

SOCIALIST PARTY REJECTS PROPOSAL FROM COMMUNISTS

Request for "Political United Front" in 1936 Campaign Is Flatly Turned Down

NAME CANDIDATES FOR HIGH OFFICES Standard-Bearers for President and Vice President To Be Chosen; Social Democrat Federation Of United States Is Name Officially Adopted

Cleveland, Ohio, May 25.—(AP)—The national convention of the Socialist party turned down today the proposal of Earl Browder, general secretary of the communist party, for a political "united front" in the 1936 campaign. Browder's proposal, contained in a letter to the national executive committee of the party, was placed before the convention at the opening of the first session for consideration of business—after the convention had spent two days in intra-party fights over the rightist-leftist New York dispute. Without a dissenting vote, the Browder letter was quickly tabled. As the convention got down to writing its platform, to make way for the nomination of candidates for president and vice president, the dissenting faction led by the New York "old guard," which was defeated yesterday when the convention seated the leftist delegation led by Norman Thomas, organized a provisional committee and adopted a "declaration of principles." After virtually an all-night session, the name of Social Democrat Federation of the United States was adopted as the party label.

REPUBLICANS PRESS DELEGATE FIGHT AS CONVENTION NEARS

"Need No Charity"



R. F. Field of New York City, denied that his mother, Mrs. Eugene Field (above), widow of the poet, was in need. "Public interest and sympathy have been very touching and gratifying," he said, "but circumstances do not require charity. The family is able to supply whatever is needed to save the Field farm in Wisconsin." (Central Press)

Ask Federal Aid Against Black Sect Legion Killed Detroit Man Because He Knew Too Much Suspects Confess

Detroit, May 25 (AP)—Murder and kidnaping warrants were asked by Prosecutor Duncan C. McCrea today for 13 members of the Black Legion held here in the slaying of Charles A. Poole, and for 12 John Does who may have attended the meeting of which Poole's "execution" was planned. The prosecutor, declaring the vigilante society is "an outlaw organization of national in scope," announced he would ask the "Department of Justice to help us drive it out of existence."

Detroit, Mich., May 25.—(AP)—The Federal government will be asked to aid in a fight to uproot and destroy the black legion. Prosecutor Duncan C. McCrea said today. The black legion is an outlaw organization, and we are going to ask the government to help us drive it out of existence," he said. The prosecutor also said that two of the 13 members of the vigilante band, held here in the death of Charles A. Poole, had admitted that the young WPA worker "was put to death because he knew too much." The two confessed, McCrea said, that their earlier statements that Poole was slain because he was a Communist were false, and that the real reason for the actual execution was that Poole, a non-member, had come into possession of secrets of the black legion's society. The discovery of Poole's bullet-

Democrats Hold Their Fire for Time Being as G.O.P. Press Battle Against New Deal

BUYING OF VOTES IS BEING CHARGED

Farley Has Done It With United States Treasury, Pamphlet Alleges; North Dakota Delegates To Go To Cleveland Unpledged, It is Now Believed

Washington, May 25.—(AP)—Republicans today entered the final fortnight of pre-convention drives designed to garner decisive support for various contenders for the presidential nomination.

Democrats, with their own political show at Philadelphia to come later in June, were holding their fire for a time, while the Republican National Committee continued to concentrate its efforts against the New Deal.

In a statement made today, the committee described what it called "the wrecking of the merit system of the civil service under the Roosevelt administration."

A committee pamphlet written by Claude Babcock, former secretary of the Civil Service Commission, called Postmaster General James A. Farley "a good spoilsman general," adding that "he has bought a lot of votes with the United States Treasury."

As for other campaign developments, the situation in North Dakota continued to attract attention in view of Governor Lehman's announcement that he would not run for re-election. Both President Roosevelt and Democratic Chairman Farley were in that State today, and there was speculation whether a "draft Lehman" move would crystallize.

North Dakota Republicans gathered today to select eight national convention delegates, which will leave only 55 more to be picked in the whole state before the full slate of 1,001 is ready for the convention struggle. Leaders predicted the eight would go to Cleveland unpledged. Democrats in Washington State split into two camps, adjourned at 6 a. m. yesterday after an uproarious session, during which they apparently forgot officially to instruct 18 delegates to support Mr. Roosevelt. Left wingers seized control of the convention and put through their own program, which called for an amendment to the Federal Constitution to permit a referendum on judicial decisions. It also advocated public ownership and operation of natural resources.

