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## Liberals Discuss 3 for Mayoralty: McGoldrick, Pecora and Goldstein

### But Administrative Committee Takes No Action—Isaacs Considered by the Republicans—Boom On for Woolley

The administrative committee of the Liberal party met last night at the Hotel Astor, discussed the situation caused by Mayor La Guardia's announcement that he would not run for re-election and decided to delay action in picking a candidate for Mayor until it learned whom the two major parties decided to nominate. The committee will meet again next week.

Among the possible candidates discussed were Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick, General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein and Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand Pecora. The preference of the Liberal party leaders continues to be for coalition with the Democrats, provided the latter name a candidate for Mayor of an independent type whom they will accept.

The majority of the members of the committee are reported to be against endorsement of District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn, regarded as the leading candidate for the Democratic nomination.

As outlined by a spokesman, the Liberal party is not now committed to any particular candidate or to fusion with any particular party, and, if neither major party nominates an acceptable candidate, may nominate its own choice.

#### Takes Emphatic Stand

Mayor La Guardia repeated his assertion that he would not run again when questioned by a reporter while he attended a luncheon at Public School 17, 328 West Fortieth Street. Asked if he would permit himself to be drafted, he replied:

"Absolutely no. You can put any words in my mouth you want to kill that."

Although leaders of the Democratic and American Labor parties accepted the Mayor's announcement of last Sunday as final and Labor party leaders indicated willingness to endorse Mr. O'Dwyer if the Democrats should nominate him, leaders of the Liberal and Republican parties still felt that there was a possibility that the Mayor might change his mind.

Friends of the Mayor, who would like to have him run again, expressed belief that he might do so if the Democrats should name a candidate of the machine type, whose election might lead, in the Mayor's opinion, to conditions that

existed in the city before his first election in 1933.

District Attorney O'Dwyer, who is on vacation at the ranch of his brother, Frank O'Dwyer, near El Centro, Calif., declined to comment on Mayor La Guardia's announcement that he would not run again or to discuss the possibility of his nomination for Mayor by the Democratic and Labor parties.

Mr. O'Dwyer, who went to his brother's ranch after attending the San Francisco Conference, expects to return to New York City by June 10 perhaps a little earlier. Named executive director of the War Refugee Board after retirement from the Army as a brigadier general, Mr. O'Dwyer said he did not expect to have to go to Europe but could deal with disposition of accumulated food piles there from Washington.

#### No Early Decision Likely

No early decision on the Democratic nomination for Mayor is expected. Edward J. Flynn, Democratic National Committeeman and Bronx leader, who contracted a severe cold before he returned from Europe, is in St. Luke's Hospital for a rest, and no conference of the Democratic county leaders is expected this week. Mr. Flynn's condition was said not to be serious.

The Republican county leaders, it was said, also will postpone their conference until next week. City Councilman Stanley H. Isaacs, former Borough President of Manhattan, was reported to be receiving consideration as a possible candidate.

A boom for Daniel P. Woolley, regional director of the Office of Price Administration, for the Democratic nomination for Controller came out into the open during the day, and it was said that O'Dwyer-Woolley headquarters, backed by business men, would be opened in Court Street, Brooklyn, and the Hotel New Yorker.

The New York Board of Trade will give a dinner for Mr. Woolley tonight at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, with former Mayor James J. Walker as toastmaster and Chester Bowles, administrator of the OPA, and Mr. Woolley as the speakers.

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## LABOR GROUPS FAVOR O'DWYER

### Will Support Him or Any Other Democrat.

A coalition here similar to the national combine which elected President Roosevelt to his fourth term—the regular Democratic organization and the American Labor party and the C. I. O.'s Political Action Committee—was shaping up here today for the mayoralty election. The labor combination favors an indorsement for William O'Dwyer, Brooklyn District Attorney, but is ready to string along with the Democrats on some other acceptable candidate, A. L. P. leaders disclosed.

The A. L. P.—P. A. C. decision to join with the Democrats was reached at a meeting of their joint campaign planning board yesterday. In the last two municipal elections the A. L. P. had joined with the Republicans to elect Mayor LaGuardia.

O'Dwyer, who is playing a waiting game and remaining aloof from the political arena, has the support of three of the five-county Democratic leaders. Reported opposed to him are Edward J. Flynn, Bronx leader, and Frank V. Kelly, Democratic chief in Brooklyn.

The labor combination's decision to join with the Democrats was interpreted today as meaning that it is basing its strategy on defeating Gov. Dewey in next year's gubernatorial elections. A Democratic-P. A. C. victory in the city in November would be a long step in that direction. Sidney Hillman, head of the P. A. C., has already announced his opposition to Gov. Dewey.

#### Coalition Precluded.

A coalition with the Republicans this year was further precluded by statements made last fall by Thomas J. Curran, New York county Republican leader, in the course of his campaign for the United States Senate. In his campaign addresses he assailed Sidney Hillman and the P. A. C. for their tactics in support of Mr. Roosevelt's re-election.

"Progressive people, labor and its allies in our city will give vigorous support to a candidate who can give leadership to the forces of good government in our city and actively support the national administration dedicated to the fulfillment of President Roosevelt's program for final victory and winning the peace," a formal statement issued after the A. L. P.—P. A. C. meeting stated.

According to Hyman Blumberg, secretary of the A. L. P. State Committee, the name of Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick had been mentioned at the meeting but that in view of Mayor LaGuardia's enmity toward his running mate of the two previous elections he was discarded immediately.

#### McGoldrick May Run.

It is believed possible that McGoldrick, an independent Democrat, may get the Republican nomination in which event the Liberal party, the old right wing of the A. L. P., would probably give him its indorsement, too. McGoldrick will accept, he has indicated, only if he feels he has better than an even chance of winning.

The Mayor, whose announcement that he would not run again this fall, threw the whole political situation here into turmoil, was asked yesterday if he wished to comment on the furor his announcement had caused.

"I understand the forces of bad government have surrendered unconditionally in Germany," he said. "This is enough to occupy every one's attention in this town for some time."

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## Labor Party Studies Coalition On Successor to La Guardia

By Wynona Dashwood

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NEW YORK, May 9 — The American Labor Party is accepting at face value the will-not-run-again announcement of Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia and is in the field for coalition action on "a candidate who can give leadership to the good-government forces in the city and actively support national administration fulfillment of President Roosevelt's program for final victory and winning the peace."

First of the accredited parties to take official stock of the political complexities arising from the La Guardia withdrawal from the 1945 mayoralty campaign, this balance-of-power New Deal entity, of which the Mayor was a founder and is a member, proposes to mark

time on the candidacy issue, awaiting major party action.

It is receptive to a coalition with the city Democrats if they name an "acceptable" nominee, that is one in the tradition of non-partisan and nonpolitical city rule established in the 12-year anti-Tammany La Guardia tenure.

With both Republican and Democratic organizations still pondering the candidacy situation in the light of the La Guardia decision, there is a full house of "hopefuls" in the scene, but few declared aspirants.

Leading for the Democrats is William F. O'Dwyer, gang-breaking Kings County District Prosecutor who won a brigadier-general's commission in the war and is

Chairman of the War Refugee Board. Mr. O'Dwyer ran a strong race against Mayor La Guardia four years ago.

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revolt from the Fusion standard they have upheld with independent reform groups in all three La Guardia elections.

Instead, Republican and Liberal Party forces—the latter the year-old group element of right-wing A. L. P. insurgents which also achieved a balance-of-power vote in New York in the 1944 national election—appear to be turning to Fusion Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick.

Mr. Blumberg made it clear that the 1944 national campaign negated any future alignment with the Republicans, specifying attacks upon the Congress of Industrial Organizations - Political Action Committee and Sidney Hillman, its Chairman, by Thomas J. Carran, Secretary of State and New York County GOP leader, in his unsuccessful campaign for the United States Senate last fall.

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## La Guardia Move Forces Parties To Start Hasty Revision of Plans

### O'Dwyer Group Opens Drive at Once and Sees His Chances Improved—Leaders of Republicans to Meet Today

By JAMES A. HAGERTY

Mayor La Guardia's announcement yesterday that he would not run for re-election caught leaders of all political parties unprepared and changed the entire political picture in New York City. Immediate results of the announcement were as follows:

Start of a business men's movement to get the Democratic nomination for Mayor for District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn.

Calling of a conference today of the five Republican county leaders of the city, Secretary of State Thomas J. Curran of Manhattan, John R. Crews of Brooklyn, John J. Knewitz of the Bronx, Warren B. Ashmead of Queens and Edward A. Ruppell of Richmond.

A call for a meeting tomorrow of the city campaign planning board of the American Labor party and the Political Action Committee to discuss the situation caused by the Mayor's announcement.

Democratic reaction to the announcement generally was that, although the Mayorality nomination of the party was still open, it definitely increased the probability of the nomination of Mr. O'Dwyer. Representative James A. Roe, Queens leader, and Jeremiah A. Sullivan, Richmond leader, declared for him several weeks ago, and the sentiment in Tammany is definitely for his nomination.

Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn leader, had no comment on the nomination, and Edward J. Flynn, National Committeeman and Bronx leader, was out of the city. Neither so far has declared for the nomination of Mr. O'Dwyer.

#### O'Dwyer Group Starts Work

Henry Modell, sports goods dealer, announced formation of a Business Mens Committee to "draft" Mr. O'Dwyer for Mayor within two hours after the Mayor's announcement and said the committee would open headquarters at 44 Court Street, Brooklyn, within a day or two.

Mr. Modell said he had wanted to organize such a committee some time ago but had refrained at Mr. O'Dwyer's request.

"The situation has been changed by the Mayor's announcement," Mr. Modell said. "If we can show Bill O'Dwyer that he has strong business support, we think he will consent to be a candidate."

Leaders of the Republican and Liberal parties expressed doubt that the Mayor's refusal to run again was final and suspicion that it might be preliminary to launching a movement to "draft" him, although the specific language of the Mayor's radio talk did not seem to warrant such an interpretation.

"It was an eloquent plea for a draft movement after the draft movement sponsored by Samuel Seabury failed," a Liberal party leader said.

#### Labor Shift Held Possible

Republican leaders took the view that the Mayor might hope that the Democratic leaders, feeling certain that Mr. La Guardia would not be a candidate, might pick a Mayorality candidate of the purely organization type and thus give him a chance for election. They added that the Labor party might circulate petitions designating some other candidate for Mayor, and shift to Mr. La Guardia in the six-day period for declinations and substitutions after June 26, the last day for filing petitions.

Though Mr. O'Dwyer, who was reported to have left San Francisco and to be on his way to Los Angeles, continues to be the leading candidate for the Democratic Mayorality nomination, a resurgence of the boom for General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein is expected, and Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn may put forward some "dark horse" candidate.

#### McGoldrick Chances Affected

Possibility of the Democrats nominating Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick for Mayor, or of the Democratic party's fusing with the Republican and Liberal parties on Mr. McGoldrick or some other candidate, is believed to have been lessened. The Liberal party, it was learned, probably will not accept Mr. O'Dwyer as its candidate, and there is a chance that it may join with the Republican party in nominating a candidate for Mayor.

Among straight Republican candidates, former Supreme Court Justice George Frankenthaler and City Councilman Stanley H. Isaacs are mentioned as possibilities. Doubt was expressed by party leaders that Park Commissioner Robert Moses would accept the Republican nomination and his availability is believed to have been impaired by his opposition to enactment of the Ives-Quinn fair employment practices bill.

There was one part of the Mayor's talk to which Democratic, Republican and Liberal party leaders took exception. That was Mr. La Guardia's declaration that he could be re-elected on a "laundry ticket." Leaders of these parties held that there was no chance of the Mayor's obtaining either the Democratic or Republican nomination and slight chance of getting the Liberal party endorsement. They declared that without at least one of these nominations the Mayor could not win re-election and that he must have known it.

#### Labor Statement Issued

No line on what the Labor party will do is expected before a meeting tomorrow. Sidney Hillman, State Chairman of the Labor party and head of the PAC, is out of the city. The following statement was issued by Hyman Blumberg, chairman of the combined ALP-PAC City Campaign Planning Board:

"To review the political situation affecting the fall elections, the ALP-PAC New York City Campaign Planning Board will meet this Tuesday afternoon at State ALP headquarters.

"We regret that Mayor La Guardia has decided not to be a candidate for re-election. There never was any question of our full support for his re-election.

"The next city administration must continue the non-partisan, honest, efficient and scientific pattern of good government which Mayor La Guardia has given New York City.

"The ALP expects the next administration to be able to cooperate fully with the national government in the final winning of the war and in facing the great post-war problems of reconstruction and in achieving full employment."

#### Seabury Expresses Regret

Samuel Seabury, to whom Mr. La Guardia owed his second nomination for Mayor and his first election, was one of the few to whom the Mayor gave advancement notice of his announcement. Mr. Seabury, who recently sent to Governor Dewey and other leading Republicans a letter signed by forty-five Republicans urging re-nomination of the Mayor by that party,

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in commenting on the Mayor's announcement said:

"I deeply regret his decision. He has served the city in a fine manner and he could have carried on successfully the great job he has done. I am indeed sorry that he will not run."

Mr. Seabury said it was "too early" to suggest a candidate for Mayor to carry on the La Guardia policies. Asked if he had known of the Mayor's decision not to run again, Mr. Seabury replied: "Not until recently."

Newbold Morris, President of the City Council, elected with the Mayor, said he believed the latter had "very eloquently set forth the reasons why he should run for re-election."

"If that is not possible," Mr. Morris added, "whoever does run must have the support of all parties and groups who are unselfishly interested in good government. Now is the time for people to be unselfish and use their brains."

## CIO Official Outlines Stand

Saul Mills, secretary of the Greater New York Industrial Council, composed of the local Congress of Industrial Organizations unions, said that the CIO would support as a candidate for Mayor "only one who has the attributes of a La Guardia and who supports the Roosevelt policies."

"Should the Mayor carry out his announced intention of refusing re-election, the city will lose the best executive and administrator in its history," Mr. Mills said. "It shall be the purpose of the CIO, as it has been during the past month, to maintain and further build the coalition of labor and progressive forces which worked so successfully together for the re-election of President Roosevelt. It must be a coalition for clean municipal government and a city leadership which shall continue to give active support to a national Administration dedicated to unflinching war against fascism, a just and durable peace and a post-war program for full employment and the security of all free peoples."

"The attributes of a La Guardia for giving life and substance to such a coalition will have to be present in any candidate seeking labor's support for Mayor."

Gabriel A. Wechsler, general secretary of the City Fusion party, issued the following statement:

"It is not without a twinge of regret that we note Mayor La Guardia's intention to withdraw from the Mayoralty race. While it is far from certain that the City Fusion party would have supported him this year we must pay tribute to those qualities which he has displayed in the past."

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***Move to Draft O'Dwyer  
Started by Business Men***

***Henry Modell Heads Independent  
Support for Mayoralty***

A movement among business men to draft District Attorney William O'Dwyer for Mayor was started yesterday immediately after Mayor F. H. La Guardia announced he would not run for a fourth term.

Henry Modell, president of the National Federation of Army and Navy Stores, and head of Henry Modell & Co., owners of a chain of sporting goods stores, was named temporary chairman of the group, which is called the Independent Business Men's Committee to Draft O'Dwyer for Mayor.

"We will open headquarters tomorrow in the Borough Hall section of Brooklyn and will begin circulating petitions to enter Bill O'Dwyer not only in the Democratic primary, but in the Republican and American Labor party primaries as well," said Mr. Modell. "This movement to draft Bill O'Dwyer is not identified with any political organization and we are not waiting for the political leaders of the Democratic or any other party to make up their minds. Bill O'Dwyer is certainly going to be the next Mayor of New York."

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**'Draft O'Dwyer' Cards  
At Dinner to Fanelli**

**Republican Leader Honored  
by 1,000 at Testimonial**

About 1,000 residents of the 2d Assembly District attended a non-partisan testimonial dinner in the Hotel Astor Sunday night for George M. Fanelli, Republican leader in the district for twenty years. Among the speakers who praised Mr. Fanelli's long service to his district was Thomas J. Curran, Secretary of State.

Samuel Markewich, toastmaster and former Assistant District Attorney, touched off an ovation when he read a letter of greeting from District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings County, regarded as the leading prospect for the Democratic mayoralty nomination. While the diners cheered, a shower of "Draft O'Dwyer" cards fell to the floor of the ball-room.

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## Flynn Heading For Capital to Consult Boss

Democratic Leader Edward J. Flynn, of the Bronx, is going to Washington today to make a re-



Edward J.  
Flynn

port to President Truman on his recent diplomatic mission abroad. Somewhere along the line he may get a chance to discuss New York City's mayoralty problem.

"I may have a chance to talk with Democratic National Chairman Robert

Hannegan while I'm there," said Flynn regarding the party leader who is supposed to know that District Attorney William O' Dwyer of Brooklyn was the late President Roosevelt's choice as Democratic candidate for Mayor this year.

Flynn is expected to return from Washington tomorrow night, and probably will issue a call shortly there after for the meeting of the city's five county leaders to make the mayoralty decision.

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## G. O. P. Cheers for O'Dwyer

By WILLIAM J. REEGAN

Dist. Atty. O'Dwyer's name received a long round of applause last night at a Republican testimonial dinner given in honor of George M. Fanelli, for 20 years leader of the Second A. D.

The O'Dwyer demonstration was touched off when hundreds of cards reading, "Draft Committee—For Mayor, William O'Dwyer," floated down from the balcony of the Hotel Astor dining room.

Republican leaders disclaimed all knowledge of the demonstration.

Rep. Vito Marcantonio, New York County ALP leader, was entering the hall and heading for the door when the 1000 diners set up a roar for O'Dwyer.

Present at the dinner were Dean Alfange of the Liberal Party, Tammany leader Edward V. Loughlin, and Thomas J. Curran, Manhattan G.O.P. chairman.

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### Mayorality Race

The political picture in New York changed radically last week when City Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick—elected as Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia's running mate—broke openly with Mr. La Guardia. The immediate issue was the Mayor's budget program, which Mr. McGoldrick defeated by siding with Democratic members of the Board of Estimate. The break brought some speculation that Mr. McGoldrick—a former Columbia professor and an independent Democrat—was receptive to suggestions that he run for Mayor against Mr. La Guardia. Political observers believe Mr. McGoldrick will seek the Mayorality if he can secure the Democratic nomination. While the Democrats are known to prefer a more regular party man, some of its leaders are known to be considering Mr. McGoldrick if it becomes clear that he can be counted on to win. At the same time county leaders of the Republican party are also leaning toward Mr. McGoldrick as their candidate, and the possibility emerged that he might get both nominations and virtual assurance of victory.

These developments left more uncertain than ever Mayor La Guardia's election plans. He had hinted that he would seek re-election, but more recently he had seemed to be awaiting the nomination of other candidates to determine what chances he would have of winning.

Last week it became apparent that Mr. La Guardia could count only on the American Labor party, of which he is a member, and possibly an independent faction made up of his large personal following. His chances for the Republican nomination seemed almost nil as a result of the cool reception given by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and other leaders to the appeal of forty-five city Republicans that the Mayor be renominated as a "good government" candidate. Without Republican support, however, it seemed unlikely that Mr. La Guardia could win unless the race developed into a three-cornered affair.

There were signs that such a race might develop. In the Democratic party Mr. O'Dwyer is the leading contender for the nomination despite his insistence that he does not want to be a candidate. The party appeared to be all ready to agree on him when two prominent county leaders—Edward J. Flynn of the Bronx and Frank V. Kelly of Kings—put off the decision, apparently because they feared that no Democrat could win unless he had the backing of some minor party.

The minor party most likely to combine with the Democrats is the Liberal party, made up principally of voters who broke away from the ALP last year. But the Liberals have insisted that they will support the Democratic nominee only if he is a man not closely connected with the Democratic organization. Mr. O'Dwyer, it has been suggested, does not meet this specification. However, if the Democrats should name Mr. O'Dwyer and the Republicans name a straight party man, it is thought not unlikely that the Liberals will support Mayor La Guardia for re-election.

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## MCGOLDRICK ALTERS POLITICAL PICTURE

Rift With La Guardia Brings  
Speculation on His Chance  
to Run for Mayor

BUT NOT AS A LIBERAL

Believes That Would Insure  
Incumbent's Election in a  
3-Cornered Contest

Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick's break with Mayor La Guardia, which has existed since last December but which became completely evident yesterday by adoption of a revised budget through the vote of the Controller, led to speculation as to the possibility of his getting the Democratic nomination for Mayor.

It is known that Mr. McGoldrick will not run for re-election to his present office. It also is known that he will not run for Mayor as the candidate of the Republican and Liberal parties, as has been suggested, for two reasons; first, because he does not believe that he could be elected, and second, because such a candidacy would develop into a three-cornered contest and greatly increase the chance of the re-election of Mayor La Guardia, who in such a set-up would be virtually certain to run again.

Whether Mr. McGoldrick can obtain the Democratic nomination is problematical. Although an enrolled Democrat, he was elected to his present office on the Republican, American Labor and City Fusion party tickets and might have strong organization opposition to his nomination for Mayor on the Democratic ticket.

Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn Democratic leader, and Edward J. Flynn, National Councilman and leader of the Bronx, are determined not to be rushed into early action in selecting the Democratic Mayorality candidate and will resist any effort by Representative James A. Roe, who has announced his support of District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn, to have an early conference of the five Democratic county leaders to pick a Mayorality candidate.

The Democratic nomination for Mayor, according to informed party leaders, continues to be open. No choice is expected before June 1, and probably not before June 15. Selection of the Democratic city ticket may even be delayed until a few days before June 26, the last day to file designating petitions. Mr. O'Dwyer's statement that he is not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Mayor is discounted by the party leaders, as there are indications that he is an aspirant for the nomination.

