

Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing is still trying this week to catch its breath. The ballot tornado which swept the Michigan Republican party, putting colorful Kim Sigler into the driver's seat, was not anticipated by the state administration.

The primary election was in an off year. A light vote was expected. Every elective official at Lansing from Governor Harry F. Kelly down, had gone on record openly and publicly endorsing their fellow colleague, Lieut-Gov. Vernon J. Brown. In fact, their all-out endorsement proved to be a handicap to Mr. Brown instead of a blessing, for it had all the resemblance of a "machine" which selects the anointed.

Frank Sparks, veteran editor of the Grand Rapids Herald, saw in the returns the fact that Brown "paid the penalty for being a member of an Administration in which there has been corruption in any of its departments." Howard Nugent, speaker of the house who ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor, had a premonition of the voters' unrest. In a conversation with the writer of this column Nugent disclosed that he was gravely disturbed by the widespread impression, existing in the minds of voters everywhere, that conditions at Lansing were "rotten" and that a drastic clean-up was needed. During his travels Nugent questioned strangers without revealing his own identity. The average voter had never heard of Nugent; he suspected that many legislators were crooked.

Richard Cook, editor of the Hastings Banner which championed the Sigler cause, saw in the returns that "the average voter is pretty much of an independent" and hence resents what appears to be a machine attempt to put over one of its own members.

To quote: "The regular Republican party machine did everything possible to defeat Mr. Sigler. In fact, the people of the state in the closing days of the campaign were treated to the unusual spectacle of high elective officers of the state doing a sort of 'trained seal act' in favor of one candidate or another." Cook warned, however, that Sigler has a "man-sized job to do to win the election" and will be fought by "many of the influential interests which opposed him in the primary."

Frank Morris, political writer of the Detroit Times, believed that Sigler received votes of many Democrats. To quote: "Having no close fight in their own ranks, a group of Democrats obviously gave their support to Sigler." It is Morris' thesis that Democrats were attracted to Sigler because of his former alliance to the Democratic party and because of his popular appeal for the "clean and honest state" policy.

"Sigler in 1928 was the democratic nominee for attorney general. Morris said that Mary D. Van Wagoner, the Democratic nominee, "hopes the rancor in the administration machine will split the Republican vote in November and make it possible to break the 30-year rule that no Democrat can be elected in an off year."

The Detroit Free Press, which received a Pulitzer award for its Lansing grand jury crusade, heralded the ballot results as satisfactory evidence that many voters demanded a "house cleaning" at Lansing.

"The real issue was over Sigler as the symbol of clean government," Sigler made approvingly note of the Sigler victory "brought gloom to the Capitol" for it forewarned of the approaching "shadow of a new 'thorough housecleaning' of the Wayne county's 45,000 margin for Sigler was "the decisive factor."

Not to be overlooked is the return of Dr. Eugene C. Keyes to the state political picture. Keyes resembles Sigler in many ways. He is an idealist, a crusader and a reformer. He declined to play along with Governor Kelly in the first term when Kelly sought to make the highway commission an appointive office. Keyes' forthright stand caught the public fancy, and the governor went down in defeat on this legislative issue.

This column recently said that Keyes was spending \$20,000 in the 1946 primary. The actual figure was less—approximately \$18,000, all paid by Keyes from his own pocket. Governor Kelly never took Keyes into his counsels during a legislative session. This indirectly, snubbed by the governor, Keyes takes particular delight in the ballot tornado of June 18.

According to Lieut. Governor Brown his defeat was due in part to his dilemma of being caught between two grand juries. The Macomb grand jury indicted Ivan Johnson, former Macomb county prosecutor who led the state senate committee investigation of Sigler's expenditures at Lansing. This popularized Sigler in the voters' mind.

The other factor, according to Brown, was the "failure" of the Lansing grand jury to bring out the much anticipated bank indictments prior to the election.

"Sigler was all ready and primed to release these indictments in mid-January, prior to the Frank McKay trial. Saturday, January 12, was to have been the big day. On reconsideration, however, Sigler decided to wait until after the McKay trial. Then came the Ivan Johnson senatorial investigation.

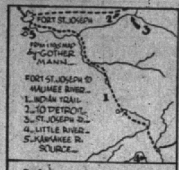
Degnan Suspect

William Helrens, 17, University of Chicago student, is held by Chicago police as No. 1 suspect in January kidnaping and dismemberment murder of little Suzanne Degnan. Print of little finger at Helrens' prints matches print on ransom note.

Michigan History in Pictures



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