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VAST THROG GREET'S ROOSEVELT ON QUEEN CITY VISIT—RAIN DOES NOT DAMPEN SPECTATORS' ARDOR

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, riding through the rain on most of his journey from Asheville, arrived in Charlotte last Thursday, way behind schedule time, but the vast throngs lining Trade street from the Southern station to the Stadium, held fast to their cantage points to see the President and his escort pass rapidly by in a downpour of rain. And as he entered the speaker's stand, the sun came out and a rainbow appeared in the east. And none of the assembled throng probably 30,000, let the rain cause them to give up their seats at the Stadium and the president took advantage of the elements to prelude his talk with a Rooseveltian smile, saying, "My friends, I notice a rainbow in the sky." And this caught the fancy of the throng, who applauded tumultuously.

Dr. Luther Little, pastor of the First Baptist church, offered the invocation, which was timely, appropriate and beautiful. The prayer of gratitude follows:

"Thou God of the universe, and Father of us all: First, we thank Thee for what Thou art. The Psalm of praise, which is now singing in our hearts, grows sweeter when we remember that Thou hast brought us to this happy occasion. Thou hast brought songs of joy to our hearts by the fellowship and smiles of these many precious guests—men and women gathered here from these many states.

"We are grateful to Thee for our country, its government and its institutions. We hallow Thy name for the great and good men and women who have led us triumphantly thus far. We are grateful to Thee for our citizens in all the walks of life. We are so happy for the certain and ever brightening skies. Thank God for the daybreak, and the fleeing shadows.

"Especially are we grateful for our human friend and great President, whose gracious presence with us today charms and blesses us with hope and courage. We thank Thee for his good heart, his broad sympathy for suffering humanity, and his tireless toil in our behalf. May Thy unflinching wisdom still be with him. Keep his body, mind, and soul safe—sheltered in Thy love. For the entire nation we pray, and may the blessings of our God be upon all the people here and everywhere.

"This prayer we make in our Saviour's name. Amen."

Then Chairman Haywood Robbins introduced Mayor Douglas, of Charlotte, who in turn introduced Governor Ehringhaus, who introduced the President, who started off with—

"Green Pastures—what a memory those words call forth. In all our schooling, in every part of the land, no matter to what church we happen to belong, the twenty-third Psalm is in all probability better known to men, women and children than any other poem in the English language. And in this great lyric, what do we best remember? Two lines: "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; "He leadeth me beside the still waters."

"It does not greatly matter whether that symbol of an ideal of human physical and spiritual happiness was written in its original three thousand or five thousand or ten thousand years ago. It might have been written as well in the twentieth century of the Christian era.

"Have you ever stopped to think that happiness is most often described in terms of the simple ways of nature rather than in the complex ways of man's fabrications? Perhaps it is because peace is necessary to ultimate happiness. Perhaps, therefore, when we seek a symbol of happiness, we do not go to the rush of crowded city streets or to the hum of machinery to find the simile."

Mighty shouts rang out from ten thousand throats when Mr. Roosevelt made the claim: "Most thinking people believe that the national recovery act, during its short term of life, accomplished as much for the restoration of prosperity through the

establishment of the minimum wage, the shortening of hours and the elimination of child labor, as any law put on the statute books of the Federal government in the past century."

The President paused and smiled when he mentioned the short life of the NRA, and Judge John J. Parker, who was seated on the speaker's stand and who narrowly missed a seat on the United States Supreme Court bench during the Hoover administration, also smiled broadly.

The address was one of some length and impressed each and every one of his hearers. But as most everybody heard it in this territory it is unnecessary for us to publish it in full.

Colonel Starling highly commended everybody who had a hand in Thursday's huge rally—dubbed the Green Pastures rally—and recognized as that by the President who had begun his address with a reference to the Twenty-third Psalm and its lines: "He maketh me lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters."