Action by the other two legal parties, the Republican party and the American Labor party, almost necessarily will wait action by the Democrats. The Liberal party, the leaders of which believe it may hold the balance of power in the city election, is not as yet a legal political party. As an independent political group, it will nominate its candidates by petition after the primary election on July 31.

# O'Dwyer Bows Out in N. Y.; Focus Shifts to McGoldrick

By Alexander H. Williams

Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK, April 27—William O'Dwyer, Kings County prosecutor, and the hope of many Democrats who look wistfully toward recapture of the New York mayoralty, has bowed out of city hall politics, reiterating that he does not want the job as head of the government of the five boroughs.

Mr. O'Dwyer's announcement has served to center the spotlight on Joseph D. McGoldrick, Comptroller, who, in a spectacular move, has bolted fusion and joined with five borough presidents in voting in the Board of Estimate to revamp Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia's budget, increasing it to \$763,213,014, a boost of \$3,947,813 above the La Guardia total.

The vote stood 10 to 6 for passage of the budget as amended.

Indications were that the budget will be adopted as amended. It will, if adopted, however, throw the Mayor's budget out of line and increase the tax rate two or perhaps three points higher than the Mayor's estimate of \$2.86.

## Break With Mayor

The Comptroller's action was seen by political leaders here as reflecting directly on the forthcoming mayoralty campaign. For 11 years Mr. McGoldrick, "watchdog of the city treasury," stood with the Mayor and was one of the wheel horses of fusion. With the advent of 1945, a change was seen in the picture, and it was evident the Mayor and the Comptroller were not viewing everything through the same lenses.

An outstanding example of this difference of view was had when Mr. McGoldrick announced his scheme for rehabilitating certain areas in Brooklyn, his home town. Mr. La Guardia came out strongly against it, declaring it would put

New York in the real estate business. The proposal was taken to Albany and put before the Legislature, which passed a bill embodying the McGoldrick proposal "as is." Then the measure went to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who approved it and made it New York State law.

Coincidentally, Mr. McGoldrick was being prominently mentioned for mayor, and as the days passed, his backing grew. He indicated he was willing to run on certain con-

ditions. One was that he must be the choice of the Democrats in their primaries. This was seen as not impossible to get, since Mr. McGoldrick, an independent Democrat, possesses the political requisites the Democratic bosses like. He has proved himself a good vote getter, an able administrator and, moreover, he has Irish antecedents and is a Roman Catholic, although inactive in religious affairs.

## Foursquare Stand

His political stand today is foursquare. It is for the mayoralty or nothing. Persons closest to him said he would not stand again for comptroller and nothing less than the Mayor of New York would attempt him to remain in politics. Unless he is elected Mayor, he will return to Columbia University, where he was a faculty member before election to the city's chief fiscal job.

Amendment of the La Guardia budget was put through the Board of Estimate with emphasis, the borough presidents and the Comptroller, in resolution following solution, riding roughshod over the fusion bloc, Newbold Morris, resident of the City Council, and Rufus E. McGahen, Deputy Mayor, being unable to halt the offensive. The amendments (1) increase the cost-of-living bonus to school-

teachers, lifting it from the Mayor's figure of \$240 a year for teachers paid up to \$5,000 to a bonus of \$350 for teachers receiving up to \$10,000 a year, the cost being estimated by the Comptroller at about \$3,650,000 more than the Mayor had called for; (2) voids the Mayor's cuts in the budgets of the Brooklyn, Bronx, and Queens Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; (3) hands back to the Budget Director, who usually follows the Mayor's recommendations, the right to fill vacancies in the offices of the borough presidents, changing a system that predates the La Guardia administration and strengthening the patronage powers of the borough heads; (4) takes away from the Mayor the right his office has had for years to approve or disapprove salary increases for city workers receiving \$5,000 or more a year; (5) voids the power of the Budget Director to hold up requests by borough presidents for transfer of funds allocated to them for other than personal services and makes it mandatory for him to act within 10 days on such requests.

## Significant Vote

Mr. McGoldrick's vote for this latter amendment was seen as particularly significant, in that it increased by \$50,000 the budget allowance for the office of John Cashmore, Borough President of Brooklyn and one of Mr. La Guardia's chief opponents. The amendment provides that if no report on borough presidents' requests for transfers is had within 10 days, "such transfers shall be effective three days after written notification thereof" is made to the comptroller and budget head.

It took a little more than two hours for the Board of Estimate to comb the La Guardia budget and dress it to the liking of the Comptroller and the borough heads. When they got through, everybody save Mr. Morris and Mr. McGahen seemed happy. Mr. Morris, however, was "unable to speak without feeling." He recalled that in the eight years he has presided over the Board, the fusion bloc has "assumed ultimate responsibility" for holding the budget within income. Mr. Morris voiced surprise that Mr. McGoldrick had ceased to be "the watchdog of the city treasury."

With Mr. O'Dwyer removing himself from the mayoralty picture, and packing his bags to leave here tonight for Los Angeles, Calif., in connection with his duties as Executive Director of the War Refugee Board, Mr. McGoldrick takes first place in the list of would-be mayors.

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# Hannegan May Come Out For O'Dwyer Soon

National Democratic Chairman Hannegan may announce his definite support of Brooklyn District Attorney O'Dwyer for Mayor of New York City within a week, either directly or through State Chairman Fitzpatrick.

The proclamation will probably not be public. But the city party leaders will hear it, and loud. He has promised that—promised it to O'Dwyer, who is definitely in the race.

While President Truman will keep his pledge not to put personal pressure into local campaigns, at least outside his own State, reliable information yesterday disclosed that he favors O'Dwyer, if for no other reason than that President Roosevelt had made known that O'Dwyer was his choice.

Hannegan, however, has apparently decided not to stay aloof. He is frank among his intimates in his desire that the retired brigadier general be nominated and believes he can win.

## Flynn to See Truman

Democratic Leader Flynn, of the Bronx, will go to Washington next Tuesday to discuss with the President his recent oversea mission—or, any way, his recent oversea meetings with important foreign leaders. At that time Hannegan will see him, perhaps in the presence of the President, and urge him to get behind O'Dwyer.

Hannegan will also be in touch with Frank Kelly, Demo chief of Brooklyn, who has refused so far to back the candidate from his own borough, O'Dwyer. Kelly would prefer Borough President Casimore, who has little chance of nomination.

A particular reason for Kelly's disinclination toward O'Dwyer's candidacy is the fear that, if O'Dwyer is elected, Gov. Dewey will appoint a Republican prosecutor for Brooklyn, which he

FAVORED BY PARTY CHIEF



Brig. Gen. O'Dwyer  
Expected to get Hannegan's  
nod for mayoralty race.

could legally do. Kelly has no fear of any district attorney, but is reluctant to see a key office go to a Republican where an election of a Republican would be practically impossible at this time.

Hannegan has been in touch with Fitzpatrick, through whom he hopes to curb the opposition of Flynn and Kelly.

One Dem. nightmare is the possibility of a party rupture which might parallel the O'Brien-McKee rival candidacy, which led to the original election of Mayor LaGuardia. Flynn sponsored McKee. Greater N. Y. Democracy never recovered from the party split.

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## O'Dwyer Insists He Won't Enter Mayoral Race

### Leaves Democratic Primary Field Open on Eve of Departure for West Coast

William O'Dwyer, District Attorney of Kings County, returned late yesterday from Washington still insistent that he is not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Mayor this year.

"What I said last January when I resumed my office here still goes and you know it," stated the Brooklyn man who ran for Mayor on the Democratic ticket in 1941.

Mr. O'Dwyer is leaving tonight for Los Angeles in connection with his duties as executive director of the War Refugee Board. He said he would be gone "quite a period."

This leaves the Democratic mayoralty situation undetermined. Democratic leaders said yesterday they had no plans for a talk with Mr. O'Dwyer before he leaves.

It is known that Mr. O'Dwyer, a brigadier general in this war, was the choice of President Roosevelt for the run for Mayor. Of course, when the President died—all bets were off on that score, but the Kings County District Attorney still seems to hold the edge.

Some Democratic leaders insisted yesterday that the nomination is "wide open." That may be, but no other candidates have been developed. Others high in the party spoke privately of their hope of a coalition with the Liberal party. The latter party is known to be opposed to any organization candidate of either major party, including Mr. O'Dwyer.

Brushing aside politics, Mr. O'Dwyer did report that he is "tired, very tired." Obviously, he was hoping for a chance to rest while in the West. The last day for filing nominating petitions in the July 31 primary is June 26.

Discussing the war refugee problem, he said there were 7,000,000 internees inside enemy lines. He continued: "One of the things is to get food to them. We have been doing that for some time and the food is actually getting there."

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## McGoldrick Not To Run Unless For Mayoralty

### Will Not Seek Re-election as Comptroller, but Is Open to Republican Bid

Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick, Fusion running mate of Mayor F. H. La Guardia in the last two city campaigns, has given notice to political leaders that he will not run again for Comptroller this year.

This much was learned authoritatively yesterday together with information that Mr. McGoldrick, an Independent Democrat, is keeping the door open to suggestions from some Republican sources that he run for Mayor.

It is the understanding of the Republican leaders who have talked with Mr. McGoldrick that he will hesitate to get into the mayoralty race without some prospect of Democratic support. This has not been forthcoming so far.

While Mr. McGoldrick continued to preserve his status as an enigma in the city campaign by refusing again any statement on his intentions, the politicians noted with interest that the Liberal party leaders, who have been cool to the Mayor, now appear to be edging his way.

Dr. John L. Childs, state chairman, and Alex Rose, chairman of the administrative committee of the Liberal party, addressed a letter to Comptroller McGoldrick and other members of the Board of Estimate advocating continuation of the municipal radio station, WNYC. This has been a pet of the Mayor and is now under attack by the Citizens' Budget Commission. It was learned that this move could be subject to interpretation that the party is preparing to turn again to Mr. La Guardia in any race against an organization Democrat such as District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings.

Glen R. Bedenkapp, of Lewiston, Republican State Chairman, came to the city, but he again emphasized that he is leaving the mayoralty race in the hands of the five county chairmen of this city unless appealed to. There was no appeal yesterday from those chairmen who talked with him.

Mr. Bedenkapp talked with several of the county chairmen of the metropolitan district, including John R. Crews, of Kings; Edward A. Ruppell, of Richmond, and W. Kingsland Macy, of Suffolk. He plans to confer today with Herbert Brownell jr., chairman of the Republican National Committee, on methods for closer co-operation between the state and national organizations.

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## REPUBLICANS SEEN REJECTING MAYOR

### State Chairman Puts Choice Up to City Leaders, Who Are Said to Favor McGoldrick

It became increasing evident yesterday that Mayor La Guardia has no hope of support for renomination from the Republican leaders addressed by forty-five members of that party in a letter made public by Samuel Seabury, and that without that support the Mayor cannot obtain the Republican nomination.

Glen R. Bedenkapp, Republican State Chairman, one of those to whom the letter was addressed and who came to the city during the day, said the nomination of a Republican candidate for Mayor was entirely up to the five local county leaders. This is the same position taken by Paul E. Fitzpatrick, Democratic State Chairman.

#### Bedenkapp Sees Two Leaders

Mr. Bedenkapp conferred with John R. Crews, Brooklyn leader, and Edward A. Ruppell, Richmond leader, but said his talks were of purely organizational matters, and that the Mayorality situation was not discussed.

"I expect to see the other county leaders and Herbert Brownell Jr., Republican National Chairman, before I leave town," Mr. Bedenkapp said. "But La Guardia is not on the agenda."

The Republican county leaders are known to be willing to accept Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick, an independent Democrat, as the Republican nominee for Mayor, but there is doubt that Mr. McGoldrick would accept the Repub-

lican nomination unless he also could obtain the Democratic nomination.

Close friends of Mr. McGoldrick said he definitely was not interested in renomination for Controller, and that it was probable—unless he should be the nominee for Mayor—that he would return to educational work, probably to Columbia University, where he formerly was a faculty member.

Selection of a Democratic nominee for Mayor apparently still is open, although District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn continues to be the leading candidate.

The Democratic county leaders are not expected to reach a decision before May 15, the first day for circulating designating petitions, and may delay making a choice until after that date.

With Mayor La Guardia seemingly unable to get the nomination of either major party, speculation has arisen on the possibility of his not being a candidate for re-election. With leaders of the Liberal party hoping for a coalition with the Democrats and opposed to supporting the Mayor for re-election, Mr. La Guardia appears certain only of the nomination of the American Labor party, of which he is a member, and of any independent party that might be formed to support his candidacy.

So far, Mayor La Guardia has made no announcement of his intention to run for re-election. It is believed that he will wait to see whom the Democrats and Republicans nominate before making his decision public. The Labor party Political Action Planning Committee, which will undoubtedly pick the Labor party nominee for Mayor, adjourned subject to call at its last meeting. No call for another meeting has yet been issued.

# The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

SAN FRANCISCO.—The eyes of about 12 million servicemen will be watching the Conference that opens here today. So will their mothers. So will their wives, who wonder whether the children they bear in this war must be reared to fight another. So will the eyes of all the hungry, weary peoples of wartorn Europe, still hoping with a hope that flickers, but never quite dies, that finally we can construct a machinery for lasting peace.

And it is no exaggeration to say that the seeds of the next war will be nourished or rooted up at San Francisco. The events happening at this conference, in its backstage lobbies, and in the chanceries of Europe right now, can spell the difference between peace and war 20 years later.

## Seeds for World War III Already Planted

ACTUALLY THE SEEDS have already been planted, but the roots are not deep and they can be torn up.

The seeds have been planted by groups in England, the United States and Russia who already have begun playing the type of power politics which can only end in eventual war between the two strongest nations emerging from the present conflict—the U. S. A. and the U. S. S. R.

Already certain groups inside the State Department and the British Foreign Office have begun jockeying to build up Germany after the war as a bulwark against Russia. Already United States admirals have focused the attention of the entire world on the island bases we are taking from Japan, so that Russia is becoming suspicious they will be aimed against her.

So no matter how high-g geared and beautifully perfected the machinery for peace devised at San Francisco, it cannot succeed unless it rests on a foundation of good will and mutual trust.

There will be a lot of argument here about three votes for Russia, six votes for Britain, and 20 indirect Latin-American votes for the United States. But the real fact is that the question of votes becomes pure theory if one big nation doesn't want to cooperate.

If the tremendous armed forces of the U. S. A. and the U. S. S. R. get fidgety and looking for something to do; if the admirals and generals try to become statesmen; if the State Department career boys begin playing, balance-of-power politics, then all the votes and all the peace machinery arranged at San Francisco won't help.

The tragic fact is that already there is evidence that the brass

hats in at least two countries, plus certain diplomats, are getting nervous trigger-fingers.

Already there is a strong suspicion that Stalin can't control his own generals. Already there is more than a suspicion that Roosevelt could not control his admirals.

### "Trusteeship"

### A Hot Potato

ONE SUCH CASE concerns the Pacific island bases taken from Japan. For more than two years, the late President argued that all islands taken by the United States of America should be held by us, but under the United Nations trusteeship, whereby other nations were given airplane and shipping privileges on these islands, provided they give us reciprocal rights on their islands.

At Yalta, something along that line was agreed to by Roosevelt personally. And when he returned, a directive to that effect was sent to the State, War and Navy Departments, plus the Interior Department, which administers insular possessions. But when the representatives of these four departments sat down to work out the details for carrying out the President's directive, two departments—the Army and Navy—kicked over the traces. The third, the State Department, went along reluctantly, leaving only the Interior Department to obey the directive whole-heartedly.

Finally, Admiral Ernest King, commander of the Fleet, took things into his own hands and made a public statement against the President's policy regarding Pacific islands. In other words, he went over the head of his Commander in Chief. Although this was a most serious thing to do even domestically, its interna-

tional repercussions were even more serious.

The Russians, whose intelligence is the best in the world, already knew that Admiral King is the man who has wanted to build up a big navy now as protection against Russia later. They also know that Admiral King has opposed Russia coming into the war against Japan, and wants the United States to do the job alone.

The Russians also know that a certain number of professional U. S. military and naval brass hats, side with King. (This is not true of General Marshall or Gen-

eral Eisenhower and the more responsible commanders in the U. S. Army.)

And the unfortunate fact is that this probably has played into the hands of the Russian generals who are needling Stalin.

### Russian History

### May Repeat

INFORMATION AS TO WHAT goes on inside Russia is always difficult, but there has been increasing suspicion of late that Stalin does not control his own generals. This is what has happened repeatedly in Russian history. When the generals built themselves up in wartime, they dominated the Czar.

And today, the men who once were strong in the Soviet have much less to say. Former Foreign Minister Litvinoff, a great believer in international cooperation, is now completely out of the picture. Foreign Minister Molotov has less authority.

The generals, in turn, are considered responsible for the previous policy of having a messenger-boy Ambassador, who they could easily control at San Francisco. Also, it is strongly suspected that they inspired Stalin's demands that the United States Ninth Army retire from the Berlin suburbs on April 13 so the Red army could enter first.

Tragedy is that some U. S. war chiefs, by going over the White House heads, are strengthening the Red generals' hand. The Russians are a suspicious people anyway. They have been made more so by being shut

by us in the diplomatic closet. When we refuse to recognize a nation as a member of international society, naturally that nation does not forget the rebuff easily.

And meanwhile, the State Department, together with the old Cliveden set in England which wanted to bleed both England and Russia white, have already quietly gone about plans to rebuild Germany as a bulwark against Russia. Thus the seed for future peace or war are being planted before this war is ended.

### Future of Fiorello

IT'S ALL BEING KEPT very hush-hush, but serious backstage maneuvering is now going on in Washington over who will be the Democratic candidate for Mayor of New York.

Actually, President Roosevelt's death seriously changed the whole picture. Gen. William O'Dwyer, hitherto reluctant to run, would now be a candidate if he gets the blessing of President Truman and Democratic Chairman Bob Hannegan. Both will probably support him.

However, certain Democratic politicians, including Bronx Boss Flynn and Brooklyn Boss Frank Kelly have put the chill on O'Dwyer. They now think that any Democrat can win, therefore are angling for a hand-picked dummy they can control in city hall. O'Dwyer has consistently stood up to Flynn and Kelly, takes no orders from any local political bosses.

Actually, it is learned O'Dwyer will not announce his candidacy himself. If he runs the announcement will be made by Democratic Chairman Hannegan. The Democratic party leader had planned to move it on the New York situation this month, but President Roosevelt's death left him with new burdens as the most intimate adviser of the new Chief Executive.

The result probably will be that Hannegan won't sit down to talk with Flynn, Kelly, State Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick and other top New York politicians this week or next to make his decision. Hannegan has already been advised that hard-working Tammany Leader Eddie Laughlin and Forthright Queens Boss Jim Roe will back O'Dwyer to

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## MAYOR WON'T GET SUPPORT OF EITHER OF MAJOR PARTIES

### O'Dwyer and McGoldrick Are Expected to Be the Nominees.

Mayor LaGuardia is definitely out of the running as a fourth-term candidate, so far as Republican and Democratic support is concerned, it was learned today by The New York Sun. It has also been learned that William O'Dwyer, District Attorney of Kings county, will get the Democratic nomination and have as his Republican opponent Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick, if the latter can be assured of Liberal party support.

The information that Mayor LaGuardia's sun has set, so far as major party support is concerned, comes on the heels of a meeting last night of the National Republican Club which, by an overwhelming vote, passed a resolution calling upon the city's five Republican county leaders to oppose a fourth term for the Mayor on the ground that it is time for the party to take the bull by the horns and support only a "regular Republican" in the mayoralty race this year.

The refusal of important Republican leaders in any quarter to indicate even indirectly that they will back the Mayor again makes it clear that as a fourth-term candidate Mr. LaGuardia will be able to look only to labor and unorganized independent voters for help.

#### McGoldrick Is Democrat.

If Comptroller McGoldrick should get the Republican nomination, it would be a nomination hardly in harmony with the National Republican Club position, since Mr. McGoldrick is an independent Democrat who has been elected to the comptrollership as a Fusion candidate, and as such has contributed greatly to the strength of Mayor LaGuardia in past campaigns.

Regarded by many as indicative of the rapid trend away from LaGuardia is the fact that both city and State Republican leaders, with one exception, have re-

mained silent in response to the Samuel Seabury petition urging them to throw their weight behind the Mayor once more. The exception was Warren Ashmead, Republican boss in Queens, whose reply last Saturday to the Seabury plea was a terse: "I cannot indorse LaGuardia."

Seabury, an independent Democrat, who has long been one of Mr. LaGuardia's staunchest supporters, and who contributed much to the eviction of the Tammany Tiger from the City Hall nearly twelve years ago, has declined to say who has replied to the letter of indorsement which was signed by nearly fifty Republicans and which was sent last week to Republican leaders from Gov. Dewey down. He has been content to dismiss the replies received as "a lot of polite acknowledgments."

#### Club Position Made Clear.

The action of the National Republican Club last night clarified any doubts that might have existed with respect to the club's position, doubts that had been raised by virtue of the fact that several of the members have made statements pro and con on the subject.

The resolution, which the club approved by a voice vote, was submitted by the club's city affairs committee. The vote was taken after a two-hour discussion at the club headquarters at 54 West 40th street. The principal opposition to the resolution came from Abraham H. Davis, chairman of the committee; former Representative William S. Bennet and Henry W. Ralph, City Registrar and a LaGuardia appointee.

Davis's opposition was based on his fear that the resolution might tie the hands of the county Republican leaders in any political bargaining that might seem feasible. He pointed out that it was no secret that an independent Democrat might receive the Republican indorsement, apparently referring to the possibility of the McGoldrick candidacy. Bennet summed up his attitude by saying that the Republican choice rested between LaGuardia and Tammany Hall. Ralph asked: "Would you cut off your nose to spite your face?"

