans in a coalition on these candidates, will make their nominations later. Since the latter two groups are not yet legally recognized parties they must file independent nominating petitions instead of designating petitions.

In announcing tonight's Labor party notification meeting the Labor party said that it was designating Charles Rubinstein, president of the United Civic Associations of the Bronx, as one of its candidates for the City Council. It had announced previously the designation of Councilman Michael J. Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union, as a candidate for re-election.

A group of Republicans meeting last night at the National Republican Club, 54 West Fortieth Street, proposed that Edward Rager, recording secretary of the club, be designated as one of the Republican candidates for the Council from Manhattan. Designations for the Council do not have to be made until after the primary election on July 31.

JUN 23 1945

Morris to Run For Mayor, at The Moment

By JOHN CROSSON

As of yesterday, Council President Newbold Morris definitely was in the race for mayor as head of a projected independent ticket, according to City Hall intimates.

All that's holding up a formal announcement, Morris' friends said, is completion of the ticket. Morris was reported seeking an important Stock Exchange figure as his candidate for Controller and an outstanding Brooklyn leader for Council President.

Scents Victory.

Morris' decision to run—subject, of course, to change by Morris—was reported based on a study of political trends. These according to the Council President's friends, showed that a third candidate could win with 900,000 votes.

Morris is reported to feel there are that many disaffected members of the two major parties, to say nothing of the independents.

The Council President, according to his friends, is counting heavily on Mayor LaGuardia's support, both because of the unquestioned effectiveness of the Mayor's personal political machine, and because of LaGuardia's hold on the independent vote.

Tiger-ALP Hook Up.

Other political intelligence:

The working arrangements between Tammany Hall and the ALP became apparent when Tammany designated Eugene Connolly, ALP secretary, for the City Council, along with two Democratic stalwarts, Sam Di Falco and William Carroll. Other designees will be announced.

Appearance of the name of General Sessions Judge Jonah Goffstein, Republican-Fusion-Liberal candidate for Mayor, on the committee arranging Tammany's 150th anniversary dinner next Thursday stirred a teapot tempest. It was all explained away by City Court Justice Edward J. McCullen, who said the printer was using an old list someone found around Tammany Hall.

Liberals for Nathan, Hogan.

The Liberal Party designated Manhattan Borough President Edgar J. Nathan Jr. and District Attorney Frank S. Hogan for reelection.

The American Labor Party announced that it would notify William O'Dwyer Tuesday that it has endorsed him for Mayor. He won't be surprised.

B'klyn Dems Booming Sobel for Prosecutor

By FRANK DOYLE

Brooklyn Democrats are privately booming County Judge Nathan Sobel to succeed District Attorney O'Dwyer when he resigns to run for Mayor. O'Dwyer is expected to quit about Oct. 14, allowing time under law for selection of his successor in November.

Under the Public Officers Act, Gov. Dewey can appoint a prosecutor during O'Dwyer's unexpired term. The move to designate Sobel, popular legal adviser to former Gov. Lehman, is seen as an effort to forestall a Republican proposal to have the Governor name either Asst. Dist. Atty. Turkus, of O'Dwyer's staff, or ex-Commissioner of Investigations Herlands.

Turkus, who helped break up Murder Inc., or Herlands, who got his start as an assistant to Dewey, would be tough to beat, the Dems concede, with little time to campaign.

Other Democrats mentioned for the post are Councilmen Walter Hart and Anthony DiGiovanni, Asst. Dist. Atty. Edward J. Heffernan and ex-Asst. Attorney General Joseph Ruggieri.

LAGUARDIA INTIMATES REPORT that talk of his running for reelection "makes good reading," but is "political nonsense." They point out that Sidney Hillman and the ALP-CIO-PAC are all-out for O'Dwyer, and if there were the faintest chance of Butch running, Hillman and his group would have withheld the endorsement. Same sources predict LaGuardia will back O'Dwyer—and soon—then rebuild political fences as a prospective Dem-ALP candidate for U. S. Senate in '46, if health permits.

DEMOCRATIC BACKERS OF GOLDSTEIN claim strong support for Republican-Liberal-Fu-

tion ticket in Manhattan, Bronx and Queens. A group headed by Thomas F. Cohalan, Democrat, plans independent committee headquarters in these boroughs... Major party rush for signatures for mayoralty petitions now in full swing, with midnight Tuesday the deadline for filing. Only 5,000 signatures needed, but Dems and ALP are aiming at many thousands more for O'Dwyer, while Repubs are ditto for Goldstein, whose other parties, Liberals and Fusionists, must wait until Aug. 7 to file slates as independents.

ANOTHER HARMONY MOVE for O'Dwyer was withdrawal from the Demo primaries of Judge Nathan Sweedler, for Municipal Court, 6th Dist., Kings. Sweedler, scheduled to oppose Asst. D. A. Charlie Cohen, an O'Dwyer aide and regular organization nominee, said he retired from the race "for party harmony," to insure "full support for Gen. O'Dwyer"... Bipartisan endorsements for three Manhattan Municipal Court candidates, Isidore Haber, Thomas J. Whelan and Carroll Hayes, sure. Incumbents all, Haber and Whelan are Dems, Hayes a Repub.

GOV. DEWEY'S FRIENDS say he will "relax" at Mackinac Island Governor's Conference July 1 to July 4 and has "no intention" of speaking on world affairs... Former Asst. D. A. Charles Newmark, counsel to N. Y. Fruit Produce Ass'n, appointed by Dewey to State Temporary Agricultural Commission... Bill Morgan, former Cortland County Demo leader, now a buck private at Camp Wheeler, Ga., Tom Barry's GOP State Committee "Newsletter" sent to 30,000, all county chairmen and assistants,

State Committee members, State Department heads, etc.

ALP-CIO-PAC EXPECTS to endorse all Demo county slates Monday... Robert Blaikie, who refuses to drop Tammany leadership fight against Assemblyman Pat Sullivan in 7th AD, also refuses to drop \$200,000 libel action against Sullivan, charging Sullivan characterized his support as coming from "hoodlums, gangsters, etc"... Neal P. Bottiglieri, Bronx Asst. D. A., will contest Demo designation of Charles Loretto for Municipal Court, claiming Loretto was anti-organization "until a few months ago"... Rep. Dickstein mentioned by Tammany men for Supreme Court vacancy in Manhattan and Bronx.

Hannegan May Join Mayorality Parley

By ROBERT G. SPIVACK

Democratic National Chairman Robert Hannegan will come here next week, it was learned today, and will probably confer with the five county leaders on the Democratic Mayorality contest.

His visit is expected to coincide with the meeting of the five bosses, scheduled for early next week, probably Tuesday.

The principal item on the agenda of this meeting is the question of Dist. Atty. O'Dwyer of Brooklyn, who will run for Mayor but only if he has the united support of the party organization.

Refused to See Modell

Hannegan in Washington yesterday refused to meet Henry Modell, chairman, and five other members of the Independent Businessmen's Committee to Draft Bill O'Dwyer who had asked him to intervene on the Kings prosecutor's behalf.

Modell said today that when Hannegan comes here members of the committee are going to "sit at his doorstep" unless he takes a stand for O'Dwyer. He also said that from talks he had with Hannegan's associates, he got the impression that the national chairman was for O'Dwyer and that this reflected President Truman's viewpoint.

While Hannegan refused to talk to Modell's group, it was believed he would not hesitate to express his viewpoint to the Democratic leaders.

Against Primary Fight

According to close associates O'Dwyer does not intend to buck the Brooklyn machine or engage in a primary fight.

This was reported to be his position, stated at a 75-minute conference yesterday with Frank V. Kelly, the Brooklyn boss, at the latter's apartment in the Hotel Towers.

Kelly, in turn, is understood to have assured O'Dwyer that there was nothing to stories that he and Bronx Democratic Chairman

Flynn had formed an anti-O'Dwyer bloc.

Kelly said that any comment on the meeting would have to come "from the District Attorney."

Kelly Won't Comment

O'Dwyer said only that he had seen Kelly and expected to see him again.

While O'Dwyer was stressing the party harmony theme, nevertheless he has been in touch with various anti-Kelly Democratic leaders.

Queens Democratic Chairman Roe, one of O'Dwyer's most ardent promoters, said, "I think he will be a candidate."

Meanwhile, a boom was underway for General Sessions Judge Goldstein. The Liberal Party, which has Controller McGoldrick as its first choice, also regards Goldstein and Supreme Court Justice Pecora favorably. Goldstein has strong support in the Brooklyn Democratic organization as well as Manhattan.

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Says O'Dwyer Is Available

Leader Asks Conference of Party Chiefs on Mayoralty.

By GEORGE VAN SLYKE.

Kelly, Brooklyn leader, announced today that Mayor William O'Dwyer is available as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Mayor in the city election this year. At the conclusion of a conference today at the Towers Hotel, Brooklyn, Kelly made the following statement:

O'Dwyer has just notified me that he is available as a candidate for the office of Mayor of New York City. I am sending a letter to the county leaders in Manhattan to attend a meeting at the Democratic Club on June 5 at which official action will be taken.

Kelly and I stood beside the tall, carefully groomed Brooklyn boss and both were smiling when the announcement was made. What ever obstacles there had been in the way of the District Attorney's availability as a candidate, his appearance here was accepted in full with the satisfaction of both. With O'Dwyer now formally entered with the backing of the powerful Brooklyn machine, the municipal contest is thrown wide open. In the belief that O'Dwyer was out and that the Democrats had no strong, outstanding candidate, the Republican county leaders had moved swiftly today in a renewed effort to shape a coalition ticket on which both parties could have representation. That appears now to be out.

It was assumed in Tammany Hall and other county headquarters, where the outcome of the important Towers Hotel meeting was awaited with keen interest that Kelly had entered O'Dwyer with the approval of the several county leaders including Edward P. Flann, of the Bronx, who had declared his opposition to O'Dwyer.

Following a long discussion last night at the Towers Hotel, during which Kelly and O'Dwyer canvassed the political situation, the report spread today that they had been unable to reach an agreement and that the District Attorney was definitely out of the running.

Both Seem Satisfied.

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Leaders Are Cautious.

The Democratic leaders have been cautious in setting up a campaign because of their apprehension concerning what Mayor LaGuardia might do. Another determining factor was how to deal with the communist issue as involved in the American Labor Party status in the city campaign.

Convinced that the Republicans will not renominate LaGuardia in any event and that if the Mayor is drafted by the left wingers it will mean a three-party candidacy, the Democrats apparently have reached the conclusion that they can afford to stand on their own and disregard threats from City Hall.

The Mayor has announced he is not a candidate and it is viewed as doubtful that he would yield to a draft which would put him in a three-cornered fight.

The Republicans now face the difficult task of finding their candidate, having drifted down to the starting line in the hope something would happen to break the campaign their way. They have not concentrated on building up a candidate.

In all the preliminaries, the Democrats have had an eye on the gubernatorial campaign next year when Gov. Dewey in all probability will be up for re-election. The outcome of that campaign will fix the Governor's position for the 1948 presidential nomination.

The controlling factor among Democrats here as in Washington against a coalition with the Republicans on a municipal ticket has been that it would play into Dewey's hands. A Democratic victory here this year would bolster that party in the State election next year whereas election of a coalition ticket would nullify the political advantages inherent in the city election.

None of the political parties has made formal indorsement of a candidate. Leaders of the Republican, Fusion, A. L. P. and Liberal parties have announced that they would defer a choice until the Democrats had acted. The A. L. P. supported LaGuardia in 1941 and is divided in its attitude toward O'Dwyer. The Liberal party, right-wing offshoot of the A. L. P., is not friendly to the District Attorney.

O'Dwyer plans to go to Washington next week to terminate his work as executive director of the War Refugee Board. He is a Brig. Gen. in the Army and on inactive status since early this year.

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O'Dwyer to Run For Mayor with Kelly's Backing

By RAY GHENT,

World-Telegram Staff Writer.

Formal announcement that District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Mayor was made this afternoon by Frank V. Kelly, Democratic chairman of Kings County.

Mr. Kelly exuded confidence as he assumed the sponsorship of Mr. O'Dwyer's candidacy and announced that he had requested the leaders from the other four counties to meet with him Tuesday at the National Democratic Club to take official action. He appeared to be certain that his candidate would be approved then.

Second Meeting in Two Days.

The District Attorney, who ran against Mayor La Guardia in 1941 and was defeated by 132,000 votes, smiled as Mr. Kelly made the announcement, but said he had nothing to add to the leader's statement.

The announcement of Mr. O'Dwyer's candidacy was made by

Mr. Kelly after he had held a 25-minute conference with the candidate in the Towers Hotel, Brooklyn. It was the second conference in two days. The first one was held yesterday in the leader's suite in the hotel and lasted almost two hours.

Candidate Shakes Hands.

"Judge O'Dwyer," said Mr. Kelly, "has just notified me that he is available as a candidate for the office of Mayor of New York City. I am sending a request to the various county leaders to meet at the National Democratic Club on Tuesday when no doubt official action will be taken."

Mr. O'Dwyer, who early this year received his discharge from the Army in which he had attained the rank of brigadier general, shook hands all around.

It was understood that at their first meeting yesterday, Mr. Kelly had stipulated that the prosecutor disavow any support that might

be offered him by the Communists in the American Labor party.

Contrary to some reports, Mr. Kelly never showed any unfriendliness toward Mr. O'Dwyer's possible candidacy, but acquiesced in delaying definite action in deference to the wishes of Edward J. Flynn, Democratic leader of the Bronx, who balked at supporting the Brooklyn prosecutor because of the boom for his nomination launched by the Rep. Vito Marcantonio-Councilman Michael J. Quill elements in the ALP.

Mr. Flynn and other Democratic leaders feared that unless Mr. O'Dwyer rejected support from this quarter he would alienate large segments of Democratic voters, particularly among Irish Catholics.

By assuming sponsorship of Mr. O'Dwyer's candidacy, observers believe, Mr. Kelly took the wind out of the sails of Rep. James A. Roe, Democratic leader of Queens, who in the past few weeks had been actively championing the prosecutor's candidacy and who bitterly criticized Messrs. Kelly and Flynn as delaying action.

Agreement of the five Democratic leaders on Mr. O'Dwyer is expected to affect Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick's chances of receiving the Republican nomination for Mayor.

Supporters of Mr. McGoldrick, an independent Democrat, had hoped for sufficient support from Democrats to enter him in the Democratic primary if the leaders should fail to agree on a unity candidate. Some Republican leaders have been opposed to Mr. McGoldrick because of his past party affiliations and they are expected to take advantage of his lack of Democratic support to seek his rejection as a compromise candidate on the GOP ticket.

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Kelly Invitation To O'Dwyer to Run Reported

District Attorney Still Silent on Mayoralty; Second Talk May Be Held Today

District Attorney William O'Dwyer, of Kings County, has been asked to run for Mayor of New York by Frank V. Kelly, Democratic leader of Brooklyn, high-ranking Democrats asserted yesterday.

The proposal was said to have been made at an hour-and-fifty-minute conference in Mr. Kelly's apartment at the Towers Hotel, 25 Clark Street, Brooklyn.

Neither Mr. Kelly nor Mr. O'Dwyer would discuss the conference, which started at 10 a. m. That it was not conclusive was indicated by the fact that another meeting is planned, perhaps, for today.

What occurred at yesterday's conference that necessitated a second meeting was a subject of keen speculation among the friends of both. Those familiar with the 1941 campaign, when Mr. O'Dwyer lost to Mayor F. H. La Guardia by only 32,000 votes, voiced the opinion that Mr. O'Dwyer stipulated the conditions under which the 1945 campaign was to be conducted if he made the race. Many of Mr. O'Dwyer's adherents were highly critical of the management of his 1941 campaign by the so-called board of strategy. It was also suggested that Mr. Kelly offered proposals that required reflection.

All Mr. Kelly would say after the conference was that he would not discuss it, and that the meeting of the five county leaders at which the mayoralty designee will be chosen will be held not later than early next week.

Mr. O'Dwyer, interviewed at his office in the Brooklyn Municipal Building, said little except that he had conferred with Mr. Kelly and expected to see him again. Efforts to learn what had happened at the conference brought forth the response: "I'll not discuss the conference."

Agreement between Mr. O'Dwyer and Mr. Kelly would be tantamount to a designation, as two of the county leaders, Representative James A. Roe, of Queens, and Jeremiah A. Sullivan, of Richmond, have declared for Mr. O'Dwyer. Edward V. Loughlin, leader of Tammany Hall, is friendly to the O'Dwyer candidacy.

The fifth county leader, Edward J. Flynn, of the Bronx, has been accused by Mr. Roe of directing a drive to block the O'Dwyer candidacy.

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O'Dwyer and Kelly Center

William O'Dwyer, Brooklyn District Attorney, who's being boomed for the Democratic nomination for mayor, and Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn Democratic boss who's supposedly against O'Dwyer, conferred for more than an hour yesterday. After the session O'Dwyer still declined to say if he is a candidate. Kelly also remained silent. It was reported the two are to meet again.

Meanwhile, Henry L. Modell, head of a business men's group boosting O'Dwyer, tried to drag Robert E. Hannegan, Democratic National chairman, into the local situation. Modell and five others

went to Washington to see Hannegan but failed to get a meeting and returned. They planned to demand that Hannegan bring peace to the local Democrats by backing O'Dwyer.

Following the O'Dwyer-Kelly meeting it was reported that the five Democratic county chairmen would meet next week to decide on a candidate. Hannegan will be here next week.

Maurice P. Davidson, member of the New York State Power Authority and chairman of the Independent Voters' Committee, announced the committee will meet tonight and "discuss" candidates.

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O'DWYER IS SILENT AFTER KELLY VISIT

Withholds Political Plans as
Friends of Others Push
Mayorality Choices

RACE IS CALLED WIDE OPEN

Goldstein, Pecora, Johnston,
All on the Bench, Finding
Active Support

By JAMES A. HAGERTY

District Attorney William O'Dwyer, who returned from California on Tuesday, conferred yesterday with Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn Democratic leader, but declined to say whether he would be a candidate for the Mayorality nomination.

Both Mr. O'Dwyer and Mr. Kelly refused to reveal anything of their conversation. The general opinion was that the Democratic nomination for Mayor is still open and that Mr. O'Dwyer will not be a candidate unless he has the approval of Mr. Kelly and the other Democratic leaders. Doubt was expressed by friends that he would enter a primary fight for the nomination.

The conference between Mr. O'Dwyer and Mr. Kelly took place in the latter's suite in the Towers Hotel. They were together for about an hour and a quarter and Mr. O'Dwyer then went to the District Attorney's office, where he was interviewed.

"I saw Frank Kelly today," Mr. O'Dwyer said with a smile, when he was asked if he had anything to say about his possible candidacy for the Mayorality nomination. "I had a conference with him. I expect to see him again. That is all. This is for the record."

All that Mr. Kelly would say was that the five Democratic county leaders would meet early next week in an attempt to reach an agreement on a candidate for Mayor.

Situation Same, Roe Says

Representative James A. Roe, Queens Democratic leader, who recently attacked Mr. Kelly and Edward J. Flynn, Bronx leader, in a statement supporting Mr. O'Dwyer for the Mayorality nomination, said he still favored the nomination of the Brooklyn District Attorney and believed the situation to be unchanged.

"I think he will be a candidate," Mr. Roe said of Mr. O'Dwyer. "I haven't any reason to change my way of thinking."

Other supporters of Mr. O'Dwyer were not of the same mind and expressed belief that Mr. O'Dwyer would not be a candidate unless he had the approval of Mr. Kelly.

In his statement, Mr. Roe accused Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn of "selling Mr. O'Dwyer down the river" when the latter was a candidate for Mayor against Mayor La Guardia four years ago. Mr. O'Dwyer's announcement that he intended to see Mr. Kelly again was interpreted as meaning that he had not decided definitely to withdraw as a candidate and led to speculation that he might seek to have Mr. Roe express regret for his attack on Mr. Kelly.

Friends of Others Active

The improbability of Mr. O'Dwyer entering a primary fight and the possibility of his withdrawal as a candidate caused a renewal of activity by friends of other possible aspirants for the nomination.

In the belief that the nomination is open, friends of General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein are seeking organization support for him. There is a possibility that the nomination may go to a Supreme Court Justice, with Justices Ferdinand Pecora of Manhattan, and John B. Johnston of Brooklyn most frequently mentioned. There also is the possibility that Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn may produce some outstanding business or professional man and supporters of Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick, an independent Democrat, have not lost hope completely that an agreement may be reached on him.

Henry Modell, chairman of the Independent Businessmen's Committee to Draft Bill O'Dwyer for Mayor, accompanied by six members of the committee, went to Washington yesterday to see Robert E. Hannegan, Democratic National Chairman, in an attempt to get Mr. Hannegan to use his influence for Mr. O'Dwyer's nomination. Unable to see Mr. Hannegan, Mr.

Modell said he was assured by the former's associate that the Democratic National Chairman was in full accord with the delegation's contention that the five Democratic county leaders should get together on a Mayorality candidate. Mr. Modell said the delegation would go to Washington again, any time Mr. Hannegan would set a time.

O'Dwyer Back, May Say Today Whether He Will Run for Mayor

By Dennis Tilden Lynch

District Attorney William O'Dwyer is expected to announce today, at a conference with Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn Democratic leader, whether he will be a candidate for Mayor of New York in the November election.

The Brooklyn prosecutor declined to discuss politics yesterday when reporters met him at La Guardia Field upon his return from California on a Transcontinental & Western airplane. But his answers to their inquiries left the impression that if he did run it would be as an organization candidate and not as an independent.