"It was wonderfully well managed," said the colonel. "Everything went off without a hitch. I want to compliment everybody who helped with it. All of us have had a great time, and we are deeply grateful."

One of the first persons to greet the President when he reached Mecklenburg was Frank R. McNinch, chairman of the Federal Power commission, who came down from Washington Wednesday night. "Hello, Frank," said the President, as Mr. McNinch went up to his car out at the Catawba bridge and shook hands.

Mr. McNinch was to present the President a copy of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence as a gift of the local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

More persons were at the rally in the seats of the mighty and at the banquet the night before that are yelling themselves hoarse for him and what he stands for and yet working diametrically against him, as recorded votes will show and their actions regarding his NRA program. And there were also present men of high estate who have been loyal in and out of season.

That it was a semi-social affair was to be expected and society came in for the lion's share of the meeting of the ladies, with luminaries overshadowing all else. But the workers will vote for Roosevelt. They will send him back into the White House, and he will continue his program of trying to alleviate the pressure of long hours and low wages imposed by those who are both for and against him.

You will have to hand it to Haywood Robbins, for he did a good job of the "Green Pastures" Roosevelt rally, accomplishing a feat which, in conception and fulfillment has seldom been equalled in the South. The Journal was dubious at the beginning and became more dubious as the plans were enlarged upon. For one so young, and probably, if the truth were told, inexperienced, he expanded as the idea gained momentum and proved himself capable of taking care of the situation, visioning larger things, which culminated in giving Charlotte one of the greatest days in its history.

McDonald-Hoey Meet At Green Pastures Banquet Wed.

Rivals in recent bitter campaign for nomination as Governor of the Democratic party, Clyde R. Hoey, nominee-elect, and his opponent, Dr. Ralph McDonald, of Winston-Salem, met as political allies at the Green Pasture rally luncheon at the Hotel Charlotte yesterday.

Dr. McDonald was already seated when Mr. Hoey, Mrs. Hoey, and Miss Isabel Hoey entered the dining room. He arose, walked rapidly to meet Mr. Hoey, greeter him cordially, and was introduced to members of the family of the nominee-elect.

"Naturally, I plan to support the straight ticket," Dr. McDonald declared, when asked after the luncheon if he would campaign for Mr. Hoey between now and the time of the November election.—News.

A DIRTY QUESTION

"Is my face dirty" or is it my imagination?" "Your face is clean; I can't tell about your imagination."

Western Carolinas Textile Council Standing for C.I.U.

PAW CREEK, N. C.—The Western Carolinas Textile Council, meeting at Paw Creek, went on record asserting its opposition to the suspension of the C. I. O. unions and demanding that the A. F. of L. executive council immediately and unconditionally rescind its suspension order.

The delegates pledged their support to the aims and purposes of the C. I. O., which "has launched a legitimate and long-needed organization campaign among the workers in the basic mass-production industries to free them of economic slavery."

FATHER COUGHLIN AND GERALD K. SMITH

"The skillful manipulation of emotion and religious fervor" to demagogic ends was vividly illustrated at the Townsend convention where Catholic priest and Protestant minister joined forces to further a movement which at any moment may become, especially under such leadership, a bulwark of fascism. —Social Questions Bulletin, Methodist Federation for Social Service.

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PERTINENT COMMENTS ON TIMELY TOPICS BY HARRY BOATE

In recent years crime of various kinds has been occupying an ever increasing space in the news columns of newspapers and magazines. It is an impossibility to glance through a daily paper and not discover where some person or persons have forgotten that there is such a thing as a law to protect the average citizen, but are suddenly brought face to face with the fact when peace officers meet up with them and invite them to enjoy the hospitality of the public in such places as the taxpayers have provided for them when such need arises.