#### Mayor's Opponents Outspoken.

Proponents of the resolution were outspoken in their criticism of LaGuardia's treatment of the Republican party, many of them labeling him "a part-time New

Dealer and part-time Republican" who had called loyal Republican workers in the past "clubhouse bunis." Some also predicted that he would "stab Gov. Dewey" in the back in 1946" even if he won Republican support for himself this year.

Howard Osterhout of Nassau county, who managed the unsuccessful campaign of John R. Davis for the Republican nomination for Mayor in 1941, said that there were a score of Republicans worthy of the party's support for Mayor this year, including Charles H. Tuttle, Walter Hoving, Abner C. Surpliss, Representative Joseph Clark Baldwin and Thomas J. Curran, Secretary of State. Support of LaGuardia, he declared, would result in the club's becoming bankrupt and from then on it "might as well call itself the National Labor Party Club."

#### Said Mayor Helped Beat Him.

Raymond S. Richmond, Republican nominee for Congress in the Fifth district, Queens, last year, said that LaGuardia had helped to defeat him and other Republicans and urged the members not to "temporize with Sidney Hillman and the American Labor party." The issue at stake

was described by Edward Rager, club secretary, as that of intellectual honesty and saving the country from Communism. "Down with LaGuardia, Congressman Marcantonio and any one like them," he demanded.

Following the passage of the resolution, W. Kingsland Macy, Suffolk county Republican chairman and former State chairman, was elected president of the club to succeed Representative Ralph W. Winn of Westchester. Other officers elected were John G. Byler of Larchmont, George Frankenthaler and Milton F. Martin of New York county, vice-presidents; Samuel W. Lerer of New York city, treasurer; E. Le Roy Wilson of New York city, corresponding secretary, and Edward Rager, recording secretary.

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By Leonard Lyons



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## O'Dwyer Stock Rises as Flynn Sees Loughlin

### Prosecutor May Enter the Republican as Well as the Democratic Primary

Following a luncheon conference yesterday between Edward J. Flynn, Democratic chief, and Edward V. Loughlin, leader of Tammany Hall, political circles heard that District Attorney William A. O'Dwyer, of Brooklyn, would be the Democratic designee for Mayor if he would consent to run. While Mr. O'Dwyer has not publicly retreated from the stand he took when he was a brigadier general—that he was not a candidate—close friends asserted he would enter the Republican as well as the Democratic primary if he becomes the Democratic Mayorality designee.

"Bill O'Dwyer can carry both the Democratic and Republican primaries, against Mayor F. H. La Guardia or anybody else," declared Jeremiah A. Sullivan, Democratic leader of Richmond County.

Mr. Flynn intends to confer shortly with Mr. Sullivan, and Representative James A. Roe, Queens, Democratic chief, another avowed O'Dwyer stalwart. Last week he talked over the forthcoming municipal campaign with Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn Democratic leader.

Mr. Flynn told reporters of his conference with Mr. Loughlin, but declined to discuss their conversation beyond saying that they "reviewed the situation."

The Democratic county leaders will designate the party choices for Mayor, President of the Council and Comptroller some time after May 1, and before May 15, if present plans are followed. Petitions entering designees in party primaries need not be filed with the Board of Elections until June 26. The first day for filing petitions is June 19. The first day for obtaining signatures to petitions is May 15. The primary elections of all three parties, Democratic, Republican and American Labor, will be held on Tuesday, July 31.

Independent petitions, such as the Liberal party ones, need not be prepared until the fall. The Democrats will try to obtain the support of the Liberal party for their candidates for city-wide office, for Borough Presidents and for other local offices.

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## Report Dewey Ready to Back McGoldrick

By ROBERT G. SPIVACK

With Mayor LaGuardia reportedly having little chance of getting Republican Party indorsement, Gov. Dewey was understood today to be ready to throw his support to Controller McGoldrick as the "good government" candidate in the forthcoming mayoralty campaign.

Dewey had decided on this alternative, Republican source said, after it became apparent that none of the prominent C. O. P. leaders to whom Samuel Spabury's Committee of 45 last week appealed in behalf of LaGuardia had yet replied in the affirmative.

### Fears 3-Way Race

One factor still restrained Dewey. This was fear that espousal of McGoldrick's candidacy might lead to a three-way race.

Mayor LaGuardia might insist on running as an independent, it was thought, together with support he could muster from the American Labor Party. With Dist. Atty. O'Dwyer the likely Democratic nominee, some Republicans feared that McGoldrick would run a poor third.

Meanwhile it appeared likely that Messrs. Flynn and Kelly, Democratic bosses of The Bronx and Brooklyn respectively, were beginning to warm up to O'Dwyer. Flynn and O'Dwyer plan to lunch together soon.

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## O'Dwyer Gaining for Mayoralty; Now Said to Be Active Aspirant

By JAMES A. HAGERTY

With Mayor La Guardia's chance of renomination by the Republican party seemingly lessened by the unfavorable reception by party leaders of the appeal of forty-five members of the party for support of the Mayor, the movement for the nomination of District Attorney William J. O'Dwyer of Brooklyn on the Democratic ticket has gained impetus, it was learned yesterday.

It had been reported previously that Mr. O'Dwyer was averse to running for Mayor against Mr. La Guardia, but recent developments were said to have decided him to be an active aspirant.

So certain were some of Mr. O'Dwyer's supporters that he is likely to be the Democratic nominee that they approached Charles

H. Silver, executive of the American Woolen Company and active in Jewish and other philanthropies, with the suggestion that he take the Democratic nomination for President of the City Council.

Mr. O'Dwyer's friends expressed belief that the Brooklyn District Attorney was virtually certain of the Democratic nomination and had the support of Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn leader, and Edward J. Flynn, Democratic leader of the Bronx, with Representative James A. Roe of Queens and Jeremiah A. Sullivan of Richmond openly committed to support of his candidacy.

The rumor that Mr. O'Dwyer had the support of Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn, however, was denied authoritatively.

Fusion of the Democrats with the Liberal party continues to be a probability and Mr. O'Dwyer, while the Liberal party might accept him as its candidate, is not the first choice of the leaders of that party.

The position of the Liberal party leaders is this: They would prefer to combine with the Democrats in support of a candidate for Mayor of not too political a type. Failing that, they would combine with the Republicans on a candidate of high character and not too close to a political organization. Should neither major party put forward a candidate whom the Liberal party would accept, its leaders might reluctantly decide to support Mayor La Guardia for re-election.

The five Republican county leaders in New York City continue to be opposed to renomination of the Mayor but are understood to be willing to support Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick, an independent

Democrat, for nomination for Mayor on the Republican ticket. Mr. McGoldrick has strong backing in the Liberal party, which is known to be ready to endorse him for reelection to his present office and might support him for Mayor.

The Republican county leaders have become convinced that Mayor La Guardia will not enter the Republican primary, but have not decided definitely upon a course of action. They are expected to meet again the latter part of this week to discuss the Mayoralty situation.

At present, Magistrate Abner C. Surness of Brooklyn is the only avowed candidate for the Republican nomination for Mayor. City Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs, former Borough President of Manhattan, is said to be willing to take the nomination, and a group of Republicans has suggested Percy C. Magnus, president of the New York Board of Trade, although it is not known that Mr. Magnus would consent to run.

With renomination of Mayor La Guardia on the Republican ticket now unlikely, if not impossible, the Mayor, if he decides to run for reelection, is certain only of the nomination of the American Labor party and any independent party that might be formed to support him.

On the surface it would seem that any Democratic candidate for Mayor with the endorsement of the Liberal party would defeat Mr. La Guardia, despite conduct that has alienated leaders of political parties and groups, retains great strength among the voters not active in political organizations.

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## 9 G. O. P. Chiefs Hint Swing to O'Dwyer

By WILLIAM J. KEEGAN

Resentful at efforts by Samuel Seabury to enlist Republican support for Mayor LaGuardia a group of nine local Republican district leaders were believed ready today to bolt to Dist. Atty. O'Dwyer and urge a coalition ticket to beat the Mayor.

However, they were biding their time to see if Gov. Dewey and the five county G. O. P. leaders might be inclined to go along with such an arrangement.

Local Republicans, including the five borough leaders, have privately expressed the view that the Seabury committee of 45 has put them in an embarrassing position.

### Cite CIO Support

They ask how they can support LaGuardia, who enjoys ALF and some CIO support, when only last year the CIO-PAC was one of

their main objects of attack.

Last Friday night at the Queens Democratic rally at the Hotel Commodore a number of prominent Queens Republicans were also present. The anti-LaGuardia sentiment was strongest among this group.

Meanwhile, it was understood that a number of CIO leaders were also considering lining up behind O'Dwyer, should he accept the Democratic nomination or be endorsed jointly by both parties.

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## Seabury Letter Is Viewed as Frosty Setback

Cool Reception Is  
Seen as Hindering,  
Not Helping, La Guardia

By RAY GHENT,

World-Telegram Staff Writer.

With the storm rising in Republican circles over the question of party indorsement for Mayor La Guardia, the first opportunity for an open debate on this will be afforded tonight at the Ninth Assembly District GOP Club at its headquarters, 122 E. 83rd St.

For an open forum this club (the old 15th A. D. or Silk Stocking club) has taken the topic: Should the Republican Party Renominate Mayor La Guardia. The invitation says everyone is welcome.

This club is headed by William M. Chadbourne, one of the 45 signers with Samuel Seabury of a letter to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and other Republicans calling for party support for the Mayor which Mr. La Guardia himself, in effect, has repudiated. At a club meeting last week some anti-La Guardia sentiment developed.

Mr. Seabury today refused to state whether he had received any reply from Gov. Dewey.

**See Chances Injured.**

Many observers believe that the question of GOP support for the Mayor rapidly is becoming academic, for they hold that the Mayor's chances of getting the major party nomination (never too good) were made worse by the cool reception the petition received.

Friends of District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn expect him to declare his candidacy at any time. They are confident that Mr. O'Dwyer is far ahead of any other candidate for the Democratic nomination. Heretofore the district attorney has said

he was not interested in the nomination, apparently relying on the indorsement given him by the late President Roosevelt to bring him the nomination.

**Expect Active Campaign.**

Mr. O'Dwyer's backers feel that something more than the indorsement is needed to give his candidacy the drive it needs and expect the district attorney to begin an active campaign. While leaders of the Liberal party have not greeted Mr. O'Dwyer's name with any warmth, Democratic leaders think they can be brought to support him.

While Mr. O'Dwyer's chances ~~still~~ are rated as good, there are some experienced observers who believe Mr. Kelly may yield the nomination, as they say at conventions, to the Bronx—which would make the party race wide open.

**Liberals Grow Warmer.**

Contrarily, Liberal party leaders who had turned against the Mayor now are warming up to him and are saying if neither the Democrats nor Republicans nominate a man they consider outstanding they will be forced to accept Mr. La Guardia.

No doubt exists that Democratic leaders, particularly Mr. Flynn, believe the Mayor still would be highly formidable if he ran on the American Labor party line (done).

**Queens ALP Names Slate.**

Meanwhile, the American Labor Party in Queens announced its slate for the primaries on July 31. Sgt. Charles Belous, who served in the City Council in 1938, and now is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., was designated for that post again. Before entering service Sgt. Belous was an assistant corporation council.

Sol Chalek, 63-50 Wetherole St., Rego Park, Queens president of the Queens Food Dealers Co-operative, was designated for Borough President and Irving Lemov, 21-43 77th St., Jackson Heights, Queens, an attorney, was designated for county judge. Municipal Court Justice Harold J. Crawford, a candidate for re-election in the First District, Queens, was named for that office and Morris Greenbaum, an attorney of Far Rockaway, Queens, was designated for member of the Assembly from the 12th District.

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## O'Dwyer Among Absent At Boss Flynn's Blowout

By ROBERT G. SPIVACK

A major political crisis appeared to be developing among local Democrats today, resulting from the snubbing by Bronx Democratic Boss Flynn of Dist. Atty. William O'Dwyer, the party's leading candidate for Mayor and reputedly President Roosevelt's personal choice for the post.

Last night The Bronx organization held its big affair of the year—a dinner party at the Concourse Plaza Hotel. It was attended by more than 1,100 Democratic leaders from all over town—and even a few Republicans.

But as the evening wore on and

the gaiety became more pronounced the guests began inquiring: "Where is Bill O'Dwyer?"

A quick check with Flynn's staff disclosed that O'Dwyer wasn't there because he had not been invited.

There were many explanations of his absence occasioned by the fact that a number of other prominent mayoralty candidates were present. Conspicuous among them was Borough President Cashmore of Brooklyn, who entered the banquet hall with Frank V. Kelly, the Brooklyn boss.

Councilman Louis Cohen said that Borough President Lyons

had invited the other borough presidents, which explained Cashmore's presence.

"I could tell you the names of 20 other mayoralty candidates who aren't here," Cohen told this reporter. He was asked to name five.

Somehow in the shuffle, the official explanation continued, no one had thought to invite local District Attorneys.

Tonight, however, the situation might be altered. The Queens Democrats are holding their big party at the Hotel Commodore and according to reports O'Dwyer will be there.

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## Roe to Summon Democrats to Pick Candidate

### Opposes Party's Delay in Deciding on Mayoralty, Flynn and Kelly Confer

Differing sharply with Edward J. Flynn, Democratic leader of the Bronx, Representative James A. Roe, Democratic chief of Queens County, announced yesterday that he will call a conference within the next ten days of the Democratic county leaders of New York City to designate candidates for the party's nominations for Mayor and other city offices.

Mr. Flynn repeated yesterday, following a luncheon conference with Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn Democratic chief, that there was no need of a meeting of the five county leaders for at least four weeks. Mr. Flynn told reporters that he and Mr. Kelly "reviewed the situation generally."

#### Roe Opposes Delay

"I'll call a meeting of the county leaders myself unless some other leader does it," said Mr. Roe. "We should meet not later than the week of April 29. It is our duty as leaders to designate candidates for Mayor and other offices to be elected this November at the earliest possible moment. The election law says that May 15 is the first day for obtaining signatures to nominating petitions. We should have our petitions printed by then so as to get started without delay. I see no reason why we should delay beyond that day. It is our duty, as leaders, to present our ticket to the people as soon as possible."

Until Mr. Roe's announcement it had been generally assumed that all the leaders would wait for Mr. Flynn to convene the five county leaders, Mr. Flynn being the senior leader among the five county chairmen.

#### Favor O'Dwyer

Mr. Roe and Jeremiah A. Sullivan, Democratic leader of Richmond County, have advocated District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn as the party's designee for Mayor. Both Mr. Flynn and Mr. Kelly have declined to take a stand at this time. This, too, is true of Edward V. Loughlin, leader of Tammany Hall. Mr. Loughlin is understood to favor Mr. O'Dwyer.

Following his luncheon-conference with Mr. Kelly, Mr. Flynn said he had no immediate plans to confer with any other county leaders, although all of them will attend the dinner tonight of the Flynn organization in the Concourse Plaza Hotel, Grand Concourse and East 161st Street, the Bronx.

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## FLYNN, KELLY MEET SILENT ON CITY RACE

Bronx Democrat Reiterates  
No Decision on Nominee for  
Mayor Is Likely for Weeks

Edward J. Flynn, Democratic national committeeman and Bronx leader, had luncheon yesterday with Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn Democratic leader. They discussed the Mayoralty situation generally but did nothing definite toward agreeing upon a candidate. Mr. Flynn repeated that no decision on a Democratic nominee was expected before five or six weeks.

The conference of the two leaders, who are expected to have a major part in selecting the Democratic nominee for Mayor, was held in the Uptown Club, 60 East Forty-second Street.

"We talked over the Mayoralty situation but reached no conclusion," Mr. Flynn said. "I wished to learn developments that have taken place during my absence."

On Mr. Flynn's desk was a blotter upon which was printed a proposed Democratic city ticket—District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn for Mayor, Daniel P. Woolley, regional head of the Office of Price Administration, for Controller, and Postmaster Albert Goldman for president of the City Council.

### To Meet County Leaders

Asked about the prospect of the nomination of Mr. O'Dwyer, Mr. Flynn was non-committal. Informed that there were reports that Mr. O'Dwyer had told friends he was not a candidate, Mr. Flynn said he had heard these reports also and wanted to find out about them.

He said he had not seen any of the other Democratic county leaders since his return from Europe.

but expected to see them tonight at the dinner to be held for him by the Bronx party organization at the Concourse Plaza Hotel. A dinner for Representative James A. Roe, Queens leader, will be held Friday night at the Hotel Commodore.

Paul E. Fitzpatrick, Democratic State chairman, will arrive in the city today and Mr. Flynn said he expected to have a talk with him. He said he had no present arrangement for another talk with Mr. Kelly.

Neither Mr. Flynn nor Mr. Kelly minimize the popular strength of Mayor La Guardia. Both were reported to regard the coming election as an opportunity to elect a Democratic member whose administration would be a credit to the party.

Jeremiah A. Sullivan, Richmond leader, who with Mr. Roe previously had declared for the nomination for Mr. O'Dwyer, continued to support the Brooklyn District Attorney.

"The people of the city want Bill O'Dwyer for their next Mayor," Mr. Sullivan said. "He is growing stronger every day."

Mr. Roe said he would insist upon a conference of the five Democratic county leaders no later than the week of April 29.

### Signatures Still Sought

Samuel Seabury said he had not yet received the statement urging Governor Dewey and other Republican leaders to use their influence to bring about Mayor La Guardia's renomination by that party. The movement to obtain signatures to this statement continued.

William H. Chadbourne, who was Mayor La Guardia's campaign manager four years ago, conferred with Newbold Morris, President of the City Council, at City Hall. As he left the building with Mr. Morris, Mr. Chadbourne was asked whether the fifty promised signatures to the statement for Mayor La Guardia were being obtained.

"We've got so many now that we are sorting them into A, B, C, D and E," he said. "We are thinking of cutting off the E's."

Edward Rager, recording secretary of the National Republican Club, made public a letter to William S. Bennet, who had urged Mayor La Guardia's renomination by the Republicans, questioning the right of Mr. Bennet to use his position as chairman of the national affairs committee of the club in announcing his support of the Mayor.

Mr. Rager wrote that the club would determine its position by its action on a report of its city affairs committee at a meeting next Tuesday.

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## Flynn, Kelly Meeting Held Blow to O'Dwyer

By DICK LEE

Democratic leaders Edward J. Flynn of the Bronx and Frank V. Kelly of Brooklyn met yesterday to review the mayoralty situation and parted without making a decision on the Democratic candidate. That was accepted as very bad news for the candidacy of District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn.

It also was accepted as a strong indication of a bitter fight to come within the Democratic councils. The other three county leaders, all pro-O'Dwyer—Edward V. Loughlin of New York County, James A. Roe of Queens and Jeremiah Sullivan of Richmond—are in no mood to accept the substitute candidate who might be a pushover for Mayor LaGuardia.

"Frank Kelly and I had luncheon at the Uptown Club (27th floor of the Lincoln Building, where Flynn has offices) and we merely looked into the situation," said the Bronx leader. "There is a hurry about making a decision and I do not know when we will meet again."

### Jimmy Walker Invited.

At Tammany Hall headquarters, spokesmen for Loughlin, who has been in Washington for three days, said there was no reason to believe he would change his mind about supporting O'Dwyer. Representative Roe, also in Washington, has consistently supported O'Dwyer.

The five county leaders are scheduled to meet socially tonight at the Concourse Plaza Hotel din-

ner being held by Flynn's Bronx Democratic organization. O'Dwyer has not been invited. They say it's just a Bronx affair, but former Mayor James J. Walker is one of the guests of honor.

### LaG. Senate Story Revived.

The Flynn-Kelly coolness toward the candidacy of Kelly's own District Attorney O'Dwyer, has revived the story of months ago that the late President Roosevelt and Sidney Hillman of the CIO-PAC American Labor Party, planned LaGuardia's reelection as Mayor this year and election as U. S. Senator next year. By the election of a Democrat as Council President they would regain control of City Hall when LaGuardia stepped out to go to the Senate, Council presidents succeed to mayoral vacancies and come up for election the following year.

"What would be simpler than for the Flynn-Kelly Democrats to nominate a stooge candidate who would be a pushover for LaGuardia while the Labor group gave its full support to the carefully chosen candidate for Council President?" was one comment on the situation.

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## Showdown Nears As Flynn Puts Off Action on O'Dwyer

### Democratic Leaders May Act at Bronx Dinner Tomorrow

By RAY GHENT,

World-Telegram Staff Writer.

Although efforts to get impetus for a drive for Republican renomination of Mayor La Guardia appear to be meeting continued strong resistance, city Democratic leaders still have a most wholesome respect for the political resourcefulness of Mr. La Guardia and are wary of taking the initiative.

Some Democrats are not discounting the idea that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt may campaign for the Mayor in the fall with a view to rallying the late President's following for him.

Edward J. Flynn, Bronx Democratic leader, returned to the local scene from his mission abroad for the late President Roosevelt, is ready to renew the same combination he had with Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn leader, over the municipal ticket which worked in the past.

**Silent on Lynch, Too.**

He is refusing to commit himself on District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn as party choice for the mayoralty, or for that matter, on Rep. Walter Lynch of his home county, a close friend who has shown signs of mayoral ambitions. In fact, he says Mr. Roosevelt never told him he was for Mr. O'Dwyer, despite reports such word was passed along while he was out of the country. In that he is echoing the attitude of Mr. Kelly.

How the other three county Democratic leaders, particularly the restive Queens leadership headed by Rep. James A. Roe, will take maneuvers by the Flynn-Kelly combination is the big question. A showdown may come tomorrow night when all leaders have been invited to a Bronx County committee dinner. Mr. Flynn's position here as spokesman for the national administration is regarded as altered since the death of Mr. Roosevelt and accession of President Harry S. Truman.