Asked if his statement of last January that he was not a candidate still stood, Mr. O'Dwyer replied: "I'll not discuss anything political."

Reminded that Representative James A. Roe, Queen's Democratic leader, had accused Mr. Kelly and Edward J. Flynn, Bronx County

chief, of plotting to block Mr. O'Dwyer's nomination and had threatened, if they succeeded, to enter a rival ticket headed by Mr. O'Dwyer in the primary, he answered: "I'll not comment on that either."

A reporter showed him headlines in an evening newspaper asserting that Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, of General Sessions, was in the lead for the Democratic mayoralty nomination.

Mr. O'Dwyer smiled as he read the headlines. Then he observed: "It is marvelous what newspapers we've got in New York City compared to the Los Angeles papers. Ours carry New York news."

Mr. O'Dwyer said he expected to see President Truman soon. He plans to go to Washington next week to "finish up" his official connection with the War Refugee Board, of which he is the head.

Asked about his meeting today with Mr. Kelly, Mr. O'Dwyer said: "I won't comment on anything political. Let's leave it that way."

Mr. Flynn, who returned to town late Monday night after convalescing in Florida, passed yesterday in conference with party chiefs. But to reporters he was unavailable, his secretary saying that he would not be at his office until tomorrow.

When word reached the leaders that Mr. Flynn was unalterably opposed to the O'Dwyer candidacy, friends of Judge Goldstein and other prominent Democrats began organizing. In Brooklyn, the home of Mr. O'Dwyer, Judge Goldstein's boom has been directed by Kenneth F. Sutherland, the Coney Island leader, and Irwin Steingut, minority leader of the Assembly. Judge Goldstein also has supporters in the Bronx, and in Manhattan, where he lives.

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Communists Say Minds Are Open on Mayoralty

Morris, La Guardia, O'Dwyer
'Best of Lot' to Bella Dodd

The first indication of the Communist attitude on the impending mayoralty campaign was given yesterday by Bella V. Dodd, one of the six state vice-presidents of the Communist Political Association. In an interview supplementing a speech on this subject which she made Monday night before a Communist rally at 301 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn.

"We think the best of the lot are Newbold Morris in the Republican party, Mayor La Guardia in the American Labor party and Bill O'Dwyer (District Attorney) William O'Dwyer of Kings) in the Democratic party," she said.

"If the two major machines nominate party harle...

Mayor La Guardia will be under obligation to run."

Mrs. Dodd said the "best of acceptable candidates was not restricted to Mr. Morris, President of the City Council; Mr. O'Dwyer and the Mayor. She added that the Communists "have never kidded themselves and know they cannot elect one of their own mayor." She said the Communists have talked the mayoralty situation over among themselves and will announce their decision after the parties nominate their candidates. "They have ~~not~~ closed the door to any candidate so far," she said.

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O'Dwyer and Flynn Back. But They Are Not Talking

Both Avoid Making Any Public Statements On Mayoralty Race

William O'Dwyer, Brooklyn District Attorney, boomed for the Democratic nomination for mayor, and Edward J. Flynn, Bronx Democratic boss fighting the nomination of O'Dwyer, are back in the city today. Both are avoiding public pronouncements on the City Hall race.

O'Dwyer flew in from the West Coast yesterday and repeatedly said:

"I won't discuss anything political."

Flynn flew in from Florida and went into seclusion at his Bronx home.

It was indicated that before O'Dwyer announced whether he would or wouldn't run, he would confer with Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn Democratic boss. The probability arose that O'Dwyer might decline to enter a primary fight if Kelly opposed his nomination. By refraining from a primary fight now, some politicians held, he'd stake a claim on the Democratic nomination for governor next year.

Going to Washington

O'Dwyer said he would go to Washington next week to "wind up" the affairs of the War Refugee Board of which he is executive director. The Board, a Government agency to aid war refugees, is due to be liquidated soon.



O'Dwyer



Somervell

The Communists will urge that Mayor La Guardia be drafted for a fourth term if the Republicans, Democrats, or ALP (American Labor Party) fail to name a "people's candidate," Bella A. V. Dodd, legislative representative of the CPA (Communist Political Assn.) said at a Communist rally in Brooklyn.

La Guardia, Newbold Morris, Republican President of the City Council, and O'Dwyer were mentioned by Miss Dodd as men who fulfilled the "people's candidate" requirements of the CPA.

Mayor Booms Somervell

But La Guardia, in Washington on City business yesterday, boomed Gen. Brehon V. Somervell, Army Chief of Supplies and one-time head of the WPA here, as a candidate for mayor. Somervell had been mentioned previously by the Mayor, along with 10 others as a candidate he could support.

The Mayor also saw President Truman after testifying on aviation matters before a Senate committee.

MAY 28 1945

Broadway

By DANTON WALKER

The Home Front

GEN. SOMERVELL, chief of the army service forces and former WPA head in New York, will get the nod from LaGuardia to succeed him as mayor of New York . . . Brooklyn District Attorney William O'Dwyer privately tells friends that he doesn't care whether his name is put up or not since his chief sponsor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, is gone (F.D.R. sent O'Dwyer to Italy to encourage Italian support here and made him head of the War Refugee Board to cultivate a Jewish following) . . . The Communist Political Association of New York, accused of throwing a monkey wrench into the political machinery, has stated (via the N. Y. Times) that it will get behind any single candidate and ticket which guarantees continuation of "the Roosevelt-LaGuardia policies for the greatest city in the world" . . . President Truman will ask congressional approval to consolidate all labor agencies—National Labor Relations Board, War Labor Board, etc.—into the Labor Department . . . Elmer Davis wants the President's permission to let him handle all releases emanating from the White House through the OWI (Office of War Information).



Gen. Somervell

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O'DWYER BACKERS PREPARE FOR FIGHT

Although Prosecutor Is Said
to Seek Conciliation of Foes,
Supporters Plan Battle

READY TO RAISE FUNDS

Fitzpatrick, State Chairman,
Sees Democratic County
Leaders on Unity Mission

Although District Attorney William O'Dwyer is reported ready to attempt to conciliate Democratic leaders opposed to his nomination for Mayor, some of his supporters here are continuing to prepare for a primary fight if Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn leader, and Edward J. Flynn, leader of the Bronx, decide to back another candidate.

It was learned yesterday that friends of Mr. O'Dwyer are prepared to raise a substantial campaign fund if he should decide to go into a primary contest. Other supporters are not so certain that the Brooklyn District Attorney will go into a primary battle. Mr. O'Dwyer has made no public statement of his position and is believed to have made no definite private commitment. His own attitude toward the Mayoralty nomination, as described by close friends, is one of not too much enthusiasm.

Mr. O'Dwyer is due to return tomorrow, probably tomorrow night. He intends to make no statement on his arrival and probably will go soon afterward to Washington on business of the War Refugee Board, of which he is a director. He is understood to be disposed to await action of the five Democratic county leaders before deciding what he will do.

Primary Fight Unlikely

The general political opinion is that Mr. O'Dwyer will not go into a primary fight. Paul E. Fitzpatrick, Democratic State Chairman, has been in contact with local Democratic leaders during the week-end and is hopeful that agreement will be reached on a Mayoralty candidate satisfactory to all groups. Mr. Fitzpatrick, as State leader, has made no attempt to influence choice of a candidate but is interested in the election of a Democratic Mayor as a step toward election of a Democratic State ticket next year.

It has been suggested, though not officially, that Mr. O'Dwyer, should he step aside as a candidate for the Mayoralty nomination, might be available for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1946.

Republicans also are interested in the effect the city election will have on next year's State campaign and still hope for an arrangement that will permit endorsement of the Democratic nominee. The Republican county leaders, who will meet again early this week, would take Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick, an independent Democrat, who has some backing for the Democratic nomination.

Draft Efforts Continue

Despite the uncertainty about what Mr. O'Dwyer intends to do, the Independent Businessmen's Committee, of which Henry Modell is chairman, is continuing its efforts to draft the Brooklyn District Attorney, and to back him, if necessary, in a primary fight.

Mr. Modell denounced what he said was an attempt to "apply the communistic smear" to Mr. O'Dwyer by those who were opposed to his nomination and declared that Mr. O'Dwyer, a retired brigadier general, had proved his Americanism.

"It is apparent that the opposition to Bill O'Dwyer is desperate when it attempts to pin the communistic label on him," Mr. Modell said. "The people will not stand for it. Bill O'Dwyer's record will jam such accusations down the throats of his opponents, who no doubt will resort to anything in their bag of political tricks to keep him out of City Hall. But these will be of no avail. The people have sampled the efficiency, good faith and sincerity of Bill O'Dwyer. They want him and will elect him the next Mayor of New York."

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Proposed Slate Drops O'Dwyer

By WILLIAM HENDERSON and ARNOLD PRINCE

A compromise Democratic city ticket to be submitted at the meeting of the five county leaders this week, and a report that Mayor LaGuardia may support District Attorney William O'Dwyer if he is designated for mayor, topped political talk yesterday.

The compromise ticket eliminates O'Dwyer. As tentatively agreed on by Tammany Chief Loughlin and Brooklyn leader Kelly, it suggests, the Mirror was told:

For mayor, Brooklyn Borough President John Cashmore; City Council President, Charles H. Silver; Controller, Bronx Borough President John J. Lyons. Silver was campaign manager for John J. Bennett in the 1942 gubernatorial campaign, and for 22 years has been close to James A. Farley.

The setup is backed by the

argument it is "100 percent Democratic," and represents the three religious faiths. Cashmore is a Protestant, Silver a Jew, and Lyons a Catholic.

That LaGuardia would come out for O'Dwyer, if designated, was stated on a premise that important political figures always in LaGuardia's camp are now said to be for O'Dwyer, among them Vito Marcantonio and Councilman Mike Quill.

That Marcantonio and Quill are also prominent in circles that have "followed the Communist line" has not escaped notice, par-

ticularly since Earl Browder served warning that the Communists may renew the class struggle here.

Loughlin was for O'Dwyer, recently urged him by phone to make a strong declaration of his candidacy. He called him at his brother's ranch in California, but O'Dwyer, angered by the bitter opposition of Bronx Ed Flynn, held back, it was said.

"I think you ought to come out and say you'll run if the people want you," Loughlin was said to have persisted, but O'Dwyer delayed, promising to make a statement after he returns here, probably tomorrow.

O'Dwyer's attitude seemed to be that if Flynn didn't want him and Kelly remained on the fence, O'Dwyer wouldn't be a candidate.

Kelly was long known to have looked favorably on Cashmore. He and Loughlin made a deal, the Mirror was told. Loughlin suggested Silver for president of Council weeks ago, and offered to bargain.

"Your man can have the first spot on the ticket if my man can have the second," he is said to have told Kelly.

Lyons would like to be controller. His resignation for it would please Flynn, Lyons' "political godfather."

Council Vice President Joseph T. Sharkey is expected to get the nomination for Brooklyn borough president if Cashmore runs for Mayor. He has been in the council 13 years, is popular in Brooklyn.

On the GOP side, Controller Joseph McGoldrick was still "the best bet" yesterday for Mayor.

O'DWYER TO DEFER ANNOUNCING STAND

District Attorney, Returning
Tuesday, to Avoid Making
Mayoralty Commitment

Despite recent assertions of supporters, District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn will not announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Mayor immediately after his return to New York City, now scheduled for Tuesday, it was learned definitely yesterday.

Mr. O'Dwyer, who has been on vacation at the ranch of his brother, Frank O'Dwyer, near El Centro, Calif., since attending the United Nations Security Conference at San Francisco, is expected to leave California by plane either tomorrow night or Tuesday morning.

Mr. O'Dwyer, it was learned, not only will not announce his candidacy on his arrival, but does not expect at that time to have anything to say about it. He is reported to wish to have an opportunity to confer with supporters and some of the Democratic leaders before making any statement or giving any interview on the local political situation.

Too Much Talking Feared

With Frank V. Kelly, leader of Mr. O'Dwyer's home borough, and Edward J. Flynn, Bronx leader, known to be cool toward the O'Dwyer candidacy, the Brooklyn District Attorney is reported to feel that some of his supporters have talked too much and that, if he is to become a candidate for the Mayoralty, it might be well to seek the backing of Mr. Kelly and the Brooklyn district leaders.

Members of the party organization in Brooklyn and the Bronx have expressed resentment at the attack made by Representative James A. Roe, Queens Democratic leader, on Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn in announcing his support of Mr. O'Dwyer. They do not see how either Mr. Kelly or Mr. Flynn can support Mr. O'Dwyer for the Mayoralty nomination unless he disavows Mr. Roe or sets the latter

to withdraw at least some of the things he said about the Brooklyn and Bronx leaders.

They particularly resent Mr. Roe's charge that Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn "sold Mr. O'Dwyer down the river" when the latter was the Democratic nominee for Mayor in 1941.

Criticism of Campaigning

It is true that Mr. O'Dwyer in that year lost Brooklyn by 91,808 and the Bronx by 74,312 to Mayor La Guardia while he carried Queens by a plurality of 92,718, but these results, Democratic district leaders contend, came from conditions over which Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn had no control. Brooklyn district leaders in particular criticize Mr. O'Dwyer for having made an ineffective campaign and assert that he lost a number of Brooklyn Assembly districts that he might have carried had his campaign been of a different type.

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Mayorality Cross Currents

Leaders of New York City's Democratic party last week seemed still far from agreement on a Mayorality candidate. District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn, who has the backing of Queens County leader James A. Roe and the tacit support of the Tammany organization, seemed to be leading the field. He was known, however, to be opposed by the Democratic organizations of Edward J. Flynn in the Bronx and Frank V. Kelly in Kings County. Together these two boroughs represent the majority of the Democratic votes in the city. As the apparent impasse continued, Mr. O'Dwyer remained on his brother's ranch in California, postponing a return planned for last week.

Political experts saw several possibilities in the situation. One was that if Mr. O'Dwyer, who was defeated by Mr. La Guardia in 1941, were turned down by the political leaders, he might seek an independent nomination in the primaries next June 26. On the other hand, some circles were inclined to take the supposed rift with a certain amount of skepticism on the theory that the Democratic leaders might simply be anxious to avoid at this stage the appearance of uniting to back a "machine" candidate. The expected return next week of Mr. O'Dwyer and of Mr. Flynn, who is in Florida, may clarify matters.

That the Republicans might turn to Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick, independent Democrat, as their mayorality candidate was indicated by the statement from Thomas J. Curran, New York County Republican Chairman, that the Controller is acceptable to him. It was understood, however, that Mr. McGoldrick has been hesitant about running unless he receives the Democratic nomination.

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Washington Memo

By Charles Van Devander and William O. Player Jr.

Truman Keeps Hands Off Mayoralty Despite Danger of Battle in Party Here

Washington, May 26.

President Truman and Democratic National Chairman Hannegan officially are keeping hands off the New York City mayoralty muddle, but they still are watching developments there with deep concern.

They are afraid that the New York City Democratic bosses, eager to get their hands on City Hall patronage after 12 lean years, may stage a free-for-all in which they'll kick over the party's chances of beating Gov. Dewey next year and imperil President Truman's prospects for reelection in 1948.



DIST. ATTY. O'DWYER

So far as the national leaders of the party are concerned, their interest in the city election is two-fold: they'd like to see the Democratic Party in the Empire State strengthened by re-won control of the nation's chief Democratic stronghold, and they'd like to see the election of a Mayor who would clean up the smelly mess of Tammany, et al., and make the party both liberal and respectable.

The late President Roosevelt had the same objectives in view when he picked District Attorney O'Dwyer as the best man to head the Democratic ticket this year. If he had lived, Brooklyn boss Frank Kelly and Bronx boss Ed Flynn would have been compelled to accept O'Dwyer or face a primary fight in which the full Roosevelt influence and prestige would have been thrown against them. Hannegan, of course, would have been lined up 100 per cent on the Roosevelt-O'Dwyer side.

Since Mr. Roosevelt's death, both his successor and Hannegan have necessarily been under heavy wraps so far as the New York situation is concerned.

President Truman's political fortunes are intimately bound up in the results of the city campaign. If the already enfeebled city organization commits hari-kiri this summer and fall it could make the difference between Mr. Truman winning or losing the national election in 1948.

However, as long as the city leaders are determined to fight, there's not much that the President or Hannegan can do effectively. It would be a prime political mistake for either to take sides publicly in a New York primary contest.

Senators Wagner and Mead and State Chairman Fitzpatrick already have superseded the city leaders in matters of awarding federal patronage in New York. This is due to the fact that the new President is from Missouri—not New York—and does not have the same personal interest in New York affairs that Mr. Roosevelt had. To him, New York is just another state, although the most important one politically.

Of the above-named trio, Sen. Wagner is the only one who votes in New York City. If he were so inclined, he might step into the present situation in the city and force the leaders to agree. But Wagner has shown no intention of doing anything of the sort, and no one expects him to do so. He has no liking for that kind of politics and doesn't plan to run for public office again, anyway.

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Flynn Believed In Dilemma On City Ticket

Shies at O'Dwyer
Whose Brother Is
Associate of Quill

By RAY GHENT,
World-Telegram Staff Writer.

Democratic leaders of key counties in the city were seen today as showing opposition to a tie-up with the American Labor party on a city ticket because of fears that the left wingers, boring from within, might further endanger their control of home precincts.

This is held particularly true of the Bronx, where Edward J. Flynn's control in some districts is menaced by City Councilman Michael J. Quill, head of the city CIO Political Action Committee and a Labor party power. It is held the real reason for the insistence by Mr. Flynn, backed by Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn leader, for continued delay in the make-up of a city ticket, including choice for Mayor.

Opposition among Democrats to Mr. Flynn's leadership crystallized today with the formation of a new organization, Bronx County Democracy, with headquarters at 2488 Grand Concourse. The group is headed by Walter E. Barrett, president of the Peerless Democratic Club of the 11th Assembly District and one of the regulars who supported John P. O'Brien for re-election in the 1933 Mayoralty campaign. Mr. Barrett reported he was getting support from Democrats who opposed Mr. Flynn in the primaries in recent years. He also said his organization may put a complete anti-Flynn county ticket in the field.

Flynn Dilemma.

regarded as caught in the middle in this situation is District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn, who has been boomed for the Democratic Mayoral nomination, but who has been linked through family ties with Mr. Quill. Paul O'Dwyer, brother of the district attorney, is a close friend of Mr. Quill and has acted as attorney for officers and others of the Transport Workers Union headed by Mr. Quill.

And Mr. Flynn, who has shown no liking for an O'Dwyer candidacy, is seen further estranged by the possibility it would enhance the Quill political prestige in the Bronx. Labor party leaders at meetings attended by Mr. Quill have let it be known they favor Mr. O'Dwyer.

Also Mr. O'Dwyer's chief champion among the Democratic leaders is Rep. James A. Roe of Queens, whose recent bitter attack on the Flynn-Kelly combination still rankles.

To add to the Flynn dilemma, Mr. Quill's followers have threatened that if the left-wing leader is not given due recognition he will run for borough president of the Bronx.

Republican Forecast.

While those in the Flynn-Kelly camp maintain that continued delay allows the opposition to beat itself out, Republicans have a "we told you so" air, recalling that they forecast in last year's campaign that the Labor party would try to take over the Democrats.

Liberal party leaders, who are opposed to an O'Dwyer candidacy, say they could be of real aid to an anti-O'Dwyer Democratic bloc in the event of a fight in the Democratic primaries. The Liberal party, being independent, has no enrollment and its leaders now estimate that 80 per cent of its members enrolled as Democrats last year and are eligible to vote in the Democratic primaries.

Air Cleared Soon.

The Liberal party polled 306,642 votes in the city for President last year. The American Labor party vote was 389,999 and its registration is 194,602. The Democratic vote was 1,351,678 and its registration is 1,978,111. The Republican vote was 1,274,278 and its registration is 821,013.

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News Poll, in Which He Won
With 37.9% of Vote Cast

O'DWYER DELAYS RETURN

Backers of Judge Goldstein
Call on Loughlin to Advance
His Candidacy

Former Mayor James J. Walker said yesterday that his future plans "provide no place for public office." His statement was evoked by the final results of The New York Daily News' straw vote on mayoralty candidates, in which he received 37.9 per cent of the votes cast, as against 30 per cent for District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn and 25.3 per cent for Mayor La Guardia, with the rest scattered among several others.

While Mr. Walker's announcement appeared to remove him from consideration as a possible candidate, it actually failed to make any change in the political situation, since none of the political leaders had considered him as a contender. With Mr. Walker removing himself voluntarily from consideration they still were no nearer to a choice.

O'Dwyer Delays His Return

Mr. O'Dwyer, who is most frequently mentioned as a possible Democrat choice, has postponed a return to New York from his brother's ranch near El Centro, Calif., where he is resting. He had reservations calling for his return today but surrendered them and will not return until next Tuesday, according to the information available yesterday.

He has yet to say whether he is a candidate for the nomination but his backers regard his assent as so certain that they are already talking about naming mates. Charles H. Silver of Manhattan, an executive of American Woolen Company, is figuring in this speculation as a

candidate for President of the Council and Spencer C. Young of the Queens, United States Marshal for the Eastern District, and Oscar R. Ewing of the Bronx, a vice chair-

man of the Democratic National Committee, for Controller.

According to leaders favoring Mr. O'Dwyer the one thing that might discourage him from seeking a nomination independently in the primaries, if the Democratic lead-

ers turn him down, is the possibility that the leaders might name Jonah J. Goldstein, General Sessions Judge from Manhattan, as their candidate.

