



**TODAY'S THOUGHT**  
 "Some things that are right legally are not right morally."—Lincoln.

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## SMITH STIRS ISSUE

The speech delivered by former Governor Alfred E. Smith before the Liberty League, if taken at its face value, means his refusal to support the Democratic party in the next presidential campaign. Stating very plainly that if the Democratic Convention endorses the present Democratic Administration it will be necessary for him and others who think like him to "take on the mantle of hypocrisy" or "take a walk," the former standard bearer of the party gave plain notice of his attitude. Any man as well versed in political affairs as Smith knows that the next Democratic Convention is going to endorse the administration of President Roosevelt and, therefore, the "walk" becomes a certainty unless he changes his mind.

The Smith speech clears the political atmosphere to some extent, indicating definitely that conservative Democrats will not support the President for reelection. This is borne out by the similar attack made upon the New Deal by John W. Davis, the day before the Smith speech, in which Davis, another ex-presidential candidate of the Democratic party, scornfully denounced the present Administration, asserting that it tended toward the establishment of an autocracy. The line of attack is somewhat the same in both speeches because Smith, in closing his address, attempted to set up a choice between Washington and Moscow.

## UNUSUAL SPECTACLE

It is something of an unprecedented political spectacle for a president to be attacked by the two members of his party who, just before him, won the presidential nomination. Davis in 1924, and Smith in 1928, led the Democratic party to disastrous defeats at the polls and now lead the charge against Roosevelt who, in 1932, led the party to an overwhelming triumph. Davis, of course, has long been connected with the conservative faction of the Democrats, and no great surprise is occasioned by his attitude toward the measures and policies of the New Deal.

## FORMER FRIENDS BREAK

The case of Al Smith is different. Three times in as many conventions, Franklin D. Roosevelt nominated and fought for the selection of Smith as the presidential candidate of the Democratic party. For years he was the trusted political friend of the man he dubbed the "Happy Warrior." In 1928, barely emerging from a sick bed, he responded to the plea of his friend Smith to run for the governorship of New York against the advice of some of his physicians. The result, strange to say, was that Roosevelt became governor of New York and Smith failed to carry the Empire State for the presidency.

Subsequently, the new governor, it is reported, did not lean very heavily upon Smith for advice. Anyhow, the intimacy between the two men became strained, breaking down when there was a distinct boom for Roosevelt for the presidency in 1932. At the Chicago convention of the Democratic party in that year, Roosevelt was bitterly fought by the Smith phalanx which went down in defeat when the McAdoo-Garner cohorts turned to Roosevelt. For a while Smith's course was in doubt but, finally, he made a few speeches for the party nominee.

## LIBERTY LEAGUE ACTIVITY

So far as the writer can see, the Democrats might as well face the defection of Smith, Davis and a considerable number of conservatives. Already it is known the President himself has sized up the situation in advance and is neither surprised nor dismayed at the present political picture. The Liberty League, organized largely by supporters of Smith in 1928, is about ready, in the opinion of most observers, to throw its support to any candidate to beat Roosevelt. It may delay its decision long enough to see if there is a chance of a liberal securing the Republican nomination in order to be able to effectively organize a conservative campaign to back a conservative candidate. However, the most likely prospect at this time is that the du Pont, Rasch, Shouse organization will throw its support to the Republican nominee.

## REPUBLICAN FACTIONS

The Republican party, for the most part, naturally is not worried over the recent developments. Nothing but an advantage can come to it through the decision

## Borah Formally Enters Race For The Presidency

**To Campaign In Ohio For Delegates To The Cleveland Convention Who Are Pledged To Him**

### NEWS STIRS y. O. P.

## Friends Believe That Campaign Of Idahoan Will Be Centered Mainly In West An Middle West

Washington, Feb. 4.—By announcing that he would campaign in Ohio for delegates pledged to his support for the nomination for president, Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, formally flung down late today the gauntlet to the Republican organization.

