

DEMOCRATS PLEDGE NOT TO SEND ARMY TO FOREIGN LANDS

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Hold reporters "There is nothing in this foreign relations plank which changes by one jot or tittle the foreign policy of the president or secretary of state."

"I refer to the present policy and the future policy," said Hopkins, who has been directing third term activities from a hotel room here.

"I can't believe that anyone can mislead the American people on this point. The foreign policy of this president has the overwhelming approval of the people of the United States."

Final adoption of the plank came after efforts by some members of the committee to strengthen the declaration. At one point they were reported to have telephoned Senator Walsh of Massachusetts, and approved one, discussion of it was approved when some of President Roosevelt's supporters wanted to make last-minute changes.

No material change was effected, however.

Asserting that "weakness and unpreparedness invite aggression," the platform committed the party to providing this country with "an invincible air force, a navy strong enough to protect all our seacoasts and our national interests, and a

fully-equipped and mechanized army."

"Experience of other nations gives warning that total defense is necessary to repel attack and that partial defense is no defense," the document said.

Apparently answering republican charges that President Roosevelt was responsible for the country's "unpreparedness," the platform declared that for years the chief executive has warned the nation that "organized assault against religion, democracy and international good faith threatened our own peace and security."

"Men blinded by partisanship brushed aside these warnings as war-mongering and officious intermeddling," the platform continued.

Blow at Willkie

Under the heading "electric power," the party's policy declaration aimed a blow in the direction of Wendell Willkie, the republican nominee.

"The nomination of a utility executive by the republican party as its presidential candidate raises squarely the issue, whether the nation's water power shall be used for all the people or for the selfish interests of the few. We accept that issue," the platform said.

A reaffirmation of the administration's present farm program was written into the platform together with a pledge to make "parity" as well as soil conservation payments until such time as the goal of parity income for agriculture is realized. No new farm program was involved.

On the question of labor and industry, the platform pledged a con-

tinuance of enforcement of fair labor standards, maintenance of the principles of the national labor relations act and expansion of employment training for youth, older workers and workers displaced by technological changes.

Strengthening of the "orderly processes of collective bargaining and peaceful settlement of labor disputes" also was pledged as a promise to work for a just distribution of the national income among workers.

To Continue Act

A specific promise to continue the so-called Guffey soft coal act, which expires next spring, was written into the labor plank along with a pledge of "sympathetic consideration" of similar legislation for the anthracite industry.

"We shall continue to emphasize the human element in industry and strive toward increasingly whole and industrial management," the platform added.

Asserting that to make democracy strong, the country's system of business enterprise and individual initiative must be free to gear its tremendous productive capacity to serve the greatest good of the greatest number, the platform added that "we have defended and will continue to defend all legitimate business" but promised a continuation of economic power and the exploitation of the consumer and the investor."

On the question of unemployment, the document recommended a national unemployment conference "under the direction of the president" and to be attended by "leaders of government, industry, labor and farm groups."

Opposition was expressed to placing control of federally-financed work relief in the hands of the states. The platform declared that "this republican proposal is a thinly disguised plan to put the unemployed back on the dole."

BRITAIN ANNOUNCES SEA LOSSES, WEIGHS INVASION WARNINGS

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used by Geoffrey Mander, opposition liberal party member, after R. A. Butler, undersecretary of the foreign office, told commons an agreement with Japan was impending.

"Substantial progress" already has been made, Butler said, and news of the conclusion of the agreement may be expected at any time. (At almost the same time, the Japanese foreign office announced the British already had agreed to shut off supplies from both Burma and Hongkong.)

Mander thereupon asked Butler if he thought "this act of appeasement of an aggressor is likely to be more successful than previous attempts that were made at Munich and elsewhere."

Other members broke in with cries of "shame!"

Mander shook his head vigorously and his voice was angry. "That's exactly what it is," he shouted. "It is shameful!"

Mander then asked if he was going to refuse access to United States goods over the Burma road to China in view of the protest which had been made, and Butler suggested he await the full statement of the situation.

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ROOSEVELT MAY NAME RUNNING MATE CANDIDATES

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term movement, including Hopkins.

Some party officials, however, insisted that they expected Mr. Roosevelt, once the presidential nomination was disposed of, to tap some one of the more than a dozen men available for the vice-presidency.

Paul V. McNutt of Indiana, social security administrator, conditioned all comment on his own position with the statement that he would not run if Mr. Roosevelt expressed a preference for some one else.

Senator A. B. Chandler of Kentucky was one of those who asked Hopkins about a candidate—in this case Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, the man who told the convention last night how President felt about a third term.

Chandler said Hopkins replied that he knew of no reason why Barkley would not be acceptable but would try to get a definite expression from the White House.

While those to whom a White House "go-ahead" had been given were not necessarily known in all cases, they were authoritatively reported to include Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace and Louis Johnson, assistant secretary of war.

