

Dewey Flays F. D. R. on Voting and Social Security Proscription

CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey came to this southern state tonight to beard the lion of colorphobia in his den and to expose the hypocrisy of his opponent on that issue. He was given one of the greatest ovations of the campaign before and after addressing an overflow throng at the Municipal Auditorium, where he was wildly applauded when he spoke in part as follows:

"Beyond victory, what kind of a country will our American men and women come home to? This election will decide that question. We have a fateful decision to make but that decision must be made, not on vague and irresponsible discussion, but on the facts. On Thursday night of this week my opponent repeated his charge that 'There are politicians and others who quite openly worked to restrict the use of the ballot in this election.'

"Now I do not know who Mr. Roosevelt means because he seems to lack the courage to name names and say what he means. So let's look at the facts.

"He sadly complained that not enough people vote. But he pointed with pride to the fact that in 1940, 62½ per cent of the eligible voters of this nation went to the polls.

"And let me point out, my opponent is relying for his main support upon a solid block of votes in states where millions of American citizens are deprived of their right to vote by the poll tax and by intimidation. Not once in 12 years has my opponent lifted a finger to correct this, and his platform is cynically silent on the subject.

"We are pledged to an expanding social security for the people of this country. Twenty million Americans have been forgotten by this Administration in the nine long years the old age pension laws have been on the books.

"We are pledged that our government shall not again use its power to set race against race, creed against creed, or class against class. We are pledged to a government which has equal respect for the rights of agriculture, labor and business, and for every race, creed and color.

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D. C. Housing Built For Negroes

More than 10,300 accommodations for Negro war workers are included in the war housing program for the Washington, D. C. metropolitan area, John B. Blandford, Jr., Administrator of the National Housing Agency, announced this week.

These new accommodations will be in addition to the 2,024 family units and 1,376 dormitory accommodations that had been completed for Negro war workers by July 31, Mr. Blandford said. At the same time, work is now being pushed on the installation of 400 mobile houses and 350 dormitory accommodations, while 107 demountable houses are being finished for occupancy after movement from Suitland, Md.

The new 10,326 accommodations will include 5,425 units provided by private financing, and 4,901 units provided by public financing. Of the privately financed family accommodations for Negro war workers, 693 have been completed; 1,428 are under construction and 2,304 are yet to start. One thousand units are programmed for conversion of existing structures. Of the amount yet to start nearly 1,200 units are nearing the construction stage.

Approximately 64,000 housing units have been built or scheduled for Negro and white war workers and their families in the Washington, D. C. metropolitan area under the war housing program, Mr. Blandford announced.

As of July 31, Mr. Blandford reported 54,742 units had been completed while 3,059 were under construction, with work yet to be started on several thousand units.

Because of limited wartime supplies of critical materials, this housing was designed to meet only the needs of incoming war workers and those workers evicted from their homes through no fault of their own. The figures include only housing built under wartime priority control.

The war housing program for the area includes 51,201 family dwellings of which 34,293 are being privately financed. Over 30,000 additional units were constructed by private builders, without priority assistance, during the earlier period of the defense effort.

Public financed construction includes 16,908 family quarters, 11,176 accommodations for single workers in dormitories or residence halls, and 64 trailers that are used as stop-gap shelter. In addition 107 trailers and 400 mobile units have recently been added to the stop-gap program.

SMALL WORLD

(By Marine Cpl. Collie J. Nicholson of Winfield, La.)

SOMEWHERE IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC (Delayed) — "Small World" Items.

Marine Private Wilbur L. Blackman, colored, of 914 Federal Ave., Orlando, Fla., a switchboard operator in an anti-aircraft unit, went for a swim the other day in the waters off this atoll.

While floating, he grazed another swimmer.

It was his brother, John D. Blacklier that day on a Naval craft. man, a sailor, who had arrived ear-

Rainey Takes Stand for Dewey

Julian R. Rainey of Boston, former director of the Colored Division of the Democratic National Committee, declared his support for Governors Dewey and Bricker today with the assertion that "a vote for Roosevelt is a vote against the progressive welfare of the Negro."

Mr. Rainey, prominent in Boston legal circles, resigned last Friday as attorney for the Office of Price Administration in the New England area.

He presented his resignation, he said, because "I could not remain silent during this campaign while laboring under the responsibility to protest against a most subtle and vicious plan to perpetuate in America a second-class citizenship for by people."

Mr. Rainey was formerly Assistant Corporation Counsel for Boston and has served as special attorney for Massachusetts in the Department of Justice. He headed the Colored Division of the Democratic National Committee in the last four presidential campaigns.

Accepting Mr. Rainey's support of Governors Dewey and Bricker, Herbert Brownell, Jr., Republican Chairman, paid tribute to the high regard of Negroes for Mr. Rainey and added:

"His voluntary action in declaring support of the Republican ticket is further evidence of the growing conviction among Negroes that in the Republican party lies their hope for advancement and preservation of the Negro's constitutional rights."

