Walker names directors of insurance, labor units

By Burnell Heinecke

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Gov. Walker on Friday named Fred A. Mauck, a 35-year-old Chicago attorney, director of the Department of Insurance, and 62-year-old Kenneth W. Holland of Des Plaines as director of labor. Both appointments are subject to state senate confirmation.

Seeking to close the book on his ill-fated early choice of Anthony G. Angelos of Winnetka for insurance director, Walker told reporters he expected Mauck — whose only expertise in insurance is as the owner of three policies — to provide the same kind of consumer-oriented department operation he had planned with Angelos.

"I want a consumer-oriented person to run the Department of Insurance," Walker said with emphasis. "I do not want a department that feels obligated in any sense to the insurance industry. I want a department that will look to and take care of people around this state who have insurance problems." Mauck will be paid \$30,000 a year.

Holland, considered obscure in the labor field, was not "cleared" with anybody. Walker said. Reporters noted Sun-Times accounts of a struggle between Joseph Germano, powerful director of District 31, United Steelworkers of America, and Robert Johnston, region 4 director for the United Auto Workers, for veto rights over such an appointment — with Germano reportedly insisting he got the job himself for support given during the campaign.

"I did inform several people of my choice, but it was not cleared with anybody," Walker insisted.

Both Germano and Johnston refused to comment on the Holland announcement.

The two men, reflecting the two biggest areas of labor support during Walker's campaign, apparently had effectively knocked each other out in the struggle and Holland

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tions to the campaign, ranked third among labor organizations in support of Walker.

Holland was administrative assistant to general vice president Thomas Ducy of the International Assn. of Machinists and Aero Space Workers' midwest region. Walker said he picked Holland because of his work and concern about factory safety inspection.

Prodded about campaign contributions, Walker acknowledged Manck did make a campaign contribution to his campaign. But the governor added:

"My selections for people to serve in state government are based solely on who can do the kind of job that I want to get done in state government. Those have been my motives and those will continue to be my motives."

Walker said he would not disclose the amount of the contribution Mauck had made, nor would be disclose what Angelos had contributed. He will support campaign disclosure

legislation in the General Assembly and said he was pleased that Senate President William C. Harris (R-Pontiac) and Sen. Hudson Sours (R-Peoria) favored such legislation too.

Walker sought to meet the Angelos issue head on in his first press conference since becoming governor.

There are many things I could say about the Angelos matter. You're aware of how much has been written. I have already issued a statement about that. I only want to add today that false statements have been made about my motives and my actions.

"Mr. Angelos did help financially in my campaign. I shall not disclose the amount. I will say that it has been exaggerated in the press. Others have contributed or loaned more and they are not being appointed to any positions in state government.

"No promises were made by me to anyone who contributed or loaned money to my campaign. A lot of people contributed to that cam-

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Gov. Walker reflects on an answer during his first press conference since becoming governor in Springfield last Friday. (AP)

had walked in and sold himself for the \$25,000-a-year job during the impasse.

Other labor sources termed Holland "a nice guy, not a strong pushy type," who was getting close to retirement and came from a union that, while far behind the steelworker or auto workers in level of dollar cor."

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paign. I would hate to think that everyone who contributed to a campaign is foreclosed from being appointed to any position in state government.

"But that Angelos matter is over. Mr. Angelos has withdrawn. The chapter is closed. I will not prolong Mr. Angelos' family anguish by reopening it here today. Turn if you will to the present and to the future."

The matter would not rest, however, and reporters persisted with questions about Angelos.

Walker acknowledged that he had said he

expected to make mistakes as governor, but insisted, "I don't consider that to be a mistake."

To the best of his knowledge, Walker added, Angelos was not an "owner of any, or licensee, or whatever the language is that is in the statutes, with respect to liquor interests" when he made campaign contributions to his campaign. The statutes specifically bar such donations from individuals with liquor licenses.

On other matters, Walker said he is working hard to cut back on expenditures in many areas of state government as he prepares his first budget for March 1 submission to the General Assembly.

"Believe me I am cutting back," he emphasized.

Again he denied he had ever said he would cut \$500 million out of any budget, much less any one year's budget.

"Many of the items I listed during the campaign were spread out over any number of years," Walker said.