"After a thorough survey," he said in a statement, after conferring for hours with Ohio independent leaders, "I am convinced the people of the state should be given an opportunity to express their choice in the primary of May 12.

"Under the so-called 'favorite-son' plan, this privilege is denied them.

"To obtain an expression of popular will, it is my intention to place at least eight candidates for delegates-at-large in the field.

"I shall make a number of speeches in Ohio and present the issues as I see them."

Later Borah said he would "enter delegates in the districts" as well as a slate running "at large."

It was the first formal declaration of candidacy by an outstanding possibility for the Republican nomination. It came after some doubts had been expressed that Borah would "follow through."

Unless conditions change, it means he will directly oppose the plans of the regular party organization in Ohio. His disinclination to seek a pledged delegation in Massachusetts had become known shortly before, raising questions whether his field was being narrowed rather than expanded. Explaining himself there, he wrote to Robert M. Washburn—president of the (T. R.) Roosevelt Club of Boston—"I had not thought at any time that it would be a practical thing to do."

Although he also has indicated he would seek no delegates in Pennsylvania, it developed that this may not be final. He may do so in New York, but his friends believe that, in the main, his campaign will center in the West and Midwest.

Borah's Ohio announcement stirred Republican circles just as the Democrats were contemplating the possible effect of new signs of eastern opposition, within the party, to the renomination of President Roosevelt. In Massachusetts

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## Repeat Of AAA Adjuncts Asked By President

Washington, Feb. 4.—Congressional leaders moved quickly last night to carry out President Roosevelt's recommendations for removal from the statute books of three of the four remaining phases of AAA crop control. As new farm legislation advanced on several fronts, the executive forwarded an eight-line special message to Congress urging "prompt repeal" of the Bankhead cotton control, Kerr-Smith tobacco and potato control laws. He did not mention the Jones-Costigan sugar control act.

"This recommendation is made," Mr. Roosevelt said, "because of the termination of the program of agricultural production adjustment under the act of May 12, 1933, as amended, known as the 'agricultural adjustment act,' to which the three acts mentioned were auxiliary."

Capitol Hill spokesmen agreed this should be done. Senator Russell (D.), Georgia, introduced a bill to repeal the Bankhead law soon after the message was read. Chairman Jones (D.), Texas, of the House agriculture committee, said he would introduce repealer bills for all three laws as soon as possible.

## Robert M. Gambill Makes Highest Grade In State Bar "Exam."

Robert M. Gambill, brother of Attorney Sidney Gambill, of Sparta, was one of those who passed the bar examination given in Raleigh on Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Of the 108 taking the examination, only 25 passed and will secure their license to practice law.

It is reported that Mr. Gambill made the highest grade of any of the contestants, with an average of more than 90 points in the difficult test given by the Bar association. Among the contestants a number had repeated the examination as many as four and five times. This was Mr. Gambill's first attempt.

Mr. Gambill has announced an intention of establishing an office in Sparta.

## Rep. Doughton To Support Roosevelt On Money Stand

**Makes Statement Monday Night In Winston-Salem. Hears Gov. Ehringhaus Address Civic Group**

In a statement made Monday night in Winston-Salem, Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany county, chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means committee, said he "will stand by President Roosevelt on the question of currency inflation."

Pointing out that the President and the secretary of the treasury are charged with the responsibility in matters of federal finance, he added he would respect their recommendations.

"Farmer Bob" was en route to Washington from his home at Laurel Springs. After a brief stop at Robert E. Lee hotel in the twin city, he left by train for the capital.

On the question of taxation, Representative Doughton said he had nothing new to add to published reports. His committee which originates all revenue measures has received no request for new revenue and no action will be taken until a message is forthcoming from the President or the treasury department, he said.

The veteran congressman expressed his personal hope that new taxes could be avoided this year.

Press dispatches from Washington indicated Monday that information of any policy on taxation would await Representative Doughton's return to the capital.

