



IS A NEW PARTY COMING?

The American people are beginning a definite division into two camps, with Liberals on one side and Conservatives on the other. This means a new political alignment cutting across former party lines. How far the split will extend into the two larger parties is problematical, although in some states, such as Minnesota, North Dakota and California, it is apparent that the real issue will be between Conservatives and Liberals.

In other sections, no regrouping of parties is evident, although the general political situation indicates that such a trend will inevitably occur within the next few years. President Roosevelt's political strategy has apparently been directed to the winning of the so-called progressive element of the Republican party. Evidently, he is confident that the acquisition of this element will more than offset the loss of the Conservative faction in the Democratic party. While no effort is being spared to retain control of the Democratic party machinery, it is increasingly evident that Liberals dominate the present Administration.

Naturally, it is expected that, at the time, the "New Deal" will secure the permanent support of Liberals. Moreover, if, as is unlikely, the Conservatives manage to regain control of the Democratic party, the President will be in position to seek reelection on the basis of his record and to force the definite political realignment which many observers expect.

THE SITUATION REVIEWED

As this writer sees the political situation, the President will retain control of the Democratic party, although, eventually losing the minority of Conservatives. There will be no occasion for Mr. Roosevelt to launch a new party in support of his policies, although because of the attachment that many Liberals have for the Republican label, it is probable that some definite designation will be evolved for those Republicans who cast their lot with the President.

A reverse is also true in that, if the Republican party is dominated by Conservatives, no new party will arise to carry that banner and there will be a gradual drift of dissident Democrats into its ranks although the step may be softened by the temporary use of some other appellation.

PWA AID FOR NEW SCHOOLS

PWA funds are financing more than half of the public school construction at the present time, according to Secretary Ickes, who points out that \$210,000,000 have been allocated for this purpose. Through the middle of August, 133,866,269 has been advanced for 1,011 educational buildings, with about three-fourths of the sum being spent on elementary and secondary schools. As many of the allotments are for grants only, thirty percent of the cost of labor and material involved, it is estimated that the PWA program involves the expenditure of \$210,000,000.

RECOVERY PROGRESSING

In making his final report to the President, Donald R. Richberg lists five basic results of the first year's battle against the depression, as follows: (1) Reemployment of nearly nine million workers; (2) Rising farm prices, increasing farm incomes more than one million dollars; (3) Financial relief through disbursement of five million dollars, of which two billion have been reaid; (4) Restoration of healthy banking system; and (5) Saving of one million homes from foreclosure.

CORPORATIONS EARN MORE

Figures relating to corporation earnings do not indicate that profits are being destroyed by governmental policies. Recently, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York compiled the net profits for 107 industrial and mercantile companies, showing that profits for the first half of 1934 were five times those of the first half of 1933. All groups but shipping and aviation reported better earnings for the period and the clothing and textile group more than doubled its last year's gain.

While this may be something of an incomplete picture, one might bear in mind that the number of companies of all kinds reporting deficits through operations in the first half of the year decreased from forty-six per

Ickes Withholds Final Action On Parkway

Doughton Makes Strong Appeal For N. C. Route. Tenn. Heard

Washington, Sept. 18.—At a public hearing before Secretary of the Interior Ickes here the bitter quarrel between North Carolina and Tennessee over location of the Great Smoky Mountains National parkway south of Blowing Rock was aired for three hours this afternoon. With the large auditorium in the Interior department packed to its capacity and more than a hundred persons in the corridors, spokesmen for North Carolina contended that if the parkway is to be located on a basis of scenery then the route proposed by the North Carolina Highway department should be approved.

After listening to all of the speakers with intent interest Secretary Ickes brought the hearing to a close around 5 o'clock with the statement that the question involved was of such tremendous moment to both states that he would not render a hasty decision but would weigh carefully the arguments made by both sides.

"I will try to decide it strictly on its merits and may the best cause win," he asserted.

Spokesmen for Tennessee with equal vigor and enthusiasm, contended that the route they proposed is just as rich in scenery as any other proposed route and by any rule of reason and fair play one-half of the parkway from the Virginia line to the park should be located in Tennessee.