The custom appears to be to read such items, and pass on to the next subject and not spend much time on analyzing crime, its cause, or anything concerning the life or occupation of those who commit the misdeeds. The Literary Digest has compiled some facts regarding crime which may be interesting to readers, and they are here given for your consideration. Fewer farmers commit crime than men of any other occupation; apparently tending the corn under the blazing sun or milking cows by morning and evening candle light leaves little time for wrongdoing. Recently penologists scanned a report showing that banking, truck driving, printing, and serving as barber or hair dresser are hazardous occupations. Their contribution to prisons is all out of proportion to their numbers in the general population. Most dangerous of all is to have no occupation.

A year ago the United States Public Health Service assigned Dr. Barkey S. Sanders, psychologist, the task of learning why some men find their way into prison, while others remain free. He went to the huge Northeastern Penitentiary for Federal prisoners at Lewisburg, Pa., where hundreds of gray-faced men with numbers were counting the dragging days until their release. Through the corridors went the keen-eyed doctor.

In the prison office he thumbed the records of 1,000 men in the order of admittance. In the cells he measured and studied the prisoners, learning all he could about their histories, ages, occupations, and mental quirks. The enigma of crime is still far from solved, but the doctor has made a report of his progress so far in Public Health Reports:

Between the ages of about 28 and 34 there seems to be some influence at work that causes men to commit crime. Most prisoners fall in that age group.

Younger men commit robbery, postoffice, theft, and sex offenses, and violate the immigration laws. Older men plot forgery, impersonate others, and violate the bankruptcy, bank, postal and narcotic laws. Occupation has a strange effect on tendency to crime.

Bankers are relatively few in the population. By the law of averages there should have been only two in the thousand prisoners Dr. Sanders studied. Actually, there were 21.

Other occupations that contributed prisoners disproportionately were wholesalers, domestic servants, brokers, waiters, bakers, mechanics, tailors, and postmasters.

On the other side of the ledger were machinists, store clerks, composers, engineers, industrial laborers, carpenters, and insurance salesmen, who sent fewer of their numbers to prison than the average in the general population. Least crime-minded of all were farmers. By averages there should have been 50 in the thousand men Dr. Sanders studied. There were none.

And here is something else the public may not be well informed about: When police raided the home of Clifford Giroux of Williamston, Mass., now appealing a \$250 fine for illegally selling, keeping and maintaining a liquor nuisance, they found a diploma from the "College of Bootlegging," conferring on him the degree of "first-class bootlegger."

Then there is the murder of the young college girl in the hotel at Asheville, N. C., which at this writing has not been solved, and apparently no clue on which to hang hope that it will be solved in the near future.

Yes, crime is certainly a popular diversion to be making little progress with its efforts to find out why so many persons prefer a life of crime to one of honest endeavor. It should be possible to live without selfishly creating trouble for one's self and his fellow man.

State Federation of Labor Sees Need Of Council for Industrial Progress

The following communication comes from E. L. Sandefur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor and is self-explanatory:

RESOLUTION Whereas, The Council for Industrial Progress has been organized and is functioning under the Coordinator for Industrial Co-operation, Major George L. Berry, appointed by President Roosevelt under Executive Order, and,

Whereas, The Council has progressed to a point beyond any such previous attempts to bring management, labor and consumer together for the common good and the public welfare, and,

Whereas, The Council now represents more than half a million individual establishments doing an annual volume of business in excess of 80 billions of dollars, and represents all those who labor and those who consume the products of industry, and,

Whereas, The reports of the Departments of Commerce and Labor, indicate that recovery is advancing for capital at a greater rate than for labor and that the minimum standards of wages, hours, and other conditions of employment established under the NRA are being broken at a farming rate, and,

Whereas, Such reports compel the consideration of both industry and labor and a combined effort by both to adjust our economic system on a more mutual basis;

OFFICIAL NEWS OF LABOR NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE SAYS SUPPORT IS GROWING AT RAPID RATE

Labor's Non-Partisan League continues its sweep of progress in the building of sentiment for the re-election of President Roosevelt.