Mr. Doughton accepted an invitation to the Winston-Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce to hear Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus who addressed the civic organization at a dinner meeting Monday night.

## U. S. Population Estimated At More Than 127,000,000

Washington, Feb. 4.—The Bureau of Census today estimated the population of the United States as of July 1, 1935, at 127,521,000, a gain of 4,756,000 or nearly 4 per cent. over that shown by the 1930 census.

The bureau reported a sharp slump in the growth of the population between April 1, 1930, and July 1, 1935, with the annual average increase falling to 904,000, or little more than half the 1,665,000 average annual gain in the 1920-30 decade.

The bureau estimated that if the same increase over the past 1-4 years were continued to 1940, the census at that time would show a population of 132,000,000.

The bureau estimated American births between 1930 and 1935 at 12,420,000 and the number of deaths at 7,423,000.

Part of the excess births over deaths was offset by a net exodus from the United States of 251,000 persons in the 5-1-4 year period.

## Authorization To Borrow Large Sum Will Be Scrapped

**Roosevelt Determines On This Course During A Government-Wide Inventory-Taking**

Washington, Feb. 4.—President Roosevelt today determined to scrap congressional authorizations for the borrowing of more than a billion dollars. The president's determination came as a part of a government-wide financial inventory-taking.

The Chief Executive made his announcement at a press conference, following a parley with financial advisors and the heads of several federal lending agencies. Quickly he explained to newspapermen, however, that the cancellation of specific authorizations meant only that funds would not have to be borrowed for the purposes mentioned. It did not mean, he said, that these funds would be available to meet other governmental expenses.

The move aroused considerable speculation. A quick check of the Home Owners Loan Corporation, which the President mentioned as one agency involved, showed that around a billion dollars in authorizations might be available for cancellation there alone. The subject of housing thus might be involved.

Some observers saw one purpose of the move as putting the government's financial house in neater order, in view of the heavy borrowing scheduled by the treasury during this fiscal year.

Mr. Roosevelt had little to say along this line. No mention was made of the subject of taxes. Nor would he discuss whether methods of financing the bonus were involved, saying only that this question was still under consideration. He specifically declined comment when reminded that there had been considerable talk of inflation on Capitol Hill.

Asked if the prospective cancellation of authorizations meant the end of the emergency period, the President replied that this was too broad a statement. Further, he replied in the negative when a reporter inquired if the move represented a tightening of the purse strings.

## Holloway Fails To Vacate For Parkway; Summoned To Court

Jack Holloway, of the Bull Head section of Alleghany county, through whose farm the new Park-to-Park highway goes, was cited to appear before Judge Wilson Warlick at Winston-Salem Tuesday to show cause why he should not be attached for contempt of court for failure to vacate his premises to make way for the construction of the road.

The right-of-way takes the home and other buildings of Mr. Holloway and takes all of his farm of any value.

Mr. Holloway made no fight against the procedure adopted by the State, and the judge signed an order restraining him from interfering with the contractor, or the contractor's agents and employees.

The State has settled with a number of property owners, but it is reported that a majority of the property owners have refused to accept the tentative offers of the State, and if more reasonable offers are not made are going to leave the matter to a jury to say in what amount the State has damaged them by appropriating their property.

The property owners have the right to refuse or accept the offers of settlement made by the State, and can ask that three disinterested freeholders of the county be appointed by the Clerk of the Superior court of the county as appraisers to value their property, and if they are not satisfied with the decision of the appraisers they can then take the matter before a jury in Superior court.

## Landon Headquarters Opened In New York

New York.—Supporters of Governor Landon, of Kansas, for president have opened headquarters for him here.

## Jones Appointed County Business Census Taker

**Col. G. F. McAllister, Of Concord, Supervisor, Asks For Cooperation Of Business Houses In Work**

W. Reid Jones, Furches, has been appointed enumerator of the Census of Business for Alleghany county, according to an announcement made recently by Colonel G. F. McAllister, of Concord, Census supervisor for the Ninth district.