Goldstein Backers Active

Judge Goldstein's boom is being actively promoted by a group of friends in Manhattan. A delegation of Goldstein backers, headed by Marvin Canter, vice president of the Grand Street Boys Association, called yesterday on Edward V. Loughlin, leader of Tammany Hall, and urged consideration of the Judge's availability. Mr. Loughlin, who is reported to favor personally the selection of Mr. O'Dwyer, said that the Judge's name would be considered.

As possible compromises, if friends are bringing forward the names of John A. Coleman, chairman of the Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange and chairman of the Special Gifts Committee of the Archbishop's Committee of the Lally of the Catholic Archdiocese of New York; Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora and Supreme Court Justice Louis A. Valente.

With Edward J. Flynn, Bronx Democratic leader, in Florida recovering from a cold, it appeared unlikely that the Democrats would reach any decision before the middle of next week at the earliest. Mr. Flynn returned to New York late this week.

Until the Democrats take some definite action, the Republicans are delaying any moves toward the choice of a candidate of their own. Republican leaders of the five New York City counties may hold a conference next week.

Walker's Statement on Poll

Former Mayor Walker, in bowing out of the political picture yesterday, said that the results of The Daily News mayoralty poll were "indeed gratifying to me."

"To have won in all of the five boroughs over two of the most conspicuous men in public life in the City of New York is indeed a convincing tribute to my record of twenty-three years of public service," he said. "It is particularly

"I recently signed a contract as president of a new enterprise which will engage all of my future time and attention, and my business associations are substantial and my commitments are permanent.

"The poll shows that the people of New York were not blinded by politically motivated allegations of which I was the victim in the early Nineteen-thirties.

"Let me point out that not one person ever testified under oath that I was false to my trust in public office in my entire political career.

"My neighbors have come forward to say that they believe in me, trust me and want me back as their mayor. Who could ask for more?"

O'Dwyer's Backers Keep 'Em Gu

By ROBERT G. SPIVACK

District Attorney O'Dwyer of Brooklyn today was New York's big political question mark.

His closest political associates—not including the half-dozen-odd newly formed O'Dwyer-for-Mayor committees—wouldn't say "yes" and wouldn't say "no" on the question of his candidacy for Mayor of New York.

But one thing was clear. O'Dwyer's advisers have decided to exploit his favorable position for all it's worth by keeping the "boys in the backroom" guessing, at least for another week.

The Brooklyn prosecutor was expected back in New York today from his West Coast trip. But last night his office announced that he would not return before next Tuesday.

O'Dwyer's friends said the "keep 'em guessing" strategy was shortening the time in which Bosses Flynn and Kelly, assuming they so desired, could build another candidate.

Marcantonio in the Dark

But it was also worrying some of O'Dwyer's supporters, especially Rep. Vito Marcantonio of the American Labor Party. Over the

week end he told friends that he was still in the dark and uncertain of his own course of action.

On the other hand, O'Dwyer's opponents said the delayed return simply meant indecision on his part.

Meanwhile several other political skirmishes, some minor, were continuing.

Tammany Rebels to Fight

The Tammany rebels led by Assemblyman Sullivan of the 7th A. D. South announced their in-

tention of fighting the supporters of Leader Loughlin in at least nine Assembly districts.

The Republican county chairmen will meet next Friday to further "explore" the candidate situation.

But Leaders Crews of Brooklyn and Curran of Manhattan were still reported at odds. Crews favors Controller McGoldrick as Republican choice, while Curran is said to favor a "regular Republican." McGoldrick is an independent Democrat.

Times Herald

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Broadway

By DANTON WALKER

WILLIAM ODWYER will decline to run for mayor of New York ~~city~~ because he has his eyes on the governor's chair . . . Next dark horse in the mayoralty race will be James J. Lyons, Bronx borough president and close confidant of Ed Flynn . . . Prime Minister Mackenzie King's campaign for re-election June 11 will be based on the "indispensable man" theory . . . Representative Dickstein of New York is scheduled to resign from Congress to take a presidential appointment . . . Postmaster General Hannegan is readying a boost in the second class mail rates . . . A number of "emergency" Government agencies will shortly be consolidated or abolished. Farm credit agencies will be the first to be amalgamated . . . The first day of summer will see a boost in the "A" gas ticket allowance . . . The automobile industry will exceed its promise of new cars this year by two and a half times . . . One postwar dream, for which blueprints are ready, is a combination automobile-airplane . . . Freedom of the Atlantic for commercial shipping will be ordered any moment now by the United Maritime Council.

MAY 21 1945

Walker Wins in Poll With 37.9% of Votes

By ROBERT CONWAY

Former Mayor James J. Walker carried all of New York City's five boroughs yesterday in the final results of The News Mayoralty Poll. The scientific survey of popular sentiment—designed to allow voters, instead of politicians, a chance to say whom they want nominated for City Hall—gave Walker 37.9% of the total 15,654 ballots collected. Brooklyn District Attorney William O'Dwyer ran second, with 30%, and Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, with 25.3%, was the only Republican among the three leaders.

The complete poll, in addition to emphasizing the nostalgic appeal debonair Jimmy possesses for New Yorkers, indicated an overwhelming indifference of rank-and-file voters toward all other candidates in the big field. Only 6.8% of the straws were cast for the trailing contestants, compared to the 93.2% for the three leaders.

Here is how the first six individual candidates finished in the poll:
Walker—5,926 straws, or 37.9%.
O'Dwyer—4,703 straws, or 30.0%.
LaGuardia—3,960 straws, or 25.3%.
Mrs. F. D. R.—231 straws, or 1.5%.

Moses—195 straws, or 1.3%.
McGoldrick—108 straws, or .7%.
Scattered—531 straws, or 3.4%.
Perhaps the fact that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt—who must announce her intention to change her voting residence from Hyde Park to Manhattan, where she has an apartment, in order to qualify as a candidate—finished fourth is the best evidence of the indifference of New Yorkers to any candidates except Walker, O'Dwyer and LaGuardia. Park Commissioner Robert Moses and Controller Joseph McGoldrick, who finished fifth and sixth respectively, are both Republicans.

Jimmy Spurts at Finish

Walker's lead over his rivals increased as the straws collected Saturday and yesterday were tabulated in final results. He overcame O'Dwyer's lead in Brooklyn and Queens, thus sweeping all five boroughs.

O'Dwyer finished second in Richmond, Queens and Brooklyn.



How residents of assembly districts voted in The News Mayoralty Straw Poll is indicated on map.

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but came in third—well behind LaGuardia—in Manhattan and the Bronx.

Walker's lead over O'Dwyer in the final results is 7.9 percentage points, and 12.6 points over LaGuardia.

The fact that both Walker and O'Dwyer are Democrats, however, is highly significant. If the Walker and O'Dwyer vote is regarded as likely to go Democratic in the election—something which is entirely hypothetical, yet interesting to speculate upon—it would indicate that this is a bad year for the Republicans.

The combined Walker-O'Dwyer showing in the poll is 10,629 straws or 67.9%, compared to LaGuardia's



Jimmy Walker

Sweeps five boroughs.

2,960 straws, or 25.3%. Even if all the ballots cast for the other candidates are added to LaGuardia's, the Walker-O'Dwyer combined lead is overwhelming.

Democratic Strength.

This indication of Democratic strength is confirmed in the votes

cast for the various party candidates regardless of who is nominated in the canvass. There are 181 straws cast for "any Democrat," 93 for "any Republican" and 10 for "any ALP" approved candidate.

The consistency with which New Yorkers voted for Walker has been apparent from the beginning of the seven-day regular poll, as well as in the previous one-day trial balloon poll, taken in order to determine how many names should appear on the regular poll ballot. The trial balloon straws, of course, were not included in the regular poll tabulations.

Walker ran ahead, his percentage showing very little variance, in each day's batch of straws. O'Dwyer and LaGuardia ran neck-and-neck in each day's canvass, but with LaGuardia gradually falling farther behind in the totals to date as the poll progressed.

The fact that LaGuardia's name appeared on top, or in what is called the "preferential position," on the first ballots used, while O'Dwyer's and Walker's names respectively were placed at the head of the list on subsequent ballots, did not appear to have any effect on how voters expressed their choice. Walker ran about as well when he was at the bottom of the list as when he was on top. So did the other two leading candidates.

Incidentally, it is also interesting to note that O'Dwyer and LaGuardia received almost as many write-in votes in the trial balloon poll as they did later when their names were printed on the ballot.

Jimmy Walker's greatest strength, as might be expected, was in Manhattan. This is the final tabulation by boroughs:

- Manhattan—Walker, 42.9%; LaGuardia, 31.7%; O'Dwyer, 21.9%.
- Brooklyn—Walker, 33.5%; O'Dwyer, 33.4%; LaGuardia, 23.3%.
- Bronx—Walker, 39.2%; LaGuardia, 30.7%; O'Dwyer, 26.7%.
- Queens—Walker, 38.3%; O'Dwyer, 36.7%; LaGuardia, 17.1%.
- Richmond—Walker, 28.3%; O'Dwyer, 28.5%; LaGuardia, 21.4%.

The canvass was taken in the same scientific and impartial manner in which past mayoralty, gubernatorial and Presidential polls have been conducted by The News. The straws were distributed in proportion to the vote in the latest mayoralty election of 1941, Assembly district by Assembly district, in all the five boroughs. Five crews, consisting of a total of 30 field workers, made a strictly door-to-door canvass.

Only one vote was taken from each home visited, unless there was a division of opinion. Then all voters in the family were asked to mark ballots.

Experienced Poll Takers.

The crews were under the direction of veteran members of The News staff, all experienced in taking polls. The canvassers were carefully instructed to seek honest opinions and to appeal to voters to write in names if their favorite

candidate's name did not appear on the ballot. Ample space was provided for writing in additional names.

The final results of this Mayoralty Sweepstakes Poll, of course, cannot be used as a basis for predicting who will be nominated in the primaries by the political parties, political bosses or by petition. The deadline for filing nominations for the primaries is June 26, the primary election will be held on July 31 and the regular election on Nov. 6. The first two dates still have to be certified by the State Board of Elections.

But the poll indicates that Walker, O'Dwyer and LaGuardia—in the order named—are by far the strongest in the field at present.

NEW YORK
Herald Tribune

MAY 20 1945

O'Dwyer Returns May 29

District Attorney William
O'Dwyer, currently the outstanding candidate for the Democratic mayoralty nomination, plans to return to his office in Brooklyn on May 29. An assistant of Mr. O'Dwyer said that he had obtained reservations for the Brooklyn prosecutor on a plane leaving Los Angeles on Monday, May 28. Mr. O'Dwyer has been resting at the ranch of his brother Frank, in El Centro, Calif.

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The New York Times.
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Candidates for Mayor

The man who heads the Democratic ticket in New York City's election next November is thought to have a good chance of becoming the first Democratic Mayor since 1833. That was the year when Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia was elected for his first term in a three-cornered race against Mayor John P. O'Brien, who had Tammany's backing, and Joseph V. McKee, who was supported by the Bronx Democratic organization of Edward J. Flynn.

Last week a split something like that of twelve years ago held up the choice of the Democratic candidate. On one side are James A. Roe and Jeremiah A. Sullivan, respectively the county leaders of Queens and Richmond. They are demanding the nomination of Brooklyn District Attorney William F. O'Dwyer, and have the tacit support of Tammany Leader Edward V. Loughlin. On the other side are Mr. Flynn and Frank V. Kelly, Kings County leader, who are known to be opposed to Mr. O'Dwyer but who have not yet announced their own choice. Friends of Mr. Flynn have said that the Bronx leader's candidate is Thomas E. Murray, a director of the Chrysler Corporation. Mr. Flynn himself is in the South recovering from an illness and has not commented on this report.

This intraparty split was brought into the open by Mr. Roe's charge that Mr. Flynn and Mr. Kelly were "stalling" and hoped to win the nomination of "some one whom they can control." Mr. Roe said that Mr. O'Dwyer's name would be entered in a Democratic primary on July 26 if he did not receive the nomination through the usual channels.

The Democratic wrangle brought to a virtual stop the moves of the other three political parties to decide on their candidates. The American Labor party has indicated that it will join with the Democrats if they name Mr. O'Dwyer. The Republican party is thought to be leaning toward City Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick, an independent Democrat. The Liberal party is also favorable to Mr. McGoldrick, but would prefer to combine with the Democrats rather than the Republicans behind him.

MAY 19 1945

Time to Smash Brooklyn Boss, He Declares

Roe's Championship Of Kings Prosecutor Called Leadership Bid

Despite District Attorney William O'Dwyer's continued silence on his availability for the Democratic Mayoralty nomination, another supporter came to the fore on his behalf today in the person of Rep. Donald L. O'Toole, Brooklyn Democratic insurgent.

Returning from Washington yesterday, Rep. O'Toole, an embattled foe of the Kings County Democratic machine led by Frank V. Kelly, said: "I am 100 per cent behind Mr. O'Dwyer. It is time this reactionary and decrepit machine is smashed. The Democratic party in Brooklyn is dying."

Mr. Kelly had withheld his support from the O'Dwyer boom, declining an invitation to attend a meeting earlier in the week called by Democratic leaders favorable to Mr. O'Dwyer's nomination.

Roe Strong for O'Dwyer.

Most outspoken among the latter group is Rep. James A. Roe, Queens chieftain, whose espousal of Mr. O'Dwyer's cause is regarded by some political observers as a bold bid for city leadership.

Some viewed Mr. Roe's espousal of Mr. O'Dwyer as a bold bid for city leadership.

Queens for years has complained of being treated as a stepchild in city Democratic politics and now its party leader has made his bid for a place in the sun, although most politicians are agreed he has chosen an unorthodox way of going about it.

Chief lament of organization men from the Bronx and also from Brooklyn, where Mr. Kelly, party leader, also was an object of the Roe attack, is that he "doesn't play the game according to the rules."

Feared Delay.

They mean that the Queens leader should have sat down in conference with the other four county leaders and thrashed out the prospective O'Dwyer candidacy before threatening a primary fight. But Mr. Roe got the idea, when a scheduled conference was postponed this week because of Mr. Flynn's illness, that there might be other postponements also and the leaders might not get around to meeting until it was too late to plan a primary fight.

Old-time politicians say that never before to their recollection has this late date been reached (five days after the start of circulation of nominating petitions) without agreement by the major parties on their municipal slates. All parties are waiting for the Democrats, and with Mr. Flynn in Florida for another week action is not expected before June 1.

While Mr. Flynn is known to be opposed to Mr. O'Dwyer (who has yet to declare himself), Mr. Kelly, up to the time of the Roe blast, was regarded as receptive, although many of the Brooklyn district leaders are bitterly opposed to the district attorney. Mr. Roe had charged that the Flynn-Kelly combination did not want Mr. O'Dwyer, as he could not be controlled by the bosses.

Friendly with Quill.

While some Brooklyn district leaders have their own reasons for not wanting Mr. O'Dwyer as the candidate, they are saying one reason for their opposition is the prosecutor's friendship with City Councilman Michael J. Quill, who is a left-wing threat to the Flynn organization in the Bronx. They say the more conservative leaders do not like the CIO backing apparently being given Mr. O'Dwyer.

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LEONARD LYONS

Broadway Potpourri

New York, May 18.—Sergt. Marlon Hargrove never was graduated from Central High School in Charlotte, N. C., because he refused to



Elliott Roosevelt

take the senior geometry exam. The school's principal therefore has been unable to fulfill a desire to include Hargrove's name on Central High's plaque of fame along with Hal Kemp and John Scott Trotter. . . . Yesterday Sergeant Hargrove was notified by the principal that since plain geometry is no longer a required subject there, and since all loyal sons of Central High are entitled to offe extra point credit for Army service, Marlon Hargrove—author of a book which sold over 3,000,000 copies—is entitled to and will receive a high school diploma . . . "Now," sighed Hargrove, "I am the Jean Valjean of Formal Education."

Under the terms of Franklin D. Roosevelt's will, Mrs. Roosevelt and their children are free to determine whether they will exercise the rights of use and occupancy of his Hyde Park home. Mrs. Roosevelt already has made her decision and moved from the big house to live in the summer cottage. The only one of the Roosevelt children who will live in the Hyde Park house is Elliott. He likes living there and after the war he and his wife will spend six months a year in this house and the rest of the year in the West.

When Mayor LaGuardia retired from politics the first time—a temporary retirement resulting from his defeat, by a small margin, in a congressional race—he turned to a youngster who had run errands for him during the campaign, and said: "I can't understand it. I can't understand how I lost. How can you explain those big parades they gave in my honor?" . . . "I guess," the boy answered him, "there's no law against non-citizens parading."

Gen. Bill O'Dwyer, who was scheduled to return from California next month, arrived here this week, thereby increasing the speculation about the mayoralty race . . . Louis Marx, the toy manufacturer who converted his plants to munitions making, leaves for Europe this week. He will visit General Eisenhower's headquarters on an Army mission involving European production . . . Maurice Hindus is writing a history of the Cossacks . . . Milton Caniff author of the "Terry and the Pirates" strip, who soon will become a Marshall Field cartoonist will use as the star of his new strip the lady known as "Lace" in his Army-distributed strip, "Male Call."

The veteran night-club comedy team of Pat Harrington and Frankie Hyers was dissolved this week. Harrington will try the legit, while Hyers will continue as a night-club single . . . Maj. Leon Tourrou, the former G-man and author of "Confession of a Nazi Spy," is back from Europe. After his wedding in Arizona, Major Tourrou will retire from the Army . . . Reeves Lewenthal, head of the Associated American Artists, will be in Hollywood next week preparatory to opening a West Coast branch.

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O'Toole Defies Kelly, Offers to Assist O'Dwyer

Brooklyn Insurgent Asserts 'Reactionary Machine' There Must be Smashed

Representative Donald L. O'Toole, the Brooklyn Democratic insurgent who upset the party organization a year ago, returned yesterday from Washington and offered his support to District Attorney William O'Dwyer for the nomination for Mayor, but the 1941 Democratic nominee continued silent.

Promising to make war, if necessary, on the Democratic machine headed by Frank V. Kelly, Mr. O'Toole told reporters: "I am 100 per cent behind Judge O'Dwyer. It is time that this reactionary and decrepit machine is smashed. The Democratic party in Brooklyn is dying. The people have lost faith in it."

Representative O'Toole failed to win renomination by the Democratic organization last year after he opposed his own district leader and lost. However, he went into the primary and defeated the organization choice, James H. McGowan. He has been reported ready to make a race against John Calhoun, the Democratic Borough President. He said yesterday he was not prepared to make an announcement on that.

While Mr. O'Dwyer remained silent on the mayoralty campaign at his brother's ranch in California where he is resting, the plan for his return next Wednesday still stood. This is slightly earlier than his original intention.

The five Democratic county chairmen who will designate the party candidate for mayor continued silent also yesterday, and there was every indication that the issue would not be pressed until all five can meet. This is not expected to be possible before May 28, when Edward J. Flynn, the Bronx leader, plans to return from St. Petersburg, Fla., where he is recuperating from an illness.

Mr. Kelly, the Brooklyn leader, has indicated he will say nothing until the five get together. Edward V. Loughlin, the Tammany chief, is taking the same position. Representative James A. Roe, of Queens, and Jeremiah A. Sullivan, of Richmond, have declared for Mr. O'Dwyer.

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Richmond Final: Walker 2 to 1 Over LaG., 8 to 5 Over O'Dwyer

By ROBERT CONWAY

The unmistakable popularity of Jimmy Walker in The News Sweepstakes Mayoralty Poll—with William O'Dwyer running second and Fiorello H. LaGuardia third—was confirmed again yesterday in final results from Richmond, first of New York City's five boroughs to be completely canvassed. Richmond gave Walker 38.3%, O'Dwyer 28.5%, LaGuardia 21.4%, and the remaining 11.8% was divided among a score of candidates.

Yesterday's new batch of 2,380 ballots—in which Walker led in each of the five boroughs—made little change in the city-wide standing of the three leaders. This is how the total 9,828 straws tabulated to date are divided:

Walker—3,616, or 36.8%.
 O'Dwyer—2,962, or 30.1%.
 LaGuardia—2,547, or 25.9%.
 All others—703, or 7.2%.

Walker's total percentage increased .1 of one percentage point over his standing the day before, but his margin over O'Dwyer shrank .3 of one percentage point. Walker now has a lead of 6.7 points over O'Dwyer and 10.9 points over LaGuardia.

Eleanor Challenges Moses.

Park Commissioner Robert Moses continued to run fourth in the totals to date, with 135 straws, or 1.4% but being warmly challenged by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's backers, who gave her an edge over Moses in yesterday's straws only. Mrs. Roosevelt received 1.4% of yesterday's batch of ballots, compared to Moses' 1.2%. In the totals to date, Mrs. Roosevelt is running fifth with 1.2%. All of the other individual write-in candidates have less than 1%.

In the final results from Richmond, Walker's lead of almost 2 to 1 over LaGuardia and approxi-

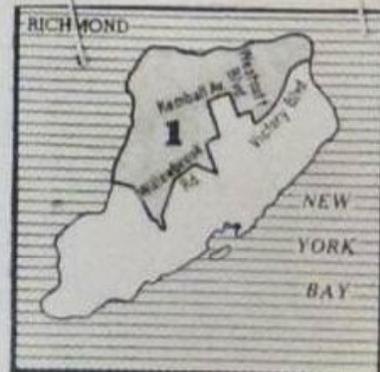


(NEWS map by Staff Artist)

Assembly Districts in black are ones polled by The News mayoralty canvassers.

ately 8 to 5 over O'Dwyer appears significant. LaGuardia carried Richmond with 44% of the actual vote in the three-cornered mayoralty election of 1933—shortly after Walker resigned from City Hall.

