

### LaGuardia's Late Curfew Is Muffled

NEW YORK, March 24—(P)—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia's one o'clock curfew was muffled today after a week of on-again off-again observance, but the political echoes lingered.

How were the fiery little chief executive's fourth term prospects affected by his refusal to go along with the federal government request for midnight closing of all amusement places?

This much was certain as the issues in next November's mayoral election began to take shape: 1. The Liberal party, which attracted 306,155 New York votes in the last presidential election, announced opposition to "one man rule which completely ignores public opinion."

2. The fusion party, which gave LaGuardia 63,367 votes four years ago, announced that it was not committed to any candidate and would welcome suggestions.

3. Three of the five Republican county leaders in New York said they were opposed to LaGuardia's renomination on the Republican ticket and 80 per cent of the district leaders in Manhattan reportedly side with them.

4. Members of the city council almost unanimously denounced LaGuardia's curfew stand, one urging impeachment and another voicing a "certainty" that a change of mayors was imminent. 5. A Democratic boom started for Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Brooklyn district attorney, who

lost to LaGuardia four years ago by 132,283 votes—smallest margin in 32 years of mayoral elections.

### 500 Youths Attend Rally, Enter Quiz

Approximately 500 young persons attended the third of a series of Saturday youth rallies held last night in the Nazarene church auditorium. The rallies are sponsored by the Youth Center and directed by Edmund Erickson.

The crowd entered jubilantly into the spirit of the occasion, singing enthusiastically. Marimba solos by Mrs. G. Phillips of Portland, songs of the Friesen-Doerkson quartet and accompaniment of organ, piano and orchestra for the group singing made it a musical session.

Haidane Duff, director of the "World's Greatest Book Quiz," conducted the quiz with local young people as contestants. Kenneth Turney, U. S. navy, placed first with Jean Hatfield and Douglas Coe tying for second. The meeting closed with a message from Duff and plans for the next rally to be held April 7, when the speaker will be the Scotch evangelist, James McGinley.

### Alaska Session Ends

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 24—(P)—The 17th Alaska legislature ended this morning with adjournment sine die of the senate at 9:28 o'clock. The house had completed its work yesterday.

### Draft Law Extension Pushed Because of Belief Europe War May Collapse Before May 15

By the Washington Staff of the Associated Press

WASHINGTON, March 24—(P)—Inside story of why congressional leaders suddenly went into high gear to extend the draft law is that they think Germany may collapse before May 15, when the law expires.

Earlier plans were to allow the legislation to stay on the shelf until the last possible moment to minimize chances of amendments and changes. But it would be risky with the deadline close by. Many members of congress want the law amended. A few don't want it extended at all, provided Germany quits before it expires.

More armies: Disclosure that the U. S. 15th army is in Europe raises the question: Do we have a 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th army?

When existence of the Ninth army was disclosed, it had not yet been announced that we had an Eighth army. It was stated that the Ninth was so designated to avoid confusion with the British Eighth.

Later it developed we did have an Eighth army, in the Philippines.

No short cut: Chairman Gillette of the Surplus Property board wants businessmen against the flood of "tipster sheets" which promise easy profits through purchases of surplus property.

"While these tipster sheets do not always come within the range of criminal action," he says, "they apparently offer little or nothing that a businessman can not get himself if he takes the trouble to inquire at any of the authorized government disposal agencies."

Howled down: The March aid-craft production reports isn't likely to tell which plants failed to meet schedules. In February the War Production Board told for the first time just what plants fell behind, by how much and why. At least one loud squawk followed, and now the word is being passed around to do it no more.

Arthur McNutt: War Manpower Commissioner McNutt plans to publish a book late this summer on the course of the turbulent manpower situation since the start of the war. A member of his information staff is researching it.

Up—up—up: Inter-American conferences are going higher and higher. Mexico City delegates deliberated at 7,000 feet altitude. Next year they go to Bogota, Colombia, 8,400 feet above sea level. If they ever go to La Paz, Bolivia, they'll brush the clouds at 12,700 feet.

Help wanted: Veteran's administration is casting eyes on "war service" government employees who face dismissal when the war ends in Europe. Administrator

Hines estimates he may have to employ 100,000 persons at peak operation after the war. It now has about 55,000.

No takers: That \$10,000-a-year librarian of congress job still is going begging.

Two librarians of the Ivy League—Bernard Knollenberg of Yale and Bultan Parks Boyx of Princeton—are said to have turned it down. Ditto for Arthur Amory Houghton, glass manufacturer and one-time (140-1942) curator of rare books at the Library of Congress.

Latest runner is said to be Joseph Brandt, former president of Oklahoma university, now with University of Chicago press.

Bleacherites: Look for suggestions that senate and house foreign affairs committees go to the San Francisco World Security conference as unofficial observers. Committeemen favor the idea, although the suggestions are expected to come from outside.

January markdown: President Roosevelt's fourth term inauguration cost only \$487 as far as con-

gress is concerned. That amount for invitations, represented the only outlay from a \$25,000 appropriation.

The president found funds elsewhere for the luncheon. It's believed he stayed well within the \$2,000 limit he set for the affair. The third term inaugural in 1940 cost \$63,000.

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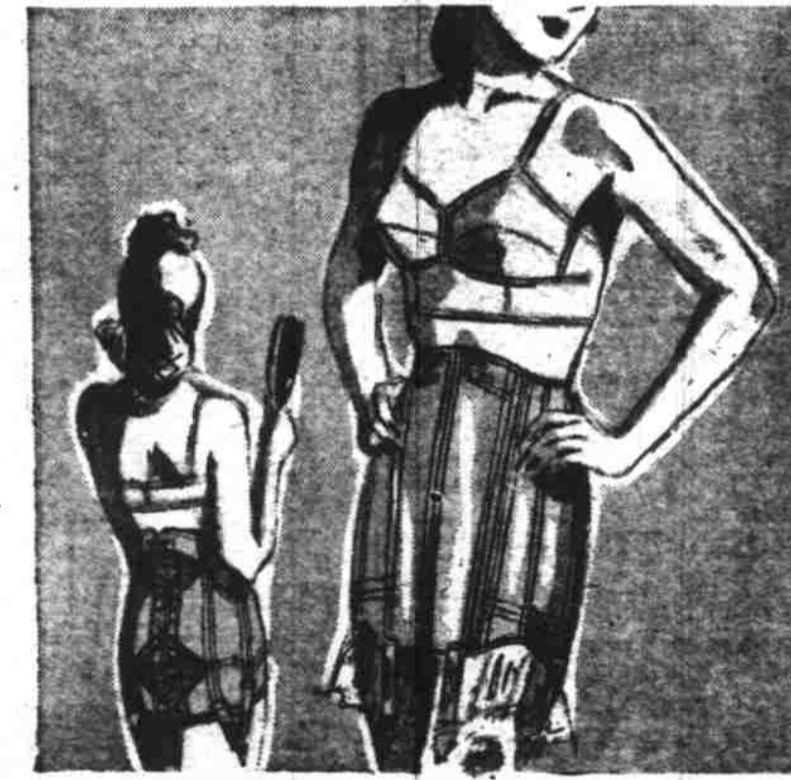

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