**Leaders for O'Dwyer.**

A month ago Mr. Roe and Jeremiah Sullivan, Richmond leader, came out for Mr. O'Dwyer as their choice and at that time Tammany Leader Edward V. Loughlin was favoring the Brooklyn district attorney. Mr. Loughlin has been in Washington apparently trying to learn the shifts of power under the new leadership.

On the Republican side, observers have noted that the move to get 50 signatures of prominent Republicans to a petition on behalf of Mr. La Guardia apparently has been in three hands and announcement is still to be made.

It was started by Parks Commissioner Robert Moses, then was taken over by former Judge Samuel Seabury and at last reports was in the hands of William M. Chadbourne, a former campaign manager for the Mayor. The petition is addressed to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and other Republican leaders.

Meanwhile, it was announced that the Ninth (silk stockings) Assembly District GOP Club, will hold an open forum on the subject: "Should the Republican Party Renominate Mayor La Guardia?" at its clubhouse, 122 E. 83rd St., next Monday evening.

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**VANDALISM INQUIRY  
—PRESSED BY O'DWYER**

District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn spent several hours yesterday making a further investigation into the vandalism at the Hebrew Educational Alliance at 955 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn. He had no comment to make about his investigation. Several witnesses of the damage in the synagogue were called in for questioning. The prosecutor's assistant, Edward A. Heffernan, left his chief when they returned to downtown Brooklyn and continued his investigation during the night.

The Greenpoint detective found an axe with a foot-long handle on the stairway of the synagogue and the axe was sent to the police laboratory for examination for fingerprints. None of the police knew whether the axe had been used in damaging the furniture in the place of worship.

Twelve children from the neighborhood have been questioned by the detectives at the Meserole Avenue Station since the vandalism was discovered. However, no arrests had been made. During a visit by Mr. O'Dwyer to the station house yesterday, several boys were brought in.

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## O'Dwyer Mayoralty OK Delayed by Flynn, Kelly

By DICK LEE

Democratic leaders Edward J. Flynn of the Bronx and Frank V. Kelly of Brooklyn already have held preliminary conferences on New York City's mayoralty situation and they are not ready to okay District Attorney William O'Dwyer, of Brooklyn, as the Democratic candidate.

Underground reports yesterday had it that the Flynn-Kelly combine was afraid that O'Dwyer as Mayor would exercise too much independence in City Hall. The three other county leaders in the city, Edward V. Loughlin of Manhattan, James A. Roe, of Queens and Jeremiah Sullivan of Richmond were prepared to fight it out for O'Dwyer.

Flynn, back from his secret mission to Moscow, on which he will report to President Truman next week, held a press conference here yesterday. As to the mayoralty situation, he said that it was too early to be making a decision on the Democratic candidate. He said he and Kelly would meet from time to time.

The five county leaders will get together for the first time tomorrow night at the Concourse Plaza dinner staged by Flynn's Bronx County Democratic organization. The three pro-O'Dwyer county leaders, Loughlin, Roe and Sullivan, have been invited but O'Dwyer himself was not put on the Flynn guest list.

### Calls O'Dwyer Strongest.

It will be different the following night, when the Roe Democrats in Queens will hold a victory ball at the Hotel Commodore. At the Queens affair O'Dwyer will be launched as the Democratic candidate for Mayor come hell or high water. Roe has even threatened to call his own meeting of the five county leaders.

"There are at least three of us who know that Bill O'Dwyer is the strongest candidate and is the one who can be elected," Roe has been quoted.

Flynn, who made the trip to the Yalta conference with the late President Roosevelt, insisted that New York City politics was never discussed. He claimed that he had no idea what the late President's attitude would have been had he

lived. He was in Russia at the time Roosevelt was supposed to have indicated a leaning toward O'Dwyer.

Flynn said that Roosevelt seemed at his best throughout the Yalta conference but that he did appear to let down somewhat after it was over. He heard of his death in London and flew back for the funeral—his first trans-Atlantic flight—with Bernard Baruch, Samuel Rosenman and Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt.

### To Report to Truman.

Suffering from a cold, the Bronx leader plans to go to his Laka Mahopac farm for a rest after tomorrow night's dinner. Next week he will go to Washington for a report to President Truman on the mission which took him over half the world to see Marshal Stalin, The Pope, Prime Minister Churchill and Gen. De Gaulle.

In the course of his press conference in his law office at 60 E. 42d St., Flynn was asked the flat question as to his attitude toward the O'Dwyer candidacy. He said: "How do I know about that? I haven't seen any newspapers since I went abroad on my diplomatic mission for the President. I don't know any more than you do about Mr. O'Dwyer's candidacy."

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## Flynn Avoids Any Stand on City Election

### Denies Roosevelt Spoke to Him About O'Dwyer and Asks 'What's the Rush?'

By Francis M. Stephenson

Edward J. Flynn, the Bronx Democratic leader, carefully avoided any commitment yesterday on the mayoralty race in his first interview since returning from the mission abroad for President Roosevelt.

Adroit as ever, the Bronx leader and former Democratic national chairman smilingly put aside a series of very pertinent questions on the city campaign from a dozen newspaper reporters gathered in his law office at 60 East Forty-second Street. The nub of the replies was his inquiry: "What's the rush?"

It was the first time he has been in the city since he departed for Washington last January to attend the inauguration of President Roosevelt. He accompanied Mr. Roosevelt to the Yalta conference and then visited Moscow, Teheran, Cairo, Athens, Paris and London on a mission which took him to personal meetings with Pope Pius and the heads of these governments. He said he could not say anything whatever about that mission until he reports to President Truman, probably next week.

#### Denies Talks With Roosevelt

One of the first inquiries was about the widespread report that President Roosevelt favored District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings County for another race for City Hall this year.

"The President didn't speak to me about it," replied Mr. Flynn. "We didn't have any discussion about city politics at all."

"What are the dates for the primary and for filing?" he inquired.

Informed that May 15 is the first day for circulating petitions and June 19 is the first day for filing nominating petitions in the July 31 primary, he shot back, "What is the last date?" That is June 26.

"More than a month away," he continued. "I haven't even thought of it. I didn't see a local newspaper while I was away. I didn't even get a single letter. Just one from my wife."

He said he talked yesterday with Frank V. Kelly, the Brooklyn leader, over the telephone. He indicated he expected to have lunch with Mr. Kelly, possibly tomorrow, but he held out no hope for an early decision on a city slate. He said that, of course, the five Democratic county leaders would talk things over.

#### Avoids Use of Names

Asked about Representative Walter A. Lynch, of the 23d Congress District, in the Bronx, Mr. Flynn observed that "Lynch is a good man, and O'Dwyer is a good man, but let's not get down to names now."

He would not talk about Mayor F. H. LaGuardia on the record, but off the record he indicated a healthy respect for the Mayor as an opponent. He seemed startled by suggestions of a Democratic-Republican Fusion and observed "to say the least it would be unusual." He expressed doubt that President Truman and the national Democratic leadership would get into the New York mayoralty fight, recalling that the interest of President Roosevelt stemmed from his residence in the state and city.

Asked about a report that he had an engagement with President Roosevelt at the White House for April 20 to discuss with the President and Mayor LaGuardia the placing of the Mayor in some civilian post, Mr. Flynn replied with some astonishment, "this is the first I ever heard of it." He recalled that Mr. Roosevelt had spoken several times of the Mayor in relation to an Army job, but he described this latest report as "just a lot of gossip."

Mr. Flynn, an intimate of President Roosevelt from the days when he served as Secretary of State in the administration of Governor Roosevelt, described Mr. Roosevelt as "at op form" during the Yalta meeting with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Premier Josef Stalin. But he said the President showed signs of the strain as they said goodbye there.

The Bronx leader said he was informed of Mr. Roosevelt's death when awakened from sleep at a hotel in London. He flew back on a plane carrying Brigadier General Elliott Roosevelt, Bernard M. Baruch and Samuel I. Rosenman, the latter two advisers to the President. The plane left England at 12 o'clock noon, English time, last Friday and arrived in Washington at 1 a. m., Washington time, Saturday.

Obviously suffering from a severe cold, he said he planned to go to his home at Lake Mahopac this week end. He is attending the annual dinner of the Bronx County Committee Thursday night at the Concourse Plaza Hotel in the Bronx. He said he talked in Washington with Robert E. Hannegan, chairman of the National Committee, and Paul E. Fitzpatrick, of Buffalo, state Democratic chairman.

Samuel Seabury again deferred yesterday the issuance of the pronouncement to Governor Thomas E. Dewey and the Republican leaders urging consideration of Mayor LaGuardia for renomination. He said that William M. Chadbourne, a former campaign manager for the Mayor and president of the 9th Assembly District Republican Club, is getting signatures to the statement. William S. Bennet, a former Republican Congressman, made public a letter to Mr. Seabury indorsing Mayor LaGuardia. He said "even those who dislike him (the Mayor) and those who think he hasn't done the Republican Party any particular good ought to lay all that aside, particularly at this critical time."

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## BUTCH AND 5-CENT FARE

Butch LaGuardia's chances for reelection as Mayor of New York are said by many political analysts to have been strongly altered by the death of President Roosevelt. Whether they have been altered for the better or for the worse, we don't know.

It had been rumored for a long time that Roosevelt was going to back William O'Dwyer for Mayor this year. If he had, that would have meant important and perhaps decisive losses in LaGuardia strength among New York City regular Democrats, among members of the American Labor Party, and among members of the ALP's offshoot, the Liberal Party.

President Truman is an orthodox party man. That may mean, as has been predicted, that he will keep hands off the New York mayoralty election. If he takes any part in it, you would expect him to throw his weight behind the regular Democratic nominee, whoever that might be. The Hat's chances would then probably depend on how much support he could still command in the ALP and Liberal Party blocs, which together can hold the balance of power in a reasonably close New York City election.

**An Issue For Butch** The whole situation is interesting, and promises to become a good deal more so before Election Day, which is next Nov. 6. Meanwhile, there is one issue which could be freely and frankly discussed by both candidates, but probably won't be. That is the issue of the 5-cent fare on New York's rapid transit system—subways, EIs, surface cars.

It is well known that the transit system does not pay its own way. It piled up a deficit of about \$41,000,000 last year, and the deficit is expected to grow by several millions a year indefinitely. Meanwhile, the cars grow dirtier and less safe, the trains fewer and farther between. The city owns the whole layout, and somehow has to meet the deficits annually returned by this noble experiment in socialism.

It does so by charging some of the deficit against real estate and the rest against the sales tax—originally adopted as a "temporary" tax to raise money for unemployment relief.

A courageous candidate for Mayor would say out loud that the subways ought to pay their own way and the fare ought to be raised to 6, 7, 7½, 10 cents, or whatever the correct figure would be. Such a candidate, however, would probably go down fighting bravely.

It isn't in tune with the democratic way of life for voters to vote a raise in the fares they pay to use some public utility. The financial fact is that any city which goes on increasing real estate taxes indefinitely will at last drive a lot of businesses out of town and a lot of homeowners into distress or tax sales. But in New York City only about one family in five owns the house it lives in—meaning the temptation would be strong for the four non-some-owning families' voting members to vote to go on soaking real estate for the transit deficits.

If The Hat should come out for the fare increase which is needed, his opponent could scream for retention of the 5-cent fare and probably beat him. Should The Hat stand for the 5-cent fare, his opponent might conceivably beat him by demanding a reduction to 3 cents.

LaGuardia is courageous and honest, as we've often remarked; but up to now he shows no signs of being as courageous as that. If he should by some near-miracle, however, screw his courage to the sticking point and campaign on this issue, the New York public would at least get a lot of correct and valuable information as to just what the 5-cent fare is doing to it and to the city's finances.

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## 2 Others Ahead of O'Dwyer On Kelly's Mayoralty List

By ROBERT G. SPIVACK

When the Democratic borough leaders meet later this week to select their candidate for Mayor, Frank V. Kelly, the Brooklyn boss, will suggest the names of Appellate Division Justice John B. Johnston and Borough President John Cashmore, it was learned today.

Dist. Atty. O'Dwyer, the odds-on favorite with the other leaders, will also be on the list but he is expected to be third choice.

Friends of both Kelly and

O'Dwyer scoff at the suggestion that there has been any cooling of relations between them since the 1941 mayoralty contest.

However, two explanations are offered for Kelly's rigid silence during recent months as the O'Dwyer boom has been growing:

O'Dwyer has not yet said he would accept the nomination.

O'Dwyer's retirement from the District Attorney's office would almost surely mean appointment of former Commissioner of In-

vestigations Herlands by Gov. Dewey. Kelly is said to frown on this prospect.

Mayoralty candidates are being suggested from many quarters, with the name of General Sessions Judge Goldstein cropping up most frequently.

On the Republican side, it is understood that Samuel Seabury is having considerable difficulty in obtaining the names of 50 prominent Republicans to endorse Mayor LaGuardia.

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## Move to Win GOP Help For Mayor Hits Snags

By RAY GHENT,

World-Telegram Staff Writer.

While Samuel Seabury's group still is getting signatures to a statement petitioning Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and other Republican leaders to aid Mayor F. H. La Guardia in getting Republican re-nomination, murmurs against the move have been heard in the Ninth Assembly District (or Silk Stocking) GOP Club.

First hints of opposition to the Mayor came to light at a meeting of the club last Friday night, at which a member moved that the club go on record as agreeing to back only a Republican for Mayor. This, of course, was a rap at Mr. La Guardia, who is enrolled in the American Labor party.

After objection was raised action on the motion was laid over. Dr. J. Rice Gibbs, a supporter of the movement to run Magistrate Abner C. Supples for the mayoralty, then asked the club president, William M. Chadbourne, for a report on the Seabury conference at which it was decided to support the Mayor. This Mr. Chadbourne,

who had been at the conference, declined to do.

While these ripples of dissatisfaction are being noted in some Republican circles, Mr. Seabury reports that others in his group are completing the taking of signatures on the petition to Mr. Dewey. It had been hoped to get at least 50 prominent Republicans as signers.

Meanwhile, with the return from Europe of Edward J. Flynn, Bronx leader, city Democratic chiefs are expected to start their meetings on a municipal slate this week with District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn still high man in the Democratic book.

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# Broadway

By DANTON WALKER

## The Home Front

WASHINGTON hears that . . . Mrs. Roosevelt will be proffered a courtesy bid to represent her late husband at the San Francisco conference . . . The former First Lady will make New York city her future residence . . . James Byrnes, who will divide honors with Bernard Baruch as the most influential man in Washington next to the President, will replace Stettinius as Secretary of State. Stettinius or William L. Batt will replace Averill Harriman as ambassador to Russia . . . The first major resignations to be accepted will be those of Frances Perkins as Secretary of Labor and Frank Walker as Postmaster General . . . The next Secretary of Labor will be either Senator Kilgore or Jim McGranary, now Assistant Attorney General . . . Secretary of War Stimson will put in his resignation after VE-day, with other changes to follow in the War Department . . . About the only military shift will be that of Gen. Somervell . . . Despite the unprecedented powers that Truman will inherit, the Senate will play a bigger role in running the U. S. than at any time in history.



Peggy Fears

ADM. KIMMEL and Gen. Short will be brought up for court-martial, in a revival of the Pearl Harbor inquiry . . . Gen. Marshall will get his wish for a more active participation in the Pacific war . . . Undersecretary of State Grew, who planned to resign shortly because of ill health, is now expected to stay on as long as he feels he can be of service . . . Fred Vinson's successor as Federal Loan Administrator may be Clifford Durr . . . Former Ambassador to England Kennedy will play a big role in the new administration . . . Matt Connally, assistant to Truman as Vice President, is to be the new President's executive assistant, with Jonathan Daniels and other present White House aides replaced . . . Soviet newspapers have launched a bitter campaign against Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, and when Russia begins to extend aid to Chinese arms against Japan, she is expected to aid only the Chinese Communist armies . . . France's nose is out of joint because, for the first time in history French has ceased to be the "language of diplomacy." At the San Francisco conference, English, Russian and Spanish will be spoken.

HARRY HOPKINS, too ill to stay for the last rites at Hyde Park, was secretly flown back to the Mayo Clinic Saturday. Since the Yalta conference he has lost 30 pounds . . . William O'Dwyer will get the green light to run for mayor of New York, with LaGuardia's future uncertain. Butch, incidentally, had a subrosa conference with Barney Baruch before the latter sailed for Europe . . . If details of A. C. Blumenthal's financial settlement with Peggy Fears were brought out, and the name of the woman "of considerable wealth and social position" revealed, it would make a front page bombshell, extremely embarrassing to a nationally known publisher . . . Contest has been withdrawn in the Lorenz "Larry" Hart will, which threatened so much unpleasantness . . . Judge Jacob S. Strahl, of Brooklyn, has prepared the brief favoring Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth, to be presented at San Francisco . . . Radio comedian and pork expert, Bob Burns, who was asked to testify before the Senate committee investigating the meat shortage, will endorse a research project dealing with the psychology of pigs . . . Van Johnson, the screen's bobby-sox idol, is marrying a wealthy Chicago gal, social and non-professional.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN, according to an astrologer is as much a man of destiny as his predecessors have quite as spectacular a career. "Taking over Truman symbolizes the passing of the U. S. from necessary experimentation and reform into a future reforms will be worked out in orderly and system Roosevelt incarnated the changes in America as well of the world that astrology knows as the Aquarian Age a native of Taurus, is cautious, stable, painstaking, organizer, with a burning desire to get debts paid in order."

*O'Dwyer*

# The New York Times.

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## O'DWYER PRESSES HUNT FOR VANDALS

He Takes Personal Charge of  
Investigation of Synagogue  
Desecration in Brooklyn

District Attorney William O'Dwyer took personal charge yesterday of the investigation into the desecration by vandals of the synagogue of the Hebrew Educational Alliance of Greenpoint, which the Hebrew School and the Jewish Center maintained by the Alliance, is housed in a building at 99 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn.

Mr. O'Dwyer and eight assistant district attorneys paid a visit to the scene yesterday afternoon and inspected the damage done by hoodlums some time between 8:30 P. M. Friday and 9 A. M. Saturday. They found that the upholstery on the benches had been ripped open; prayer books had been torn and scattered, electric light bulbs had been broken or taken from their sockets, and that desks had been rifled of their papers.

They were told that the damage had been so extensive that it had been impossible to hold the regular Saturday morning Sabbath exercises, with which it had been planned to combine a memorial service to Franklin D. Roosevelt, in the synagogue. The service had to be transferred to a classroom of the Hebrew school in the basement, which was unable to accommodate more than a small fraction of the 1,000 persons who arrived to attend.

Mr. O'Dwyer conferred with Capt. Abraham Goldman, in command of the Fourteenth Detective District, and then returned to his office, where he held a two-hour conference on the matter with members of his staff and detectives from the Brooklyn East Main Office Squad. According to his associates, Mr. O'Dwyer told them that he was seriously disturbed at such an act of vandalism. He assigned Assistant District Attorney Edward J. Heffernan to devote himself exclusively to the investigation.

Experts of the Police Technical Research Laboratory visited the synagogue and examined the stained white enamel work of the altar in an effort to obtain fingerprints of the offenders.

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## City Democrats Facing Split on Mayoralty Race

### Death of Roosevelt Leaves Problem for Hannegan in Threat to Party Harmony

New York City Democratic leaders described the mayoralty situation yesterday as having been thrown wide open by the death of President Roosevelt.

Party chiefs had been relying on Mr. Roosevelt to persuade District Attorney William O'Dwyer, of Brooklyn, to head the Democratic ticket this fall as he did in 1941, when Mayor F. H. LaGuardia defeated him by the comparatively small majority of 132,000 votes.

Democratic chiefs expressed the conviction that Robert E. Hannegan, Democratic National Chairman, would either persuade Mr. O'Dwyer to change his mind and run, or else unite the five county Democratic leaders behind some other outstanding Democrat. The Democrats asserted that if Mr. Hannegan fails, they will be faced with a harmony-shattered primary contest that may cost them the election.

#### Hannegan Active In Drive

Mr. Hannegan has been openly active in New York politics since the last election and has made no secret of his ambition to try to carry several upstate cities long held by Republicans as a prelude to the contests for United States Senator and Governor and other state officers in 1946. Mr. Hannegan was present at the White House conference on March 9 when President Roosevelt, Paul E. Fitzpatrick, New York Democratic state chairman, that Mr. O'Dwyer was his choice for

Mayor in November. An the following week Mr. Hannegan spoke in Rochester and outlined his plans for a Democratic victory in 1946 in New York and other states.

Mr. O'Dwyer has declined to after his stand that he is not a candidate for the mayoralty, first announced months ago when numerous civic and political leaders urged some Democratic county leaders to support him for the mayoralty nomination.

A new movement to draft Mr. O'Dwyer was started yesterday by a group that also asked for the election of Daniel P. Wooley, of Manhattan, Regional Administrator of the Office of Price Administration, and Albert Goldman, of the Bronx, New York City Postmaster. The group is called the Independent Citizens Committee for the Election of O'Dwyer, Wooley and Goldman. A campaign blotter, describing the trio as "The People's Choice" and "Proven Public Servants," listed the Hotel Astor as their headquarters. No one connected with the organization was available at the Astor. No sponsoring names appeared on the election dodger.

#### Threat to Party Harmony

Democrats hoping for party harmony in the forthcoming meeting of the five county leaders declared that the majority opinion is that a free-for-all primary contest not only for Mayor and the two other city-wide offices, Comptroller and President of the City Council, but for borough and county offices, is almost certain to ensue if Mr. O'Dwyer is not the designee.

Republicans have signified their willingness to form a coalition with the Democrats with Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick, an independent Democrat, heading the ticket. Other Democrats suggested for Mayor on the proposed coalition ticket are James A. Farley, former national chairman, and Surrogate James P. Foley.