LaGuardia's strength in the two-candidate contest for Mayor in 1937 was greater, for he received 56% of the actual vote. O'Dwyer



Richmond 1st A. D. (shaded)—Walker.

beat him in Richmond—although he lost in the city-wide results—in the 1941 mayoralty election, the actual vote being LaGuardia 39% and O'Dwyer 61%.

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An Urge for Good Old Days.

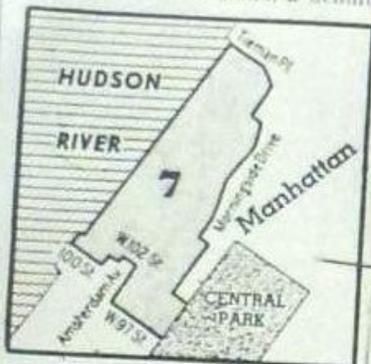
These comparisons indicate both O'Dwyer and LaGuardia have lost in popular appeal in Richmond. The residents of Staten Island have, on the other hand, a definite

The remaining 45 straws, representing 11.8%, were divided as follows: 16 votes for "any Republican," and 11 for "any Democrat," 5 straws each for Joseph McGoldrick, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Robert Moses, and three scattered.

O'Dwyer People Phlegmatic.

The 30 field workers making the canvass are divided into five crews, each under the direction of a member of The News staff with previous experience in taking scientific and impartial mayoralty, gubernatorial and Presidential polls. The canvassers employed for this Sweepstakes Mayoralty Poll include many ex-servicemen, out-of-towners just returned from overseas and without local political opinions.

These canvassers report that people who favor Walker are "enthusiastic," those who favor LaGuardia are "vehement or belligerent," and those who cast bal-



Manhattan 7th A. D. (shaded)—Walker.

nostalgic urge for the good old days as personified in debonair Jimmy Walker.

This is how the 379 straws collected in Richmond were divided:
Walker—145 straws, or 38.3%
O'Dwyer—108 straws, or 28.5%
LaGuardia—81 straws, or 21.3%



Queens 6th A. D. (shaded)—O'Dwyer.



Brooklyn 21st A. D. (shaded)—O'Dwyer.

lots for O'Dwyer are "more phlegmatic."

Tomorrow's tabulations will include additional straws from Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx. The final results will appear Monday.

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BACKERS ORGANIZE IN O'DWYER BEHALF

Act in Anticipation of His
Statement Agreeing to
Run for Mayor

HE IS DUE HOME TUESDAY

Leaders of Republican, Labor
and Liberal Parties Delay
Till Democrats Act

Supporters of District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn for the Democratic nomination for Mayor began yesterday to organize in all boroughs of the city in anticipation of announcement of his candidacy on his return from California to New York City.

Representative Donald I. O'Toole, prospective candidate for the nomination for Borough President of Brooklyn, against John Cashmore, incumbent, and Assemblyman Philip J. Shupler, who are expected to head the O'Dwyer organization in that borough, conferred and discussed plans for definitely putting Mr. O'Dwyer in the race. An announcement to that effect may come on Monday.

Mr. O'Dwyer is expected to return to New York earlier than originally expected. Reports placed the time as early as Monday, and it was said that he almost certainly would be back by next Thursday.

Henry I. Modell, chairman of the Independent Business Men's Committee to Draft O'Dwyer for Mayor, with headquarters at 240 Broadway, offered complete support of that organization to Representative James A. Roe, Queens leader, who announced on Thursday that he and others would enter Mr. O'Dwyer in the Democratic primary regardless of any position taken by Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn leader, and Edward J. Flynn, leader of the Bronx.

Says Flynn "Threw Him Down"

Mr. Modell informed Mr. Roe that he agreed with the latter's declaration that Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn "threw down" Mr. O'Dwyer at the last Mayoralty election because he would not play machine politics. Mr. Modell added that the organization of the Business Men's Committee had been extended to all boroughs and that its members were prepared to support Mr. O'Dwyer in a primary fight.

An O'Dwyer committee also has been formed in Forest Hills, Queens, with Thomas Bress as chairman.

Mr. Flynn, who is in ill health, is not expected to return from a vacation in Florida until May 28, and selection of an organization candidate is not expected until after June 1. In the meantime, friends of General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein have become increasingly active in the hope that he may receive the support of Mr. Flynn and Mr. Kelly for the Mayoralty nomination. Judge Goldstein is one of the candidates to be presented by Edward V. Loughlin, leader of Tammany.

Leaders of the Republican, American Labor and Liberal parties are waiting for the Democratic leaders to act before deciding whom to nominate for Mayor. Although Mayor La Guardia's decision not to run again has been accepted as genuine, hope has arisen in the Labor party that he may reconsider if the Democratic leaders fail to agree on a candidate and a primary fight follows.

The Liberal party will observe the first anniversary of its founding by a meeting of its State Committee today at the Hotel Astor. Alex Ross, chairman of its administrative committee, will submit a report on the progress of the Mayoralty campaign.

MAY 18 1945

O'DWYER BOOM IS SEEN FADING

Political observers here today saw the death-knell sounded to District Attorney William O'Dwyer's candidacy for the mayoralty by the incipient revolt staged against Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn Democratic leader, and Edward J. Flynn, Bronx chief, by the O'Dwyer backers. The revolt, led by Representative James A. Roe of Queens, puts the Democratic nomination in the hands of General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein or some other compromise candidate, their observers feel.

Mr. Roe's revolt, staged in the interests of Mr. O'Dwyer, has bootlegged to the defeat of the Brooklyn District Attorney. It places Kelly and Flynn on the defensive, for they cannot accede to the support of O'Dwyer without admitting defeat and jeopardizing their own county leaderships. Both Kelly and Flynn are assured of the support of the majority of their Assembly District leaders and in a fight would probably have the added support of Tammany Leader Edward V. Loughlin.

Loughlin has already proposed the name of Judge Goldstein, an accomplished vote getter, and would certainly vote with Kelly and Flynn if the latter leaders decide to support him. An added incentive to the naming of Goldstein is that he probably would be acceptable to the Liberal party, which is a decided factor in any city election.

Flynn's absence in Florida, from where he does not plan to return until May 28, will preclude the naming of any Democratic candidate before the first of the month. Kelly has made it plain that he does not intend to go into the customary caucus of the county chairmen on the candidate until it is possible for all five to be present. Flynn has already stated that he feels that June 1 is about the right time to put forward a candidate.

The Republicans, Liberals, the American Labor Party and the Fusionists are all waiting until the Democrats reach a decision before naming a candidate. The Liberal Party has told all its district clubs, county organizations and other divisions to elect delegates immediately to a citywide conference at which final action on a candidate will be taken, but no call has been issued for the meeting. At the same time the party officers were authorized to confer with the two major parties on the possibility of a coalition with either one.

18 1945

City Democrats Look to O'Dwyer To Clear Muddle

Is He or Is He Not
Candidate for Mayor?
They Want to Know

By RAY GHENT,

World-Telegram Staff Writer.

City Democrats look for District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn, now on a visit to California, to make a declaration soon on whether he is or is not a candidate for Mayor, to clear the air for his friends in the now strife-ridden Democratic organization.

Mr. O'Dwyer holds the key to a puzzling situation and observers agree that until he speaks out and says whether he would like the Democratic nomination again, the fight over him within the party is reduced to shadow boxing.

Rep. James A. Roe, Queens Democratic leader, who says he only intended to clear the air with his pro-O'Dwyer blast against two fellow leaders, Edward J. Flynn of the Bronx and Frank V. Kelly, thinks Mr. O'Dwyer will run but says he cannot speak for the District Attorney.

Queens Voters Act.

A group of Queens residents meeting last night in Forest Hills launched an independent voters committee for Mr. O'Dwyer headed by Thomas Bress, attorney, as chairman. The group adopted a resolution calling on all parties to unite on the Brooklyn District Attorney as "the most able and outstanding individual available to lead our great city in the postwar period."

As far as can be learned, Mr. O'Dwyer has not told his own county leader, Mr. Kelly, that he is a candidate, but Mr. Kelly is assuming that he is.

Mr. O'Dwyer is due back from California next week, and if his friends get the go signal from him they will flood the city with his nominating petitions.

Goldstein's Friends Active.

In the shuffle, friends of General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein are advancing his claims for the Democratic nomination. Mr. Goldstein is waiting to see what the leaders do but remains a primary threat.

In Brooklyn, Assemblyman Philip J. Schuyler, who ran on an anti-organization ticket with Rep. Donald O'Bole last year, came out for Mr. O'Dwyer and denounced what he called the rule or ruin policy of Mr. Kelly.

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City Democrats Dig In, Sit Tight in Mayoral Tiff

Liberal Terms Attack by Roe
'Reckless,' Refuses Other
Comment; Loughlin Silent

By Francis M. Stephenson

Democratic leaders took to their cellars yesterday and premeditated for war over control of the city organization following yesterday's explosion by Representative James A. Roe, the Queens Democrat, blasting fellow leaders and attacking the nomination of District Attorney William O'Dwyer for mayor.

Not only one of the five Democratic county chairmen of the city spoke up at all yesterday but Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn Democrat and the target of much of Roe's bitter attack. At his Democratic headquarters, 15 Court Square, Brooklyn, he handed newspapermen the following typewritten statement: "Of course I have read what Roe had to say and have no intention to make concerning his reckless statements."

Kelly was upshot of the Roe blast and he said that the entire mayoral situation is frozen to let it cool off, possibly until June when the Republican leaders and the Liberal and American Party all are standing by to see what develops among the Democrats.

Kelly made it plain again yesterday that he has no intention of going into the customary caucus with county chairmen on a mayoral race until it is possible for all to be present. Edward J. Kelly, the Bronx Democratic leadership national committeeman for New York, has gone to St. Petersburg, Fla., to recuperate from an illness and is not expected back until May 28. He is known to have said that June 1 would be about

the right time to put forward the Democratic candidate.

There was a renewal of the reports that Mr. O'Dwyer would wage a battle in the primary for the mayoralty nomination if the leaders do not give him the nod, but those well acquainted with him were inclined to discount this. The Kings District Attorney is now at his brother's ranch on the Pacific Coast. Present plans are for him to return May 23, ahead of schedule. He is reserving comment meanwhile.

Mr. Kelly, who picked Mr. O'Dwyer from the Police Department to sponsor him for the County Court, for District Attorney and for Mayor in 1941, would only say that he would ask the county chairmen to follow the custom and make their decision unanimous once a candidate is agreed upon.

Friends of Mr. O'Dwyer insisted that the declaration by Mr. Roe for Mr. O'Dwyer, and his attack on Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn, help the Brooklyn District Attorney. Opponents said the move killed the O'Dwyer boom. Practical politicians were inclined to believe that Mr. Roe's unorthodox act made it difficult if not impossible for Mr. Kelly to accept the O'Dwyer candidacy. They said this would amount to abdication of party leadership by Mr. Kelly in favor of Mr. O'Dwyer.

These same partical politicians agreed that probably the two best vote getters in the city are Mr. O'Dwyer and Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, of General Sessions, New York County. This turned the spotlight on Tammany Hall. Edward V. Loughlin, leader of Tammany, has proposed Judge Goldstein. He also has been friendly to Mr. O'Dwyer. He was a part of the original agreement with Mr. Roe to force the Wednesday meeting.

Mr. Loughlin kept silent yesterday. He was unavailable. His situation is complicated by the fact that Clarence H. Neal jr., chairman of the Tammany organizations committee and perhaps the leading power of the Hall, favors Mr. O'Dwyer.

The Liberal party announced yesterday that its final decision on a candidate for mayor would be

made through the unusual medium of a city-wide conference of all divisions of the party. Dr. John L. Childs, state chairman, and Alex Rose, chairman of the administrative committee, sent word to the various party units to select delegates. These units include the party's Assembly Districts clubs, county organizations, the Trade Union Council, the Businessmen's Council, the Women's Division, the senior section of the Young Liberals and supporting trade unions.

The party does not participate in the July 31 primary because it does not now have legal standing. Dr. Childs said it was planned to have the delegates selected so that a convention could be held on forty-eight hours' notice.

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Loughlin Seeks to Heal Dem Split Over O'Dwyer

By FRANK DOYLE and ARNOLD PRINCE

Tammany chief Edward V. Loughlin was reported yesterday to have offered to serve as mediator in the open break among the other four county Democratic leaders, over the mayoral candidacy of Brooklyn District Attorney O'Dwyer.

Democrats are alarmed over a threat of a bitter fight within the party in the July 31 primaries. Loughlin's position was called excellent, as he holds the balance of power between the four others, who are evenly divided. Leaders Kelly of Brooklyn and Flynn of the Bronx oppose O'Dwyer. Roe of Queens and Sullivan of Richmond support him.

to select the most desirable mayoral candidate."

No date was set for the conference. It may be called on 48 hours' notice.

Political observers were divided in the probable effect of Roe's blast at Kelly and Flynn on O'Dwyer's position.

Kelly Refuses Comment

Kelly asked about the attack on him and Flynn by Roe, said:

"I read what Roe said, but have no comment to make on his reckless statements."

George Itleman, chairman of the Independent Citizens Committee for Magistrate Surplus, Brooklyn Republican, complicated the picture by announcing Surplus' name will be entered in the Democratic primaries for mayor. He is a declared candidate for the GOP nomination.

If the Democratic Party leadership split is not mended, and Roe makes good his threat to enter O'Dwyer in the primaries against whoever is chosen by Kelly and Flynn, the race will be a dizzy three-sided affair.

And the Liberal Party, regarded as anti-O'Dwyer, added confusion by deciding to confer with leaders of both parties. Its choice has seemed to be Controller McInidock.

Dr. John L. Childs, State chairman, and Alex Rose, Administrative Committee chairman, issued a call for immediate election of delegates to a city-wide conference of all divisions of the party, for final action on selecting a mayoral candidate.

No Date for Parley

They were authorized by the Administrative Committee to talk with spokesmen for the two major parties "and with all established good government groups.

O'Dwyer Moving Up On Jimmy in Straws

By ROBERT CONWAY

Brooklyn District Attorney William O'Dwyer scored the biggest gains in yesterday's total tabulation of 7,448 straws in The News Sweepstakes Mayoralty Poll. He cut only infinitesimally into the substantial lead which Ex-Mayor Jimmy Walker has held since the canvass started Monday. But in the neck-and-neck race with Mayor LaGuardia for second place, O'Dwyer moved 3.2 percentage points ahead of The Hat.

LaGuardia, hitting a low in the poll of 26.5%, is now 19.2 percentage points behind Walker.

This is how the straws stack up in the latest tabulation:

Walker—2,734 straws, or 36.7%.

O'Dwyer—2,213 straws, or 29.7%.

LaGuardia—1,575 straws, or 26.5%.

All others—526 straws, or 7.1%.

O'Dwyer Narrows Gap.

The two leading Democrats, Walker and O'Dwyer, both gained at the expense of LaGuardia, although Walker's increase was only .1 of a percentage point over his previous 36.6%. His lead over O'Dwyer has been cut from 8.1

points to 7 points in the last 24 hours.

The gap between the three leaders in the poll and the other contestants remained tremendous. Park Commissioner Robert Moses continued to run fourth with 105 straws, or 1.4%. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who to qualify as a candidate must announce a change in her voting residence from Hyde Park to Manhattan, was fifth with 86 straws, or 1.2%. Not one of the other candidates mentioned by politicians and political writers has received even 1% of the straws cast to date.

The poll's three-cornered popularity battle among Walker, O'Dwyer and LaGuardia has developed a situation similar to that in the first regular election held after Jimmy Walker resigned.

The difference is that now Walker is in front, showing a strength almost equal to LaGuardia's in 1933. O'Dwyer is running slightly ahead of Joseph V. McKee, who ran second as an independent on a Recovery Party ticket, and LaGuardia is receiving almost the exact straw percentage that John P. O'Brien, then Mayor,

received in the actual election when The Hat first was voted into City Hall.

Discounting the 7.1% of straws cast for all other candidates in the Sweepstakes Mayoralty Poll, this is how the ballots for Walker, O'Dwyer and LaGuardia compare with the actual vote for the three ex-candidates in the 1933 election:

LaGuardia, in winning the 1933 election, got 42.1% of the actual vote, compared to Walker's 39.5% of the three candidate straws in the poll.

McKee, who ran second in 1933, got 29.3% actual vote, compared



5th Assembly District of Manhattan (shaded) gave Walker preference.

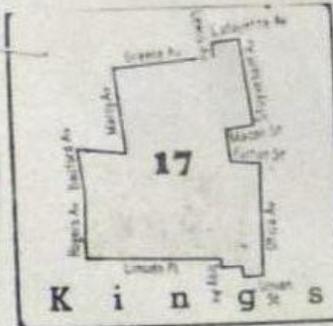
to O'Dwyer's 32.0% of the three candidate straws.

O'Brien, who ran third in 1933, got 28.6% actual vote, compared to LaGuardia's 28.5% of the three candidate straws.

Reason For Comparison.

The comparison is made with the 1933 election because that three-candidate contest is the only one, at least in recent years, that is comparable with the popular trend as shown in the present poll.

Considered separately by boroughs, LaGuardia's strength in



17th Assembly District of Brooklyn (shaded) went to Walker.

1933 was greater than Jimmy Walker's appears to be in the poll to date. The tabulation is only now approaching the halfway mark, however, and not until all the straws are counted will the comparative strength of the candidates be definitely known.

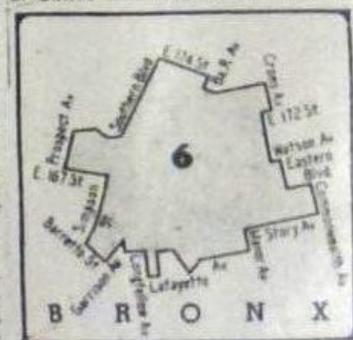
LaGuardia carried all five boroughs in the 1933 election, whereas Walker is leading only in Manhattan, Bronx and Richmond in the poll. O'Dwyer is ahead by a slim margin in Brooklyn and Queens, with LaGuardia trailing Walker in these two boroughs.

This poll showing is a striking contrast to LaGuardia's performance in the past, for he always has been particularly strong among anti-Tammany residents of Queens, New Deal sympathizers in Brooklyn, and the pro-Roosevelt and ALP factions in the Bronx.

O'Dwyer's Name Tops Ballot.

The latest batch of 2,638 ballots in yesterday's tabulation carried O'Dwyer's name, instead of La-

Guardia's, on top, Walker's second and LaGuardia's third. This type of ballot was used on two days of



LaGuardia won in 6th Assembly District of the Bronx (shaded).

DEMOCRATS WIDEN SPLIT IN BROOKLYN

O'Toole, Who Beat Machine
Last Year, May Run Against
Cashmore, Party Choice

SCHULPER BACKS O'DWYER

Assails Kelly as 'Rule or Ruin'
Leader, but the Latter Is Held
Able to Beat Prosecutor

The split in the Democratic party over the candidacy of District Attorney William O'Dwyer for the Mayoralty nomination widened yesterday when it became known that, according to present plans, Representative Donald L. O'Toole would be a candidate for nomination for Borough President of Brooklyn against Borough President John Cashmore, slated for renomination by the regular Brooklyn party organization, of which Frank V. Kelly is leader.

Mr. O'Toole, who won renomination last year against organization opposition, in a statement issued in Washington on Tuesday supported Representative James A. Roe, who had announced that Mr. O'Dwyer would enter the Democratic primary regardless of the position of Mr. Kelly and Edward J. Flynn, Bronx leader, and attacked Mr. Kelly for an alleged "deal" with Mayor La Guardia in getting City Council approval for the La Guardia capital budget.

Mr. O'Dwyer's candidacy also received support from Assemblyman Philip J. Schupler of Brooklyn, who was Mr. O'Toole's running mate on an anti-organization primary ticket last year. In the event of a primary contest, Mr. O'Toole and Mr. Schupler are expected to manage Mr. O'Dwyer's campaign in that borough.

Promises a Beating to Machine

"I am for General O'Dwyer for Mayor," Mr. Schupler said. "I and the members of the Victory Democratic Club of the Nineteenth Assembly District are going all out for him. We are going to put on a campaign that has never been equaled in this borough. At the last primary election Congressman Donald L. O'Toole and I trounced the machine-made Kelly candidates and with Judge O'Dwyer as the Mayoralty candidate we will give the Kelly machine the licking of its life."

"Kelly's policy of rule or ruin has brought the Democratic party to a sad state of affairs. Those Democrats who wish to see a strong, liberal and vigorous party will support Judge O'Dwyer, who is devoted to the doctrines of the New Deal and whose allegiance to the principles of President Roosevelt is well known. With Bill O'Dwyer in City Hall we can be assured of a good clean government for all the people."

Discussing Mr. O'Toole's probable candidacy for the nomination for Borough President, Mr. Schupler said:

"If Congressman O'Toole decides to enter the Democratic primary for Borough President, I will campaign for him on every street corner in Brooklyn."

Despite this threat of an anti-organization revolt in Brooklyn, the general political opinion was that, if Mr. O'Dwyer should be a primary candidate, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn would be able to defeat him for the Mayoralty nomination, although this view was not shared by influential members of Tammany.