M'DONALD SILENT ON SECURITY ACTS

Record Shows no Such Stirring by Him in the 1935 Legislature

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, May 25.—Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, who is basing much of his campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor on his advocacy of State social security legislation to provide old age pensions, unemployment insurance, and other branches of social endeavor, was not interested at all in social security during the 1935 General Assembly, did not offer a single bill to provide state cooperation under the social security act or to permit the State to participate in old age benefits his record here shows. He did not even go to the trouble to read the report and recommendations of the special commission, headed by former State Senator W. O. Burgin, of Lexington, which had been appointed by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus to make a study of old age pensions, unemployment insurance and other matters and to make recommendations to the General Assembly.

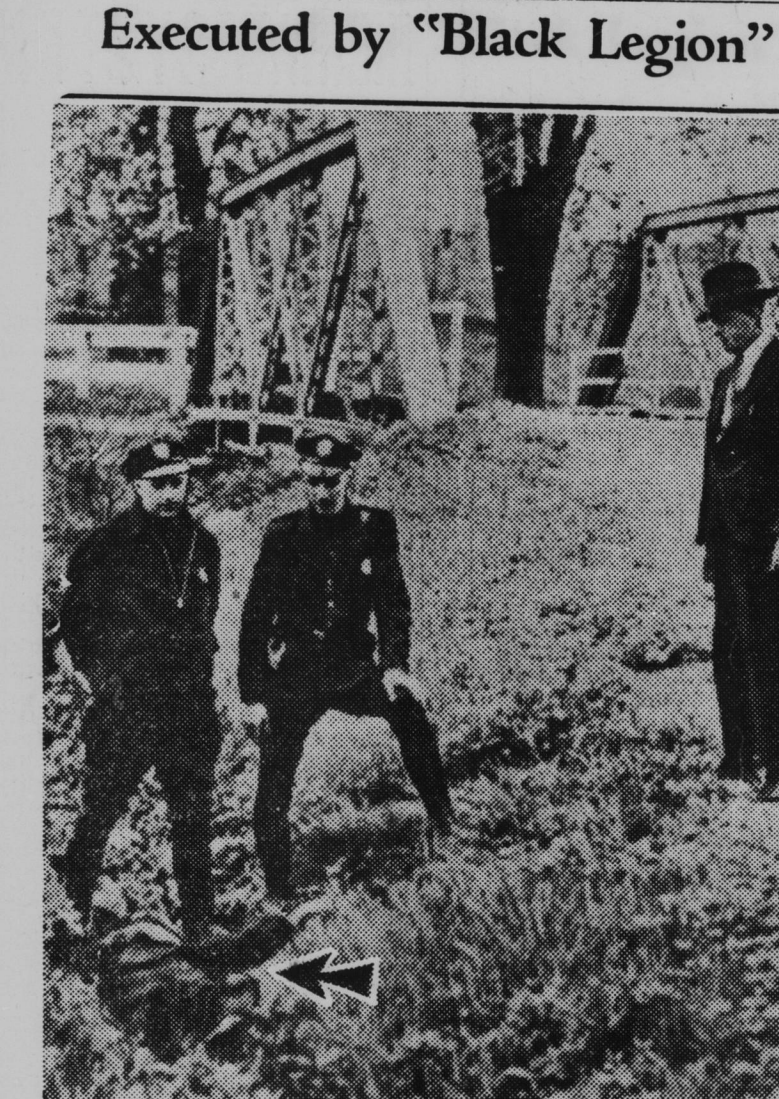
Ehringhaus Took Lead. In fact, the only interest shown in social security legislation during the 1935 General Assembly was shown by Governor Ehringhaus and Representative R. Gregg Cherry, of Gassonia, and the only bill introduced to provide state cooperation under the social security act was written by Governor Ehringhaus and introduced by Mr. Cherry during the last week of the General Assembly, because no one else was interested enough to write and introduce such a bill, those who are familiar with the facts here know. This bill was finally enacted but within the last few weeks has been held to be inadequate by the National Social Security Board in Washington. It is also recalled that, at the suggestion of Governor Ehringhaus, a bill was introduced to provide for the printing of the report of the unemployment insurance commission, but that the legislature was not enough interested to pass this bill and print