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# The Evening Star

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## The Political Mill

By Gould Lincoln

The Democrats in New York are turning longing eyes on the two choice political offices in State and city—the governorship and the Mayor's office—neither of which they now hold. They elect a Mayor of New York this year, and they hope, if they can win, it will be a precursor of another victory in the gubernatorial race next year. There is much jockeying and behind-the-scenes activity already. Mayor La Guardia, who was elected first to Congress as a Republican, then as a Socialist and who is now a member of the American Labor party, has blasted Democratic hopes three times in the past, running as a fusion candidate against Democratic opponents. He may turn the trick again, although the Democrats are talking hopefully. One thing the Mayor must have, if he is to succeed. That is the Republican nomination, as well as that of the American Labor party. Up to date he has made no announcement of his plans.

Mayor La Guardia has made enemies during his long term of service. He also has done a good job and he will have the support of a lot of independent voters if he seeks re-election. The Republicans are in the minority in New York City. They haven't a chance of electing a Republican Mayor. By supporting La Guardia, as they have in the past, they can perhaps again keep the city government out of Democratic machine control. What they don't like about La Guardia is that he has failed to support the GOP nominee for Governor and President. Whether they will back him again, or toss him to the wolves, is the question.

While the Democrats have not yet picked their mayoralty candidate, there has been much talk of District Attorney William O'Dwyer, who cleaned up Murder Incorporated in Brooklyn. There has been talk, too, of Representative Emanuel Celler of Brooklyn, who has been a member of the House since 1923. Gossip has it that La Guardia might make a bid for the Democratic nomination himself—it would be a bold bid, but in view of the Democratic ambitions to get hands on the Mayor's office it would not only be hazardous, but also doomed to failure.

The gubernatorial race, while not directly connected with the mayoralty election, may lean somewhat on what

happens in the big city this year. Gov. Dewey may or may not seek to succeed himself—although the chances are he will. The Democrats are as anxious to control in Albany as they are in New York City. President Roosevelt would like above all things to see a Dewey defeat next year. He did not relish the campaign which Dewey made against him, and the fact that Dewey was able to win election as Governor in 1942 also rankles. Tied in with all this is the fact that if Dewey wins re-election next year he will still be very much in the presidential picture in 1948.

The Democrats, many of them, are grooming Senator Mead for their gubernatorial candidate. He will have to decide whether to make the bid for Governor or seek re-election to the Senate, for his present term expires in January, 1947. He tried for the gubernatorial nomination in 1942, but despite the fact he had the support of President Roosevelt, in the most dramatic State convention in years, Senator Mead was defeated by the candidate of James A. Farley, then Democratic State chairman, John J. Bennett, jr. The row split the Democratic party wide open. Further, the American Labor party, which has usually gone along with Democratic nominations for Governor, tossed a candidate of its own in the field, helping to swell still further the Dewey plurality.

Now it appears that Mr. Farley himself is toying with the idea of running for Governor, emerging from his present political retirement. Whether this is serious or merely designed to give some of his erstwhile opponents cold chills, it would certainly make a nice row. Mr. Farley has no use for Mr. Mead. He himself has a lot of friends of long standing among the Democratic leaders.

Dewey has made an excellent record as Governor. What he decides to do politically next year may depend a good deal on conditions in New York and in the country by that time. If the war is over, the picture may be entirely changed for domestic politics. In any event, Dewey will need many of the independent votes in New York City. Here is where the mayoralty election this year may have its bearing on the race for Governor, particularly should there be a tieup between Dewey and La Guardia.

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# Broadway

By DANTON WALKER

**B**ROOKLYN'S District Attorney Bill O'Dwyer *Jean Edwards*  
won't throw his hat into the New York  
mayoralty ring unless he gets F.D.R.'s indorsement in writing...  
The President is having trouble persuading Supreme Court  
justices to take other assignments, since the Byrnes resignation

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## **Walter Winchell** *In New York*

### **Man About Town**

Harry Hopkins told N. Y. County Democratic leaders that Gen. Wm. O'Dwyer is the candidate for Mayor, notwithstanding LaGuardia, and that FDR will straighten out Brooklyn Leader F. Kelly, who prefers Cashmore.

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## O'Dwyer Waiting Roosevelt's Word On Mayoralty Race

Reported Insisting on  
Personal Assurance  
Before He'll Act

By RAY GHENT,

World-Telegram Staff Writer.

Best political opinion is that events should start moving with a rush in the mayoralty situation next week among both Democrats and Republicans.

Latest information is that District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn will seek assurances personally as to whether President Roosevelt will support him if he becomes Democratic candidate, and on the answer will depend whether or not he will make the run.

### Some in Doubt.

Mr. O'Dwyer is represented by his friends as taking reports that the President is with him this time as good news, but they say he wants to find out for himself.

Many doubt whether the President will commit himself definitely in April for an election in November. It has not been his practice in the past to make early, ironbound commitments of this nature, the doubters point out.

If Mr. O'Dwyer is not satisfied that he will get the White House go-ahead signal and sticks to his declaration that he will not be a candidate, the Democratic field will be wide open and some leaders forecast that the spotlight will turn to a new figure, not previously given prominence.

### Seabury Attitude.

Among the Republicans.

James Samuel Seabury, who fathered the original Fusion movement which carried Mayor La Guardia into office in 1933 and who is still in the Mayor's corner, is due to make a statement next week giving his views on the mayoralty.

Republican leaders unfriendly to GOP renomination for the Mayor this time are saying that with the time for circulation of petitions only five weeks away, any party drive for Mr. La Guardia will have to be a big one to be effective.

Gov. Dewey has been in the city the past two days, but his aids say he has confined himself to state affairs and has seen no one about the mayoralty. He has given his hint as to what his attitude will be should Mr. La Guardia go into the Republican primaries.

Some Republicans still hope that City Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick, an independent Democrat, can be induced to go into their party primaries although they admit that is doubtful if the Mayor makes his entry. Others are favoring former Supreme Court Justice George Frankenthaler, who remains cool to the idea.

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# New York World-Telegram

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## Mayorality.

New York City must elect a Mayor next fall. That Mayor will have one of the biggest executive and administrative jobs in the country in handling this city's vast and costly reconstruction plans. That job will not be in Washington or Albany but right here in this city. That Mayor's responsibility, a heavy one, will be solely to the 7,500,000 people of this city.

This being so, present fervid discussion of Mayorality candidacies in the light of their effect on state or national politics and the furtherance of state or national party plans seems to us to miss the point and ignore the paramount need.

That need is, first of all, the kind of Mayoral candidate who, regardless of his politics, has the capacity, the integrity and the stability of personal character which will appeal to independent voters in all parties.

If the Republican leaders can find a candidate whose obvious fitness will win the support of the Liberal party, Fusionists and independent Democrats, they won't need to worry about Gov. Dewey's preferences or even about Mayor La Guardia's struggles to regain the popularity he has lost. They can leave the Mayor to his faithful blocs.

On the Democratic side, Gen. O'Dwyer is furthest to the front. Yet his candidacy still seems to hinge on whether or not President Roosevelt will approve. And also whether Gen. O'Dwyer will agree to run.

Why should a candidate for Mayor of New York have to be picked by a nod from Washington or from anywhere else outside of New York City?

If the Republicans are awake to their big opportunity they will concentrate on finding a candidate whose fitness appeals to the people rather than to the politicians and who will have no obligations save to the people.

That is the kind of Mayor the city will need and should have for its great reconstruction task.

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## O'Dwyer Buttons of '41, Good as New, Given Out

By JOHN CROSSON

Democratic supporters of Kings District Attorney William O'Dwyer, unwilling to take No for an answer, have launched an O'Dwyer-for-Mayor boom on their own—and are now saying it with buttons.

The buttons, it was disclosed yesterday, salvaged from the Brooklyn Democrat's 1941 mayoralty campaign, are being distributed in Democratic clubhouses throughout the five boroughs.

Despite O'Dwyer's repeated statements that he is not a candidate this time, widespread support for him as the only hope against Mayor LaGuardia has been rapidly piling up in Democratic circles. The buttons are considered the first manifestation of this growing feeling.

**Even Kelly Is Less Uneasy.**

The O'Dwyer movement, it was understood, has spread even to Washington, where powerful party leaders from New York City are booming the Brooklyn D. A. every



William O'Dwyer

*Old buttons for the new race.*

MAR 25 1945

# The Great Game of Politics

By FRANK R. KENT

## It Serves Him Right

WASHINGTON, March 24. FEW PERSONS will sympathize with Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia if as a result of his truculent action in refusing to support the national 12 o'clock "curfew" in New York he gets into both personal and political hot water. On the contrary, there will be a pretty general feeling that it serves him darn well right.

AT THE moment there seems an excellent prospect that the water will be very hot and that he will be into it up to his almost nonexistent neck. For not only has the outside reaction been extremely unfavorable to Mr. LaGuardia but within his own city the restaurant, bar and nightclub owners, who were expected enthusiastically to cheer this defiance of the Government, have refused to follow the Mayor and are adhering to the "curfew." This action followed the army and navy directions to soldiers and sailors in New York to observe the Government request and the widespread charge that New York, alone among the cities, puts pleasure above patriotism.

THUS, the Little Flower, despite his recent protestations of helpfulness, is left looking not only unco-operative but futile and ridiculous. In addition, it is reliably reported that the political and personal relations between him and the President have been badly dislocated by the incident and he is extremely unlikely to have Administration support in his effort to secure another term. The prediction is that the White House weight will be firmly behind District Attorney O'Dwyer, of Brooklyn. This, probably, will insure his nomination and end the hope of the Mayor for another term. All of which shows how completely Mr. LaGuardia miscalculated the effects of his defiance and how far it has fallen short of making him a hero in his own town.

It is true, of course, that a defense can be made for the LaGuardia position. It is true, too, that some criticism may

be justly applied to the methods of Mr. Byrnes in dealing with the issue. But both these things are beside the point. The real point is the harm it does the national morale for a conspicuous public figure openly to flout a measure urged by the President as essential to the war effort. It is not necessary to accept every Government act as wise to maintain that there should be overwhelmingly good reasons for doing that.

THE WHOLE business of conducting a successful war centers around popular support of the Government in its war program. If the Government lacks that, the war cannot be effectively fought. If it lacks that, the victory will be postponed and the cost paid in casualties. It is one thing to oppose the Administration's domestic policies and performances; it is quite another, with the struggle still in the critical stage, to oppose its war proposals. That should require complete justification. Most of the people agree about this, but there are groups and individuals who do not and these are so numerous and assertive as to make absurd any claim that this nation has ever been on a total war basis. It cannot be contended that we have put our full strength into the war. The shocking strike record by which war production has been impeded; the action of the Senate in rejecting the request of the chiefs of staff, supported by the President, for a work or fight law; the defiance of the Government by certain labor leaders and the hypocritical and phony attitude of certain others—all attest to the contrary. Finally, there is the LaGuardia incident, which, however trivial in one respect is important in others.

THESE things make a contention of total war untenable. From the start there has been far too much of this defiance of the Government's war requests. When open to question, these ought to be debated, criticized and protested, but they ought not to be defied without complete justification. Certainly they ought not to be defied by groups obviously concerned with their own selfish interests. But that is exactly what has been going on in this country. And it is worth noting, too, that in most cases the defiance and the resistance have come from Mr. Roosevelt's political and personal friends, not from those who oppose him politically. The Senate record on the work or fight bill is the best evidence of that. New Deal senators took the lead in the opposition and the CIO provided the backbone. And Mr. LaGuardia is—or was—a very warm personal and political friend.

MAR 24 1945

# PRESIDENT SEEN DETERMINED TO BACK O'DWYER

## LaGuardia's Curfew Action Said to Have Widened Split With Roosevelt.

### TAKEN AS DEFIANT GESTURE

#### Mayor's Friends in Washington, However, Cling Tenaciously to Hope of a Reconciliation.

By PHELPS ADAMS.  
Special to THE NEW YORK SUN.  
The New York Sun Bureau,  
Washington, March 24.

The prevailing belief in informed quarters of the capital today is that President Roosevelt intends to support District Attorney William O'Dwyer in the forthcoming mayoralty campaign in New York city and will desert the fourth-term cause of Mayor LaGuardia. That, at least, is the direction in which the political winds of Washington are blowing today, and have been blowing ever since New York's capricious and energetic Mayor amended the Byrnes curfew order by unilateral decree.

The abrupt and obvious split between the President and Mayor on the curfew issue came as a surprise and a shock to political circles here, where memories of the campaign of four years ago are still fresh. In that campaign the Brooklyn District Attorney was defeated after Mr. Roosevelt had lent his full support to the candidacy of LaGuardia. Now, it is believed, the President is ready to line up with the party organization in the hope of tipping the scales in favor of O'Dwyer in the fall.

Friends of the Mayor in Washington, however, are clinging tenaciously to the hope of effecting a reconciliation with the national administration before the rapidly fluctuating political tides are frozen into a definite pattern. They point out that the President has not yet made any definite commitment to O'Dwyer. As one of them put it:

"The President doesn't commit himself that easily."

#### Roosevelt Strategy Recalled.

This may explain why the Brooklyn District Attorney, who broke up "Murder Inc.," is reported to want the President's commitment in writing when and if it comes.

They also lay stress upon the fact that, generally speaking, some of LaGuardia's bitterest enemies in New York are President Roosevelt's enemies, and that in opposing the Little Flower he would be lending aid, comfort and considerable political strength to individual groups for whom he has an abiding hatred. This, they argue, is not consistent with Mr. Roosevelt's past performances. He has taken his friends where he found them, and dropped them where they fell from grace, but unflinchingly—in forming his political alliances—he has looked with favor upon those who could do him the most good.

For these reasons the Mayor's friends here still entertain the belief that when the test comes, all will be forgiven and the President will team up once more with LaGuardia in his attempt to maintain a firm control over the city and the State.

Just what caused the sudden break between the President and the Mayor is still a matter of mystery and conjecture here. One school of thought holds that LaGuardia still harbors a grudge against the President for breaking a promise to make him a General and put him in charge of the military government of occupied Italy. The Mayor is said to have made some rather caustic comments at the time, and these are understood to have reached the sensitive ear of the White House. Learning this and knowing that he was about to have the well-worn double-cross pinned on his chest, the Mayor is then supposed to have issued his curfew order as a gesture of defiance and a personal declaration of independence.

#### Mayor on the Hook.

Among those who know LaGuardia more intimately, this is denied. There was no split between the two men, they say, before the curfew issue arose. As they see it, the Mayor sensed the antagonistic public reaction to the Byrnes order and sought to make political capital for himself by becoming a champion of the people. In doing so he thought he was merely fighting Byrnes and that President Roosevelt would side-step the quarrel. When the President stepped into it with

both feet at a press conference, however, and pinned the Little Flower's ears back, LaGuardia was caught and could not get off the hook.

The refusal of the Army and Navy to permit service men to attend night clubs during the disputed hour from midnight to 1 o'clock was the final blow. Unwilling to offer civilian patrons privileges that were denied to service men, night club operators in New York have generally decided to support the Byrnes order, so that the Mayor finds himself deserted and alone with an extremely unpopular cause to fight.

The consensus here is that in any fight with the President LaGuardia would lose heavily. With the President and the entire Democratic organization of Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx behind O'Dwyer and with 80 per cent of the Republican leadership against LaGuardia, his only hope would lie within the American Labor Party, which is effective only when some other organization provides the backlog support for its candidates.

There are rumors in New York political circles, of course, that the Mayor could win the support of Senator Wagner if the A. L. P. would nominate Mr. Wagner's son for Lieutenant-Governor, but these are emphatically discounted among the Senator's friends here. Senator Wagner, they say, will go along with the organization, whatever its decision may be, and his son—now serving in France—has no political aspirations and will not have as long as the opportunity for war service continues.

The unknown quantity in the whole equation, of course, is that no one here knows just how deeply the President's feelings have been hurt by LaGuardia's actions, and how irreconcilable he may be when he reaches a final decision. In the last analysis he is expected, however, to take whatever course seems to afford the greatest chance of enabling him to maintain a firm grip on the political situation in his home State.

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## Curfew a Mayoralty Issue

O'Dwyer Seen Caught in Cross Fire of  
LaGuardia and Roosevelt.

By GEORGE VAN SLYKE.

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Refused indorsement of his fourth-term bid, which his friends insist had been tacitly indicated in return for twelve years of support for Mr. Roosevelt, the Mayor has now gone on a rampage and is bent on denying Mr. O'Dwyer as much as possible of the political asset coming from a presidential blessing. LaGuardia's backers are charging openly that he has been double crossed by the White House and declare the Mayor is going to fight back.

Mr. Roosevelt has not given public approval to the District Attorney and has indicated his position only to the extent of frowning on the Mayor's challenge of the Byrnes curfew ruling. And Mr. O'Dwyer is still insisting in all discussions that he is not a candidate and does not want the nomination.

### O'Dwyer Is Cautious.

From inside political sources in Brooklyn word has come that O'Dwyer will not go into a hard primary battle with nothing more than an unofficial nod from the President giving approval of his candidacy.

It has been reported but not confirmed that the District Attorney has indicated that he wants the Presidential sanction in writing before going ahead. Four years ago, the President declined to support Mr. O'Dwyer as the Democratic nominee after telling the city leaders that he was for the ticket and did give LaGuardia a warm letter of indorsement which the Mayor did not make public during the campaign.

Mr. O'Dwyer is in Washington today on official business in connection with his Federal position as executive director of the War Refugee Board. His associates here are hopeful he may get some light on the New York political developments before returning for a series of week-end conferences scheduled with city bosses.

Preconceived plans laid down in the preliminaries for the municipal campaign have been torn up as a result of the Mayor's changed position.

### Talk of Compromise.

Independent Democrats are asking whether the city leaders are compelled to let Mr. Roosevelt pick their candidate after having kicked the party around here for three campaigns. Regulars are talking compromise on an outstanding candidate who could lift the campaign to a higher level than organization politics. The City Fusion Party again proposes Comptroller McGoldrick as a compromise. Republicans do not want LaGuardia but have no strong candidate to put

vinced LaGuardia could not win their primary. But they likewise agree that he can make a lot of trouble if he enters as a candidate of the American Labor party backed by a citizens' committee of business men and good government rooters. His record is proof that he has a strong hold on the voting masses in the city.

The laborites and New Dealers are apprehensive they may be hurt in a split between the C. I. O. and the President. It is an open question whether the Hillman-P. A. C. could be forced by the President to turn down the Mayor if he were to win a nomination in the A. L. P. primary. The Liberal party, offshoot of the communistic A. L. P. left wing, has not declared its position, but is known to be against LaGuardia as high man in the Hillman group.

Informal discussions among the Republican district leaders in Manhattan shows that the organization here is overwhelmingly opposed to the Mayor as their candidate, as previously shown in Queens, Richmond and the Bronx. But the party leaders admit they haven't yet found a candidate they can put forward.

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Mr. O'Dwyer is in Washington today on official business in connection with his Federal position as executive director of the War Refugee Board. His associates here are hopeful he may get some light on the New York political developments before returning for a series of week-end conferences scheduled with city bosses.

Preconceived plans laid down in the preliminaries for the municipal campaign have been torn up as a result of the Mayor's changed position.

### Talk of Compromise.

Independent Democrats are asking whether the city leaders are compelled to let Mr. Roosevelt pick their candidate after having kicked the party around here for three campaigns. Regulars are talking compromise on an outstanding candidate who could lift the campaign to a higher level than organization politics. The City Fusion Party again proposes Comptroller McGoldrick as a compromise. Republicans do not want LaGuardia but have no strong candidate to put up against him and admit he might take their primary. Winning that and with A. L. P. support he would be a formidable candidate for the Democrats to beat.

The Mayor's sudden emergence, in his pique over the White House turn down, as a critic of the President loses much of its political effect in the light of his long years of ardent support of the New Deal and all it stands for. His reported threat that if he can't have the Roosevelt backing again he will do all he can to prevent O'Dwyer getting it, is costing him supporters among independents and is irksome to the Democrats. He joins the long parade of loyal supporters of the President who have been dropped when their usefulness was ended. Democratic bosses are con-

vinced LaGuardia could not win their primary. But they likewise agree that he can make a lot of trouble if he enters as a candidate of the American Labor party backed by a citizens' committee of business men and good government rooters. His record is proof that he has a strong hold on the voting masses in the city.

The laborites and New Dealers are apprehensive they may be hurt in a split between the C. I. O. and the President. It is an open question whether the Hillman-P. A. C. could be forced by the President to turn down the Mayor if he were to win a nomination in the A. L. P. primary. The Liberal party, offshoot of the communistic A. L. P. left wing, has not declared its position, but is known to be against LaGuardia as high man in the Hillman group.

Informal discussions among the Republican district leaders in Manhattan shows that the organization here is overwhelmingly opposed to the Mayor as their candidate, as previously shown in Queens, Richmond and the Bronx. But the party leaders admit they haven't yet found a candidate they can put forward.

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By JOHN O'DONNELL

Washington, D. C., March 21.—The beautiful political friendship that made strange bedfellows of F. D. R. and New York's Mayor LaGuardia is over.

The White House frost is on the LaGuardia fourth-term pumpkin as New York's mayor. The great political brain in the capital has given the quiet nod to District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn and the word has gone out from on high that the former policeman who won fame as the prosecutor of Murder, Inc., and later served successfully as an Army administrator in Italy will get the White House benediction in the New York mayoralty race next Fall.

LaGuardia had the tip-off in advance. Hence his refusal to go along with the White House plea to cover up what they admit is one of the greatest civilian boners and political headaches of the war—the curfew "request" of War Mobilization Director Byrnes.

It is our painful duty to report that the developments of the past fortnight in which curfew enforcement and LaGuardia's plans to run for reelection next Fall are closely linked have been the source of coarse guffaws from the political sidelines.

The gist of the merriment is that New York's mayor should be hurt or surprised at the discovery that his political throat is as vulnerable to the Roosevelt knife as were the throats of other once-ardent F. D. R. supporters, long since banished from the White House scene.