The census form is to be presented to business houses in the county by Mr. Jones, who will assist in filling them out so as to convey the desired information. Members of the office staff of Mr. McAllister named to date are Charles F. Reiser, Jr., assistant supervisor, Salisbury; Mrs. Opal Clayton, secretary, Kannapolis, and Whitehead, Miller, clerk, Spencer.

Mr. McAllister recently stressed the fact that information given enumerators will be held in strict confidence. All enumerators and other persons connected with the Census work are under a drastic Census oath not to disclose or discuss any information submitted for Census purposes. The Census is the oldest bureau of the Government, established nearly 150 years ago, and never has it been convicted of a violation of confidence.

He asked all business concerns to cooperate with the enumerators who call upon them for business census data.

Describing the value of the Census, Mr. McAllister said that from the results, banks and financial agencies are enabled to extend commercial credit more freely because of more accurate knowledge of what constitutes sound operating expenses and stock ratios; newspapers are enabled to establish the consumer market in their circulation fields; wholesalers are able to make a better appraisal of their immediate and potential trade territories and thus avoid unproductive expense; advertising agencies can determine comprehensive and accurate markets for various products; retailers are supplied with needed data on their competitive situation, not only in their particular field but also regarding the extent of other kinds of competitive business. Real estate values, proper rentals and the basis for percentage leases are frequently determined from business census data, which have great weight, because they are strictly factual statements without prejudice.

As fast as reports are received they are sent to Philadelphia by registered mail, where they are carefully guarded. Five to eight tabulating cards are punched to record the information on each report, and no names or addresses are on these cards. The cards are tabulated with other cards to produce the figures which are published and become the recognized basic statistics of business.

## County Agent Black Gets Inquiry About Hulls Buckwheat

An inquiry concerning the growing of duckwheat, or hulls buckwheat, in Alleghany county has been received by R. E. Black, County Farm Agent, from G. K. Middleton, Seed Improvement Specialist, of Raleigh.

Mr. Middleton stated in his letter that workers in the United States Department of Agriculture are interested in securing a small sample of the hulls buckwheat seed for experiments. This is grown in Ashe county, but it is not known whether it is raised by any farmer in this county.

Any farmer who may have a quantity of duckwheat, or hulls buckwheat, is requested to get in touch with the County Agent. The development of a practical hulls buckwheat, it is said, will mean a great deal to the farmers of this section and it is hoped that they will cooperate with the Seed Improvement Department and thereby secure this advantage.

## King Edward VIII Is Heard Tuesday By Parliament

London, Feb. 4.—King Edward VIII assured Parliament in a message today that his chief aim would be to maintain the liberties and welfare of his people.

The message was read at the first regular session of the House of Commons in King Edward's reign. It said:

"I have received with true satisfaction the loyal and affectionate address of Commons concerning the grievous loss I have sustained and concerning my succession to the throne.

"I thank you for the expression of your loyal attachment to my person and you may be assured that the first object of my life will be to maintain the liberties of my people and to promote the welfare of all classes. I pray that by the blessing of Almighty God, I may justify your trust throughout my reign."

## Doughton Thinks Republicans Will Nominate Landon

**Alleghany Congressman Pleaded With Robinson's Answer To Al Smith's Liberty League Speech**

In the opinion of Congressman Robert L. Doughton, Governor Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, will probably be nominated as the Republican candidate for president at the party's convention to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, in June. The Ninth district legislator expressed this opinion Saturday morning in Winston-Salem, where he stopped for a short time for his breakfast on his way to his home in Alleghany county from Washington.

The belief concerning the nomination of Landon was expressed by Congressman Doughton to friends with whom he had breakfast.

Mr. Doughton was well pleased with what he termed the "annihilation" of Al Smith by Sen. Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, in the latter's radio address last week. Senator Robinson was replying to the Liberty League dinner address of Smith. Mr. Doughton said he thought Robinson's address had a very favorable effect.