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Cotton Planting May Be Changed

Chapel Hill, May 25.—(AP)—Cotton may soon be planted broadcast instead of in rows, and mown like hay, rather than picked and ginned. Dr. Frank A. Cameron, University of North Carolina chemist, set out with a group of associates a few years ago to find a way of cheap production and a new use for the crop, backbone of the South's economic life. The present experiments, which Dr. Cameron says are significant and favorable, but not conclusive, are to determine if a whole cotton plant as a source of oil and alpha-cellulose—used in the manufacture of rayon and other products is the answer.

End Of Congress Next Week Aim Of Democratic Leaders In Rushing Tax And Relief Executed by "Black Legion"



Body shown lying in the ditch has been identified as that of Charles A. Poole, Detroit WPA worker. The police have arrested sixteen men, admittedly members of the "Black Legion" four of whom are said to have confessed his "execution" because he beat his wife. (Central Press)

SOME DOUBT OVER SUCCESS OF MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION

Tax Bill and \$1,425,000,000 Relief Measure To Be Pressed During Coming Week FINANCE COMMITTEE FINISHES TAX BILL

Last-Minute Alterations Or Additions Are Proposed, But Present Set-Up Calls For 18 Percent Levy on Corporation Income and Other Profits

Washington, May 25.—(AP)—Democratic leaders headed down the house stretch today in the big push to adjourn Congress by the end of next week. Some legislators thought the effort would not succeed, but leaders sought to bring the tax bill and the \$1,475,000,000 relief appropriation to the floor of the Senate this week. The Senate Finance Committee met today to make some last minute additions or alterations in the tax bill. As it stands now its major features are an 18 percent levy on corporation income, seven percent on undistributed profits and repeal of the exemption of dividends from the four percent normal income tax.

MUSSOLINI LEADS HIS COUNTRY FOR ECONOMIC BATTLE

Conquest of Ethiopia on That Front Is Next Step Proposed by Italian Dictator

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS ARE YET MUDDLED

Bad Blood Continues Between England and Italy Over Dum-Dum Bullet Charges; Uncertainty Exists Over New French Government Coming in June

Rome, May 25.—(AP)—Fascist Italy, under Premier Mussolini's orders, began marching "straight ahead" today aiming at new triumphs, this time in the economic field. Immediately after Il Duce's latest declaration, "We will march just as straight ahead in the future," the kingdom's guides and credit institutions marshalled their resources for economic conquest of the empire already conquered by arms.

The European situation, nevertheless, was still far from clear. There was bad blood between the Italian and English governments over the dum-dum bullet affair, in which the English charged an attempt was made to fabricate evidence that British firms supplied illegal ammunition to Ethiopia. There was uncertainty over the attitude of the new French government coming to power in June, with the new Chamber of Deputies, in which "the people's front" of socialists, radical socialists and communists held a majority.

Finally, there was an Italian feeling the League of Nations might postpone consideration of the Italian request for the Council's June 15 special session until the autumn assembly, meanwhile continuing application of sanctions against Italy. In the case, complete Italian withdrawal from Geneva was considered by informed sources to be certain.

Municipal Bankruptcy Act Voiced

Five to Four Supreme Court Decisions Invalids New Deal Congress Act

Washington, May 25 (AP)—1934 municipal bankruptcy act, passed by a New Deal Congress, was held unconstitutional today by the Supreme Court. A five to four decision delivered by Justice McReynolds concluded:

"A challenge to the validity of the statute must be sustained." Justice Cardozo, Chief Justice Hughes and Justices Brandies and Stone asserted that "the statute is constitutional."

The majority differed with a ruling by the Fifth Circuit of Appeals, upholding the legislation. The law was challenged by certain bond holders of the Cameron county, Texas, water improvement district No. 1. They contended the act took property without due process of law and violated State's rights. The legislation was intended to aid cities, counties and other political subdivisions reduce their indebtedness through Federal Bankruptcy courts.