The cold-blooded theory is that anyone who has followed the political career of Franklin D. Roosevelt and is surprised when F. D. R. coldly tosses a faithful supporter into the ashcan on the grounds that his political value has been used up, isn't quite bright.

But the Mayor of New York has been a smart operator and knows his way around and knows Franklin D. Roosevelt—and that such a slick operator should now be hurt and surprised at the old White House double cross arouses the gleeful outbursts of sardonic mirth.

As some of LaGuardia's former colleagues up on Capitol Hill view it, the facts of political life as revealed in this thirteenth year of the New Deal reign of Franklin the First are unfolding like the petals of a rose before the shocked and surprised eyes of His Honor, the Mayor of New York.

**Tacking To The Winning Winds.**

Of course, four years ago when LaGuardia was running for reelection as mayor, the White House double cross worked in reverse.

On that occasion, the titular leader of the Democratic Party, Franklin D. Roosevelt, blew the whistle on Democratic nominee O'Dwyer and tipped his New Deal votes in LaGuardia's direction. LaGuardia won and the followers of O'Dwyer swore vengeance on Franklin D. Roosevelt, and for a couple of weeks were very sore indeed.

La's, the gentle balm of patronage soothed the election wounds. Four years earlier, when LaGuardia was fighting for the mayoralty in '37 against regular Democratic nominee Jeremiah Mahoney, F. D. R. shrewdly figured that LaGuardia was going to win. Despite the pleas of Bronx Leader Ed Flynn, later to succeed Farley as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, F. D. R. wrote a letter to LaGuardia, praising him, and sent the political message in the expectation that Fiorello would use the White House accolade in the campaign.



William O'Dwyer  
He'll get the nod from F. D. R.

**But Little Flower Was Smart, Too.**

LaGuardia played it smart that time. He figured he was and without F. D. R.'s letter of endorsement. More important he knew that if he used the Roosevelt letter of endorsement in days against his Democratic opponent, F. D. R. would be suggesting that he carried New York only because of Roosevelt support. So LaGuardia put the letter in his pocket, and Roosevelt's chagrin, kept it there until after the election.

**Joins Big Parade of Ex-Friends.**

LaGuardia now joins the big parade—the Ancient and I Order of Former Friends of Roosevelt, their chests blazing Order of the Political Double Cross, Hyde Park Chapter.

He joins distinguished company. He falls in behind Jesse Texas, booted out of his Cabinet post to make room for Henry Far in the front is the shadowy figure of F. D. R.'s first gre cross, Al Smith. And in the ranks are James A. Farley, former man of the Democratic National Committee; former Amba Great Britain Joseph P. Kennedy; the late Senator Pat He Mississippi whom F. D. R. ditched for Senate leadership to m for "Dear Alben" Barkley; the targets of F. D. R.'s '38 Senators George of Georgia and Tydings of Maryland—for President Jack Garner, ditched in '40 to make room for Walla Vee Pee nominee—former Assistant Secretary of State Sumn and former Secretary of War Harry Woodring, etc., etc. T Flower will not be lonesome.

## REPUBLICAN CHIEFS OPPOSED TO MAYOR

Curran's Conferences Reveal  
80% of the Leaders Against  
La Guardia Renomination

FEAR HE'LL LOSE PRIMARY

Three County Bosses Openly  
in Favor of Naming Another  
Candidate for Race

Secretary of State Thomas J. Curran, New York County Republican Chairman, has finished conferences with the Manhattan Republican Assembly District leaders and has found 80 per cent of them opposed to the renomination of Mayor La Guardia on the Republican ticket, it became known yesterday.

It was the consensus that the New York County Republican organization could carry Manhattan for the Mayor by a small majority in the primary election on July 31, if it had to take him for a candidate, but that such a majority would not be sufficient to enable the Mayor to win the Republican nomination because of the expected large anti-La Guardia majorities in other boroughs.

The situation in the Brooklyn Republican organization was described as about the same as in Manhattan. Both Mr. Curran and John R. Crews, Brooklyn Republican leader, are opposed personally to renomination of the Mayor but neither has made a public statement of his position. The other three Republican county leaders in New York City, Warren B. Ashmead of Queens, John J. Kasper of the Bronx and Edward A. Ruppell of Richmond, are openly opposed to the Mayor.

### Small Margin Last Time

Four years ago Mayor La Guardia, who was opposed for the Republican nomination for Mayor by John R. Davies, led by only 250 outside of Manhattan, which gave him a little more than 19,000 majority and insured his nomination. With opposition to the Mayor strong in many of the Manhattan party clubhouses, leaders doubt that they could give the Mayor more than five or six thousand majority in Manhattan this year, even if the county organization decided to support him, and do not believe that this would be enough to offset what is expected to be a much larger anti-La Guardia majority in Queens and probable anti-La Guardia majorities in the other boroughs.

In view of the reported intention of supporters of the Mayor, under the leadership of Park Commissioner Robert Moses, to appeal to Governor Dewey to use his influence to get the Republican nomination for the Mayor, this belief of the party leaders has an important bearing on the Mayoralty situation. The Governor will be told, if he has not been already, that the Republican county leaders believe that it will be impossible to carry the primary election for Mr. La Guardia. Privately they have expressed belief that Abner C. Surpless, now under suspension as a city magistrate, would defeat the Mayor in the Republican primary. It is regarded as certain that Mr. Surpless will run if no other candidate is found to oppose the Mayor.

The Republicans admittedly face a difficult situation in view of their desire to build up the party in the city in preparation for next year's campaign for the Governorship. Should District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn be the Democratic candidate, and Mayor La Guardia be the candidate of the American Labor party and an independent good-government party, which undoubtedly would be formed if he runs again, the Republican candidate, whoever he might be, probably would run a poor third, as the main battle would be between Mr. O'Dwyer and the Mayor.

### Curfew Taken as Omen

If Republican circles, Mayor La Guardia's extension of the curfew hour has been taken not only as a sure sign that he intends to seek re-election but as an indication that his appointment to a Federal post by President Roosevelt is very unlikely. The Republican information on District Attorney O'Dwyer is that he does not wish to run without the definite support of President Roosevelt for both nomination and election. Whether he can get such support is regarded as doubtful.

No clarification of the Democratic position is expected before the return of Edward J. Flynn, Democratic National Committeeman and Bronx leader, from Europe, which will be within a week or ten days.

It is the Republican hope that after Mr. Flynn's return the Democratic leaders will shift their support to some other candidate than Mr. O'Dwyer. There are organization objections to the nomination of Mr. O'Dwyer in that it might open the way for Governor Dewey to appoint a Republican District Attorney of Kings County. Should Mr. O'Dwyer be nominated for Mayor, he would have the option of resigning or continuing as District Attorney. Should he resign immediately after the primary election so that his successor might be elected in November, the Governor could name a District Attorney to serve for about five months. Should he fail to resign and be elected Mayor, the Governor could appoint a District Attorney to serve a year.

## LaGuardia Fails To Gain Support Of Republicans

Party Leaders May Present  
Problem to Dewey; Both  
Sides Await Other's Move

By Francis M. Stephenson

The five Republican county chairmen of New York City are unwilling to designate Mayor F. H. LaGuardia for renomination unless Governor Thomas E. Dewey intervenes and there is considerable doubt of their support for the Mayor even under such a circumstance.

This much was learned yesterday in a canvass of the Republican leaders who are expected to place their problem before Governor Dewey soon. There is little expectation that the Governor will get into the Mayorality situation.

It was learned that two of the most powerful of the Republican city leaders now favor Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick for the City Hall post. Mr. McGoldrick, an independent Democrat, is not expected to listen to an offer unless he gets the Democratic nomination. The Republicans appear ready to go along on a fusion with the Democrats behind McGoldrick.

If the Democratic chiefs pick District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings, as now seems probable, the Republican leaders see no solution to their problem. Democratic leaders understand that President Roosevelt favors Mr. O'Dwyer.

Further complicating the Mayorality campaign was an announcement last night by Alex Rose, administrative chairman of the new Liberal party, that an important statement on the stand of this party in the city election would be made by Mr. Rose at the party's dinner tomorrow at the Hotel Commodore. Leaders of this group were among the Mayor's strongest supporters in the past but there is every sign that they are looking elsewhere this year.

The Planning Board of the American Labor party, in which Mayor LaGuardia is ~~mentioned~~, has kept an ominous silence on its choice of a candidate, but it is believed Mr. LaGuardia will have the party nomination regardless of intervention against him by President Roosevelt with Sidney Hillman, state chairman of the party.

May 15 is the first date for signing of petitions for the July 31 primary and June 19 to 26 is the period for filing the petitions. An early showdown impends. The five county leaders of the two parties normally do the designating. Republicans are waiting for the Democrats to make the first move. The Democrats are waiting for Edward J. Flynn, the Bronx leader, to return from his European mission for President Roosevelt.

Republican opposition to the Mayor in the primary seems certain. A committee headed by George Littleman, Brooklyn attorney, already has announced that Magistrate Abner C. Surplus, a Brooklyn Republican, will be entered in the Republican primary and probably in the Democratic primary also.

Thomas J. Curran, New York County Republican leader, has just completed a canvass of the party's district leaders in Manhattan. He is not ready to talk publicly about this or his own position in the Mayorality contest, but it was learned that this survey showed that 80 per cent of the leaders were inclined against the Mayor, while about the same percentage believed they could carry their districts for the Mayor in an intraparty fight for the nomination.

But friends of Mr. Curran report that he believes the Mayor's probable majority in a fight for the Republican nomination would be insufficient in Manhattan to offset the prospective vote against Mr. LaGuardia in Queens and possibly in Richmond and Kings. In other words, they say Mr. Curran does not believe the Mayor can win the Republican nomination.

Another name receiving serious consideration in Republican discussion of a possible candidate is that of City Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs. But no move is expected until the Democrats act.

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## SURPLESS PLACED ON INACTIVE LIST

### Magistrate Shelved by Curran Because He Is Considered a Mayoralty Candidate

## JURIST PROTESTS ACTION

### Suggests Inquiry by Appellate Division Into His Case and La Guardia's Court Views

Magistrate Abner C. Surpless, whose friends have been booming him as a possible candidate for Mayor, has been placed on the inactive list as a magistrate because of his alleged political activities, Chief Magistrate Henry H. Curran announced yesterday.

The chief magistrate said he had taken the action against Magistrate Surpless on his own initiative, despite a shortage of magistrates. He said he had not seen Mayor La Guardia in a month.

Mr. Curran explained that he did not believe judges who are candidates for public office should sit on the bench, administer justice and handle cases brought into court by police and other enforcement officers attached to an incumbent administration.

Magistrate Surpless, who was on the reserve list last week, was scheduled to sit this week in the Manhattan Vehicular Accident and War Emergency Court. However, he received a letter from the chief magistrate Saturday requesting that he continue on the reserve list.

Mr. Curran confirmed the ruling yesterday morning. Later in the day the chief magistrate said Mr. Surpless would remain inactive "so long as he is in politics." The reason, he admitted, was because Magistrate Surpless was considered a mayoralty candidate.

#### Surpless Suggests Inquiry

Magistrate Surpless, an active Brooklyn Republican, recently was the guest of honor at a luncheon booming him for Mayor. The magistrate, in addressing the gathering, was critical of Mr. La Guardia, but he did not announce his own candidacy. At that time he said the Mayor was the instigator of the move to have him withdraw

from the bench. In a statement Magistrate Surpless said yesterday that he could not understand the action of Mr. Curran in view of the shortage of ten to thirteen magistrates. In the two weeks before the luncheon for him he presided for one week in the Essex Market Court and the second in the Queens Traffic Court. Mr. Surpless was appointed to a ten-year term by Mayor La Guardia in 1941.

"If there were any actual basis," Magistrate Surpless said, "for this remarkable situation in which attempts are apparently being made to penalize me because some of my fellow-citizens, in the exercise of their fundamental American rights, think and say I am good mayoralty timber, I would welcome a complete investigation by the Appellate Division, not only of this 'tempest in the teapot,' but also an investigation into the attitude of the Mayor toward Magistrates Courts and magistrates in general. As Mayor Gaynor said: 'This is a government of laws, not of men.'"

George H. Ittleman, chairman of the Independent Citizens' Committee, which sponsored the luncheon for Magistrate Surpless, said members of the committee would meet Wednesday night in executive session to decide what action the group would take in behalf of Mr. Surpless. Mr. Ittleman said Mayor La Guardia openly sponsored William R. Bayes, Chief Justice of Special Sessions, when he opposed William O'Dwyer for Kings County District Attorney in 1939. He said also the Mayor had supported Special Sessions Justice Matthew J. Troy when he sought to defeat Borough President John Cashmore of Brooklyn in 1941.

#### His Letter to Curran

In a letter to Chief Magistrate Curran on Saturday Mr. Surpless protested the move to put him on the inactive list. He said he was prepared to carry out his regular assignments as a city magistrate.

"What you said at a conference with me which you designated as 'confidential,' but which subsequently became public, obviously through your office, compels me to ask you for your reason in making this change in my assignment," Magistrate Surpless wrote.

"You will remember that you have stated you did not think it fitting for me to hold court while opposing Mayor La Guardia; that if I did oppose him, you might be compelled to place me on 'reserve'; and that then it might happen that the City Controller would refuse to pay me my salary as city magistrate.

"You will further remember that you asked me at the conference, more than once, to issue a statement to the newspapers that I was not a candidate for Mayor. Will you, therefore, be good enough to tell me—and also the public, since this situation is now touched with public interest—the reasons for making this change of assign-

*6 Surpless*

*to Dwyer*

# The New York Times.

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## HOLD-UP SUSPECT CAUGHT

O'Dwyer Seeking Extradition of  
Man From Massachusetts

District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn announced yesterday that he was seeking the extradition of Thomas Scarnici, 34 years old, of 133 Williams Street, Springfield, Mass., from that city, where he was arrested Sunday morning.

Scarnici is wanted on a charge of robbery in connection with a daring daylight hold-up on Nov. 28, in which four men entered the home of Mrs. Yetta Boslow, 978 East Twenty-second Street, Brooklyn, and stole \$27,000 in jewelry and furs, according to the police.

With Scarnici in custody, a purported gang of five hold-up men has been rounded up, Mr. O'Dwyer said.

Scarnici is said by the police to be a brother of Leonard Scarnici, who died in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison in 1935 for the murder of a city policeman in the Bronx.

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## Party Leaders In 2 Counties Back O'Dwyer

### Roe, Queens and Sullivan, Richmond, Indorse Him as Democratic Nominee

Representative James A. Roe, of Queens, and Jeremiah A. Sullivan, of Richmond, two of the five Democratic county leaders who will name the party's designee for Mayor, announced yesterday their support for District Attorney William O'Dwyer, of Brooklyn, for Mayor.

Both Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Roe threatened to enter a complete ticket in the Democratic primary, headed by Mr. O'Dwyer, if any other person is designated for this nomination at the conference which will be convened by Edward J. Flynn, Democratic chief of the Bronx, shortly after his return from Moscow.

#### Claim Support in All Boroughs

Mr. Roe and Mr. Sullivan asserted that they would have generous support in all five boroughs in the event they are forced to enter Mr. O'Dwyer against the designee of their associate county leaders. Besides Mr. Flynn, their colleagues are Edward V. Loughlin, leader of Tammany Hall, and Frank V. Kelly, of Brooklyn. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Loughlin have not announced their stand, although both are known to be friends of Mr. O'Dwyer, described by Paul E. Fitzpatrick, Democratic state chairman, as President Roosevelt's choice for Mayor.

Referring to a report that some friends of Mayor F. H. LaGuardia in the Roosevelt administration favored the Mayor for the Democratic Mayoralty nomination, Mr. Roe said:

"If they try to force LaGuardia down our throats we will oppose such a move very vigorously, and enter a candidate of our own in the primary. We must of necessity nominate a good man, and the best man we can name is Bill O'Dwyer. He can sweep the primary against any opponent, and he would win hands down in the November election, carrying all five boroughs.

#### Sees Victory in Queens

"Bill O'Dwyer would beat LaGuardia by at least 300,000 votes in the city-wide vote in the general election, and would carry Queens by better than 100,000 majority.

"We will not merely nominate Bill O'Dwyer as our candidate for Mayor, but we put a complete ticket in the field in all five boroughs. And we are confident of ample support throughout the entire city."

After concurring with Mr. Roe, with whom he lunched at a midtown hotel, Mr. Sullivan said:

"I'm for Bill O'Dwyer 100 per cent against the entire field because the people of Richmond are overwhelmingly for him. They showed it in 1941, when they gave O'Dwyer a thumping majority of more than 12,000 votes over LaGuardia. This represented an over-turn of 24,000 votes, for LaGuardia carried Richmond in 1937 by a majority of 12,000 over Jeremiah T. Mahoney. The people of all five boroughs, not only Democrats but Republicans and Independents are satiated with LaGuardia. The people demand a change and will get it."

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## O'Dwyer Stand On Election May Go to Roosevelt

### Democrats Consider Appeal to President to Draft Candidate for Mayor

By Denis Tilden Lynch

With District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn standing pat on his statement of several weeks ago that he was not a candidate for Mayor, New York City Democratic chiefs declared yesterday that they will appeal to President Roosevelt if Mr. O'Dwyer does not change his mind.

These leaders asserted that unless Mr. O'Dwyer, described by Paul E. Fitzpatrick, Democratic state chairman, as the President's choice for Mayor, agrees to run, the Democratic primary election this year will be a free-for-all fight. Mr. O'Dwyer, in the opinion of the party chiefs, could alone unite the various factions, thereby averting a bitter primary contest.

Mr. Fitzpatrick told party leaders that the President favored Mr. O'Dwyer because of his record and honesty. Until his recent return to his duties as Brooklyn's prosecutor, Mr. O'Dwyer served two years and eight months in the Army. After advancing from major to colonel, the President appointed him brigadier general and sent him to Italy with the rank of minister.

The only Democratic county leader not informed by Mr. Fitzpatrick of his conversation with the President on the New York City Mayorality situation is Edward J. Flynn, of the Bronx, whose return from Moscow is expected this week. Upon the return of Mr. Flynn, the first of the conferences of the New York City Democratic leaders will be called, but the complete ticket may not be agreed upon until the latter part of April.

### To Name Full Slate

Besides a designee for Mayor, the leaders will name the organization choices for President of the City Council, Comptroller and the five Borough Presidents. These designees must win in the party primary to be the Democratic candidates in the November election.

Threats to bolt have been made by the minority group of Tammany district leaders who follow Philip J. Dunn, a Manhattan lawyer once powerful in the organization. There are also dissidents in Brooklyn and the Bronx, and to a lesser degree, in Queens and Richmond.

The dissatisfaction among the New York City Democrats has been growing since the advent of the New Deal. A fresh discord was created in 1941 when President Roosevelt twice announced his support of Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, thereby defeating Mr. O'Dwyer, the Democratic Mayorality candidate.

The reluctance of Mr. O'Dwyer to run for Mayor this year is said to be based in part on his experience of four years ago, when a switch of 61,000 votes would have elected him over Mayor LaGuardia.

### Hillman to See Roosevelt

It was learned yesterday that Sidney Hillman, state chairman of the American Labor party, and the long-time friend of Mayor LaGuardia, is leaving for Washington tomorrow to discuss the Mayorality situation with the President.

Republican leaders, so far deaf to the pleas of Mayor LaGuardia's friends, do not intend to take formal action on the municipal ticket until the Democrats get started. Some Republicans, in common with their opponents, think that the Mayor may not seek a fourth term. This belief is based on the reports that LaGuardia may be appointed to some post, diplomatic or otherwise, by the President.

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**MAYORALTY CHOICE  
WAITING ON FLYNN**

He and Kelly May Have 'Dark Horse' to Be Put Forward Later, Observers Suggest

By JAMES A. HAGERTY

Published reports that District Attorney William O'Dwyer is far in the lead for the Democratic nomination for Mayor, which immediately followed the return from Florida of Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn leader, caused widespread interest in political circles yesterday.

While accepting the truth of the statement of an unnamed Democratic leader that Mr. O'Dwyer was "miles out in front" of such possible candidates as General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein and John Cashmore, Borough President of Brooklyn, belief was expressed that Mr. Kelly and Edward J. Flynn, Bronx Democratic leader, might have a "dark horse" candidate to be put forward later. In any event, no decision on a nominee for Mayor is expected until the return of Mr. Flynn from Europe.

Mr. Kelly and Mr. Flynn are reported to have expressed belief some time ago that "no candidate for Mayor could defeat Mayor La Guardia if he were the candidate of the Democratic party alone." With Mayor La Guardia virtually certain of the nomination of the American Labor party and, with attempts at fusion with the Republican party so far unsuccessful, the Democratic leaders have hope of support of its candidate for Mayor from the Liberal party, which polled more than 300,000

votes in New York City for President Roosevelt at the last election and is expected to poll at least 200,000 votes for its candidate for Mayor at the city election.

**Liberals Oppose La Guardia**

The Liberal party is not committed to the support of any candidate for Mayor but the majority of its leaders are known to be opposed to the re-election of Mayor La Guardia if the Democrats nominate a Mayorality candidate not of the "party machine type" whom the Liberal party members can support. District Attorney O'Dwyer, it was learned, would be satisfactory to the trade union members of the Liberal party but opposition to endorsement of his candidacy would be expected from some of the non-trade union members who make up its "liberal" wing.

The Liberal party will hold its first anniversary dinner at the Hotel Commodore next Friday evening and at that time may indicate its policy for the coming Mayorality contest.

Leaders of both the Democratic and Liberal parties have been proceeding upon the assumption that Mayor La Guardia will be a candidate for re-election, despite reports of the possibility that President Roosevelt may appoint him to an important post that would take him out of the Mayorality race. Such an appointment would solve the problem of the Democratic leaders, for it is generally conceded that the Democratic candidate for Mayor against any other opponent than the Mayor would be elected, particularly because in that case he probably would have the nomination of the Labor party also.