The congressman expressed himself as highly pleased with the situation in the sixth district of the WPA. He praised Jim Rivers, sixth district administrator, and Assistant Administrator Cole for what he termed the "splendid manner" in which they had conducted the affairs of the works progress program in this district.

He expressed pleasure at the "pick-up" in business and did not seem perturbed over the apparent mix-up in the present political situation.

## Ehringhaus Says State Is Now In Good Condition

Winston-Salem, February 4.—Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus modestly viewed his administration with satisfaction and declared "all is well" financially with the state in an address to the Winston-Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce Monday night.

The state's chief executive was introduced to the Jaycees and their guests—the civic clubs of the city—by H. M. Ratcliff, chairman of the Forsyth county Democratic executive committee who termed him "a . . . guest who will go down in history as one of the greatest Governors North Carolina has ever had."

North Carolina's smiling Governor, although the effects of a recent illness were obvious, did not lack power to drive home his points of stewardship during his administration and referring to his audience as "stockholders" and to the state as a great-business with himself at the head, he declared:

"Today the state of North Carolina is a manifestly solvent and going concern."

## State S. S. Meet To Be Held Soon In Winston-Salem

**To Hold Sessions In Centenary Methodist Church, One Of The Largest In The South**

**DATES ARE FEB. 17-19**

## Pageant, "The World At Prayer And The Gateway To Goodwill" Will Be A High Light Of Gathering

Winston-Salem, Feb. 4.—A thousand delegates from all sections of the state are expected to attend the North Carolina Sunday school convention, which is to be held in Winston-Salem on February 17, 18 and 19. The Centenary Methodist church, one of the largest and most adequately equipped church plants in the South, will serve as headquarters.

Rev. Shuford Peeler, of Salisbury, general secretary of the North Carolina Sunday school association, announced this week that a number of the most prominent religious leaders in the country are to participate in the three-day session, discussing various phases of the central theme, "Forward Through Cooperation."

Among these are: Dr. Oscar F. Blackwelder, of Washington, D. C., who will preach the convention sermon; Prof. H. Augustine Smith, Director of Church Community Music, Boston university; Dr. Harry C. Munro, International Council of Religious Education, Chicago; Bishop William F. McDowell, Methodist Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, D. C.; Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Board of Home Missions, Reformed Church, Philadelphia, and Dr. Lawrence Little, Western Maryland college. In addition to these, outstanding leaders of all denominations in the state will be present and will have part in the program.

Free entertainment for lodging and breakfast is offered to those attending, provided they register early. Anyone may register as a delegate by sending the registration fee of 50 cents to Mr. Peeler. These entertainment arrangements have been made possible through the cooperation of the Winston-Salem churches and the Chamber of Commerce.

The high light of the convention will be a great pageant entitled "The World At Prayer And The Gateway To Goodwill," which will be directed by Prof. Smith.

A banner will be presented to the county having the largest number present, based on the number of miles traveled.

## "Colorful" Auto Accident Occurs In California

Lindsay, Calif., Feb. 3.—Official records vouch for these colorful details: An automobile L. Green was driving knocked down Mrs. L. A. Brown. Harry White rushed her to a doctor's office, C. A. Black was listed as a witness. The accident left Mrs. Brown black and blue.

## ALMANAC

- 1—Rather a man without money, than money without a man.
- 2—Start of six-month Cape-Hatteras earthquake cycle, 1935.
- 3—First international disarmament conference meets in Washington, 1922.
- 4—First successful steam fire engine demonstrated in Cincinnati, 1825.
- 5—Present position California annexed to the United States, 1847.
- 6—Congress authorized establishment of the Weather Bureau, 1870.
- 7—Congressman Hermann Carter calls for Mexico, 1915.
- 8—Thomas A. Edison, great inventor, born 1847.