"Of course, I have read what Mr. Roe had to say and have no comment concerning his several reckless statements," Mr. Kelly said.

The political consensus was that, despite the threatened revolt of Mr. O'Toole and Mr. Schupler, Mr. Kelly would have the support of a majority of the Brooklyn Assembly District leaders should he decide to support some other candidate than Mr. O'Dwyer for the Mayoralty nomination and that the latter's chance for the nomination had been decreased rather than heeled by Mr. Roe's announcement, which has made it difficult, if not impossible for Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn, to accept him as a candidate.

Liberals Plan Conference

A call for immediate election of delegates to a city-wide conference of all divisions of the Liberal party was issued yesterday by Dr. John L. Childs, State Chairman, and Alex Rose, chairman of its administrative committee, after a meeting of the committee.

The party officers were authorized to confer with leaders of both major parties and with all established "good government" groups for the purpose of reaching agreement on a desirable candidate for Mayor. The preference of the Liberal party leaders is known to be for fusion with the Democratic party on a candidate for Mayor, and Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick, Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora and General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein were discussed without a decision as possible candidates at a recent meeting of the committee.

The date for the city-wide conference has not been set and probably will not be until the return of Mr. Flynn from Florida, expected in about ten days. The call may be issued on forty-eight hours' notice and all Liberal party district clubs, county organizations, its Trade Union Council, its Business men's Council, its women's division, the senior section of young liberals and affiliated trade unions have been asked to elect delegates and instruct them to hold themselves in readiness for a meeting.

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O'Dwyer 'Will Run, Ready for a Fight'

By WILLIAM J. KEEGAN

Dist. Atty. O'Dwyer of Brooklyn will run for Mayor even if he has to fight for the Democratic nomination in the primary, his close friends said today.

The prosecutor, whose designation has so far been blocked by Leaders Edward J. Flynn of The Bronx and Frank V. Kelly of Brooklyn, was still at his brother's ranch in El Centro, Cal., and he refused to announce his candidacy formally.

But his backers said they already had organization of their primary campaign well under way, and they asserted that many district leaders in The Bronx and Brooklyn were supporting O'Dwyer, though they were afraid to come out openly for him.

They asserted that 12 of the 13 Bronx district leaders and two-thirds of the 24 Brooklyn leaders were for O'Dwyer and would welcome a primary fight.

The statement of Rep. Roe, Queens leader, in which he attacked Flynn and Kelly yesterday for refusing to support O'Dwyer made a city-wide Democratic fight inevitable unless Flynn and Kelly decide to accept O'Dwyer.

It was reported that Flynn was trying to win the support of Tammany Leader Edward V. Loughlin by offering to let him name his own candidate for Mayor. Loughlin so far has not committed himself.

Republican leaders, greatly encouraged by the Democratic fight, were looking for a strong, independent candidate. Last night the New York Republican Club voted 39 to 4 to recommend City Council President Morris for the designation.

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Democrats In City Split Over O'Dwyer

Primary Battle Seen as Backers Insist He Will Enter Mayoralty Race

Flynn-Kelly Stand Denounced by Roe

Queens Leader Says They Fight O'Dwyer Because They Can't Control Him

By Denis Tilden Lynch

A bitter fight in the forthcoming Democratic primary was presaged yesterday when Representative James A. Roe, Queens party chief, accused Edward J. Flynn and Frank V. Kelly, the Bronx and Brooklyn Democratic leaders, respectively, of plotting to prevent District Attorney William O'Dwyer from getting the Democratic mayoralty nomination because they cannot control him.

Asserting that Mr. O'Dwyer's name would be entered in the Democratic primary regardless of any action by the two leaders, the Queens chief said they "sold Bill O'Dwyer down the river in 1941," when he was the Democratic opponent of Mayor F. H. La Guardia for Mayor.

Mr. Roe accused Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn of "clandestine deals with the La Guardia administration" which, he promised, "will be exposed when the campaign gets under way."

"Kelly, through his influence in the City Council, only recently forced the approval of a La Guardia capital outlay budget because of a deal with 'Butch,'" continued Mr. Roe.

Mr. Kelly declined to reply to the charges, but the Mayor said at the city Hall: "Too ridiculous for comment. The people of New York know better than that."

Sharkey Denies Deal

Joseph T. Sharkey, a Kelly lieutenant and majority leader of the City Council, said: "No deal in here. Every man in this council on the majority side voted the way he pleased. I can't speak for the minority."

Mr. Flynn was on his way to Miami for a ten-day rest when reporters sought him. He had been confined to St. Luke's Hospital since May 4 but, despite his illness, waged an aggressive campaign against the O'Dwyer mayoralty drive from the hospital.

O'Dwyer supporters predicted they would sweep the Democratic primary and threatened to enter candidates against both the Flynn and Kelly designees in the Bronx and Brooklyn if those two leaders continued to oppose Mr. O'Dwyer.

Mr. Roe made his charges at the hour set for the meeting of himself, Edward V. Loughlin, leader of Tammany Hall, and Jeremiah A. Sullivan, Richmond County leader. Mr. Sullivan, like Mr. Roe, is for Mr. O'Dwyer. Mr. Loughlin has not disclosed his choice. Half an hour before the meeting the three leaders agreed to postpone it "for a week or so."

Flynn-Kelly "Stalling" Charged

"Both Flynn and Kelly have failed to keep faith with the voters of the city and are interested only in some candidate whom they can control and are only attempting to stall on the selection of a candidate until the time for filing any opposition to their hand-picked choice has been passed," said Mr. Roe. "If they are wise, they will respond to public sentiment and get behind the O'Dwyer candidacy as soon as possible."

"Bill O'Dwyer is a fearless and forthright man who will never kowtow to political leaders and has ability and determination to do a good job in the interests of the people of this great city. He is a tireless worker who knows the problems of business, labor and the returning veterans. He has the confidence of many groups. In the post-war period we need a man of his type who gets things done and eliminates red tape—one who will represent all people equally."

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City in 1933 when he put La Guardia in office by nominating Joseph V. McKee for Mayor on the Recovery party ticket."

Mr. Roe further charged that the Democratic leadership of New York City under dominance of the Flynn-Kelly combination has prevented meetings of the five county leaders for almost four years," and added:

"They have consistently failed to protect the interest of the Democratic voters. As we approach the dawn of a new era with the ending of the war in Europe and the impending victory in the Pacific, the people of New York City will insist on a mayor of their own choosing. Bill O'Dwyer is that man. His election will restore good faith and understanding amongst all people and he will give the city an honest and efficient administration. Then the days of backdoor deals and control by bosses will be gone forever."

O'Dwyer in "No Hurry" Back

Mr. O'Dwyer, resting at the home of his brother Frank in El Centro, Calif., declined to discuss the Roe statement or his candidacy. Asked when he would return to New York, he replied: "There is no hurry to get back."

Democratic leaders, whether for or against the O'Dwyer candidacy, were agreed that only the retirement of Mr. O'Dwyer from the race or a change of front on the part of Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn can avert a knock-down-drag-out primary fight that may cost the party the mayoralty and any chance of electing a Democratic Governor and other state-wide candidates in 1946.

Mr. Flynn, in an attempt to line up a majority of the five county leaders against Mr. O'Dwyer, has offered to let Tammany name its own man for Mayor, according to high-ranking Democrats. Mr. Flynn's first choice for the mayoralty nomination is Thomas E. Murray, now a resident of Manhattan, the home of Tammany. Mr. Murray, an engineer, inventor and industrialist, formerly in Brooklyn, and would be satisfactory to Mr. Kelly. In fact, any Manhattan man of "high calibre," would be acceptable to the Flynn-Kelly combination. It was reliably reported. Mr. Murray was Mr. Flynn's compromise candidate for Governor in the pro-convention days of 1942 when United States

Senator James M. Mead lost the gubernatorial nomination to John J. Bennett, then State Attorney General.

Loughlin Declines to Comment

Mr. Loughlin, who declined to comment, has several on his list for Mayor, including Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora, Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, of General Sessions, and Charles H. Silver, sales manager of the American Woolen Company and campaign manager in 1942 of the Democratic state ticket.

In Brooklyn, Democratic district leaders supporting the O'Dwyer candidacy said that they would back Representative Donald L. O'Toole for the Democratic nomination for Borough President in the event of a primary contest.

Interviewed in Washington, Mr. O'Toole said he will support Mr. O'Dwyer "to the fullest extent," and added: "It is his time that the grasp of Kelly be broken. His complete disregard of the needs, problems and hopes of the million of Democrats in Brooklyn has brought sorry days to the Democratic party. General O'Dwyer is one of our finest public servants. He cannot be refused the nomination solely because of selfish interests that would destroy or rule."

Mr. Sullivan, who had invited the other county leaders to the scheduled meeting at the National Democratic Club, said the O'Dwyer candidacy had "improved over night," and that he would issue a call for another meeting in a week or so.

On his trip to Miami, Mr. Flynn was accompanied by Dr. George A. Hoyt, of 271 Alexander Avenue, the Bronx. Mr. Flynn and his physician left from La Guardia Field at 1:30 p. m. He is due to return in May 28.

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ROE DEFIES LEADERS ON O'DWYER ENTRY

Queens Chief Says Flynn, Kelly Opposition Will Not Prevent Fight in the Primary

MOVE SEEN ILL-ADVISED

Statement at This Time Held Likely to Do More Harm Than Good for Candidate

Representative James A. Roe, Queens Democratic leader, announced yesterday that regardless of any position taken by Edward J. Flynn, National Committeeman and Bronx leader, and Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn leader, he and others would enter William O'Dwyer, District Attorney of Kings County, in the primary election on July 31 as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Mayor.

Mr. Roe, who declared for the nomination of Mr. O'Dwyer more than a month ago, made this announcement at the National Democratic Club, where he entertained reporters at luncheon, after Jeremiah A. Sullivan, Richmond leader, had called off the contemplated conference of county leaders when he learned that neither Mr. Flynn, who is ill, nor Mr. Kelly would attend.

In a prepared statement, Mr. Roe, in threatening a primary fight he said might extend to the entire city ticket and some of the borough nominations, charged that Mr. Flynn and Mr. Kelly were trying to "stall" in the selection of a Mayoralty candidate until the time for the filing of an opposition candidate to their "hand-picked choice" had expired. He also declared that the Bronx and Brooklyn leaders were opposed to the nomination of Mr. O'Dwyer "because he cannot be handled" and added that, if they were acting, they would respond to public sentiment and back the O'Dwyer candidacy as soon as possible.

Assails Flynn and Kelly

Mr. Roe charged Mr. Flynn and Mr. Kelly with failing to support Mr. O'Dwyer when he ran for Mayor in 1941. He charged Mr. Flynn with having "ruined" the Democratic party in 1933 by nominating Joseph V. McKee on the Recovery party ticket, and charged Mr. Kelly, through his influence in the City Council, with having made a deal with Mayor La Guardia for approval of an illegal capital budget.

Asked if he believed Mr. O'Dwyer would enter the Democratic primary, even if it meant a fight against a candidate backed by Mr. Flynn and Mr. Kelly, Mr. Roe said that he believed so, but added that he could not speak for the district attorney.

He said that Mr. O'Dwyer would make his position clear when he returns to the city from California, and that he would begin circulation of designating petitions in Queens for Mr. O'Dwyer about June 1.

Reached by telephone at the ranch of his brother, Frank O'Dwyer, at El Centro, Calif., Mr. O'Dwyer said he had "no comment" to make on Mr. Roe's statement. He is expected to return to New York about the first of next month, either a few days before or a few days later.

Statement by Mr. Roe

Mr. Roe's statement was written in the third person, follows:

"Representative James A. Roe, Queens Democratic leader, stated today that, regardless of any action on the part of Edward J. Flynn and Frank V. Kelly, he and others would enter the name of Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer in the Democratic primaries as a candidate for the Mayoralty.

"He stated that both Flynn and Kelly have failed to keep faith with the voters of the city and are only interested in some candidate whom they can control and are only attempting to 'stall' on the selection of the candidate until the time for filing any opposition to their hand-picked choice has been passed. If they are wise they will respond to public sentiment and get behind the O'Dwyer candidacy as soon as possible.

"Roe said that both of them opposed O'Dwyer's candidacy in 1941 and then, when O'Dwyer was successful, sold him 'down the river.' Bill O'Dwyer is a fearless and forthright man who will never 'kow-tow' to political leaders and has the ability and determination to do a good job in the interests of the people of this great city. He is a tireless worker who knows the problems of business, labor, the returning veterans and has the confidence of many miscellaneous

groups. In the post-war period we need a man of his type who gets things done and eliminates red tape, one that will represent all people equally.

"Ruin" of Party Charged

"Flynn and Kelly just don't want him because he cannot be handled. However, this is the greatest reason why the public-at-large should want him. Flynn ruined the Democratic party in New York City in 1933 and put La Guardia in office by nominating Joseph V. McKee on the Recovery ticket. Kelly through his influence in the City Council only recently forced the approval of a La Guardia capital budget because of a 'deal' with 'Butch.' This illegal and scandalous budget was approved because of a Kelly-La Guardia deal without regarding the pocketbook of the taxpayers.

"Roe further stated that the Democratic leadership of New York City under dominance of the Flynn-Kelly domination had prevented meetings of the five county leaders for almost four years. They have consistently failed to protect the interests of the Democratic voters and some of their 'clandestine' deals with the La Guardia administration will be exposed when the campaign gets under way.

"As we approach the dawn of a new era with the ending of the war in Europe and with impending victory in the Pacific, the people of New York City will insist on a Mayor of their own choosing and Bill O'Dwyer is that man. His election will restore good faith and understanding amongst all people and he will give the city an honest and efficient administration. The days of 'back door deals and control by the bosses' will be gone forever."

Leaders Offer No Comment

Just what impelled Mr. Roe to issue his statement at this time was not understood by other party leaders. Mr. Flynn had left St. Luke's Hospital for a ten-day vacation in Florida about the time the statement was issued and both Edward V. Loughlin, Tammany leader, and Mr. Kelly had no comment on it.

Although both Mr. Loughlin and Mr. Sullivan were associated with Mr. Roe in seeking to have a conference, neither attended and Mr. Sullivan, who had taken the initiative in calling the conference, issued the following statement:

"The meeting has been postponed in deference to Mr. Flynn who is ill. The supporters of General O'Dwyer may be assured that his candidacy will not be impaired

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as a consequence. In fact, it can be said that the general's candidacies ~~may~~ have been improved over night. We will probably meet in a week or so."

Impartial opinion was that Mr. O'Dwyer's chance of the Mayoralty nomination had been hurt rather than improved by Mr. Roe's statement as it was believed that neither Mr. Kelly nor Mr. Flynn, leaders of boroughs with more Democratic voters than the other three boroughs combined, would yield to the threat of a primary fight.

Bitter Contests Expected

Should there be a contest for the Mayoralty nomination it would be bitterly contested, it was said, particularly in Queens and Brooklyn, with the bulk of the Brooklyn organization supporting the candidate approved by Mr. Kelly.

In Washington, Representative Donald I. O'Toole of Brooklyn, who won renomination last year

against organization opposition, announced his support of Mr. O'Dwyer.

"It is time that the grasp of Kelly be broken," Mr. O'Toole said, according to The Associated Press. "His complete disregard of the needs, problems and hopes of the million Democrats in Brooklyn has brought sorry days to the Democratic party. General O'Dwyer is one of our first public servants. He cannot be refused the nomination solely because selfish interests would destroy or rule."

"Ridiculous," Mayor's Retort

When Mr. Roe's charge that Mr. Kelly had entered into a deal with Mayor La Guardia to have the City Council approve the capital budget was brought to the attention of the Mayor, he said:

"Too ridiculous for comment. The people of the City of New York know better than that."

Councilman Joseph T. Sharkey, majority leader, said:

"No deal here. Every man in this Council on the majority side voted the way he pleased. I can't speak for the minority."

The capital outlay budget was adopted by the Council by a vote of 12 to 1 with two not voting. The two members voting against approval were Hugh Quinn and James A. Phillips, Queens Democrats.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS PUT ON THE PAN BY QUEENS BOSS



Frank Kelly, of Brooklyn, and Ed Flynn, of the Bronx (l. to r.), denounced as opponents of O'Dwyer for mayor, as they puffed clouds of political harmony, before yesterday's situation was in the wind. (Mirror Photo)

O'Dwyer to Run For Mayor; Roe Charges Flynn-Kelly 'Sellout'

By FRANK DOYLE and ARNOLD PRINCE

District Attorney O'Dwyer of Brooklyn yesterday revealed through friends his decision to run for mayor, as the long-smouldering feud among the five county Democratic leaders over his candidacy exploded into an open, angry break, presaging a bitter fight in the July 31 pri-

maries.

Queens Leader James A. Roe, lashing out at what he called the "Flynn-Kelly combine," announced that, regardless of action by them as the party heads in Bronx and Brooklyn, he "and others" will enter O'Dwyer in the Democratic primaries.

Charges Sellout

In vitriolic language he accused Edward J. Flynn and Frank V. Kelly of opposing O'Dwyer because he "can't be handled," branded them as having "sold O'Dwyer down the river" in the 1941 mayoralty race and denounced Kelly for having "entered into a deal" with Mayor LaGuardia.

The specific reference was to the "illegal and scandalous LaGuardia capital budget" provision for improving Brooklyn's civic center, but followers of the feud friendly to O'Dwyer professed to see in this an invitation by the "Flynn-Kelly combine" to LaGuardia to change his mind and run for reelection.

LaGuardia promptly characterized the charge of a "deal" as "too ridiculous for comment. The people of New York know better."

Council Vice-President Sharkey, who was instrumental in Council's approval of the budget, declared:

"There was no deal here (meaning in Council). Everyone on the majority side voted

the way he pleased, though I cannot speak for the minority."

O'Dwyer, visiting his brother at El Centro, Cal., was not reached for comment, but his spokesmen said his decision is definite and will be explained in a formal announcement, possibly in ten days.

Roe's statement was made at the National Democratic Club after he had announced that a meeting of three county leaders—Roe, Sullivan of Richmond and Tammany Chief Loughlin—to discuss the Mayoralty situation had been postponed until early next week because Flynn is ill.

He said Flynn and Kelly "failed to keep faith" with the city voters and "are interested only in some candidate they can control." He said they are "attempting to stall until time for filing any opposition to their handpicked choice has passed. If they are wise, they will respond to public sentiment and get behind the O'Dwyer candidacy as soon as possible," he stated, adding:

"Flynn ruined the Democratic Party in the city in 1933 and put LaGuardia in office by nominating Joseph V. McKee on the Recovery Ticket. Kelly, through his influence in the Council, recently forced approval of a LaGuardia capital outlay budget because of a deal with Butch. This illegal and scandalous budget was approved because of a Kelly-LaGuardia deal without regard for the pocketbooks of the taxpayers."

Prevented Meetings

He insisted that, because of the "dominance of the Flynn-Kelly combination," the Democratic leadership of New York City prevented meetings of the county leaders for almost four years.

Kelly and Flynn, he continued, have consistently "failed to pro-

tect the interests of Democratic voters," and he promised some of their clandestine deals with the LaGuardia administration will be exposed in the campaign.

"As we approach the dawn of a new era with the ending of the war in Europe and the impending victory in the Pacific, the people will insist on a mayor of their own choosing. Bill O'Dwyer is that man. His election will restore good faith and understanding among all people and he will give the city an honest, efficient administration. The days of backdoor deals and control by bosses are gone forever."

If Kelly and Flynn persist in their opposition to O'Dwyer, his supporters are prepared to launch an out-out fight against Flynn and Kelly in their own boroughs, it was said.

These supporters say they would run Councilman Quill against James A. Lyons, incumbent, for Bronx borough president. Quill is strong in the ALP and chairman of the city CIO-PAC.

In Brooklyn, the counteroffensive would oppose Borough President Cashmore for reelection with Rep. O'Toole, who defeated the Kelly organization in a primary fight only a year ago. O'Dwyer men foresee strong support from the ALP, which endorsed him for D. A.

One Democratic bigwig said:

"When LaGuardia said he would not run, the Democrats confidently looked forward to a Democrat as the next Mayor, with party unity plus ALP cooperation, in the 1946 State election. But this impending battle may so split the party that wounds will not be healed until long after 1946."

Kelly refused comment. Flynn had left by plane with his physician for St. Petersburg, Fla.

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O'Dwyer Backers Revolt Against Flynn, Kelly

Primary Fight Plan Announced by Two Congressmen

By KARL PRETHOLD

Edward J. Flynn and Frank V. O'Dwyer, Democratic bosses of the Bronx and Brooklyn, today have a split edged revolt on their hands. It is charged, they oppose the Democratic nomination of Mayor William O'Dwyer, Brooklyn District Attorney.

Rep. Donald L. O'Toole (D., N.Y.), who won re-election to Congress over Kelly's opposition, declared: "It is time the machine was shaken up."

O'Toole will direct the Brooklyn fight to put O'Dwyer in the Democratic primary.

James A. Roe, Democratic leader in Queens, set off the revolt he announced yesterday that "unless of any action on the part of Flynn and Kelly, I and I will enter the name of O'Dwyer in the Democratic primary as a candidate for mayor."

O'Dwyer Won't Comment

O'Dwyer, reached by phone in California, declined to comment on the Roe and O'Toole move. He is expected to return here and find out "what's been going on" before making a statement.

It is known O'Dwyer believes the Democratic Party should follow the liberal program of the late President Roosevelt. He questions whether that should be done in an election fight on Kelly and Flynn.