Supporters of the Mayor also are going ahead on the assumption that he will run for re-election. Park Commissioner Robert Moses has been seeking signers of a letter or statement designed to get Governor Dewey to use his influence in getting the Republican nomination for the Mayor, to which the

great majority of the leaders of that party are opposed.

Mayor La Guardia, it is understood, desires to have his candidacy for re-election launched by a group of leading citizens, mostly Republicans, on the "good government" issue, rather than by the Labor party, which has a large Communist element among its membership. In line with that policy, the planning committee of the Labor party announced last week that the party was not committed to any candidate for Mayor and Mayor La Guardia failed to attend the annual dinner of the Labor party at which he might have been expected in other circumstances to have been a speaker.

Should the Democrats nominate Mr. O'Dwyer and the Labor party renominate Mayor La Guardia and an independent party also be formed to support the Mayor, the Republicans would be in a difficult position, for the fight then would be between the Mayor and Mr. O'Dwyer and the Republican candidate, whoever he might be, would be likely to finish a poor third.

Although pressure already has been brought upon some of the Republican leaders to support the Mayor, they have taken the position that opposition to the Mayor is so strong in the Republican party that they doubt that he could carry the party primarily even with organization support in Manhattan and Brooklyn, with the party organizations in the other three boroughs definitely against him.

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## O'Dwyer Leads Democratic List For Mayoralty

### Kings Prosecutor's Strength Grows Following Kelly Talk With Fitzpatrick

By Francis M. Stephenson

The name of District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings County continued to dominate Democratic discussions on a mayoralty candidate yesterday following a meeting between Frank V. Kelly, the Brooklyn Democratic leader, and Paul E. Fitzpatrick, of Buffalo, the state chairman.

Mr. Kelly conferred with Mr. Fitzpatrick shortly after returning from his Florida vacation. The name of Mr. O'Dwyer was put at the top of the Democratic mayoralty list earlier in the week following the meeting between President Roosevelt, Robert E. Hannagan, chairman of the Democratic National Committee and Mr. Fitzpatrick at the White House.

"I can only say that my conversation with Mr. Kelly related to state affairs," said Mr. Fitzpatrick. He did not deny that he was interested as state chairman in a Democratic victory in this city this year. Both the city and state campaigns were discussed at the White House. The Democrats obviously are aiming at Governor Thomas E. Dewey, the 1944 Republican Presidential nominee.

Persistent reports of differences between Mr. Kelly and the Brooklyn District Attorney whom he backed four years ago for Mayor seemed quieted last night following the return of the Kings County leader. He was not available for comment but other Democratic chiefs were inclined to dismiss the reports of any friction.

Apparently the immediate concern of Mr. Kelly, so far as the O'Dwyer candidacy is concerned, is the prospect of a vacancy in the office of District Attorney. Governor Dewey would fill any vacancy and a Republican prosecutor would not be relished by the Brooklyn Democrats. This might call for the resignation of General O'Dwyer before the election to permit his place to be filled in the election,—in the event he is the Democratic nominee for mayor again.

Encouraged by the White House "go" sign for General O'Dwyer the other county chairmen of the city, including Edward V. Loughlin, leader of Tammany Hall, are reported reliably to be ready to plunk for him.

The five Democratic chairmen are expected to start talking business on the mayoralty and other city offices as soon as Edward J. Flynn, the Bronx leader and national committeeman for New York, returns from his mission to Moscow for President Roosevelt. That is expected to be soon.

Democratic leaders showed particular interest yesterday in the attitude of the American Labor party, speculating noticeably over the fact that Mayor F. H. LaGuardia was not even mentioned by the many speakers at the annual dinner of the A. L. P. Thursday night. They also observed that the Mayor, a member of the A. L. P., did not attend the dinner. Sidney Hillman, national chairman of the Political Action Committee of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, is state chairman of the A. L. P. and addressed the dinner. He has been close to the President politically and observers are wondering on his course in view of the White House favor for Mr. O'Dwyer. It is reported Mr. Hillman will confer soon with the President.

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## O'DWYER IS CHOICE OF PARTY LEADERS TO RUN FOR MAYOR

Unofficial Parleys Name Him  
as Having Best Chance to  
Defeat La Guardia

RECORD PUTS HIM FIRST

Breaking Up of the Brooklyn  
Murder Ring and Service  
in Army Are Cited

By JAMES P. McCAFFREY

District Attorney William O'Dwyer is the only seriously considered choice for the Democratic Mayoralty nomination at this time, it was disclosed last night. The Brooklyn prosecutor, who recently finished more than two years of service in the Army, rising from major to brigadier general, returned to his Brooklyn office a short time ago. At present he also is serving as executive director of the War Refugee Board.

The Democratic leaders, with only Edward J. Flynn, Bronx chieftain, absent, are of the opinion that Mr. O'Dwyer has the best chance of beating Mayor La Guardia should the latter seek a fourth term. Mr. La Guardia defeated Mr. O'Dwyer by 132,000 votes in 1941.

Choice Based on Record

The party leaders, some of them not too friendly to the Brooklyn prosecutor because of his political independence, have not gathered yet in the conference room of the National Democratic Club behind closed doors for the final selections, but in unofficial conversations, mostly on the telephone, have come to the conclusion that because he broke up the Brooklyn murder ring and made a brilliant record in the service, Mr. O'Dwyer is the top choice.

Other names, including those of John Cashmore, Borough President of Brooklyn, and General Sessions Justice Jonah Goldstein, have been urged, but the party bosses heard only the whispered name of O'Dwyer when the unofficial canvassers were recorded. One party chieftain laughed when it was suggested that White House influence might result in the Democratic party accepting Mayor La Guardia as the candidate in anticipation of a coalition campaign for Governor and Senator at next year's election.

"O'Dwyer is eight miles out in front," one party leader said last night. "As far as I can find out none of the other names mentioned would have a chance."

The Democratic leaders have not overlooked a chance to cooperate with other political units. It was explained that if Mayor La Guardia took over some military or civilian post abroad he might not be available for a fourth term. In this case the Democrats are ready to discuss the mayoralty picture with leaders of the American Labor party and the Liberal party. Mr. O'Dwyer is popular among the rank and file in both these organizations.

Fusion Held Unlikely

The Democrats take lightly reports of their having a working agreement with the Republican organizations in the greater city. They seemed to think the Republican county leaders were more interested in strengthening their cause for the gubernatorial race next year than in the city campaign and some of them are said to be openly against Mayor La Guardia because of his New Deal activities.

Before Mr. O'Dwyer entered public life, he was on the police force. He resigned from the Police Department after he was admitted to the bar in 1925. He was named a magistrate by Acting Mayor Joseph V. McKee in 1932. Governor Herbert H. Lehman appointed him Kings County Judge in 1933 and he was elected later to a fourteen-year term on the bench. In 1939, he was elected Brooklyn District Attorney. Four years later when he was on leave

because of his Army duties abroad, he was endorsed by all the political parties.

As a brigadier general, Mr. O'Dwyer spent considerable time in Italy after the invasion checking up on the needs of the Italian people. He was commended on his return to Washington for the report he had prepared. Mr. O'Dwyer has been a frequent visitor to the White House both as an Army officer and also recently as director of the War Refugee Board. Only recently, it was reported that Mr. O'Dwyer would make a trip to Switzerland in connection with refugee assignment.

Many persons have assumed credit for the breaking up of the Brooklyn murder ring. However, it is the general opinion that the around-the-clock methods of Mr. O'Dwyer as Kings County District Attorney solved scores of murders, some of them committed far from Brooklyn. One of the group of convicted murderers put to death in the electric chair as a result of Mr. O'Dwyer's activities was Louis (Lepke) Buchalter.

Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn Democratic leader, returned yesterday from his Florida vacation looking as if he were in the best of health. He brushed off all political questions, insisting that he was not familiar with the local situation because of his two months' absence from the city.

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## Roosevelt Parries Query

Has No Knowledge of Plan to  
Boon Mead for Governor

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 13 — President Roosevelt pleaded ignorance at his press conference today of plans for a meeting in New York soon to urge the candidacy of Senator James M. Mead for the Democratic nomination for the Governorship. We hadn't heard a thing about it, Mr. Roosevelt said, without further comment.

Asked about a report that William O'Dwyer was being groomed to run for Mayor of New York, Mr. Roosevelt replied that he had read of it in the newspapers. One paper was right and another was wrong, he said. He would not identify the newspapers nor did he have anything to say when told that one newspaper had reported that he would support Mr. O'Dwyer against Mayor La Guardia.

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By WILLIAM J. KEEGAN

Dist. Atty. William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn has President Roosevelt's backing for the Democratic nomination for Mayor in this year's election, it was learned today.

Although O'Dwyer recently announced that he was not a candidate, it was believed that he would yield to growing pressure to accept the Democratic nomination. From important party leaders in Washington, this city and even upstate an almost unanimous demand has been expressed that O'Dwyer lead the Democrats in their fight to recapture the mayoralty.

## Base for State Fight

This year's city election was seen as the basis of the Democrats' strategy to build their forces throughout the state.

Its ultimate purpose would be to build party strength sufficiently in city elections throughout the state so that Gov. Dewey

might be ousted in the 1946 gubernatorial election, thus removing him as a G. O. P. Presidential threat in 1948.

This strategy has been carefully mapped out by National Democratic Chairman Hannegan and State Chairman Fitzpatrick, it was learned.

## LaGuardia for Senator, Perhaps

The President's reported support of O'Dwyer led some observers to wonder whether Mayor LaGuardia would run for re-election. It was said that he is eager to obtain the Democratic nomination for Senator in 1946 with Sen. Mead as the probable candidate for governor and that LaGuardia could obtain the Senatorial nomination by withdrawing from the mayoralty race this fall.

Four years ago, when LaGuardia won from O'Dwyer by only 132,196 votes, President Roosevelt endorsed LaGuardia.

But this year sentiment among warring factions within the city's Democratic ranks has been rallying around O'Dwyer. His political stature has grown with his military service before he retired with the rank of brigadier general, and his present work as director of the War Refugee Board.

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# N.Y. Democrats Grooming O'Dwyer to Unseat Dewey

### Brooklyn Prosecutor of 'Murder, Inc.' Believed Sure of Jewish and Italian Vote

By Thomas F. Reynolds.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A Democratic party map calculated around Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in the 1946 New York elections developing around Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn, it was learned from well-informed sources tonight.

# Brandon Seeks Big Welfare Fund

By John Pickering.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Budget increase of more than \$600,000 to develop a program of aid to the 22 state welfare institutions, housing approximately 44,000 inmates, has been passed by Rodney M. Brandon, chief of public welfare, it was closed here today.

Brandon has asked approval of appropriations for the 1945-1947 amount of approximately \$10,000,000 as compared with the department's budget of \$44,871,000 for 1943-1945. Gov. Green has agreed to fund support amount of \$3,500,000.

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Brig. Gen. O'Dwyer, Brooklyn prosecutor of 'Murder, Inc.' gang, is being advanced by New York City and state Democratic leaders as the man who can pick up the huge New York Jewish and Italian votes and combine them with the Democratic and Liberal labor votes to defeat Dewey.

O'Dwyer, who had been the choice of some New York City leaders to run against Mayor La Guardia in New York this year, on the Democratic ticket, announced himself from consideration for that post today. The effect of this was to point him toward the governorship.

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ACTRESS PAYS VISIT TO CHICAGO. Accompanied by "Droopy," her cocker spaniel, Lauren Bacall arrives from Hollywood aboard Santa Fe Chief.

# Lauren Bacall Not Caring If She's Engaged to L...

### 'All I Know Is What They Tell Me,' She Says In Interview Here, But She Wears a Ring

By Paul T. Gilbert.

IF YOU'VE EVER SEEN Lauren Bacall, you know she's got a certain something. To this question, asked in the name of Humphrey Bogart, she has announced her engagement to her New York Hollywood's latest Cinderella, Lauren Bacall, who is now in Chicago.

"All I know is what they tell me," she said. "But at least, she is a swell kid," he has said. The blonde beauty, former Harper's Bazaar model, was his leading lady in his most recent picture.

Miss Bacall, however, wears a smoky leopard diamond ring reported to have been the gift of her rough-and-ready leading man and admirer. Not that Bogart is as yet free in reality, as a divorce from his present wife, Mary McLeod, stands in the way. But in Hollywood, that's only a minor obstacle.

Lauren, wearing a chinblouse and leading her cocker spaniel, Droopy, on a leash, arrived in Chicago on the Santa Fe Chief, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Natalie Bacall.

The glamor girl was educated in a New York high school where there were only four men on the faculty, she said. "And how we girls used to make 400-500 eyes at them!"

During her leisure time she studied dramatics with the idea of going on the stage. She realized her ambition when assigned a "walk-out" part in "Johnny E. by 4," a show that ran for two months on Broadway and then took to the "Subway circuit."

"I have loved every minute of the 20 years, four and a half months of my life," she said. Lauren was en route to New York, her first trip East in two and one-half years.

# Indiana Budget Nearly 35%

INDIANAPOLIS.—The Indiana state budget for 1945-46, totaling \$22,810,000 for government operations, was approved today. The departmental budget is \$15,810,000, which has guided the state's operations since the increased salaries costs, caused by war in living expenses, were responsible for the

# Wisconsin Traffic Down 50 Pct.

MADISON, Wis.—The state traffic last month was 50 per cent less than for January, motor vehicle department today. The department reported 27 deaths for 1944 against 53 for 1943.

The teen-age rate is 100 per cent. The program over WJZ 4:15 p.m.

# Chicago's Brownout Is Called a Success

Chicago's first brownout was a success, War Production Board officials said yesterday, but they warned the city not to let the government order to eliminate unnecessary use of electricity that they will be punished if they persist in their violations.

John Noves Jr., regional WPB director, said the brownout, which started at 12:31 a.m. yesterday, had been very effective and that most people had co-operated fully.

Complaints about persons who fail to obey the order should be made to the WPB or the Commonwealth Edison Co., Noves said. Violators will be sent warning notices which will be followed by discontinuation of electrical service or court action if they are not obeyed, he said.

The order, which affects all types of advertising and illumination, is expected to save 150,000 tons of coal annually in the Chicago area.

# Texas Oil Leases High

AUSTIN, Tex.—(UPI)—Texas has 48,300,000 acres of land leased for oil and gas development in Texas, with annual rentals and bonuses on the leases amounting to \$75,000,000, state statistics show.

# Rail Conductor Killed

BALTIMORE, Md.—(UPI)—A Washington, D.C., Jan. 25.—James Harold Box, 28, yard conductor for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad here, was killed today when he was crushed between two passenger coaches.

# Treasurer Appoints Veteran as Chief Clerk

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 1.—(UPI)—Appointment of Frank E. Jones, East St. Louis, as chief clerk in the treasurer's office here was announced today by Conrad F. Becker, state treasurer. Jones



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WASHINGTON SCENE By GEORGE DIXON

ERIG. GEN. WILLIAM O'DWYER, who used to be district attorney of an arboreal, or tree-growing, community named Brooklyn, has a curious legal interest in the Big Three's recognition of Russia's claim to half of Poland.

"My feelings in the matter are entirely personal," he told me. "There is a very weird story behind it."

General O'Dwyer, who would have been mayor of New York but for the trifling circumstance that the voters cast more votes for Fiorello LaGuardia, said he would be glad to recount the episode.

"It will not take more than 13 or 14 kilowatt hours, if there are no interruptions," he said. "I feel it is particularly appropriate right now."

The general, who recently was appointed executive director of the war refugee board, began his public career as a copper pounding a beat. He studied law at night and, by gradual stages, became a lawyer, a magistrate, and a district attorney.

This is higher than coppers usually get, although Theodore Roosevelt—who used to be New York's head flatfoot—also made good in a small way.

Anyway, about 20 years ago when he was practicing law, Bill O'Dwyer had a client who was a chronic taxicab swiper. This client never varied his offense. He would get potted, steal a cab, and drive home to Brooklyn, leaving the evidence parked outside his dwelling.

A SUCCESSION of juries had taken a narrow view of this eccentricity. The fellow had been convicted three times. A fourth conviction meant he'd go up for life under the Baumes law.

Well, he done it again, as we say in Flatbush, and it looked like the rockpile permanently. The fellow had an aged mother, also a wife and three kids, and they cried all over Bill's office.

Feeling his client was not really a criminal, O'Dwyer took the case to the late Magistrate Max Levine. The latter agreed to accept a misdemeanor plea and send the cabnapper to Welfare Island for an indeterminate sentence, thus saving him from a fourth felony rap.

Well—O'Dwyer was congratulating himself when the U. S. immigration authorities stepped in!

It seemed the taxi-filcher had been born in Poland and had neglected to become a United States citizen. So the Ellis Island guys said they were going to deport him as an undesirable.

THE time O'Dwyer found himself stymied. He tried everything, but the deportation order stood. Bill's office was almost knee-deep in tears of the fellow's relatives.



George Dixon

The deportation ship was to sail at noon. The cab-swiper's family gathered in O'Dwyer's office for what had all the appearances of a wake, except there was no visible corpse.

As the clock struck noon, the family—as if on signal—set up the darndest wailing ever heard. In the midst of this clamor the "deported" man walked in!

Well, the family thought it was seeing a ghost—and commenced howling all over again. Bill said it took about 20 minutes before he could tear the guy free of clinging relatives and ask how he got away.

"It was easy," grinned the cab-rustler. "It seems the place I come from in Poland is being claimed by the Russians. And this country ain't recognizing the Russians."

"So, since we don't speak to the Russians, it would be impolite to send them any gifts, such as me."

"In other words they ain't got any place they can deport me to!"

YOU may have read the other day that the Maritime Commission granted a special dispensation in favor of the great State of Kentucky. It permitted the new victory ship, Bardstown, named for the Kentucky town, to be christened with bourbon whisky instead of champagne.

The Maritime Commission was playing smart because Kentuckians have strong feelings about their bourbon. They demonstrated this back in 1898 at the launching of the battleship Kentucky. The plan was to christen the ship with a bottle of spring water from Abraham Lincoln's birthplace but a goodly number of sons and daughters of old Kentucky showed up with small bottles of bourbon—which they let fly as the ship moved down the ways.

I called Senator Happy Chandler, of Kentucky, to ask how he stood on bourbon versus champagne for the Bardstown launching.

"You may say I stand solidly and unflinchingly for bourbon," he said. "It is the finest wine of my State, although I personally eschew it. Incidentally, to add to your store of knowledge, this particular whisky was named for Bourbon county, Kentucky, not a foreign potentate, as many seem to believe."

"This wonderful beverage, which I personally do not use, pre-dates 1792 when Kentucky became the fifteenth State to enter the Union."

Senator Chandler said good bourbon cannot be made anywhere except in Kentucky because of the peculiar properties of the limestone water—but I am not getting into any controversy with non-Kentucky distillers.

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## Flynn Will Call Mayoral Parley On His Return

Democratic Party Chiefs  
Have List of 20 From  
Which to Pick Candidate

By Denis Tilden Lynch

New York City Democratic leaders said yesterday that Edward J. Flynn will issue a call for a conference of party chiefs to designate a Democratic candidate for Mayor upon his return from Moscow. Mr. Flynn went to the Russian capital after going to the Yalta conference as the traveling companion of President Roosevelt. Mr. Flynn is expected back about March 1.

These Democratic chiefs predicted that President Roosevelt would either openly support the Democratic candidate for Mayor this fall or maintain a hands-off policy. They based their opinion on United States Senator Robert F. Wagner's speech at the Tammany victory dinner Saturday night in the Commodore, where he forecast a Democratic triumph at the New York City polls in November. State and national party leaders who attended the dinner voiced similar views.

The Democratic mayoralty conference will have a list of more than twenty outstanding Democrats from which to select a designee for Mayor. Although Brigadier General William O'Dwyer has announced that he is not a candidate for the mayoralty designation, or any other office this year, he still remains the favorite.

Democratic leaders who continue to urge his designation, declared that General O'Dwyer could be forced into the race by President Roosevelt. It was the President's double-barrelled appeal for

Mayor LaGuardia's re-election in 1941 that saved him from defeat by General O'Dwyer, according to politicians of both major parties. The Mayor's majority was so comparatively small that a shift of little more than 51,000 votes would have elected General O'Dwyer.

The suggestion of Representative Vito Marcantonio and other American Labor party leaders that Mayor LaGuardia could carry the Democratic primary against the Democratic designee was derided by Democrats in discussing the mayoralty situation.

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### RED CROSS IS PRAISED BY O'DWYER AT RALLY

In his first public address since his return from Italy where, as brigadier general, he served as vice president of the Allied Control Commission's Economic Section, Kings County District Attorney William O'Dwyer paid tribute yesterday to the work of the Red Cross. He spoke at a "kick-off rally" at the Towers Hotel sponsored by the Commerce and Industry Division of the Brooklyn Red Cross 1945 War Fund campaign.

Mr. O'Dwyer, who is executive director of the War Refugee Board, praised the work of Myron C. Taylor, the President's special emissary to the Vatican, who undertook the distribution of food and clothing. Mr. Taylor arrived, he pointed out, to find the economy completely disrupted and the people suffering from the destruction wrought by two armies. "There was no Italian Red Cross operating and that organization had to be built from the ground up," he said.

"I can tell you from actual contact with it that you have a great organization here—great because it was brought into being by human sympathy."

Declaring that although the nation-wide campaign does not begin until March 1, Walter L. (Red) Barber, city-wide and Brooklyn chairman of the Red Cross War Fund campaign, said:

"This campaign is on now. If this campaign is to finish early in March we have to go out of here knowing we haven't a moment to lose. Get rid of the idea that this drive is going to be easy."