DEMOCRATS READY TO NOMINATE F. R.

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last night's developments had changed that opinion.

"We are now convinced," he said, "from the President's statement and the character of the demonstration—staged by his managers—who con-

date. Each state now has four delegates-at-large and two for each congressional district.

trol the convention, that he desires and will accept the nomination."

Speculation was turning to the question of who would take the second place on the ticket. The friends of Jesse Jones, Texas banker, and federal loan administrator, were more than confident, and there was much activity on his behalf.

Arguments over foreign policy had caused a delay in the carefully drawn schedule of convention leaders, a time-table calling for the re-nomination of the President quickly, noisily and, if possible, unanimously.

Big Night

In spite of the big night ahead, only about half the delegates were in their places at the time set for the session to start. Officials decided to wait a while before starting.

Senator Barkley of Kentucky, in a dark summer suit, was on hand early, smiling broadly and greeting friends on the platform.

Senator Wagner of New York, chairman of the resolutions committee and with a copy of the freshly drafted platform in the pockets of his brown coat. Fidgeted in his chair, waiting for the preliminaries to be cleared away so he could read the document to the convention.

The Reverend William Melnes of Mayfair Presbyterian church came forward at the rap of the gavel to pray for deliverance. "From inward strife."

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WEATHER REDUCES PRICES OF MELONS

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RALEIGH, July 17.—(AP)—Unseasonable cold weather in the north has crippled watermelon prices by as much as 75 per cent and has cut as much as 20 per cent from the return on North Carolina peaches and cantaloupes. A. B. Harless of the state department of agriculture said today.

Watermelons were selling at \$50 a car in the sandhills today, compared with prices of \$150 to \$235 per car a year ago, Harless said. He added that the price on two-inch Hiley Belle peaches was 80 cents, compared with \$1 a year ago, and on 1.75-inch peaches was 60 to 65 cents, compared with 80 a year ago.

The ill effects of cool weather on cantaloupe prices was reflected in New York quotations of 90 cents to \$1.37 a crate, compared with \$1 to \$1.62 a year ago.

RUMANIA TO SHIP GAS TO GERMANY

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reich and all 9,000 tank cars owned by oil companies have been requisitioned, with one-third of

them tagged for movement to Germany.

Under a December agreement, the reich was allotted 130,000 tons of oil monthly, but in the first six months of this year only 388,000 tons were shipped due to transportation difficulties, leaving a deficit of nearly 400,000 tons.

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BAD WEATHER HITS NAZI AIR ATTACKS

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Germans could turn their minds to another problem—a new order in Europe.

Authorized sources commented ironically on Secretary of State Hull's protest against closing of the Burma supply route into China as a British gesture of conciliation toward Japan. If Hull meant what he said, they asserted, he must also logically condemn the British blockade against Italy.

Secretary Hull asserted yesterday that the United States "has a legitimate interest in the keeping open of arteries of commerce in every part of the world."

(Hull contended today that there is no parallel between the Burma road question and the British blockade of Italy and Germany. Other officials pointed out that no formal state of war exists between Japan and China.)

Although weather prevented large-scale air operations against Britain it did not prevent some effective bombing, the Nazi high command said. A merchant ship was reported set afire in an air raid on a northern Scottish port and troops were bombed at Seapa Flow, in the Orkneys.

TRIAL OF THORPE SLATED SATURDAY

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sentenced to 60 days on the county farm.

Fred Junior Jennings, 1118 James alley, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on a female, was given a month on the county farm. During presentation of testimony in the case it developed he had been living with Luberta Frances, who swore to the warrant charging him with assaulting her, and Judge Lennon issued a bench warrant charging them with fornication and adultery. He gave Jennings an additional two months on that count and gave the girl two months on the county farm.

Dewey Pickett, 617 North Seventh street, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on a female, was found not guilty.

J. E. Cottle, charged at Carolina Beach with reckless operation of an automobile with damage to property, drew a continuance until tomorrow.

Pender Durham, who lives in the rear of 1006 North 7th street, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on a female, entered a plea of guilty to assault on a female and was fined \$10 and the costs of court.

REAPPORTIONMENT ROW FORESTALLED

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the preceding presidential election. Southerners offered to settle for three more delegates. The two sides then agreed to meet half way.

When the 1936 convention eliminated the two-thirds requirement for nomination, it instructed the national committee to evolve a new reapportionment plan. The question that arose in the 1940 convention was whether the north-south "gentlemen's agreement" contemplated a bonus for democratic congressional districts as well as states.

Asserting increased district representation was intended, southerners sponsored the so-called Alabama plan which would have given (1) three additional delegates-at-large for each state going democratic in a presidential election, (2) one delegate to each district, and (3) one additional to each district electing a democratic congressman or casting 15,000 votes or more for the democratic candi-

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