As he was leaving the platform, Ickes said he would possibly drive over both proposed routes before making a decision on the location of the parkway.

North Carolinians are confident that if the secretary will personally inspect the route their case will be won.

North Carolina's case was presented by R. G. Browning, state highway location engineer; Frank Page, former chairman of the North Carolina Highway Department; Robert Lathan, Asheville; Senator Reynolds, Representative Doughton and Senator Bailey.

Representative "Farmer Bob" Doughton, who breathed life back into the parkway after it was thought dead at the PWA, described the scenery over the North Carolina route as one who had gone over it time and time again as he traveled that section of the state trading cattle.

"Every foot of this parkway we propose is grand and beautiful—perfect wonderland," Doughton asserted.

"If you turn this parkway over into Tennessee at Linville you will miss the greatest mountain scenery in America and future generations will deplore the mistake that has been made," Doughton told Ickes.

The four hundred North Carolinians present for the hearing roared as Doughton remarked that if "Tennessee was fair as she is beautiful this meeting would not be held."

"All we asked is that this parkway be located on merit," the North Carolinian asserted.

Alleghany Court To Convene

The fall term of Alleghany County court will convene here September 24, with Judge Felix Alley presiding. No cases of great interest to the general public will be tried. (There are no murders, robberies, etc. listed). The cases on docket are expected to consume about four days time, which will be an average length of time for the fall term. A great many people are expected to be in Sparta next week, however, despite the lack of spectacular cases.

ALLEGHANY FAIR PLANS ARE BEGUN

Preparations for the 1934 Alleghany county fair are beginning in earnest. Exceptionally good exhibits are expected this year since the county has had such an excellent growing season. The people are requested to cooperate with the organizers in order to make it a surpassingly good occasion.

Doughton Asked To Address Grange

"Governor" R. A. Doughton has received an invitation from the president of the North Carolina State Grange to address the annual meeting of that organization at Lumberton on Friday, September 28, on the question of "State Taxation."

"Governor" Doughton hopes to attend, provided court adjourns here before that date.

Candidates Fail To Agree As To Joint Debate

Doughton Sees No Reason For Debate With Prevette, His G. O. P. Opponent

A number of communications have been exchanged during the past few weeks between Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany county, and Joseph M. Prevette, Jefferson, Democratic and Republican nominees, respectively, for the Congress seat now held by the former, relative to a proposed joint debate between the two for the discussion of the issues of the campaign. On August 17, Mr. Prevette issued the challenge to the Alleghany Congressman, stating that he felt "if there ever was a time when the voters of this district should know both candidates and learn their views on issues in the coming campaign, now is the time."

The Congressman replied on August 22, saying he had no objections to a joint discussion, if satisfactory arrangements could be made, but, at the same time, saying that he could see little good that could come from such a discussion, and expressing his willingness to let the voters judge his fitness for further Congressional service by his past record in office.

On August 23, Prevette replied to Doughton and said that he could not meet him on the following Sunday, as suggested by the latter, for a discussion of the matter, because of an engagement to deliver a prohibition lecture that afternoon.

A later communication from the Congressman again informed Prevette that he did not consider a joint debate necessary, saying that he was standing on his record and that he was willing for the people to pass on it without defense.

After receiving another message from the Republican nominee, Mr. Doughton sent Prevette another letter in which he reiterated his belief that a debate was not necessary but that he wanted it understood, however, that his reasons for such conclusions were not based on any fear of meeting Prevette or any other Republican

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More Pigs To Be At Galax Sale Next Monday

Monday's sale held at Galax by the Grayson-Carroll Livestock market was good in every respect, said J. T. Horney, president of the market.

Top heifers brought \$4.05 per hundred pounds, top butcher cows, \$3.10, and a carload of hogs sold for an average of \$7.50 per hundred. A few exceptionally good hogs and some others left over from Monday's sale are being sold privately at the stock yards this week.