Dr. Harry S. Rogers, chairman of the Brooklyn Commerce and Industry Division, who presided, announced the receipt of two contributions, \$10,000 from the East New York Savings Bank and \$17,500 from the Dime Savings Bank.

The New York County American Legion meeting Thursday night at 130 West Forty-second Street, named Victor Konow of 1441 Broadway as chairman of its Red Cross War Fund drive, it was announced yesterday.

# O'Dwyer Sets Up Probe Of Basketball Gambling

## Cage Scandal Brings 'John Doe' Hunt Into Open Court

Brooklyn District Attorney William O'Dwyer next Monday will launch an open court "John Doe" investigation "of the widest scope" into conditions surrounding "the participation of colleges in Kings County in professionally promoted athletic games."

The new investigation is the outgrowth of the scandal stemming from alleged bribery of five Brooklyn College basketball players by professional gamblers, two of whom, Harvey Stemmer and Henry Rosen, are under indictment, charged with conspiracy in the alleged bribery.

The holdover January Kings County Grand Jury will continue its investigation into the basketball situation. Matters of an indictable nature which come to light in the "John Doe" hearing to be started next Monday will be referred to the Grand Jury for suitable action.

County Judge Samuel Leibowitz, who granted O'Dwyer's petition for the unusual hearing, adjourned until Feb. 27 the trial of Stemmer



O'Dwyer

and Rosen which had been scheduled to begin yesterday.

"A 'John Doe' investigation," it was explained yesterday by Assistant District Attorney Charles N. Cohen, "is not directed at any one person. Such an investigation can take place in open or closed session. This one is in open session."

In granting O'Dwyer's petition, Leibowitz agreed to sit as the committing magistrate and O'Dwyer named Cohen to take charge of the investigation for the District Attorney's office.

In his petition, O'Dwyer cited three main reasons for the investigation—to determine:

¶ "What conditions, whether criminal or otherwise injurious to the public welfare, surround the participation of colleges in Kings County in professionally promoted athletic games.

¶ "Whether it is dangerous to the welfare of students of such colleges, particularly those supported by public funds, to be subjected to an atmosphere wherein the clean, wholesome safeguards of the campus and faculty advisers are absent and where they are replaced instead by professional exploitation of the exhibition." And because:

¶ "The general public, men and women in the armed forces and their relatives, will be interested in knowing how men fit for strenuous athletic activities could have obtained release from the armed forces.

Asked by PM for his reaction to the new investigation and O'Dwyer's comments on "professionally promoted athletic games," Ned Irish, acting president of Madison Square Garden and promoter of college basketball, replied:

"I don't know what you are referring to. I have no comment. I have not seen the papers and when I have seen them, I will have no comment for you."

*O'Dwyer*

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## O'DWYER SHIFTS HIS AIDES

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

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

However, Edward A. Heffernan, who served under District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan and continued during the O'Dwyer regime, has been designated as chief of staff. He had been chief of the Investigation Bureau. In this post, Louis Aldino, an original O'Dwyer appointee, will serve. Assistant District Attorney Charles N. Cohen, who has had twenty years' experience as a prosecutor at trials in the County Court, has been named chief of the assistants appearing in that court. Mr. Cohen replaces Assistant District Attorney James A. McGough, who is in the Navy and stationed at Honolulu.

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## Orson Welles' Almanac

The moon is in Sagittarius, and Mercury and Venus are sextile. Today is the birth date of Sir Thomas More, Millard Fillmore and Sinclair Lewis. According to the ancients, this is a good day to marry or contract a wife, for then women will be fond and loving.

Our Staff Oracle claims that the next big drive in the Pacific will be aimed squarely at Japan, with a diversionary drive at the China Coast, principally for air cover.

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The celestial form of the Japanese government is responsible for the wars they wage, but we have reason to believe there are still powerful democratic elements in Japan.

Let's hope the foregoing gets to the attention of Undersecretary Joe Grew, who still insists that the feudal institutions of the Emperor ought to be preserved in postwar Nippon.

And by the way, if anybody fell for Lin Yutang's recent libeling of the guerrilla armies in North China, he ought to hear Vinegar Joe Stilwell on the subject. The general is as much in favor of the Chinese communists as Lin Yutang is against them.

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**MORE'S THE PITY DEPARTMENT:** "Even as a boy I was no pacifist, and all attempts to train me in this direction were utter failures." (Hitler in Mein Kampf, Chapter 5.)

\*A teaspoon of sugar will help your baking powder biscuits.

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Back on the Home Front to War on Crime



Former Brigadier General William O'Dwyer at his office yesterday

O'Dwyer Back At Desk, Brushes Politics Aside

Insists He's Not Candidate for Mayor, Governor or Senator, Will Finish Term

William O'Dwyer, Democratic nominee for Mayor in 1941, returned yesterday to his desk as District Attorney of Kings County just as the 1945 city campaign is warming up but he stuck to his position that he is not a candidate for any other job.

Attired in civilian clothes for the first time since he entered the Army on June 1, 1942, Mr. O'Dwyer... Interview with reporters who crowded his office in the Brooklyn Municipal Building with this statement:

"No, I am not a candidate for Mayor, Governor or Senator. From there on let's start talking sense."

Says He Doesn't Want It

Most of the questions were on the political side. Democratic leaders have been silent on the approaching city campaign. Frank V. Kelly, the Brooklyn leader, and Edward J. Flynn, Democratic national committeeman and Bronx County leader, both left the city for their usual winter vacations without any indications of their plans. Mr. O'Dwyer came within 132,000 votes of beating Mayor F. H. LaGuardia for a third term and his name is heard in the 1945 speculation.

The Brooklyn District Attorney would not say that he wouldn't run if drafted, but he argued there is no such thing as a draft.

"I never yet have heard of anyone being drafted for a political job," he said. "Either you want it or you don't."

"Do you want it or don't you want the mayoralty nomination?" he was asked.

"I don't," he replied, speaking more softly.

He summed it up this way: "This candidacy is not in my plans and my plans are well laid. My first job is to finish my job here in Brooklyn." He was re-elected for a four-year term in 1943.

Plans to Finish Term

Asked about his New Year's Eve talk with Mr. Kelly, the District Attorney passed it off as a New Year's greeting at a chance meeting. He emphasized that his relations with Mr. Kelly are the best but he said he had no plans to talk with him.

Mr. O'Dwyer laid aside the uniform and the rank of Brigadier General to resume his Kings County post. Asked why he did this at this time he explained that his new non-paying office as executive chairman of the War Refugee Board probably will require him to visit some neutral countries. He said he could not very well make such trips as an Army officer.

As for his Brooklyn job, he said he planned no change in the staff which was headed by Thomas Cradock Hughes as Acting District Attorney in his absence. He said "this is the staff that cleaned up Brooklyn and kept it clean and it is good enough for me." He declined comment on the Brooklyn College basketball bribery case and other current cases.

Reports gained circulation during the day that General O'Dwyer contemplated retirement in July when he would be eligible for a pension to enter private practice. He stuck to his statement that he planned to finish his term.

## N.Y. Democrats Grooming O'Dwyer to Unseat Dewey

Brooklyn Prosecutor of 'Murder, Inc.'  
Believed Sure of Jewish and Italian Vote

By Thomas F. Reynolds.

Chicago Sun Washington Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—A Democratic party coup calculated to unseat Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in the 1946 New York elections is developing around Brig.Gen. William O'Dwyer of Brooklyn, it was learned from well-informed sources tonight.

President Roosevelt, these sources said, has been apprised of the O'Dwyer "buildup" and has interposed no objections. Success

of such a drive would write finis to the New York governor's attempts to maintain leadership of the Republican party.

The youthful Brooklyn district attorney, who won national fame as the prosecutor of the "Murder Inc." gang, is being advanced by New York City and state Democratic leaders as the man who can pick up the huge New York Jewish and Italian votes and combine them with the Democratic and Liberal labor votes to defeat Dewey.

### Posts Give Him Opportunity.

No gubernatorial prospect in New York state history has been given comparable opportunity to ingratiate himself with the Italian and Jewish blocs of voters. In this respect, Mr. Roosevelt has been directly a participant in O'Dwyer's advancement.

After going on leave of absence from his Brooklyn job to become an army major in the spring of 1942, he was assigned to the Allied military government and Mr. Roosevelt sent him to Italy. There, as principal American representative on the Allied Control Commission, he was a proponent of delivery of greater quantities of food to the liberated Italians, and carried his fight for heavier shipments up to Mr. Roosevelt.

### Director of Refugee Board.

When it was decided that he would not go back to Italy, Mr. Roosevelt, through Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau, made him



Brig. Gen. O'Dwyer.

executive director of the War Refugee Board — a cabinet-level agency dedicated principally to rescuing German Jews from the Nazis. In this post, he will have an unparalleled opportunity to win the thanks of New York Jewish leaders.

O'Dwyer, however, says his only intention now is to serve as director of the refugee board until the job is done. Projects are, however, that the boards work will be over before lines are formed for the gubernatorial fight.

### Serving Part Time.

Mr. Roosevelt and Morgenthau, moreover, are taking the unprecedented step of permitting him to serve on the board on a part-time basis, meanwhile re-assuming his post as Brooklyn district attorney at \$20,000 a year.

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# The New York Times.

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## GEN. O'DWYER BACK IN PROSECUTOR'S JOB

William O'Dwyer, who left his post as Kings County District Attorney in June, 1942, to become a major in the United States Army, returned yesterday to his duties as Brooklyn prosecutor in civilian clothes. During his service in the Army he rose to the rank of brigadier general.

Now that he has had his name listed for inactive military service, Mr. O'Dwyer, who won fame as the prosecutor of the Brooklyn murder ring, will become active again not only as the District Attorney but also as executive director of the War Refugee Board. He was appointed to the latter non-salaried post before he doffed his uniform.

"I'm not a candidate for Mayor, Senator or for anything," was Mr. O'Dwyer's greeting to newspaper men. "Now let's start talking sense. I have my plans well laid, and of course, I can't discuss them now. My first job is to complete my term of office here. When I entered this office, my first purpose was to get the yeggs off the streets of Brooklyn. I think I succeeded in doing that. My second effort was to eradicate the causes of crime among youngsters. When you dig down into the matter of crime among the youths, you generally find that some grown-up has taken advantage of them."

As for the basketball expose, Mr. O'Dwyer said he would not comment until he had all of the facts. He also promised he would retain the same staff, the one, he said, that had "cleansed up Brooklyn and has kept it clean during my absence."

The Brooklyn prosecutor said he was still on cordial terms with Frank V. Kelly, the Brooklyn Democratic leader, despite reports to the contrary.

## O'Dwyer Calls Mayoral Draft Talk a Laugh

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William O'Dwyer

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He admitted he had met with Brooklyn's Democratic leader Frank V. Kelly, since returning home but insisted it was in no sense a political conference. He said he dropped in to wish Kelly a happy New Year.

"What about the rumors that there have been feelings between you and Kelly?" he was asked by a reporter who apparently had heard that Kelly was not in favor of another O'Dwyer campaign against Mayor LaGuardia.

"Feelings?" he asked. "Of course there have been feelings between us and they have been notoriously good."

O'Dwyer, who will take time out from his District Attorney's job to function as executive director of the War Refugee Board, said the refugee work might take him out of the country occasionally. He said it was necessary for him to get out of the Army uniforms to carry on the work in behalf of refugees.

O'Dwyer's term as District Attorney expires Dec. 31, 1947.

LEONARD LYONS

Broadway Notes and Anecdotes

New York, Jan. 31.—Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo received word last week that his son, Carlos J. jr., who was heard from last during the battle of Bataan, is alive and operated as a guerrilla leader throughout the Jap occupation. The designation of Joseph P. Kennedy as head of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. may settle the fight over Wallace's Cabinet post.



GERTRUDE LAWRENCE

All the clothing which Henry Kaiser's new committee will collect for distribution overseas will bear labels stating that the clothes are the gifts of the American people. . . . Henry Luce and his crack war correspondent, Jack Belden—who was wounded at Salerno—are severing relations. . . . Capt. John Monks, jr., coauthor of "Brother Rat," is back in civilian clothes after two years of service in the Pacific for the Marine Corps. Monks, who was hospitalized, is leaving for Hollywood.

Gertrude Lawrence will go to England as soon as her autobiography is finished. . . . Ambassador and Mrs. Berle will return from Brazil in April to take their children back to Rio. . . . A Federal Communications Commission investigator who spent some time checking on the leased wires of bookies and racetrack publications won \$1200 betting on the horses during this period. . . . The President's children have just discovered their Irish blood-ties: One of their ancestors, whose name was Hall, once was Mayor of Brooklyn.

George Voecodsky was a colonel in the Czar's army. His ancestors were admirals, and one of them founded the Russian Naval Academy. His relatives were killed in the revolution. He fought the Trotskyites and the Reds, and his estates were burned. Voecodsky fled to America, sold ties on the streets of New York, became a bond salesman, married into the Crane Plumbing family, and now he is the moving spirit in Chicago for Soviet War Relief. . . . A son of one of our most famous generals wants to quit West Point to see action immediately. His father dissuaded him: "I've worked too hard to get you where you are. You're not quitting now."

Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff expressed a desire to dine at a delicatessen. Billy Rose suggested a place, but Mrs. Sarnoff questioned its quality. "Look, Mrs. Sarnoff," said Rose, "would I argue with your husband about induction coils? So don't argue with me about delicatessen shops." . . . Abe Burrows, the Hollywood song-satirist, has a new one about France: "Has Your Hair Been Clipped, Charmaine?" . . . Kay Swift, the song writer, has reached the stage where she is anxious to please everyone. Last week on a train an Indian lady asked, "Are you an Indian?" The anxious to please Miss Swift replied, "No, but it would be fun to be."

Capt. Billy Bryant, the Showboat man, asked Lloyd Lewis about a show which played Chicago. Lewis told him that the show, a poor one, was playing to capacity business. "That just proves," said Captain Billy, "that

people will go anywhere where there are chairs" . . . Brigadier General O'Dwyer will be saved for the gubernatorial race, instead of for the mayoralty. For if he should campaign successfully for the mayoralty, it would give Governor Dewey the right to appoint a Republican district attorney in Kings County for one year. . . . In Mike Todd's newest hit, "Up in Central Park," the gross salary of the entire cast is less than Beatrice Lillie's salary in "The Seven Lively Arts." . . . Thomas J. Watson's friends learned that he has attended all four of Franklin D. Roosevelt's inaugurals. "Are you a Democrat?" they asked Watson, head of International Business Machines Corp. "No," he insisted. "I'm not a Democrat. I'm a New Dealer."

This is a side light on the Roosevelt-Jones-Wallace fight: A Cabinet member saw the President immediately after the election reports were in and expressed his congratulations. "This is a victory for liberalism," said the Cabinet member. "The issue was clear and delineated, and everything now has been decided" . . . "No, not everything," replied the President, mindful of the fight in the Texas delegation—the fight for which he held Jesse Jones responsible. "It's just too bad that I didn't lose Texas."

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his statement yesterday that he wouldn't accept the nomination if it were offered. His manner left the impression with experienced political reporters that he could be persuaded to run.

Asked how much time he would devote to his unpaid job as chairman of the War Refugee Board, he said "as much as the work requires." He expects to visit neutral countries from time to time as WRB head, he said.

O'Dwyer  
New York World-Telegram

FEB 1 1945

## O'Dwyer Insists He Won't Run for Any Political Job

Bars Talk of Draft  
As 'Poppycock'; Rift  
With Kelly Denied

Although it was two years and eight months ago that District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings County went out of his office in the Brooklyn Municipal Building to don Uncle Sam's uniform, to the reporters and photographers who greeted him there today it seemed as if they had last seen him only yesterday.

His lengthy military service, during which he rose to the rank of brigadier general, left him entirely unchanged in manner and appearance. He was as warm and friendly as he had been on many earlier occasions. But he also showed the same eagerness to get to work. Even the gray suit he wore was the same he wore on the day of his departure.

### Not Running for Anything.

After the handshaking was over and as the reporters got ready to open fire with questions, Mr. O'Dwyer quickly anticipated them.

"No," he announced, "I am NOT a candidate for Mayor, Senator, Governor, or anything else. Let's start talking sense."

"But if you are drafted to run for Mayor would you accept?"

"No man is ever drafted for any public office," replied Mr. O'Dwyer. "I never heard of any instance. It's a lot of poppycock. Either you run or you don't."

When he was asked whether he had conferred recently with Frank V. Kelly, Democratic leader of Kings County, he declined to answer. He denied, however, that there was ill feeling between him and Mr. Kelly.

"There is some feeling, and that is notoriously good."

### Going Abroad.

Mr. O'Dwyer then explained that his new job as executive chairman of the War Refugee Board had made it necessary for him to shed his uniform.

"I will have to visit neutral countries and with a uniform on I could be interned," he explained.

"We are trying to get a lot of people out of the German lines. That's a big order, and the boys are doing a very good job on it. We have a good staff and are continuing to work just like the staff here, who continued their swell job while I was away."

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his statement yesterday that he wouldn't accept the nomination if it were offered. His manner left the impression with experienced political reporters that he could be persuaded to run.

Asked how much time he would devote to his unpaid job as chairman of the War Refugee Board, he said "as much as the work requires." He expects to visit neutral countries from time to time as WRB head, he said.

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## O'Dwyer Insists He Won't Run for Any Political Job

Bars Talk of Draft  
As 'Poppycock'; Rift  
With Kelly Denied

Although it was two years and eight months ago that District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings County went out of his office in the Brooklyn Municipal Building to don Uncle Sam's uniform, to the reporters and photographers who greeted him there today it seemed as if they had last seen him only yesterday.

His lengthy military service, during which he rose to the rank of brigadier general, left him entirely unchanged in manner and appearance. He was as warm and friendly as he had been on many earlier occasions. But he also showed the same eagerness to get to work. Even the gray suit he wore was the same he wore on the day of his departure.

### Not Running for Anything.

After the handshaking was over and as the reporters got ready to open fire with questions, Mr. O'Dwyer quickly anticipated them.

"No," he announced, "I am NOT a candidate for Mayor, Senator, Governor, or anything else. Let's start talking sense."

"But if you are drafted to run for Mayor would you accept?"

"No man is ever drafted for any public office," replied Mr. O'Dwyer. "I never heard of any instance. It's a lot of poppycock. Either you run or you don't."

When he was asked whether he had conferred recently with Frank V. Kelly, Democratic leader of Kings County, he declined to answer. He denied, however, that there was ill feeling between him and Mr. Kelly.

"There is some feeling, and that is notoriously good."

### Going Abroad.

Mr. O'Dwyer then explained that his new job as executive chairman of the War Refugee Board had made it necessary for him to shed his uniform.

"I will have to visit neutral countries and with a uniform on I could be interned," he explained.

"We are trying to get a lot of people out of the German lines. That's a big order, and the boys are doing a very good job on it. We have a good staff ~~and are~~ continuing to work just like the staff here, who continued their

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**General O'Dwyer Declares  
He Will Not Run for Mayor**

By The Associated Press.

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

General O'Dwyer will shed his uniform as of midnight tonight and return tomorrow to his \$20,000-a-year post as District Attorney of Kings County. He also is executive director of the War Refugee Board, a non-paid position. Until recently he was vice president of the Economic Section of the Allied Control Commission for Italy, with the personal rank of Minister.

Since his recall there have been persistent rumors that the Democratic nomination for Mayor would be offered to him. Four years ago he ran for that office and was defeated by Mayor La Guardia by 132,000 votes.

**The Washington Post**

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**O'Dwyer Not to Seek  
New York Mayoralty**

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

O'Dwyer, who resumes his post as district attorney of Kings County (Brooklyn) today, will divide his time between ~~New York~~ and Washington.

*O'Dwyer*

The New York Times.

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### **O'DWYER IS DUE BACK IN OLD JOB TOMORROW**

Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, who left his post as Kings County District Attorney in the spring of 1942 to become an Army major, will return to his duties as Brooklyn prosecutor tomorrow. On Saturday he was named executive director of the War Refugee Board and in this capacity he will return to civilian life on inactive status from the Army.

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

There has been considerable speculation as to whether Mr. O'Dwyer would run for Mayor again this year. (He lost to Mayor La Guardia in 1941 by 132,000 votes.) Some of his friends have insisted he would be the Democratic candidate for Governor next year.

Frank V. Kelly, Brooklyn Democrat leader, is in Florida, and no one has been appointed organization spokesman in his absence. A large number of Brooklyn Democratic district leaders have let it be known that Borough President John Cashmore was their first choice as the party's candidate for Mayor. Mr. Kelly, however, is expected to have the final word.

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### Broadway Underground

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Gertrude Lawrence

**G**ERTRUDE LAWRENCE will be off for another USO overseas entertaining tour soon . . . Moss Hart, Gilbert Miller and Bowsley Crowther, New York movie critic, are now on a carrier, getting notes for a show about the U. S. Navy . . . "This Is the Army" will have an Army transport assigned the company as a home base during an island-to-island Pacific tour . . . One of Hollywood's top flight stars has been refused permission for another overseas tour because of too much elbow-bending on the last one . . . The Army has given orders concerning top comics making local hospital tours: More personal appearance, less personal publicity . . . Kay Kyser turned down a \$2,000,000 guarantee in bookings to devote his time to camp show treks. He'll establish a record with 22 appearances in 22 days, starting at the Bainbridge Naval Station, near Baltimore, January 31, ending February 21 at Camp Crowder, Mo.

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**Gen. O'Dwyer Named  
Refugee Board Head**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Resignation of John W. Pehle as executive director of the war refugee board and appointment of Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer as his successor was announced Saturday.

Pehle resigned because of press of his duties as assistant to the secretary of the treasury, the announcement said. It added that General O'Dwyer is being returned to inactive status by the war department to permit him to take the new assignment. O'Dwyer recently returned from Italy where he served with the allied control commission.