In the past weeks Roe has tried to get a meeting of the five Democratic leaders to discuss the mayoral situation. Roe and Sullivan committed to O'Dwyer. Flynn opposes the Brooklyn proposal and Kelly, a close-mouthed politician, has been ambiguously said as opposed to O'Dwyer so as "willing to accept" him. Flynn wants a harmony candidate who'll not endanger his Tammany leadership.



Frank V. Kelly



Rep. Donald O'Toole

Yesterday, when his latest effort to get a meeting of the five leaders failed, Roe issued his statement opening the revolt. He said "they are only interested in some candidate they can control" and "are trying to stall" naming their candidate till it is too late to file an opponent in the primary.

What About Kelly?

O'Toole said: "Kelly has never shown an interest in the public good. We have yet to hear from Kelly any statement on such pressing public issues as war problems, the high cost of living, the black market or anything else."

One nationally prominent Democratic leader pointed out that Roe was "personally sore" at Flynn and Kelly because Federal patronage, including patronage in Queens, has been distributed through Flynn and Kelly and he's been ignored. Roe, in effect, admits that by insisting all five Democratic leaders in the city should get "recognition" from Washington.

Roe said he planned to start circulating petitions to get O'Dwyer's name on the primary ballot in 10

days. The petition also will contain the names of candidates for President of the City Council and Comptroller. No one has been decided upon for those posts, he added. It requires 5000 signatures to get a name on the primary ballot.

Meanwhile, James J. Walker, former mayor and the candidate of the *Daily News*, declared he would not run.

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Jimmy Doubles Lead As LaG. Drops to 3d

By ROBERT CONWAY

Showing greater popular appeal than ever, former Mayor Jimmy Walker more than doubled his lead yesterday over his two see-sawing rivals in The News Sweepstakes Mayorality Poll. The canvass of New York City's five boroughs hit the one-third mark with Walker 8.1 percentage points ahead of Brooklyn District Attorney William O'Dwyer. Mayor LaGuardia, who 24 hours before was only 3.2 points behind Walker, fell back into third place.

Walker is now leading by substantial margins in three boroughs—Manhattan, Bronx and Richmond. O'Dwyer is slightly ahead in Brooklyn and Queens. LaGuardia is running second in Manhattan and Bronx, and third in the other three boroughs.

Moses Tops Write-ins.

This is how the total 4,810 straws tabulated to date are divided:
Walker—1,759 straws, or 36.6%.
O'Dwyer—1,371 straws, or 28.5%.
LaGuardia—1,326 straws, or 27.6%.

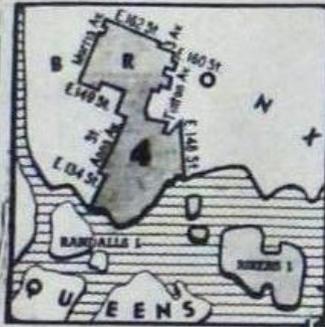
All others—354 straws, or 7.4%.
Leading the write-in candidates is Park Commissioner Robert Moses, with 75 straws, or 1.6%. Next is Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,

with 35 straws, or 1.1%. Controller Joseph McGoldrick has 35 votes, or .7%.

Members of the five canvass crews reported that many voters are amused over reports that all three of the leading candidates—Walker, O'Dwyer and LaGuardia

—have expressed reluctance to run for Mayor this year. Some expressed the opinion that this was the usual gag, since nobody knows

The attraction which Walker's personality has for New Yorkers was clearly indicated in the latest batch of straws. These were 2,410 collected in Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens, which, added to the previous totals, brought the



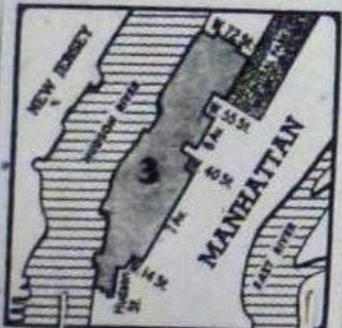
4th Assembly District of the Bronx (shaded) was carried by Walker.

total straws tabulated to date to 4,810. The survey of Richmond will be resumed later in the week.

The latest straws were collected from sections representing all types of voters in all income groups.

Here is how the 2,410 new straws were divided:

Walker—982 straws, or 39.6%.
O'Dwyer—677 straws, or 27.3%.
LaGuardia—625 straws, or 25.2%.



3d Assembly District of Manhattan (shaded) went to Walker.

who the bosses will try to nominate." The voters insisted that they were marking their "real choice" in The News poll.

O'Dwyer won in 1st Assembly District of Queens (shaded).

Moses—51 straws, or 2.1%.
Mrs. Roosevelt—29 straws, or 1.2%.

All others—116 straws, or 4.6%.

The poll to date indicates that Jimmy Walker, as an individual, is apparently the strongest candidate in the field. To show which candidate is most popular, of course, is exactly the purpose of the canvass, which is being conducted in the same impartial scientific manner which The News has utilized in Mayorality, Gubernatorial and Presidential polls to show the trend in an actual election, after the candidates had been nominated.

The deadline for filing nominations in the Mayorality contest this year has been set for June 21 and the primaries for July 31. The election date is Nov. 6. The first two dates still have to be certified by the State Board of Elections in Albany.

If the candidates finally selected by the various parties, or who run as independents, include Walker, O'Dwyer and LaGuardia, there is every indication that a hot three-cornered battle will result.

If, however, other candidates are chosen—or if any of the three are dropped from the nomination list—the outcome might hinge on how voters shift their support. The fact that both Walker and O'Dwyer are Democrats, while not conclusive, seems to show that many voters want to shake off the Republican-ALP-Fusion control personified in LaGuardia.

Canvassers are now using a new ballot on which O'Dwyer's name tops the list. This form will be used for a two-day period. During the first two days, a ballot with LaGuardia's name on top was used. On Friday and Saturday, another ballot with Walker's name on top will be distributed. Thus each candidate will be given the preferential position the same number of days.

On Sunday, the seventh and final polling day, all three types of ballots will be used. The final results will be published Monday.

Tomorrow's returns will include more straws from Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Bronx.

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Roe Splits Dems, Will Back O'D.

By DICK LEE

New York City's Democratic Party split wide open on the 1945 mayoralty campaign yesterday when Queens Leader James A. Roe thrust District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings County into the primary in the very teeth of the bosses, Edward J. Flynn of the Bronx and Frank V. Kelly of Kings.

Roe, who carried his county for O'Dwyer against Mayor LaGuardia in 1941 when Flynn and Kelly were turning in LaGuardia majorities, cut loose with his declara-



William O'Dwyer

James A. Roe

In the thick of political war.

tion of war when the two bosses failed to show up for a scheduled meeting of the five county leaders. He accused them of stalling in behalf of a "hand-picked controllable candidate."

O'Dwyer to Talk on Return.

He charged the Flynn-Kelly combination with having opposed O'Dwyer's candidacy in 1941 and then selling him "down the river" for LaGuardia's benefit in the ensuing election. He said the Flynn-Kelly opposition was due to O'Dwyer's inability to "kow-tow" to political leaders.

When asked how O'Dwyer felt about this all-out fight in the primary, Congressman Roe suggested that reporters ask the District Attorney himself, who is vacationing in California. Roe furnished the phone number. Close friends of O'Dwyer said that he had gird-

ed himself for just such a fight as Roe outlined.

Reached by phone on the El Centro, Calif., ranch of his brother, Frank, O'Dwyer indicated he would do his talking when he got back to New York. He said he would be at his desk in Brooklyn in a week.

Roe's formal statement, handed out at the National Democratic Club, 37th St. and Madison Ave., after the postponement of the meeting, assertedly because of Flynn's illness, said that Flynn and Kelly don't want O'Dwyer because he can't be handled. Roe pointed out that Flynn elected LaGuardia in 1933 by injecting a third candidate, Joseph V. McKee.

Roe threw in a charge that Kelly Democrats in Brooklyn had entered into a "clandestine" deal with LaGuardia on a City Council vote on the capital-outlay budget, which has to do with permanent improvements. Records show that the two Democratic Queens Councilmen voted against that budget in protest against what they called "cover-up lump-sum items." As to Roe's charge, Mayor LaGuardia said it was "too ridiculous for comment."

The ailing Bronx Leader, Flynn, yesterday left the St. Luke's Hospital, where he had been treated for a cold. Accompanied by his personal physician, Dr. George A. Howley, he caught a 1:30 P. M. plane for Tampa at LaGuardia Field. Roe indicated that he would wait a reasonable time before calling another meeting and going ahead with the circulation of O'Dwyer primary petitions.

Roe also indicated that the O'Dwyer forces—unless O'Dwyer refuses to make the primary race—will go in with a full city ticket. That would mean candidates for Council President and City Controller, as well as Borough Presidents, without regard for the wishes of the Flynn and Kelly organization.

O'Dwyer Hat Tossed in Ring

Queens Leader Says He Will Enter Name of Brooklyn Prosecutor in Primary.

The hat of William O'Dwyer was tossed into the mayoralty ring today. The Democratic party's leader in Queens county, Representative James A. Roe, announced that his organization would enter the name of O'Dwyer, now District Attorney of Kings county after service in the Army with the rank of brigadier-general, in the Democratic primaries as a candidate for Mayor.

Roe's statement was considered a pretty clear indication of an imminent break in the local Democratic situation. It contained an attack on the dominance of the "Flynn-Kelly combination" and was viewed as especially significant because it was made at the National Democratic Club after a scheduled meeting of three county party leaders and had been put over to next week because of the illness of one of the two chiefs whom Roe berated. Bronx Leader Edward J. Flynn, top man in the party in New York city, has been reported ill for some time.

Roe's statement charged angrily that Flynn and Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn leader, had failed to keep faith with the voters of the city and "are only interested in some candidate whom they can control." They are, the statement went on, "attempting to stall selection of the mayoralty candidate until the time for filing any opposition to their hand-picked choice has been passed."

Roe's announcement was emphatic, but it is not wholly definite assurance that O'Dwyer will agree to run in the primary. Until Mayor LaGuardia took himself out of the race, the Brooklyn

District Attorney was cool to overtures that he get into it, but since the Mayor quit he has been at least a little warmer. However, when Roe was asked if O'Dwyer had agreed to run he would only say, "I suggest you get in touch with Mr. O'Dwyer." That for the time being was hard to do. O'Dwyer is on the West Coast.

Besides Roe, Tammany Leader Edward V. Loughlin and Jeremiah A. Sullivan, Democratic leader in Richmond county, were present at today's meeting and from Sullivan came an indication that he was all for Roe's announcement.

"The meeting has been postponed," Sullivan said in a statement of his own, "in deference to Mr. Flynn who is ill. The supporters of Gen. O'Dwyer may be assured that his candidacy will not be impaired as a consequence. In fact, it can be said that it has improved overnight. We will probably meet in a week or so."

Unless the Flynn-Kelly combination, silent up to now, O. K.'s Roe's move, however, a stiff primary fight is in the making. This would, of course, be averted if O'Dwyer were to refuse Roe's designation on behalf of the Queens Democrats.

Says Flynn Put Mayor In.

There have been reports that Flynn and Kelly did not care for the O'Dwyer candidacy, and referring to this Roe declared that "this is the greatest reason why the public should want him. Flynn

ruined the Democratic party in 1933 and put LaGuardia into office. Kelly, through his influence in the City Council, has only recently forced the approval of a LaGuardia budget because of a deal with 'Butch.' This scandalous budget was approved because of a Kelly-LaGuardia deal without regard to the pocketbooks of the taxpayers."

Roe's statement asserted also that Flynn and Kelly had sold O'Dwyer "down the river" at the last mayoralty campaign and that "the dominance of the Kelly-Flynn combination" had prevented meetings of county leaders for four years."

Yesterday James J. Walker, Mayor of the city in the ram-bunctious twenties, and recently mentioned as a dark horse in this election, took himself positively out of the race.

Asked by a New York Sun reporter if he thought that he'd run again, Walker replied: "Definitely no. I'm too busy even to think of it."

"I've been bitten by the political bug but I think I've got rid of it," he said. "My friends are interested and that's nice. But personally I'm not."

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Revolt Hits Kelly, Flynn Over O'Dwyer

By RAY GHENT,

World-Telegram Staff Writer.

A hammer and tong fight among leaders of the city's Democratic organization flared up today when Rep. James A. Roe, Queens County Democratic leader, denounced what he called the "Flynn-Kelly combination." He said that if they did not take District Attorney William O'Dwyer as the candidate for Mayor he would enter Mr. O'Dwyer's name in the Democratic primaries.

Mr. Roe appeared at the National Democratic Club for a luncheon meeting that had been postponed until early next week because of the illness of Edward J. Flynn, Bronx County leader. Mr. Roe spoke in a forthright manner, apparently expressing for the first time publicly the thoughts he had been nurturing for some time.

Only Leaders for O'Dwyer.

Mr. Roe and Jeremiah A. Sullivan, Richmond leader, who called the meeting and then postponed it, are the only Democratic leaders who have been outspoken for Mr. O'Dwyer.

The Queens leader charged that Mr. Flynn and Frank V. Kelly, Kings County chieftain, failed to keep faith with the voters of the city and "are only interested in some candidate whom they can control." He said they were "only attempting to stall on the selection of their mayoralty candidates until the time for filing any opposition to their handpicked choice has been passed. If they are wise they will respond to public sentiment and get behind the O'Dwyer candidacy as soon as possible."

The Bronx and Kings leaders, he said, "piled O'Dwyer down the river" in the last mayoralty election. Mr. O'Dwyer, he said, is a "fearless and forthright man who will never kowtow to political leaders and has the ability and determination to do a good job in the interests of the people of this great city."

Suspicious Noted.

Political observers were quick to note after the verbal barrage that the Democratic chieftains were fighting even before sitting down to discuss the election picture. They pointed out that the Roe-Sullivan combination was suspicious of the delay that Mr. Flynn and Mr. Kelly supposedly are fostering and that Tammany leader Edward V. Loughlin has assumed a balance-of-power position.

Mr. Roe said later today he planned to get in touch with Mr. O'Dwyer, who is staying at the ranch of his brother, Frank, in El Centro, Cal.

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Primary Fight — Threatened by O'Dwyer Faction

By WILLIAM J. KEEGAN

As three of the five county Democratic leaders planned to confer today on the Mayoralty election, friends of District Attorney O'Dwyer of Brooklyn prepared to open a primary fight for him if it becomes necessary.

His supporters, it was learned, have let word reach leaders Flynn of The Bronx and Kelly of Brooklyn that if they have not accepted O'Dwyer within a week, they will start circulating O'Dwyer nominating petitions.

Neither Flynn nor Kelly planned to attend today's luncheon meeting of Tammany Leader Loughlin and Leaders Roe and Sullivan of Queens and Richmond at the National Democratic Club, and Flynn until yesterday made every effort to prevent the meeting.

Flynn's Arguments Fall

Yesterday Loughlin visited Flynn at St. Luke's Hospital, but afterward it was said at Tammany Hall that Flynn had been unable to persuade him not to attend the luncheon. Loughlin has not yet publicly taken a position in the fight over O'Dwyer, but Roe and Sullivan have both openly declared for the Kings prosecutor.

Angered by the opposition of Flynn and Kelly and their attempts to postpone any decision on the Democratic candidate, O'Dwyer's supporters said they would not only enter him in the primary soon but were ready to form O'Dwyer clubs throughout the city. They claimed the sup-

port of many district leaders in all boroughs, including 22 of the 36 in Manhattan.

Flynn, if he is discharged from the hospital today, was expected to leave immediately for Florida without naming his choice for the nomination.

Henry Feinstein, chairman of a committee of 1,000 civil service workers, in a letter to the five county leaders announced the committee's support of O'Dwyer. Feinstein is president of the New York City District Council, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Crews Has Little List

John R. Crews, Brooklyn Republican leader, matched Mayor LaGuardia's list of 11 Mayoralty possibilities with a list of his own, prominently featuring Controller McGoldrick, who was conspicuously omitted from the LaGuardia roster. He also included Brooklyn Borough President Cashmore, another Democrat.

The American Labor Party announced a 13-plank platform for the city election, including retention of the five-cent fare, stricter price regulation, a minimum \$1,500 municipal wage and establishment of a permanent city race relations committee.

Mayor Lists 11 He'd Back; M'Goldrick Out

By FRANK DOYLE

Mayor LaGuardia yesterday announced a list of 11 prospective mayoral candidates who, he said, "could win the support of thousands of us," and revealed he recently struck out the name of rebellious Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick, "though it was pretty high on my list."

The Mayor, who announced last week he would not be a candidate, named his prospects at an interview following his Sunday broadcast, and asked reporters to "use it alphabetically," so as not to indicate a preference. It follows:

Adolph A. Berle, Jr., U. S. Ambassador to Brazil; Dr. Gorge Behr, former member of the Board of Health; Lewis Douglas, former U. S. Budget Director; William S. Gaud, former assistant Corporation Counsel; City Council President Newbold Morris; Park Commissioner Robert Moses; Thomas I. Parkinson, chairman, Equitable Life Assurance Co.; Gordon Rentschler, chairman, National City Bank; Justice Bernard L. Shientag; Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell and Judge Thomas A. Thacher, Court of Appeals.

McGoldrick, an independent Democrat, had been named by Republican and Liberal Party leaders as a possible Fusion nominee to succeed the Mayor.

Recalling that he appointed McGoldrick controller in 1934, LaGuardia said: "Change has come in the past year. It's a matter of choice on his part. McGoldrick was pretty high on my list. He knew three years ago I wasn't going to run. I tried to build him up."

LaGuardia revealed he had 15 names on his list originally, but crossed out three others last week. He did not name them.

As to Gen. Somervell, he said he was certain he could qualify, "if the war is over in time."

'Nice Company'

Reaction in political circles to the Mayor's list of "prospects" was slow despite a flat declaration from Saul Mills, secretary of the Greater N. Y. CIO Council, and staunch LaGuardia supporter, that "to date, none of the men on the Mayor's list has been given consideration by the CIO and PAC in the city." Mills and other PAC leaders are reported to favor Brig. Gen. O'Dwyer, Brooklyn Democrat, whose name was not mentioned by the Mayor.

When informed his name was on the list, Judge Thacher said: "Nice company to be in. But I'm on the bench and don't make political comment."

Mayor 'Pained'

On McGoldrick, who broke with him recently over fiscal policies, LaGuardia said:

"Nothing has given me more pain and personal grief. He doesn't want my support. Apparently the difficulty is, he has accepted a new philosophy of government that isn't mine. I think anything having to do with a political party isn't good for a city government."

"I don't think it's a personal preference, except that he apparently cast his lot with groups that I don't believe are concerned with good government."

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1st Poll: Jimmy, O'Dwyer, LaG.



PHOTO BY WALLACE
John Hughes, a captain of The News Mayoralty Poll, gives crew instructions before yesterday's canvass.

By ROBERT CONWAY

Three candidates swept so far ahead of the field in yesterday's tabulation of the first 791 straws collected in The News Sweepstakes Mayoralty Poll—former Mayor Jimmy Walker, Brooklyn District Attorney William O'Dwyer and Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, in the order named—that The-News has decided to regard the first day's canvass as a trial balloon.

Today the survey will start all over again from scratch using

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WHO DO YOU WANT FOR MAYOR?

- F. H. LA GUARDIA
- WILLIAM O'DWYER
- JIMMY WALKER
-

OR WRITE IN YOUR CHOICE

Do Not Sign

Revised ballot.

new ballots on which the names of the three leading contenders will appear. There will, of course, also be a space for voters to write in their own choice.

Many Fill in Space.

The debonair Jimmy Walker, who ran a 2-to-1 favorite over O'Dwyer and LaGuardia in the trial canvass, was the only one whose name appeared on the original ballot. Despite this seem-

ing advantage, 422 of the 791 persons approached decided to write in a personal choice. The result was as follows:

Walker... 369 straws, or 46.7%.
O'Dwyer... 157 straws, or 19.8%.

LaGuardia 148 straws, or 18.7%.

Park Commissioner Robert Moses came in fourth, with 39 straws, or 3.7% and Controller

Joseph McGoldrick was fifth, with 20 straws, or 2.5%.

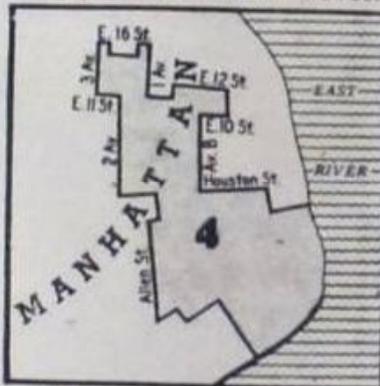
The two next highest groups were those who declared they would vote for any

Democratic candidate and those who are for any Republican candi-

date.

Jimmy the Big Issue.

Judge Jonah Goldstein received 12 write-in votes, and Newbold

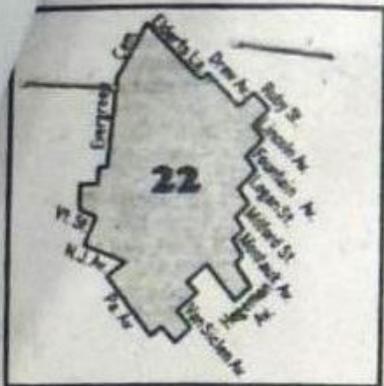


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Shading indicates Manhattan's lower East Side area (4th Assembly District) polled yesterday.