MAY FORCE ISSUE ON CONSTITUTION

Administration May Have to Press for Curb of Powers of Court

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer Washington, May 25.—The federal Supreme Court's outlawing of the Guffey coal act was not in itself so much of a shock to New Dealers. At least, they were expecting it. What does perturb them is the implication in the high tribunal's ruling that no imaginable kind of social legislation or national proportions will stand the constitutional test. Not only are the alarmed for the future of such new agencies as the Social Security and Labor Relations Boards. The suggestion is heard that older setups, like the Federal Trade Board and even the Interstate Commerce Commission might be put out of business if attacked on grounds similar to those upon which the Guffey law was invalidated. The Guffey decision was not entirely

Swiss Corporation Loses Its Appeal

Washington, May 25 (AP)—A Swiss corporation lost today in the Supreme court in its effort to keep the United States from seizing its gold in this country with face value of \$1,250,000.

COMMODITIES BILL FIGHT IN SENATE

Smith Offers Complicated Amendments; Action Must Be Taken Soon

Washington, May 25.—(AP)—The Senate was told today by Majority Leader Robinson that the Commodities Exchange bill must be disposed of in "a day or two," or it will be impossible to get action this session. Robinson's statement came after Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, offered a series of complicated amendments to the measure affecting cotton futures trading. The amendments were approved this morning by the Senate Agriculture Committee of which Smith is chairman. The new amendment, while not free ing cotton under a separate title as Smith originally contemplated, included drastic restrictions upon cotton trading was proposed by him. Chief among these is a limitation on individuals and firms trading in cotton futures to 600,000 bales a year, including hedging transactions, market positions and market interests. The bill, which already has passed the committee and subsequent deftly approaching a "critical" stage that can only be relieved by rain within the next few days. Farm produce in the tide water area

Demographic Leaders Ask Steps Against Townsend

Defiance of Old Age Pension Leader in Walking Out on Committee and Subsequent Statements Basis for Action; Byrns Believes it Federal Court Case

Washington, May 25 (AP)—Speaker Byrns and Representative Bankhead, the Democratic leader, told newsmen today that definite action must be taken against Dr. F. E. Townsend for his defiance of the House investigating committee. At a joint press conference at which they said the house was "not going to be flouted," both agreed the old age pension leader's walkout on the committee and subsequent defiant statements were ample basis for a contempt action. "The action defies the action of

KLEIN HELD FOR MISSISSIPPI JUMP

Sign Painter, Taken For Disturbing Peace, Claims Jump from Bridge

New Orleans, La., May 25 (AP)—Louis J. Klein, 19-year-old New Orleans sign painter, who claimed to have jumped 150 feet into the Mississippi river Sunday from the Huey P. Long bridge, was arrested today by detectives on a charge of disturbing the peace. The detective turned Klein over to

Weather Is Curtailing Crops In Va.

Situation Approaching Critical State As Weeks Pass Without Rain

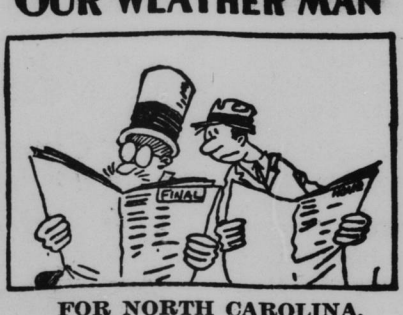
Richmond, May 25 (AP)—Weeks of dry weather threatened Virginia farmers today with greatly curtailed and heavily damaged crops with some sections reporting the situation approaching a "critical" stage that can only be relieved by rain within the next few days. Farm produce in the tide water area

Machine McDonald Talks Of Was Long Since Dismantled

Would Have Been Finally Junked by Ehringhaus Had Legislature Permitted; It Became Obsolete After Beating Gardner for Governor in 1920

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, May 25.—The Democratic "machine" against which Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, is directing the greater part of his campaign fireworks, became obsolete after 1920—though it did not succeed in defeating O. Max Gardner for governor at that time—lost its chief mechanic when Aus Watts, died and lost its engineer when Josiah W. Bailey defeated Furnifold M. Simmons for the United States Senate in 1930. The fuel tank of this "machine" was removed when Governor O. Max Gardner rammed the Australian ballot law through the 1929 legislature in the hardest single fight he had while he was governor and thus assured the secret ballot for the State and ended

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