While not so many lambs as usual were taken in for sale Monday, due to the rainy weather, of those that were on hand, the seconds brought \$5.35 per hundred. There were no tops.

Another carload of pigs weighing about 40 pounds each, from Iowa, will be at Galax next Monday, September 24. There will also be a truckload of porkers from South Carolina there for Monday's sale.

A number of buyers attended the sale Monday from several states and bidding was spirited from the time Horney brothers, famous twin auctioneers, started the sale until the last animal was sold.

Bunch of Grapes Weighs 112 Pounds



PANOMA Calif. ... Above is shown one of the prize bunches of grapes exhibited at the Los Angeles County Fair by Grape-Princess, Miss Bee Connor. The bunch of grapes shown in the photo weighed 112 pounds.

Authorize Call For More Men To Strike

Walk-out Spreads To Pa. Mills. Three Arrested In Lancaster

Washington, Sept. 18.—The textile strike committee was authorized tonight by the executive council of the United Textile workers to call all allied workers from their jobs if such drastic action is necessary to win the nation-wide walk-out. The decision was made after an all-day meeting of the council was held. Francis J. Gorman, strike leader, said an additional 120,000 textile workers would likely be ordered to leave their jobs by the end of the week unless industry agrees to arbitrate the dispute. If industry does not yield, Gorman indicated that workers in rug, dyeing, underwear, rayon and corset plants would be the first additions to the strike ranks.

The strike committee moved to consolidate its forces tonight as the mediation board rushed work on its recommendations to President Roosevelt to end the walk-out.

As the council went into session they received reports that the Pepperell Mills, the largest textile plant in Maine, had been closed by picketers. The act added 3,600 mill workers to the estimated 400,000 forced into idleness by the strike.

Sporadic clashes occurred in the North and Eastern textile areas while the South remained comparatively calm under the menacing shadows of flashing bayonets held by thousands of National Guardsmen.

In Passaic, N. J., 300 strikers from the Paterson area battled 50 police at the Dayton avenue plant of the Botany Worsted Mills. The pickets ran from the scene after a spirited hand-to-hand free-for-all fight that lasted only a few minutes. An organizer and a picket were arrested.

Three men were arrested and several injured when police broke up a demonstration by 500 strikers at Lancaster, Pa.

The strike spread today to Western Pennsylvania where 100 employees of the Susquehanna Silk Mills quit their jobs.

James Hawthorne, who recently received a four-year appointment to Annapolis Naval Academy, went to Raleigh Monday in order to take the required physical examination. Hawthorne was proclaimed an almost perfect physical specimen and is said to be the second to pass the examination in North Carolina within the past twelve months.

He will enter next year, according to the rules of the appointment.

CASH IS LOST; EMPTY POCKETBOOK FOUND

A pocketbook containing \$90 in cash was lost Monday night by Dr. Leff Choate. The empty pocketbook was found just out of Sparta, on the Elkin highway Tuesday morning.

Judge Alley To Speak Here

Judge Felix Alley, Waynesville, is scheduled to deliver an address on Tuesday night, September 22, in the Alleghany county court house in Sparta on "The Trial Of Jesus." Judge Alley is considered an able speaker and is in frequent demand for addresses on religious, as well as legal and business, subjects.

Judge Alley will preside over the term of Superior court beginning here Monday.

Col. Roosevelt Hits New Deal Policies Sun.

Scores Policies Of Distant Relative In Speech Before Young Republicans

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of the late President Theodore Roosevelt and prominent member of the Republican branch of the Roosevelt family, concentrated a storm of verbal lambastings on the new deal and all its ramifications in an address before a Young Republican convention here Sunday night. Col. Roosevelt, a distant cousin of the present Democratic occupant of the White House, said:

"I am opposed to the so-called new deal because I believe it is unsound economically and subversive of our American ideals of the liberty of the people. I am opposed to it because it will bring penury, want and disaster upon our people, and bear down with crushing force upon the poor of the community, who will ultimately have to pay for all of the folly."