Morris, President of the City Council

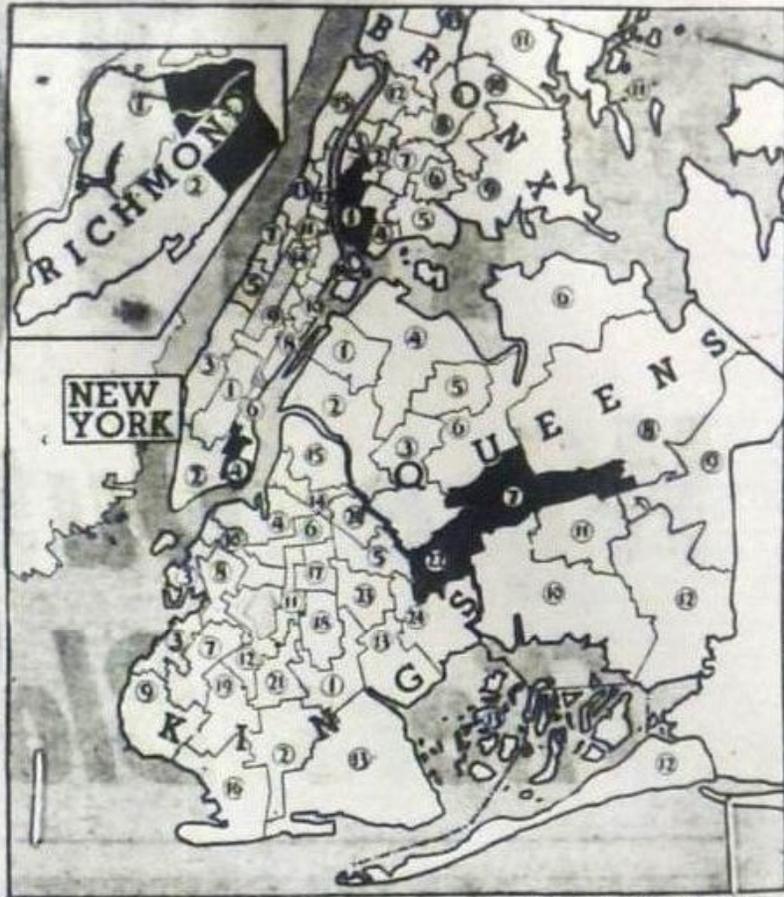
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(NEWS map by Staff Artist Murphy)
 Shading indicates Brooklyn area (22d Assembly District) polled yesterday.

votes, despite the fact that some have been prominently mentioned by political writers and leaders of influence in both Republican and Democratic circles.

The sentiment in favor of Walker for Mayor was widespread—he led in the returns from each of the five boroughs — and sincere. Those who voted for Jimmy usually were eloquent on the subject, declaring that they really were for him and that, if his name hadn't appeared on the ballot they would have written in his name.



(NEWS map by Staff Artist)
 Assembly districts shown in black on this map were polled yesterday by News mayoralty canvassers.

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Flynn Refuses Aid to O'Dwyer In Mayor Race

Sends Thumbs-Down Word From Sick Bed, Move May Cause Primary Fight

From his sick bed in St. Luke's Hospital Edward J. Flynn, Bronx County Democratic leader, sent word yesterday to the Democratic county chiefs supporting District Attorney William O'Dwyer that he is unalterably opposed to the Brooklyn prosecutor and retired brigadier general for Mayor.

Friends of Mr. O'Dwyer countered with the assertion that he would enter the Democratic primary for the Mayoralty nomination regardless of the thumbs-down attitude of Mr. Flynn and that if the Bronx leader was seeking a primary fight his opposition to Mr. O'Dwyer would make one.

Only two of the Democratic county leaders have declared for Mr. O'Dwyer for Mayor, Representative James A. Roe, of Queens, and Jeremiah A. Sullivan, of Richmond. Mr. Sullivan has called a meeting of the five county leaders for Wednesday, but whether it will be held, in view of Mr. Flynn's illness, will not be known until today.

The attitude of Edward V. Loughlin, leader of Tammany Hall, and of Frank V. Kelly, Mr. O'Dwyer's home county leader, toward the Brooklyn prosecutor's candidacy, has not been disclosed. Mr. Loughlin, who favors Charles H. Silver, American Woolen Company executive, for Mayor, is regarded as friendly to Mr. O'Dwyer. Besides Mr. Silver, other Manhattanites on Mr. Loughlin's list of Mayoralty eligibles are Justice Ferdinand Pecora, of the Supreme Court, and Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, of General Sessions.

Protesting against the delay of the Democrats and Republicans in designating candidates for the November election, the Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York, representing 700,000 members of the American Federation of Labor party, served notice on the leaders of the two major parties that they will not accept "political hacks and puppets of politicians for candidates."

The organization, composed largely of Democrats, through Thomas A. Murray, its acting president, and James Quinn, secretary, threatened "to join with other forces to present to the people, independent of the two major parties, candidates whose qualifications meet our standards."

"We will look with suspicion upon any undue delay in selecting candidates by the political leaders," the Murray-Quinn statement continued. "If we find that certain leaders in a major party insist upon designating politically-dominated and reactionary candidates, we will not hesitate to back vigorously in a primary those leaders who recognize their obligations to serve the public."

"We solemnly serve notice upon the political leaders of both major parties that the citizens of New York will not tolerate the re-establishment of what they may see fit to call 'the good old times.'"

Observing that Mayor F. H. LaGuardia's withdrawal from the race had given some political leaders the idea they could nominate any one and elect him Mayor, the A. F. of L. leaders warned them against such a course.

"We respect and have affection of Mayor La Guardia" they said. "We have not seen eye to eye with him on all matters, but his administration has been a good one; one in which he has shown exemplary honesty, great executive ability and foresightedness. It is our hope that the next Mayor will have as good a batting average as he has had."

Mr. Quinn and Mr. Murray offered no candidates to either party.

Henry I. Modell, chairman of the Independent Business Mens Committee to Draft O'Dwyer for Mayor, sent a letter to 25,000 business men yesterday extolling Mr. O'Dwyer as understanding and sympathetic to the problems of business.

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McGoldrick Omitted by La Guardia From List of Mayoralty Choices

By JAMES A. HAGERTY

Mayor La Guardia, who announced in his Sunday broadcast a week ago that he would not run for re-election and then said he had a list of about a dozen men, any one of whom he would support for Mayor, made public yesterday the names of eleven, of whom he said: "If nominated by the right sources, thousands of us would go to work enthusiastically for the election of any one of them on the proper ticket."

Warning reporters to "use this list alphabetically" so the order would not indicate a preference, the Mayor named the following:

Adolf A. Berle Jr., Ambassador to Brazil and former Assistant Secretary of State.

Dr. George Baehr, former medical director of the United Public Health Service and the Office of Civilian Defense and the Mayor's personal physician.

Lewis W. Douglas, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company and former United States Budget Director.

Col. William S. Gaud Jr., former Assistant Corporation Counsel.

Newbold Morris, president of the City Council.

Robert Moses, Park Commissioner.

Thomas I. Parkinson, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Gordon S. Rentschler, chairman of the Board of the National City Bank.

Bernard L. Shientag, Supreme Court Justice.

Lieut. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell,

chief of the Army's Service of Supplies.

Thomas D. Thacher, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals.

4 Names Deleted From List

The Mayor, who made public the list in a talk with reporters in his office at City Hall after his regular Sunday broadcast, said originally he had fifteen names on the list but had cut out four of them. Of General Somervell, he said:

"I am sure that he can qualify as to residence if the war is over, and I have an idea that it will be."

Asked about his failure to include in the list Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick, who recently broke publicly with him by voting with the Borough Presidents to limit his control over the city budget, the Mayor said:

"Nothing has given me more pain and personal grief. He doesn't want my support. Apparently the difficulty is that he has accepted a new philosophy of government that isn't mine. I think that having anything to do with a political party isn't good for city government."

"I don't think that it's a personal difference, except that he apparently has cast his lot with groups that I don't believe are concerned with good government. The change has come during the past year and it's a matter of choice on his part. McGoldrick was on my list pretty high. I'll tell you. He knew three years ago that I wasn't going to run and I tried to build him up."

Morris Commends List

Mr. Morris, in commenting on the Mayor's list, said:

"I am more interested in the cause than in the individual. The cause is bigger than any individual. The individual selected must have the support of all good-government forces, and whichever individual can get that support will meet with my unqualified enthusiasm. Everyone on the list is completely qualified."

"That list is nice company to be in," was the comment of Judge Thacher. "I'm on the bench and I don't make political comment."

Judge Thacher added that his term would expire Dec. 31, 1951,

the year in which he will reach the retirement age of 70.

Supporters of District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn have increased their efforts to get the Democratic nomination for Mayor for him. Representative James A. Roe of Queens and Jeremiah A. Sullivan of Richmond are ready to press for his designation at a meeting of the Democratic county leaders set for Wednesday at the National Democratic Club.

Henry I. Modell, chairman of the Independent Businessmen's Committee to Draft William O'Dwyer for Mayor, has telegraphed Mr. O'Dwyer in California, urging him to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination.

Other supporters of the Brooklyn District Attorney also have been in touch with him and predict that Mr. O'Dwyer will announce his candidacy on his return about May 26.

Mr. Modell's committee has opened headquarters at 280 Broadway and 44 Court Street, Brooklyn. In a letter sent to 25,000 business men the committee urges support for Mr. O'Dwyer's nomination and election and adds:

"William O'Dwyer needs no high-powered build-up. His public record and untiring efforts in behalf of the democratic rights, the dignity and well-being of the people of every faith and creed are the measure of the man."

"The impelling nature of his personal credo is manifest in his unselfish departure from public life to serve his country in its hour of need as a brigadier general in a highly specialized arm of our services and as head of the highly important War Refugee Board."

MAYOR THREATENS TO QUIT AIDING OPA IF IT BARS HIS PLAN

Hints at Halt in Enforcement of Price Ceilings Unless New Meat Program Is Adopted

BUT HE FAVORS CONTROLS

Consumer Groups Oppose Any Increase in Costs Here—Clothing Policy Attacked

By CHARLES GRUTZNER

Mayor La Guardia, continuing his controversy with the Office of Price Administration, hinted yesterday that the city government would stop enforcing food price ceilings unless the OPA adopted a meat-pricing program that he expects to offer within a few weeks.

Although the Mayor refused to throw any light on his meat-price proposal, when questioned after his regular Sunday radio talk from City Hall, his recent public utterances on price controls have put him on record as favoring an adequate Federal subsidy and a small increase in retail prices if such an increase would end black marketing.

Consumer group officials who heard the Mayor's broadcast and read into it the possibility of a lifting of any price ceiling quickly expressed a determination to fight any proposal that would increase the cost of food to housewives.

"Any increase in retail price ceilings at this time is dangerous," said Mrs. Bertha Finkelstein, secretary of the Bronx Consumers Coordinating Council. "That would be an opening for inflation all along the line."

Spokesmen for other groups affiliated with the New York City Consumer Council expressed similar views.

In Washington, the OPA disclosed its use of a new weapon against price violators. Chester Bowles, national administrator, said the names of more than 3,000 black market operators already had been turned over to the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Action will be taken by tax agents against those who failed to list illegal profits in their income reports and those who paid above-ceiling prices for merchandise and listed the illegal payments as legitimate business expenses.

Says Stores Lose Money

The Mayor, in his broadcast, criticized OPA's handling of the meat, poultry and egg situations. He quoted price ceilings at different levels of the poultry trade to develop a picture of honest business men finding it impossible to stay within the law without losing money on their transactions.

Making the same point in regard to the meat trade, the Mayor added:

"We are proceeding with our enforcement in the city. What can we do when the retailers say: 'Look here, this is what I paid for it. How can I sell it at this price?' Yet we have had over 300 cases summonses have been issued this week for higher price violations.

"As I said about a month ago, when the new [OPA] regulations were first announced commencing May 1, that we would give it a trial. We are now accumulating information, data and figures. I expect that by the end of the month or early in June to submit a definite, concrete plan to the proper officials high up in Washington to meet the situation in New York City.

"I believe now, after so many trials, after so many failures, that serious consideration must be given to a plan approved by cattlemen, feeders, packing houses, slaughterers, wholesalers, retailers and consumers. If the Government will not cooperate then, then we will have another demonstration of just how much enforcement the United States OPA can do in and of itself."

Other Instances Recalled

The city Department of Markets and the Sheriff's office have played important roles in prosecuting price violators under the State War Emergency Act. If the Mayor makes good his threat and calls off war emergency enforcement his action would not be without precedent. Earlier in the war he withdrew police cooperation from the OPA in enforcement of the pleasure driving ban. The city agencies never have attempted to enforce liquor price ceiling, although the State War Emergency Act empowers them to do so.

Daniel P. Woolley, regional OPA head, declined to comment on the Mayor's threat except to express disbelief that the city would refuse to cooperate with the Federal Government in enforcing war measures.

Although the Mayor has engaged in several rows with Mr. Woolley, the view in food trade circles after the City Hall broadcast was that the Mayor's latest blast was aimed primarily at the OPA policymakers in Washington. Representatives of the meat, poultry and butter and egg trades said that Mr. Woolley had agreed with them on several occasions that business conditions here were more complex than in other parts of the country and had made recommendations, which however were turned down in Washington, for special treatment for special local problems.

Favors Keeping Controls

The Mayor prefaced his attack on OPA with a declaration that continued price control was necessary. He said, though, that the price regulation must be "satisfactory" or enforcement would break down, as he asserted it had done. The Markets Department and the Sheriff's office "just can not do it alone," the Mayor said, because "the real evil is outside the City of New York before the food comes into our city, and all the lavish praise that anyone wants to bestow upon the OPA does not bring prices down."

He said he would leave it to the women of this city and of the country whether prices were being enforced effectively.

"Enforcement is a very difficult task," Mr. LaGuardia conceded. "Congress has not provided sufficient personnel to the OPA for efficient enforcement. On the other

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and the OPA has here and there been just a little bit careless in the selection of its personnel. I fear that here and there a little politics has entered into it. I would be glad to give you details, Chester [Chester Bowles, OPA national administrator], any time that you want, but let me remind you that most of this information I got from a very good source—I got it from you."

Mayor Rebukes Housewives

The Mayor accused housewives of not "cooperating as well as they used to" and said that thousands in this city were willingly paying above legal prices for meat and poultry because they were scarce. He said some shoppers were "even abusing the inspectors who were there to protect them."

Taxing OPA and the War Production Board with having failed to make good on their promise, given to the public in February, to make low-priced clothing available about the end of March or early April, the Mayor said that the OPA textile division had asked him only a few days ago "not to stress low-priced garments any more, but to talk about moderate-priced garments."

"I caused a survey to be made to see how many of these moderate-priced garments we have, and the result is anything but satisfactory," the Mayor declared. He said the supply was far from adequate in every borough except Queens, where he found "considerable low-priced merchandise in the various department stores." He called this situation "strange."

Finds Garment Stocks Low

"In Manhattan there are very little, limited stocks of men's women's, boys', girls' and children's garments at OPA prices—very little of these," he said. "And those garments that we are talking about must have the price—the labeled price—sewed in the garment. That does not mean that garments over these prices are black market. No, it means that they are sold at a legitimate price, but that the supply provided by OPA and WPB of low and moderate garments does not yet exist. In Manhattan, infants' clothing is particularly scarce and there is a lack of children's pajamas in all sizes.

"Bronx—Stocks in all departments are exceedingly low, but what there is is in the neighborhood of OPA prices. There seems to be a complete lack of men's shorts in the Bronx. Brooklyn—There is very little merchandise available within this range where the prices have been fixed by OPA. I am going to get in touch with Mr. Bowles again on Monday and impress upon him the need of low-priced and moderate-priced clothes for children, women and men."

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WAY NOW SEEMS OPEN FOR DEMOCRATIC MAYOR

Party May Get ALP Support as Result Of La Guardia's Withdrawal

By JAMES A. HAGERTY

Mayor La Guardia's announcement of last Sunday that he will not run for re-election and his subsequent assertion that he cannot be drafted make it virtually certain that the Democrats will elect a Mayor next November for the first time since the election of John P. O'Brien in 1932 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James J. Walker.

By Mr. La Guardia's voluntary retirement from the Mayoralty race Tammany has lost the most formidable opponent it ever had. Elected first in 1933 by public resentment at disclosures made by Samuel Seabury as counsel for a legislative committee investigating the administration of Mr. Walker, Mr. La Guardia easily won re-election in 1937 and 1941.

While failure to get support for renomination by the Republican party this year may have influenced his decision not to run for a fourth term, he retains much popular support and might have had a chance of re-election without a major-party nomination, particularly if the Democratic party had committed a blunder in picking a candidate.

The situation is now changed. The leaders of the Democratic party now have the chance to make a November election victory certain by picking a city ticket that will have the support of either the American Labor party or the Liberal party. They have little chance of getting both, but a combination with either minor party should make election of the joint nominees sure.

Beat Mahoney by 453,874

In 1937, the first city election in which the Labor party participated, Mr. La Guardia defeated Jeremiah T. Mahoney by 453,874. Of the total vote for Mr. La Guardia, 674,611 came from the Republican party, 482,790 from the La-

bor party, 159,556 from the City Fusion party and 27,673 from the Progressive party, which was organized only to participate in that year's campaign.

In 1941, Mayor La Guardia defeated District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn, running on the Democratic ticket, by 132,283. Of the total vote for Mayor La Guardia, 668,485 was on the Republican party line, 435,374 on the Labor party line, 63,367 on the City Fusion party line and 19,292 on the line of the newly organized United City party.

Control of the Labor party shifted from its right to its left wing after the 1941 election and formation of the Liberal party by right-wing members was the result. In the 1944 election the Liberal party polled 306,155 votes for President Roosevelt in New York City to 388,591 votes polled by the Labor party. Liberal party leaders confidently expect to poll more than 200,000 votes for its nominee for Mayor. The greatest proportional strength of the Liberal party is in the Bronx.

With this set-up, the Democratic leaders now have to decide with which of these two minor parties they will form an alliance. Should they decide to nominate Mr. O'Dwyer, they seemingly will have no difficulty in getting the Labor party to endorse him, as some of the most important leaders of that party are known to favor such a course.

Liberal-ALP Differences

The Liberal party, however, probably would not take Mr. O'Dwyer as its candidate. Its leaders object to taking a Democrat too closely identified with the party organization and profess to regard Mr. O'Dwyer as of that type.

Their real objection, however, is his reputed friendship with City Councilman Michael J. Quill, head of the Transport Workers Union and a power in the Labor party. Liberal party members regard Mr. Quill as one of the group they describe as "communist" and the feud between the Liberal party and the Labor party is so bitter that any agreement between them is difficult, if not impossible.

Should the Democratic party nominate a candidate other than Mr. O'Dwyer, now unquestionably in the lead for the nomination, this candidate, though he would have the support of the Liberal party, would not be likely to get the Labor party support.

Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick, who broke recently with Mayor La Guardia and whom the Mayor compared with Judas Iscariot in his broadcast last Sunday, is the first choice of the Liberal party. But its administrative committee at a meeting during the week considered the qualifications of Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora and General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein and might accept either or some other Democrat in place of Mr. McGoldrick, whose chance for the Democratic nomination seems to have been lessened by Mayor La Guardia's refusal to run again.

Two of the five Democratic county leaders, Representative James A. Roe of Queens and Jeremiah A. Sullivan of Richmond, are definitely for the nomination of Mr. O'Dwyer. Edward V. Loughlin, leader of Tammany, is inclined toward Mr. O'Dwyer as the strongest candidate but is ready to present Justice Pecora, Judge Goldstein and Charles H. Silver as suggestions of the Manhattan organization for the Mayoralty nomination.

"Dark Horse" Possibility

So far as can be learned, Mr. O'Dwyer, as yet, lacks the support of Frank V. Kelly, leader of his own county, and Edward J. Flynn, national committeeman and leader in the Bronx. They may be won to his support or to support of a candidate of the type of Justice Pecora or Judge Goldstein. There is a chance that they may produce a "dark horse" candidate.

Neither Mr. Kelly nor Mr. Flynn has shown any enthusiasm for the O'Dwyer boom. A complication is

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that Mr. O'Dwyer's term as District Attorney will not ~~expire~~ until the end of 1946 and, if he were nominated and did not resign immediately, his election would permit Governor Dewey to appoint a District Attorney of Kings County to hold office for a full year.

GOP Delays Choice

Should Mr. O'Dwyer resign his present office immediately after his nomination for Mayor, his successor would be elected in November, but the Governor could appoint a District Attorney to succeed him for more than three months. It is believed that Mr. Kelly would insist upon Mr. O'Dwyer's immediate resignation if he should support him for the Democratic Mayoralty nomination.

Choice of a Republican candidate for Mayor will be delayed until there is some line on what the Democrats are going to do. Republican leaders see no chance of electing a Republican Mayor on the present outlook, even if their candidate should have the Liberal party endorsement. Choice of candidates for Controller and President of the City Council by all parties will follow agreements on candidates for Mayor.

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O'Dwyer Choice Soon Is Seen By His Friends

But All Parties Have Yet to Pick Mayoralty Nominees as Petition Time Nears

Although Tuesday is the first day to obtain signatures to designating petitions for Mayor and other local officers to be elected in November, Republican and Democratic leaders have not decided on their respective choices for a successor to Mayor F. H. La Guardia. The same is true of the American Labor party and its right-wing offshoot, the Liberal party.

