

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Arant, Walter S. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Served from Polk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Mar 1895 Nebraska City, Nebraska

2. Marriage (s) date place

① Edith A. Blumner

② Bertha M. Hornagel 1943

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of New Mexico Retail Merchants Association;  
President of Iowa Shoe Dealers; vice-president of the Advertising Club

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Retailer; investment business

4. Church membership Church of Christ Scientist

5. Sessions served 49<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1941

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 4 May 1949 San Francisco, CA - no burial - cremated

8. Children Dorothy H.; Gertrude E.; John H.

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education Educated in schools of Lewiston, Idaho and  
Omaha, Nebraska

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Democrat.

- He worked as a mercantile salesman through Iowa until  
1910.
- He then entered the shoe business in Des Moines which he  
operated for many years until 1938
- He then entered investment work
- His first wife, Edith K., died in 1938.



# Battle, Not Cold War

## Ending of Blockade Ushers in New Red Tactics.

By Wallace R. Dewel.  
Special to The Des Moines Tribune  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The cold war with Russia entered a new phase Thursday as the Big Four announced officially that the Berlin blockade will end May 12 and the foreign ministers' council will meet May 23 in Paris.

The United States, Britain and France have won a great victory on the Berlin question, but the Russians are all set to launch a new political offensive.

The strike has broken the Russian blockade of Berlin, and the Russians have agreed to restore road, rail and water communications with the city a week from Thursday.

The western allies are biting their counter-blockade of the Russian zone of the reich and the Soviet sector of Berlin at the same time.

And the four powers' foreign ministers will get together to try once more to work out a peace settlement for Germany as a whole.

These agreements were announced Thursday morning in a communique issued in the capitals of the United States, Russia, France and Britain.

### Warning.

Officials here Thursday were pleased as punch by the settlement.

However, they warned that the west has won only a battle, not the whole cold war.

That war will go on just as strenuously as before, they predicted. Only the political weapons and tactics will change.

Russia will fight tooth and nail to improve its position in Berlin, in the whole reich and in the entire western world, officials said.

### Red Claim.

The Communists already are claiming Russia has won a round in the battle with "western imperialists and warmongers." They say, the United States has "retreated."

But whatever the two sides claimed, the little people of Europe were inclined to rejoice. It was their first solid bit of good news in a long time.

Until the agreement to end the blockade is carried out—and may-

### Blockade—

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Several members resigned from the Olive Street Baptist church Wednesday night after the Rev. Hobart Linkous, an acknowledged member of the Ku Klux Klan, was re-elected pastor.

# W. S. Arant Dies in West

Des Moines Retailer Was 74.

Walter S. Arant, 74, former Des Moines retailer who was a member of the Iowa house of representatives in 1941, died Wednesday night at the home of relatives in San Francisco, Cal.

He had been ill for a year and had had a major operation a month ago. He and Mrs. Arant had spent several recent winters in California.

He was born in Nebraska City, Neb., and educated in the schools of Lewistown, Idaho, and Omaha, Neb. He worked as a mercantile salesman through Iowa until 1910 when he entered the shoe business in Des Moines. He owned and operated a store bearing his name for many years.

### Investment Work.

After leaving the shoe business in 1938 he went into investment work and at the time of his death was associated with Harold L. Allen in that business.

He was one of the few Democrats elected to the Iowa house of representatives from Polk county.

At various times he was president of the Des Moines Retail Merchants' association, president of the Iowa Shoe Dealers' association, vice-president of the Advertising club, and a director of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. When in Des Moines he lived in an apartment at 3440 Grand ave.

### Survivors.

His first wife, Edith F. Blumer of Omaha, died in 1938. He married Bertha M. Harnagel, who survives him, in 1943.

Others surviving him are two daughters, Mrs. J. Melvin Martin of Des Moines and Mrs. Don Myrah of Omaha; a son, John W. Arant of San Francisco; a brother, Fred Arant of Omaha; and three stepchildren, Mrs. George Culbert of San Francisco, Dr. Edward E. Harnagel of Rochester, Minn., and George Harnagel, jr., of Los Angeles.

Private funeral services will be at San Francisco Friday, followed by cremation.

# In Dispute On Output

## Talks Broken Off; No Disorder at Start of Picketing.

DETROIT, MICH. (AP)—A strike of 65,000 C.I.O. United Auto Workers hit Ford Motor Co. at 11 a. m. (Iowa time) Thursday and negotiators broke up a last-minute conference in which they had hoped to reach a settlement. Peace talks were called off at 11:20 a. m. They had been extended after the deadline in a last hope that agreement could be reached.

### 3 Plants.

The walkout took place simultaneously on two fronts. Some 30,000 workers streamed out of the big River Rouge plant, control point of the Ford empire. The other 32,000 are on other shifts. Another 3,000 walked out of the Lincoln-Mercury plant.

If the strike lasts, Ford's worldwide industrial empire of 49 plants and 168,000 production workers would be tied up in nine days.

There were no disorders. The company reported, however, that one worker, Earl Ellis, 52, was stricken with a heart attack just after leaving the Rouge plant. He died in the company hospital.

### Picket Lines.

Picket lines were established quickly in the sweltering heat outside both plants, and sound trucks rolled onto the scene, blaring, "We're willing to stay out until Christmas if necessary."

Shortly after the strike started, an auto that tried to enter the Rouge plant's main gate was reported turned away by pickets.

At issue in the strike is the union's charge that Ford had speeded up production at the two plants to a rate dangerous to workers' health. Ford denies this.

The strike was the first major shutdown in the auto industry since a Chrysler walkout last May. It was the first to hit Ford since the violent 1941 strike in which the U.A.W.-C.I.O. gained bargaining recognition.

### "Too Much, Too Few."

The union assembly line speed-up charge alleged that too much work was being required of too few men—that assembly lines have been geared so that auto chassis move past the workers too fast for them to perform complicated jobs.

The assembly lines can be set at various speeds. They are controlled by foremen or higher-ranking employees who are not members of the union.

### Ford's Reply.

Ford said the lines were going at the normal rate and demanded that the union submit the issue to arbitration. The company said the union's refusal to do this was a violation of the contract.

U.A.W. President Walter

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## Arrested Dodge Inn

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Duty sheriffs early today raided Dodge Inn, across the highway entrance to Camp, seizing seven bottles quor and arresting two

Evans, operator of the inn, was arrested on charge of keeping liquor in inn, and James man of crimes was fined with intoxication.

Evans was named by 33-year-old suspect, as the place he spent his drinking and playing board before he went home Apr. 4 and found his par- tr. and Mrs. Claude Miller, death.

Break Bottle. r, who is being held in jail order charges, has denied g his parents. The Miller e is two miles north of Inn. A coroner's jury re- held that the Millers were by persons unknown.

Sheriffs Don Newquist M. Van Rees conducted d at 2:50 a. m. Thursday conferring with Sheriff d Reppert.

y said when they entered ivers, Evans' wife, Jayne, d behind the bar and a bottle of whisky on loor at the direction of usband.

man, who told the officers s a constable, threatened t their jobs and to raid tavern in the county," the s reported.

Liquor in Car. rds at the county court- to not show that Kingman a constable's commission.

uties said they bottle of whisky d, bar of the tavern also seized six fifths of y from Evans' car, y was parked outside the a.

Evans and Kingman were before the court. Alvin Hoard of Saylor ip.

# ROUTES TO BERLIN