"If it is permitted to run its course unchecked, savings, bank accounts and life insurance policies will be wiped out; the savings of the small people throughout the country will be squandered on foolish schemes, unnecessary waste and the building of a political machine."

Col. Roosevelt said that concerted action by the Republican leaders and their followers is necessary to save the true American standards of living.

He said he held no brief for "swollen fortunes" transmitted to individuals who have not earned them, and who do nothing to justify their retention. He said:

"A distinction should be made in income taxes between the earned and unearned income, and the taxes should be heavier on the latter. I believe all this can be accomplished within our scheme of government without destroying liberty and democracy, and I believe most emphatically that it cannot be accomplished through the subversive policy of the present administration in Washington."

Scottville Man Is Injured In Truck Mishap

Claude Hill, Scottville, was very painfully injured Monday afternoon when a tractor and ensilage cutter, on which he was riding, slipped from the truck on which it was loaded and partially fell on him. The truck was crossing a culvert on a side road about one mile from Scottville, when the accident occurred.

The weight of the tractor was upheld mainly by a bank on which it rested, thereby preventing instantaneous death for Hill. A spike about one inch in diameter was driven through Hill's thigh, constituting his most serious injury, since he received no broken bones.

LIGHTNING STRIKES HOME SEPT. 12

The home of Mrs. Bettie Edwards, Edwards Cross Roads, was struck by lightning during a heavy storm on Wednesday, September 12. A hole was made in the wall above the telephone. The telephone was knocked off the wall and several window panes were shattered. No fire followed. Mrs. Edwards and a girl, Ella Estep, were at home, but neither were injured.

Doughton Opens Campaign In Boone Sat.

Says Roosevelt Is Greatest President U. S. Has Had In Past 100 Years

Opening his campaign for reelection to Congress from the Ninth North Carolina district in Boone on Saturday, September 15, Congressman Robert L. ("Farmer Bob") Doughton, of Alleghany county, referred to President Roosevelt as the greatest President this country has had in the past one hundred years. Mr. Doughton spoke at length in support of the new deal, pointing out that the coming Congressional campaign will be based almost entirely on the record made by the new deal in comparison with that made by the old deal in the United States.

Representative Doughton said that the last "two years of the Hoover administration will go down in history as the darkest and most devastating period of American life. This situation made it necessary that something new and something drastic should be done and done speedily. Old remedies had been fully tried and tested, and found ineffective and futile, and, while much of the new deal is still in an experimental stage, judged by what it has already accomplished and is capable of accomplishing, enough is known of its effect to show that the nation has been saved from utter collapse and is beginning to breathe and function in a normal way."

In conclusion, Congressman Doughton said: "Look at the picture of things today, and remember conditions as they were 18 short months ago, and I feel you will have no difficulty in deciding between the new deal and the old deal. I am sure that you will agree that the people of America have a new hope and a brighter outlook on life; that faith, hope and confidence have supplanted fear, gloom and despair; that now a brighter day has dawned and that we are slowly, but surely, working our way out of difficulties which seemed impossible to overcome."

"We do not claim that we have performed miracles, or that the millennium is just around the corner, but we do claim that better times are on hand, and still better days are ahead, and we all know that the credit for this new deal, new hope, new day and better way, belongs largely to that courageous American, whose every effort and untiring energy is being devoted to the betterment of his fellowman, the greatest President this country has had in the past one hundred years, our own beloved Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

The largest delegation from any county in the district, except from Watauga county, in which Boone is located, was from Alleghany. About fifty were present from here.

NEW EFFORT TO MERGE METHODISM BEGUN

New York.—A renewed effort to merge the three leading bodies of Methodism is underway.

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- 17—Plague of frogs hits Little Falls, Minn., 1892.
- 18—Greta Garbo, Sweden's gift to pictures, born 1906.
- 19—Smoke-filled balloon makes first ascension, 1783.
- 20—Magellan starts 1,083-day trip round world, 1519.
- 21—Benedict Arnold sells out to the British, 1780.
- 22—That long-count Dempsey-Tunney fight, 1927.
- 23—Ad's "Sultan of Sulu" opens in New York, 1903.