

Dixiecrat Leaders Keep Silent As Rabble-Rousing Elements Join Up

By JAMES THRASHER

No sooner had Henry Wallace announced his third party than the Communists had adopted it. Now the Dixiecrats of the states' rights movement have picked up an equally unsavory pack. And, like the Wallaceites, the Dixiecrats are going to have a tough time shaking their unwelcome attendants.

Their presidential candidate, Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, has tried to shoo them off. "We do not invite, nor do we need, the support of Gerald L. K. Smith," he said, "or any other rabble rousers who use race prejudice and class hatred to inflame the emotions of our people."

Governor Thurmond also asserted that the movement which he heads "is not based on racial hate nor racial prejudice." His record bears out that assertion as far as he, personally, is concerned. He is a foe of lynchings and of poll taxes, however bitterly he may object to federal support of his opposition by law.

Some of the governor's fellow Dixiecrats seem to have given the rabble rousers a different idea. Perhaps it was statements like that of Gov. Fielding Wright, Governor Thurmond's running mate, who told the Negroes of Mississippi in a radio address that if they expected social equality with whites in restaurants and schools they had better leave the state.

Or it might have been some of the rump convention speeches that set the pack of rabble rousers yipping at the Dixiecrats' heels. Speeches like the one by former Governor Frank M. Dixon of Alabama, who warned that passage of the civil rights proposals would force the intermingling of races and "make Southerners into mongrel, inferior race."

So the Gerald L. K. Smiths and the rest might be forgiven for inferring from such speeches as these that the states' rights movement had at least a tinge of racial prejudice, and perhaps a trace of racial hate.

At any rate, Brother Smith was at the convention, as a delegate. And it was reported that some 20 more noted Kluxers,

Italy Paralyzed by 'Reprisal Strikes'



Marching in protest parade in Rome on second day of general strike that has almost paralyzed the entire Italian nation, Communists carry a large portrait of Palmiro Togliatti, their wounded leader. Strike was called in retaliation for attempted assassination of Togliatti. Photo by Julius Huml, NEA-Acme photographer.

anti-semites, anti-Negroes, anti-foreigners and similar ragtag and bobtail were on hand, active both on the floor and behind the scenes.

The trouble is that denunciations by a party leader are not enough. Mr. Wallace tried to reject Communist support in a yes-but sort of way. No one, however, has heard a concerted howl of protest at the Communists' support from the rank and file of the Wallace party. Similarly, we haven't heard the champions of states' rights shouting a thunderous "Amen" to Governor Thurmond's blast at the rabble rousers.

The two new parties have further trouble in the vagueness of their stand. Mr. Wallace says he is a loyal American and a capitalist. Yet he seems to favor appeasement of Russia even if it means that all of Europe is to be conquered by communism. Governor Thurmond seems to favor civil rights on a sort of segregated basis, but only optional civil rights for the states and not a federal guarantee of those rights implicit in the Constitution.

It is not hard to see, then, why the Communists and the Antis might think that they had joined up with the right outfits, no matter how much the leaders of the new parties shake their fists and yell "Seal!"

Ice Cream Peddler Does Big Business—With Hooch

ATLANTA, July 26. — (AP) — Two detectives said today they found an ice cream pushcart peddler who had a stimulating trade. So, because the crowd "looked thirsty instead of hungry," Detectives W. E. Petty and E. F. Lawson investigated yesterday. Tucked amid the popples they found eight, chilled half-pints of whiskey.

J. H. Johnson was arrested for disorderly conduct, but forfeited a \$200 bond when he failed to appear in court today.

Rattlesnake Takes Nip At Death Valley Scotty

LAS VEGAS, Nev., July 26. — (AP) — Death Valley Scotty, California prospector, was recovering today in his castle from a rattlesnake bite.

Scotty was bitten while he was about three miles from his retreat. The fangs entered his thumb, but he sliced the wound and used the first aid kit he always carries. He has been bitten by rattlesnakes before. He says he is having no ill effects or complications.

Congress Nominee Plan Of Oregon Progressives

PORTLAND, July 26. — (AP) — The Progressive Party district convention to nominate a candidate for U. S. representative from the First Congressional District will be held in Salem Aug. 1.

Frank V. Patterson, Progressive Party secretary, said Ted Wolcott, Yamhill County farmer and former Navy officer, is expected to receive the nomination.

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Pheasant Hunting Season Announced

PORTLAND, July 26. — (AP) — Oregon hunters will get a 4½-day pheasant season this year, Oct. 29-Nov. 2.

The State Game Commission, passing hunting regulations for the coming autumn, decided over the weekend that the 2½-day season previously under consideration was too short.

The big limit will be two cocks a day and four for the season. Eight counties will be closed. They are Jefferson, Malheur, Wallowa, Union, Baker, Curry, Lincoln and Tillamook.

A valley quail season will coincide with the pheasant season. The bag limit will be five quail

a day and not more than ten in possession.

The commission eliminated a special doe-hunting season previously considered for the Keating area of Baker County. The watershed of the city of Baker also was removed from the special Baker elk season area. Tags for the special deer season in the Crooked Creek sector were reduced from 300 to 200.

Permits for killing of raccoons will be issued free to anyone who can show the animals are causing damage, the commission said.

Other regulations, tentatively adopted earlier, were passed without change.

Oregon is known as the "Valentine State" because it was admitted to the union on St. Valentine's day, 1859.

Sixth Death Occurs In Baseball Team Tragedy

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 26. — (AP) — Steve Lazar, of Oliphant, Pa., died today, the sixth victim of a bus-truck collision which shattered the ranks of the Duluth Northern League Baseball Team.

The 23-year-old second baseman died in a hospital to which he had been brought unconscious Saturday after his team's bus collided with a truck hauling a cargo of dry ice.

Four of Lazar's teammates were killed outright as the machines met on a slight rise on a highway at the northern edge of St. Paul. They were George Treadwell, 42, Superior, Minn., team manager; outfielder Gerald Peterson, 22, Proctor, Minn.; outfielder Gilbert Kridila, 19, Du-

luth, and pitcher Donald Schuchman of St. Louis. The sixth victim was James E. Grealish of St. Paul, driver of the truck.

Fourteen other members of the team were injured.

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