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NAZIS REPORT SINKING OF BIG LINER

Showdown Fight For Labor Vote Develops

Alignment

Follows

Lewis Stand

Lewis Stakes Position
in CIO on Willkie Victory; Labor Leaders
Begin to Choose Sides
in Presidential Strug-
gle.

By the Associated Press
Lewis' stand for the nation's
first labor leader developed
today in the presidential campaign
as Wendell L. Willkie, the CIO leader,
continued his support to
Franklin D. Roosevelt with the assertion
of President Roosevelt's third term would be
the best guarantee of the fleet magni-

ficence, who was
centered in the heart of the
battle of London fields of Wilkes-
ton, England, declared his position
as president of the CIO in support. "I am glad
to see the endorsement of Mr. Lewis—a vast
number of labor who puts
the cause above all," Willkie said.

Speaking by radio from his
home in Washington last night,
Lewis' position as president of
the CIO in support for Willkie on
November 5. He asserted that he
had no objection if Mr. Roosevelt won
and now or repudiate me,"
he really challenged members
of the CIO, and promptly in speech
and in other leaders of that
organization began to choose sides.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, organizing director of the
CIO, announced that he and many
of his colleagues had assured Lewis
to endorse his statement and
had remained fealty in his lead-

er. Philadelphia Alexander
Kingsley, president, and other high
officials of the American Federation
of Hosiery Workers, a CIO affiliate,
said Mr. Roosevelt a pledge
of loyalty and enthusiasm.

Reactions of official spin-

ners followed in numerous
statements on the Lewis pro-

gram. The first reactions from
campaign forces came from J. T. Tobin, general presi-

dent of the International Brother-

Brotherhoods (AFL) and chair-

man of the National Democratic

Party in Chicago. Tobin said
that the head of the CIO
and Mr. Willkie had aligned
themselves with the "enemies of labor".

He believed a week-

ago he undertook a swift

New York and Pennsyl-

vania Sunday night

to speak in Madis-

on Monday night

of visiting in the New
England area and northern

The White House added

the peaking date to his

statement that he "probably"

will make public and speak

on October 30.

Lewis Backs
Willkie

CIO Leader Will Re-
sign if Roosevelt Is
Re-Elected, He Tells
Radio Audience.

Oct. 26.—(AP)—
Lewis last night announced
that Wendell L. Willkie
had said that he would re-
elect the president of the C. I. O.

"He is a gallant American. He
has opened his heart to the Ameri-
can people. He is not an aristocrat.
He has the common touch. He was
born in the briar and not to the
purple. He has worked with his
hands, and has known pangs of
hunger. He has had experience in
various fields of American enter-
prise, and is an administrator and
executive."

In the Front Line of the Battle of London



Nazi bombs were still dropping as this photo was made of a London fireman, mounted on an aerial ladder, battling a raging West End fire set by incendiary missiles. (Central Press)

Navy Day Observed

Bolters To Willkiecrats
May Expect Retaliation
In Assembly, Averill Says

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Oct. 26.—There is no
doubt that the current drive for Wendell
L. Willkie by bolters from the
Democratic party is going to bring
retaliation in the 1941 General Assem-
bly, and probably from the next
Democratic state administration.

Talk of it is heard from all sections,

but particularly from the west

where the so-called Democrats for

Willkie campaign threatens either to

upset several Democratic legislators,

or at least to scare them nearly to

death or to the point of spending

more money than usual.

Chief citadel of revolt against

Roosevelt and the third term is pic-
tured as being in Forsyth, where

there are so many big business men

whose loyalty to the dominant Dem-
ocratic administration is either

doubtful or what is worse, is such

as to leave no doubt whatever that
they are for Willkie. If there are, in
fact, any losing Democratic legislative
candidates, then Forsyth is going to
feel the wrath of those who do
pull through successfully.

As a matter of cold, hard fact

there seems perhaps more genuine

desertion in, say, Guilford, than in

Forsyth, but somehow or other the
Winston-Salem "crowd" are getting

most of the blame.

Of course, most of the Willkiecrats

claim they are going to support the

state and local Democratic tickets,

but everybody above the grade of

newcomer in intelligence knows that

party desertion never stops that

short though it is often more serious

with regard to one office than to

others. For instance, the state ticket

headed by Max Gardner pulled through

despite the South washout, but local

candidates by the score went

down along with the idol of New

York's sidewalk.

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