On the Democratic side, backed by District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings County predicted that he would be assured of his party's support for Mayor before his expected return on May 2 from the Pacific Coast.

Representative James A. Roe, Democratic chairman of Queens County, said that Mr. O'Dwyer, alone of all Democrats mentioned for the Mayoralty, "possesses all the qualities that will be demanded of New York City's Mayor in the post-war years."

Cites War Experience

"Mr. O'Dwyer knows the veterans and their needs," continued Mr. Roe. "As a veteran himself, he will be depended upon to demand just treatment for the returned veterans. As head of the War Refugee Board, he knows the problems of war refugees better than any other man. And his long acquaintance with the city's problems assures that he will be an able chief executive."

While Mr. O'Dwyer has greater popularity with the rank and file than any other Democrat so far named, the opposition to him from Edward J. Flynn, Bronx County leader is counted upon by the anti-O'Dwyer element to prevent his designation.

Mr. Flynn is said to favor Justice John E. McGeehan, of the Supreme Court, for Mayor. His second choice is said to be Justice Joseph M. Callahan, of the Supreme Court. A third Bronxite, Representative Walter A. Lynch, is also a Flynn favorite.

County Leaders to Meet

A meeting of the Democratic county leaders has been called for Wednesday at the Manhattan Club to discuss the party's Mayoralty designee. Jeremiah A. Sullivan, Richmond County leader, who called the meeting, does not know whether Mr. Flynn, who is confined to St. Luke's Hospital with a severe cold, will be able to attend. The possibility of postponing the meeting until Mr. Flynn can attend has been suggested by his friends.

Republicans are still hoping for a fusion ticket with Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick, Independent Democrat, as the mayoralty candidate. Others on the Republican list are Secretary of State Thomas J. Curran; Newbold Morris, City Council President; Representative Joseph Clark Baldwin and Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs.

Maurice P. Davidson, a member of the New York State Power Authority and one of the founders of the City Fusion party, announced that he was forming an independent citizen's committee "to arouse and make effective public opinion regarding the selection of the best qualified candidate for Mayor, irrespective of party affiliations."

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Pauley Stands Pat on Hard Peace

By Drew Pearson

At the Chicago Democratic Convention last July, there was a little tunnel under the speaker's stand to the floor of the convention hall. Off this passageway were little doors. One was marked: "Edward Pauley."

To the little office behind this door, big, ingratiating Democratic treasurer Ed Pauley hauled from the floor delegate after delegate who was wavering between Truman and Wallace. There he convinced California's Attorney General Bob Kennedy, who had arrived as a Wallace supporter but who, after listening to Pauley, voted for Truman and took half of California's delegation with him.

In those last frantic hours when it was nip and tuck between Wallace and Truman, Pauley and his little office did a thriving business. Perhaps he tipped the scales for the man who now sits in the White House.

Last week, after the political debt was paid which made Pauley United States member of the Reparations Commission, Big Ed had a talk with old friends, including his chief in the White House. Judging by what Big Ed told them, there is no doubt where he stands regarding a hard peace for Germany.

State Department appeasers, he told them, will arrange his transportation and his hotel accommodations, but that's all. Otherwise, Pauley is determined that the pol-

icy of Franklin Roosevelt before he died shall be carried out. That policy was that every potential war factory in Germany be transferred or wiped out. President Truman has reemphasized that policy.

Pauley, who is as good a businessman as he is a politician, may be a lot better than some diplomats when it comes to carrying it out.

Truman Woos Governors

President Harry Truman is determined to cement his relationship with State leaders as well as Congress. That was the reason behind the recent visit to the White House of Governors Howard McGrath of Rhode Island, Herbert R. O'Connor of Maryland and Robert Kerr of Oklahoma. McGrath and O'Connor had actually been asked by Truman to come to Washington, while Kerr happened to be in town and was invited to join them.

Truman opened the conversation by telling the Governors that since they live among their constituents from day to day, they are perhaps able to keep a closer check on what the people are thinking than members of Congress. He asked their help in seeing to it that our foreign policy is understandable to the American public, and in turn is understood by the public.

Foreign policy was the only subject discussed, aside from the arrangements for the annual Governors' Conference, to be held in July at Mackinac Island, Mich.

Truman was invited by the three Governors to attend the Mackinac Island sessions, or at least to come out and speak to the Governors. The idea appealed to him, but he said he could not reply definitely until much later, when he knew

what would be happening in Washington and elsewhere in the world.

As the gubernatorial trio left, McGrath of Rhode Island dropped behind for a moment and Truman said he might be calling him to Washington again within a couple of weeks. McGrath, who led Roosevelt and Truman by more than 10,000 votes in Rhode Island last year, is serving his third term as Governor and was U. S. Attorney in Rhode Island for seven years before that.

A close friend of Bob Hannegan, McGrath seconded Truman's Vice Presidential nomination last year at Chicago.

NOTE—Later in the day a reporter called McGrath and asked him if he had discussed horse-racing with the President. The Governor said he had not, hung up the telephone and turned to a friend. "Lord, what a story the reporters could have made out of that—the Governors of Maryland and Rhode Island, two of the hottest horse-racing States, closeted with the President as VE-Day gets close. You know, I didn't think of horse-racing, and I'll bet O'Connor didn't either."

O'Dwyer Saves Refugees

War Refugee Board Director General William O'Dwyer won't admit it, but he plans to resign soon and devote his full time to getting elected Mayor of New York.

O'Dwyer has done a bang-up job as head of the War Refugee Board, has even achieved what some people consider "the impossible" in getting the stuffy State and War Departments to rush aid to starving refugees.

Early last February, O'Dwyer found the Government had more than 1000 tons of food in Switzerland and another 2100 tons of food in Sweden lying idle, while refugees died. O'Dwyer figured as a result of his studies of Nazi psychology that in the last days of



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May 26 Set for Start Of O'Dwyer Campaign

By JOHN CROSSON

District Attorney William O'Dwyer will return from the West Coast on Saturday, May 26, to formally launch his campaign for the Democratic mayoralty nomination, friends disclosed yesterday.

O'Dwyer comes back to New York with strong support. A war record in Italy, and his current appointment as chairman of the War Refugee Board are regarded as putting him in line for the foreign bloc vote if he should run.

The support was bolstered yesterday by a renewed promise of support by Congressman James A. Roe, Queens Democratic leader. Roe cited O'Dwyer's war record as one of the strongest points in his favor in a municipal election campaign.

Roe denied a widespread report that Frank Kelly and Edward Flynn, Democratic leaders, had advised him they were planning to run a business man for Mayor. "The record of business men in office is very poor," Roe said. "What we need at the present time is a man who understands refugee problems, the returning veterans and social problems. O'Dwyer is the man."

Chiefs to Meet Wednesday.

The issue may be decided Wednesday at 1 P. M. when Democratic chiefs meet at the National Democratic Club. But, according to informed sources, even if a decision



William O'Dwyer

is reached, it won't be announced immediately.

To complicate matters a boom for Majority Leader Joseph Sharkey of the City Council for Mayor was getting under way. Emil K. Ellis, attorney in the late so-called Smith investigation, is the sponsor, and he claims enough backing to put Sharkey across.

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Goldstein Also Given Boost In Brooklyn

O'Dwyer Forces Still Confident, Discount 'Stop' Agitation

By RAY GHENT,

World-Telegram Staff Writer.

Friends of Joseph D. Nunan Jr., of Queens, U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue, today were putting forth his name as a possible compromise for the Democratic Mayoralty choice, should party leaders reach an impasse over the present leading contender, District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn.

Although Mr. Nunan's wishes are not known, some of his associates believe that in the event of a deadlock he would have the support of Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan, who would not step into the local picture, however, unless called upon.

From other quarters come distinct signs of stop O'Dwyer moves. In some Democratic circles in Brooklyn, Mr. O'Dwyer's home territory, a boost was being given the prospective candidacy of General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, this coming after similar action in some Queens districts. Rep. James A. Roe, Queens leader, is one of the most outspoken advocates of an O'Dwyer designation, while Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn leader, and Edward J. Flynn of the Bronx are keeping silent.

Opposition Discounted.

In some of the Brooklyn circles where Judge Goldstein's name is being pushed, prevailing sentiment among leaders has been for Borough President John Cashmore as first choice.

O'Dwyer supporters are discounting prospects of success of any such stop movements, saying his name is practically the only one among the possibilities known to the rank and file, and in the last few months has been the only one consistently obtaining publicity.

To hear the O'Dwyer people talk, the delay of the county leaders in meeting for a showdown only betters the prosecutor's chances as showing his backing comes from grass-roots sources. One sign in the wind as far as Mr. O'Dwyer is concerned is expected to come next week in the attitude of Messrs. Kelly and Flynn over the invitation of the three pro-O'Dwyer leaders to a luncheon conference Wednesday.

Republicans in Quandary.

The Republicans, who are seen as in a worse quandary, may not come to their choice on the Mayoralty until after the Democrats, and after they have inquired into prospects of a coalition with another group, probably the Liberal party.

Four of the five county leaders met late yesterday (John R. Crews of Brooklyn being absent due to a mixup), but discussed the situation only in the most general terms and as applying to a coalition. While Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick, an independent Democrat, who has not said whether he will be a candidate, is high on the Republican list, actively out for the GOP nomination are Newbold Morris, President of City Council, and Rep. Joseph Clark Baldwin. Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs also is a possibility.

City Fusion party leaders at a meeting last night in an obvious reference to the recent American Labor party attack on Comptroller McGoldrick for opposing Mayor La Guardia on some policies, said that all members of the La Guardia administration deserve praise for achievements, and "to condemn any one elected member of the administration for acting independently is to condemn democratic action." No mayoralty choice was reached by the City Fusion people, but it was said discussion centered around the Messrs. McGoldrick, O'Dwyer, Morris and Isaacs.

ALP Rules Out M'Goldrick

Denied Backing For Any Office

By FRANK DOYLE

The ALP-CIO Campaign Planning Board, by unanimous action, yesterday ruled out Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick as a possible candidate for mayor "or any other citywide office" on the ALP ticket this Fall.

Hyman Blumberg, ALP State secretary, who indicated "a strong preference" in ALP ranks for the nomination of Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer last Tuesday, made clear in the statement that the planning board's action against McGoldrick was taken because of the latter's break with Mayor LaGuardia over the city's fiscal policies.

"Controller McGoldrick's recent 'turnabout' in stripping the Mayor of certain supervisory powers over the City budget and eliminating budgetary controls in effect for years, is a return to conditions which led the city into its former state of bankruptcy," Blumberg said.

The ALP action was viewed in political circles as the bell for the opening round of the impending battle for "balance of power" control in the city elections, between the ALP and Liberal Party, organized by former "right" wing ALP leaders.

The Liberals have been booming McGoldrick as a mayoralty possibility along with others, while the ALP apparently is prepared to endorse O'Dwyer if the Democrats designate him.

In pointing out that the ALP supported McGoldrick in 1937 and 1941, Blumberg's statements continued:

"While no definite decision has been reached on citywide or boroughwide candidacies, there was unanimous sentiment that Controller McGoldrick made himself unavailable for further consideration for any citywide office."

An ALP spokesman said the board will meet next week and try to make up its citywide slates.

City Democratic leaders backing O'Dwyer expect to meet at the National Democratic Club at 1 p. m., Wednesday, "for preliminary discussions" on the campaign.

Edward V. Loughlin, Tammany leader, said he will there present the names of Supreme Court Justice Pecora, General Sessions Judge Goldstein and Charles Silver, business executive, as possible candidates. But, he added "there is considerable sentiment for O'Dwyer among the voters."

Asked if he would urge O'Dwyer's nomination, Loughlin said: "I have no right to suggest a candidate from another borough." O'Dwyer comes from Brooklyn. Kings Leader Frank V. Kelly has not declared support for him.

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A. L. P. Rejects McGoldrick in Race for Mayor

Cites Comptroller's Revolt on La Guardia Budget; Still Silent on O'Dwyer

The American Labor Party cut loose completely from Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick yesterday in an announcement ruling him out of consideration as a candidate for Mayor or "any other city-wide office."

This move by the Left wing A. L. P. followed closely upon reports that the Republican and Liberal party leaders were looking very favorably on Mr. McGoldrick as a candidate for City Hall in the place of Mayor F. H. La Guardia, who has said "no" to a fourth term.

The mayoralty situation took further shape during the day when three of the five Democratic county leaders—backers of District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings County for another City Hall run—decided to call a meeting for next Wednesday to begin framing a ticket.

The three O'Dwyer leaders who are taking the bit in their teeth are Edward V. Loughlin, of Tammany Hall; Representatives James A. Roe, of Queens, and Jeremiah A. Sullivan, of Richmond. Mr. Sullivan called the meeting scheduled to be held at the National Democratic Club, 233 Madison Avenue.

Edward J. Flynn, the Bronx leader and national committee-man for New York, and Frank V. Kelly, the Brooklyn leader, representing two of the strongest Democratic counties of the city, are uncommitted so far on Mr. O'Dwyer or any other candidate. Whether they will attend the meeting is unknown. Mr. Flynn has been in St. Luke's Hospital, Amsterdam Avenue and 113th Street, since his return from Washington a week ago suffering from a severe cold.

Roe Is Sure O'Dwyer Will Run

"We felt it was time to call a meeting," Representative Roe said. "The ~~three~~ of us feel O'Dwyer is a candidate who can not be controlled."

Asked if he had spoken with Mr. O'Dwyer, who has insisted he is not a candidate, Mr. Roe replied: "Yes, and I am sure he will run."

Mr. O'Dwyer, the 1941 Democratic nominee, is now on the Pacific Coast where he is resting at his brother's ranch.

Hyman Blumberg, chairman of the A. L. P.-Political Action Committee Campaign Planning Board, announced the ban on Comptroller McGoldrick in a statement issued at state headquarters of the party, 570 Seventh Avenue, through Benjamin Fielding, executive secretary.

"Comptroller McGoldrick's recent 'turn-about' on the Board of Estimate in stripping the Mayor of certain supervisory powers over the city budget," read the announcement, "and eliminating budgetary controls in effect for years, is a return to conditions which led the city into its former state of bankruptcy."

The old American Labor party supported Mr. McGoldrick as a running mate for Mayor La Guardia on the Fusion tickets of 1937 and 1941. Since his break with the Mayor over the budget, the Comptroller has declined to announce his intentions on the mayoralty contest. It is known that some Republican and Liberal leaders have approached him. He is an independent Democrat. His friends understand that if he receives Democratic support, which seems unlikely, or if a three-cornered race develops among the Democrats, the A. L. P. and the combined Republican-Liberal forces, he might consider a candidacy under the later coalition.

A. L. P. Seeks Coalition

The A. L. P. under the chairmanship of Sidney Hillman is seeking a juncture with the Democrats on the mayoralty. Just how far the A. L. P. will go on the O'Dwyer candidacy continues problematical. His name has been put before the A. L. P.-P. A. C. Planning Board but it has been put aside pending decision by the Democrats.

Indicating his willingness to go along with Mr. O'Dwyer, Mr. Loughlin told reporters yesterday he has found strong support for the Brooklyn District Attorney among the rank and file. He continued, however, to advanced the names of Judge Jonah J. Goldstein of General Sessions; Justice Ferdinand Pecora of the Supreme Court, and Charles H. Silver, sales manager of the American Woolen Company and campaign manager for the Democratic state ticket in 1942, for mayor.

DEMOCRATS SEEK PARLEY ON MAYOR

3 of 5 County Leaders Plan
Meeting Wednesday to Talk
About a Candidate

ALP REJECTS M'GOLDRICK

Bases Action on Controller's
Recent Votes Against the
La Guardia Budget

Three of the five Democratic county leaders of New York City, Edward V. Loughlin of Manhattan, Tammany chief; Representative James A. Roe of Queens, and Jeremiah A. Sullivan of Richmond, moved yesterday for a conference to discuss candidates for the nomination for Mayor. Mr. Sullivan was assigned to get in touch with Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn leader, and Edward J. Flynn, national committeeman and leader of the Bronx, and try to arrange a conference for Wednesday at the National Democratic Club.

Simultaneously with the attempt to get a conference of the Democratic county leaders, presumably to advance the candidacy of District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn for the Mayoralty nomination, Hyman Blumberg, chairman of the campaigning board of the American Labor party and the Political Action Committee, announced that the board had ruled out Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick as a possible candidate for Mayor or any other city-wide office on the Labor party ticket.

The attempt to get a meeting of the Democratic county leaders one day after the opening of the period for getting signatures to petitions designating candidates for party nominations, may fail because of the illness of Mr. Flynn, who is in St. Luke's Hospital with a cold he contracted before his recent return from Europe.

2 Publicly Out For O'Dwyer

Mr. Roe and Mr. Sullivan have ~~pledged~~ publicly for the nomination of Mr. O'Dwyer and Mr. Loughlin, although he has made no public commitment, is known to believe that the Brooklyn District Attorney is the strongest candidate in sight.

The Tammany leader, it was learned, will suggest three Manhattan residents for the Mayoralty nomination. These are Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora, General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein and Charles H. Silver, sales executive of the American Woolen Company and active in Jewish and other philanthropies.

The Liberal party, on the other hand, is not likely to accept Mr. O'Dwyer as its candidate. The first choice of Liberal party leaders is understood to be Controller McGoldrick, but in their discussions Justice Pecora and Judge Goldstein have been mentioned as candidates they might accept.

The ALP-PAC Planning Board statement rejecting Controller McGoldrick for nomination for any city-wide office was made by Mr. Blumberg, who said that Mr. McGoldrick had been elected to his present office by 420,948 Labor party votes in 1941 and by 441,572 Labor party votes in 1937.

It was explained that the rejection of Mr. McGoldrick by the Labor party was not caused by his voting for increased bonuses for teachers in opposition to the Mayor, but by his votes to deprive the Mayor of the power of veto of appropriations for the offices of the Borough Presidents and of certain supervisory powers over the city budget.

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Liberal Party Awaits Rivals' Choice f

The Liberal Party today adopted a policy of watchful waiting in naming its candidate for Mayor until the Democrats and Republicans have made their nominations.

After a meeting of the administrative committee last night, Alex Rose, chairman, said that the Liberals would wait until the major parties had nominated their candidates. Should neither party name an acceptable candidate, the Liberals may run their own man, he said.

McGoldrick Possible

Among possible candidates discussed, a spokesman said, were Comptroller McGoldrick, General Sessions Judge Goldstein and Supreme Court Justice Pecora, but he emphasized that the party was in no way restricting itself to these three.

Meanwhile, the Democratic boom for Dist. Atty. O'Dwyer of Brooklyn grew, with indications of a revolt against Edward J. Flynn, Bronx leader, if he should continue his silence. Flynn, reported ill with a cold, is in St. Luke's Hospital.

Impatient at the delay in launching O'Dwyer as the candidate, a Democratic businessmen's com-

mittee headed by Henry Modell will start its own active campaign this week. The group plans to open headquarters in Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx.

O'Dwyer supporters are urging him to declare himself an active contender, which so far he has refused to do. O'Dwyer expects to return from the West before June 1.

Woolley's Name Pops Up

Regional OPA Administrator Woolley was projected as a possible candidate for Controller on the Democratic slate, an early boom for him as Mayor having

apparently spent itself. He will be guest of honor tonight at a Board of Trade dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, with former Mayor Walker as toastmaster.

The Democratic county leaders plan to hold a preliminary meeting next week.

Confusion among the Republicans appeared even greater than that among the Democrats on the Mayoralty. Since the county leaders turned thumbs down on endorsing Mayor LaGuardia again, an attitude which was evident long before LaGuardia announced that he would not run for a fourth term, the most frequently

mentioned candidate has been McGoldrick, a registered Demo-

crat. The five county G. O. P. leaders plan to meet tomorrow, but any action appeared doubtful. There have been rumblings of discontent over McGoldrick as a candidate, with some G. O. P. district leaders in favor of a coalition with the Democrats to assure victory for their party.

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O'Dwyer Chances Seen Endangered By Liberals' Stand

Mention of Other
Prospects Indicates
Lukewarm Attitude

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Chances of District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn getting the Democratic nomination for Mayor were regarded in some quarters as endangered today, with leaders of the Liberal party putting out the names of three other Democrats in a bid for coalition.

In this the Liberals were seen playing to the lukewarm feeling of some Democratic county leaders toward the prospective O'Dwyer candidacy. Edward J. Flynn, Bronx Democratic leader now in St. Luke's Hospital recovering from a severe cold, and Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn leader, have shown no great fervor over an O'Dwyer candidacy.

Majority Against O'Dwyer.

Following a meeting of the Liberals' administrative committee last night it was said discussion on the mayoralty centered around Comptroller Joseph D.

McGoldrick, General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein and Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora, although it was emphasized the party is not restricted to these three. Majority sentiment was reported against Mr. O'Dwyer, who is a favorite with the American Labor party.

Republicans also have been considering Mr. McGoldrick, an independent Democrat, who if he consented to run would be expected to be the particular target of Mayor La Guardia, with whom he broke the city policy.

Deadline Month Off.

However, all these maneuvers are considered merely preliminary, as opinion is that despite circulation of petitions starting next week it will be another month before selection of city tickets.

Meanwhile, Mayor La Guardia stopped threats by left wing elements to run a draft movement for him by saying: "Absolutely, no," when asked if he would consent to be drafted.

In the state political scene, Democratic State Chairman Paul E. Fitzpatrick, will speak over WABC and a state network at 7:15 tomorrow evening in a reply to recent broadcasts by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey outlining accomplishments of the Republican administration.