"In this session of the Legislature, I will be supporting additional state funds for education," Walker said. "One of the reasons I am working so hard on this budget is to try to find more funds for education — our first p ority. . . . And I will be supporting changes the state aid formula."

Of the Chicago school strike, Walker so he wished the Board of Education and tunion "could get that strike over and get kids back to school."

It is too uncertain, in view of frequer changing welfare demands, to anticip whether there will be a large surplus or n Walker said when questioned about Der cratic legislation to expedite some \$81.9 n lion of school aid to ease the school crisis Chicago and elsewhere.



FRED A. MAUCK

Mauck: a music enthuriast

If his social reactions need entertainment, Gov. Walker will have a willing performer in his newly appointed insurance director.

Fred A. Mauck is a trained tenor who sings regularly with the choir of the First Congregational Church of Wilmette.

"It's a real hobby with him," said his slender, green-

eyed wife, Marjery.

Mrs, Mauck was recovering Friday in their two-story brick home of 1050 Forest in Wilmette from the "terrific surprise" of her lawyer husband's appointment.

Many evenings there, she said, are spent around the piano, which she plays "while he sings away." Their daughter, Valerie, 9, and 6-year-old son, Douglas, who also play piano, join in the family musical sessions.

Mauck, 35, is a founding member of the law firm of Roan and Grossman, 120 S. La Salle. A graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. and the University of Chicago Law School, he specializes in corporate and real estate law.

Mrs. Mauck, who met her husband on a blind date while both attended the University of Chicago, said he had contributed several hundred dollars to Walker's campaign. Her husband's appointment came 24 hours after the position was

turned back, under pressure, by Anthony G. Angelos.

Walker's press department noted that Mauck was "owner of three insurance policies," a factor on which Walker himself elaborated; "Mr. Mauck has the best kind of qualifications to run the department. He has insurance policies."

Mrs. Mauck, who holds a master's degree in social service administration, said she was "very happy" over the appointment.

"It's what he wanted, to be in government," she said of the man she married 10 years

ago.

She and her husband are "real enthusiasts" of symphony and ballet concerts. She said her husband generally puts in long hours on his legal work "and it's not often that he's home for dinner." Mauck, a former editor (the University of Chicago Lav Review, will resign from hi law firm. The family will cor tinue to live in Wilmette.

Insurance lobby may fight 2d Walker pick

By John Camper

Our Springfield Bureau Chief SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Fred A. Mauck, Gov. Dan Walker's

second choice for state insurance director, could run into opposition from the insurance

lobby when his appointment

goes before the state Senate for confirmation.

The insurance industry, like any other special interest group, generally wants one of its own in Springfield. But Mauck's only tie with the industry, according to the biography prepared by Walker aides, is that he is the "owner of three insurance policies."

"He's got the best kind of experience," Walker said at a news conference Friday. "He owns insurance policies." (Insurance policies generally are "held" rather than "owned.")

WALKER SAID he wants an

Insurance Department oriented toward the consumer rather than toward the insurance industry.

Walker's first choice for insurance director, Chicago businessman Anthony G. Angelos, withdrew his name after newspapers revealed a background that included reported hoodlum ties and ownership of slum property.

Senate president William C. Harris (R-Pontiac), an insurance agent, said shortly after Angelos was nominated that he had strong reservations about his lack of "technical qualifications" in the insurance field.

Harris and other insurance industry spokesmen reserved immediate comment on Mauck, but Walker's aides made it clear Mauck has no more expertise in insurance than Angelos.

dollars' to his campaign (compared with Angelos' reported \$50,000), was a founding member of the Loop law firm of Roan & Grossman, now Roan, Grossman, Singer, Mauck, Kaplan & Lunding, 120 S. La Salle. Ald. William S. Singer (43d) is another mem-

MAUCK, whom Walker said

contributed "a couple hundred

ber.

He is 35 and lives with his wife and two children in Wilmette. His new job will pay \$30,000.

Walker also announced the appointment of Kenneth W. Holland, 62, as \$25,000-a-year director of labor. Holland, who lives in Des Plaines, is administrative aide to Thomas Ducy, general vice president for the Midwest region of the Interna-

tional Assn. of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union.