"Thoroughly have I tested the Democratic party," Mr. Rainey said in his statement. "I find that its policies with reference to the Negro are shaped by the South. For a while I believed that the South would hide its fangs. I believed that it would at least pretend to play ball with the Negro in return for his support at the polls. But I find that the South would rather lose the Presidency, yes, rather lose the war, than permit the Negro his constitutional rights."

Mr. Rainey scored the discrimination he said is practiced against Negroes in military service and in government under the present national administration.

"Lincoln said that this country could NOT exist half-slave and half-free," he declared. "I say that the Negro cannot exist as an American on a half-citizenship. He has no place in the party of the South. He must again turn to the Republican party for liberation. In this campaign he must turn to Dewey and Bricker."

The text of Mr. Rainey's statement follows:

"I have resigned as attorney for the Office of Price Administration for the reason that I could not remain silent during this campaign while laboring under the responsibility to protest against a most subtle and vicious plan to perpetuate in America a second-class citizenship for my people."

"I believe that the President is friendly disposed toward the Negro. What he would do, if he could, toward extending to the Negro the latter's guarantees under the constitution, is unimportant. The fact is he can do nothing about it. In this matter he is as helpless as a page boy, for the Southern members of Congress hold at his head a legislative pistol, and order him, not only to keep the Negro in status quo, but to put in effect a long-range plan which has for its purpose complete separateness based on segregation, discrimination and intimidation. They say to the Presi-

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Overcharges Bring Injunction Suit

Jim Lee, proprietor of the China Clipper Restaurant, 2225 W. Burnside, was named defendant in a suit brought by the district OPA enforcement division in the Circuit Court of Multnomah County, asking for an injunction barring the restaurant operator from charging more than ceiling prices permitted by OPA regulations, Cecelia P. Gallagher, OPA enforcement attorney, announced today.

"This is the beginning of an intensive drive during which the base period filings of every Portland restaurant will be checked," Miss Gallagher declared.

The investigation, made under the direction of Charles Kaufman, OPA compliance chief, disclosed that prices on over a hundred items served by the China Clipper had been raised not once, but several times, resulting in overcharges to the public exceeding \$7,000.

dent: 'accept our policy in dealing with the Negro or we will wreck your whole legislative program.'

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"The South has demanded of the President, and he has become a President, and he has become a party to, a policy which for its purpose the humiliation of the Negro, keeping the Negro ever impressed with the inferiority of his place in America, and the establishment of a complete and everlasting Negro serfdom. This is being accomplished in every phase of government contact with the Negro."

The President is not allowed to appoint a Negro to a place in Washington unless it concerns Negroes or Negro personnel. Every setup to which a Negro is appointed has a Negro kitchen in which he is placed. The President is not allowed to place a Negro in contact with white people unless it is in a servile capacity, the exceptions being a couple of places originated by the Republican party which have become so traditionally colored that no one dares to touch them.

"They gave us a brigadier-general. He is without command, and his duties are restricted to the inspection of colored troops. William Hastie was appointed a civilian aide to the Secretary of War with duties restricted to correspondence having to do with Negro troops. T. Arnold Hill was appointed assistant to the administrator of the Office of Price Administration with duties restricted to visiting colored personnel."

Supplementing findings of investigators, numerous complaints have been received at the district OPA office from customers, including many labor union members, who reported overcharges by the restaurant.

Restaurant prices were frozen during the period April 4-10, 1942, Kaufman explained. Several menus brought to light by OPA investigators revealed that Lee had at different times changed and altered his menus and listed the same food and drink items at higher prices.

Lee is sole owner of the China Clipper restaurant which purportedly does business close to \$100,000 a year. He admitted to investigators that he had raised his prices above those permitted by regulations. On subsequent check of his restaurant, he was found still to be selling at excess prices, Kaufman said.

"It is naive to call these appointments window-dressing. Seriously they were vicious. They were made to look like progress, and in consequence snare and delude the colored people. Whereas they were laborate steps in an overall plan of permanent segregation — an overall plan to establish a colored caste system complete in every detail."

"Since the organizations of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard preclude the utilization of women on a Jim-Crow basis, colored women are brazenly barred from these branches of the service."

"There is not an injustice in my bill of complaint that could not be corrected by an unbridled president and commander-in-chief. I find after living close to three Democratic administrations, that a vote for a Democratic candidate for the Presidency means a vote to establish a Negro serfdom. A vote for Roosevelt is a vote against the progressive welfare of the Negro. It means giving your adversary 'a stick to break your back.' Lincoln said that this country could not exist half-slave and half-free. I say that the Negro cannot exist as an American on a half-citizenship. He has no place in the party of the South. He must again turn to the Republican party for liberation. In this campaign he must turn to Dewey and Bricker."

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