Support is growing rapidly in all sections of the country, with organizations falling into line everywhere. Labor realizes that its whole future depends upon the re-election of the president. The Landon record of hostility to labor has been further illuminated by the evasiveness and the contradictions of the Landon campaign speeches. In no two Landon utterances has the GOP candidate taken the same position.

The whole situation is typified by the GOP invasion of Maine, where the Liberty League poured a fortune into the state in advance of the Landon speeches, greasing the ways in good old Mark Hanna fashion. This episode brought out all over again the Liberty League-GOP alliance and showed the hollowness of the Liberty League pretense that it is not in the campaign to try to elect Landon.

Labor's Non-Partisan League is driving home the facts all along the line, building at the same time toward future and a permanent fight for progressive principles. Membership is growing at a tremendous rate. With the re-election of the President achieved, labor, through the League, will proceed to exert its power for preservation of freedom and the development of the program identified with Roosevelt and labor.

Labor's Non-Partisan League radio series has brought much favorable comment. This program goes on at 9 o'clock EST. each Wednesday night, over a group of five stations, including WOL, Washington; WEVD, New York; WIP, Philadelphia; WKQV, Pittsburgh; WCFL, Chicago. The series began with a ringing speech by United States Senator Robert F. Wagner.

Cities not within reach of this network can join easily, if they will write to President Berry at League headquarters in Washington. The program runs for 15 minutes each Wednesday night and will continue through the campaign.

Reports of highly successful and enthusiastic Labor Day gatherings throughout the United States are being reported to League headquarters in Washington.

Western Pennsylvania witnessed the largest crowd that ever assembled in a political rally. Governor Earle, Senator Joseph Guffey and Mine Worker District President Pat Fagan were among the speakers.

League President George L. Berry addressed a huge throng of Labor Day celebrators at Baltimore, Maryland. Practically every state in the union witnessed some form of celebration with members or officials of Labor's Non-Partisan League participating or co-operating.

The first state-wide convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League members of Michigan takes place September 27th in Lansing according to word from State Chairman Frank X. Martel.

Gubernatorial candidate Frank Murphy and Senator James Couzens are expected to attend and address the gathering. Big things are expected to result from this state-wide rally according to Mr. Martel.

Labor Appreciative of Interest of Church In Its Many Problems

The following is a portion of an address delivered in the Belle Fonte Methodist Church, Wilmington, Del., by John C. Saylor, secretary of the Wilmington Central Labor Union on Sunday preceding Labor Day:

Students of capital and labor relations are duly appreciative of the interest of the Church in the problems of both labor and industry. When capital is unemployed, workers are laid off and become jobless.

"HAIL COUGHLIN!"

A revealing picture of the Coughlin convention is contained in the following report by Jonathan Mitchell in the liberal New Republic of August 26;

Through the three days at Cleveland, Coughlin was called simply "Father." "Father says . . . Father thinks . . . Father, told us . . ." The nominating speech for Coughlin as president of the N. U. S. J.'s corporation formed at Cleveland, was made by Miss Helen Elizabeth Martin of the Bronx, N. Y., a middle-aged woman with a red ribbon in her hair.

Amid frantic applause, she announced that "for those of us who haven't a material father - whose father is in the Great Beyond - he can be our father and we won't need to feel lonesome." Apparently in the grip of almost unbearable emotion, a Maryland delegate proposed: "Resolved, that we give thanks to the mother of the Reverend Charles E. Coughlin for bearing him." Innumerable speakers identified Coughlin with Christ. Thus we see hysterical men and women making Fascist history in our own country.

WAGE EARNERS GAIN THIRD OF 58 PER CENT WAGE LOSS DURING DEPRESSION

Wage-earners lost 58 per cent of their 1929 income during the depression, business men 42 per cent and property owners 38 per cent, according to the United States Department of Commerce. While wage-earners are credited with having regained one-third of the depression years' loss they and their families are still further below the 1929 standard of living than either business men or property owners. Wage-earners' income is shown as 59 per cent of 1929, business men's, 70, and property owners', 66.

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