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Making a Tool of McNary

The growing suspicion that certain party leaders favorable to the presidential candidacy of Thomas E. Dewey are using Oregon's favorite republican son as a stalking-horse for the fiery gang-busting New York prosecutor in this state is confirmed for many astute political observers by circumstances and incidents attending and leading up to Dewey's visit to Portland yesterday.

In the hands of a committee picked obviously for its friendliness toward him, his visit was made the occasion for such an ovation as is usually reserved for a presidential nominee, not just one of a dozen pre-convention candidates for the nomination.

Contrasted with the very tame receptions accorded Senator Robert Taft and Senator Styles Bridges, also avowed aspirants for the same prize, when they swung through the state recently the elaborately planned and carefully staged welcome for Dewey is significant. Every minute of the candidate's few hours in the city was carefully budgeted to provide interviews with the press, conferences with party and group leaders, receptions and finally his climactic public address.

The fact that he was the honored guest and principal speaker of the official republican Lincoln day program only partly explains the care with which the appearance of enthusiasm was manufactured for him. The care which was taken to impress potential delegates to the G. O. P. convention with the crusading prosecutor's popularity in Oregon was more revealing.

There was nothing original or statesmanlike in Dewey's address at the evening meeting in the auditorium, which fact, perhaps, explains the reluctance of his admirers to subject him to the test of a presidential primary contest for Oregon's favor. Glamour alone, while it may be a valuable convention adjunct of a candidate, is thin ice upon which to stand before the people at the polls. It is much simpler to manipulate a convention delegation than to control the prejudices of a quarter of a million voters.

Hence the avowed enthusiasm and political friendship of Dewey and his Oregon lieutenants for the favorite-son candidacy of Senator Charles L. McNary, concerning whose chances of election his sponsors—including Governor Charles A. Sprague—confess they "have no illusions."

Senator McNary himself, in commenting to the submission of his name to the people of Oregon in the preferential primary, admitted that he entertained no illusions of becoming president, and made it clear that he was permitting the use of his name merely to head off the prospect of seeing his state send a delegation to the convention pledged to a hopeless candidate whom they could not control, as it has done before. He implies a desire to see an Oregon delegation free to bargain to this state's best advantage, as developments in the convention may dictate.

But Senator McNary had and has no intention of permitting himself to be used as a stalking-horse for political schemers who seek to evade the spirit and intention of the primary law.

Youth and the President

When President Roosevelt told the truth about the Russian dictatorship to the National Youth congress, his remarks were coldly received and boos greeted his utterances. He styled the reasoning upon which the youth's opposition to American aid to Finland as "unadulterated twaddle based on 90 percent ignorance." While he conceded the right of the young people to "call yourself communists" he warned that "you have no American right or deed of any kind to subvert the government and constitution of this nation."

There is no question but that the National Youths' congress is communistic. Evidence before the Dies committee proved it and the admissions of Browder clinched it. The youths own actions confirm it. Yet the president and Mrs. Roosevelt both coddled this red tinged bunch all along and have done everything in their power, up to now, to encourage their subversive activities.

The Youths' organization is a product of the new deal, an effort borrowed from Europe to regiment youth in support of communist or fascist revolution, organized and captained by agitators, capitalizing youthful radicalism. Its real objective is its drive for half a billion dollars from the national treasury to provide jobs and power for its organizers.

It is a sinister development of paternalism that youth should discard individual initiative and resort to a demand for doles. Never before in our history has youth, which should be the hope of the country, indulged in such old world antics. The government can't possibly supply jobs for all young people—that is up to private enterprise, business and industry, and they can't function as long as kept in a straight-jacket, denied opportunity for profits and robbed by exorbitant taxation to support a parasitic and oppressive bureaucracy.

Sophomoric Infallibility

Our esteemed contemporary, with sophisticated sophomoric finality, takes the Catholic hierarchy and the newspapers, particularly the Oregonian and Capital Journal to task for statements concerning the medieval guilds, whose reestablishment the churchmen favor. It remarks in its eruption of erudition:

Speaking of the medieval associations, craft guilds and the guild merchants, the Oregonian says: "Yet so benevolent and admirable were they in their halcyon period that to this day organized labor remembers them with fondness, and within its own organizations delights to form social bodies of craftsmen that preserve the name." And the Capital Journal, usually well-informed on questions of fact, flunks the course when it declares that modern unions are lineal descendants of some ill-defined "journeymen's guilds" existing outside of the true guilds; by this it may mean the companionship of 19th century France, but in any case its conclusion is badly incorrect.

A fair sized library has been written over the controversial subject of the guilds but the Capital Journal's statements were compiled from articles on the subject in the Encyclopaedia Britannica and Nelson's Encyclopaedia both accepted authorities. From the latter we quote:

Out of the decaying craft guilds there grew two sets of institutions—Journeyman's guilds, in which it has been claimed that the modern trade union has its origin; and the companies of capitalist employers, which survived the decay of the guild system, and became in London the Livery companies. See Gross' Guilds Mercantile; Welford's Guilds, their origin and constitution; Brentano's History and Development of Guilds, contained in Smith's English Guilds, their statutes and customs; Lambert's 2000 years of Guild Life; Mrs. Green's Town Life in the 14th Century, and St. Martin's Historic des Corporations de Metiers.

Popular People

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Today, February 13, finds itself in a peculiar predicament, as days go. It is sandwiched in between February 12, Lincoln's birthday, and February 14, St. Valentine's day, a sort of forgotten day, as it were. May be because it is the 13th, nobody wanted to take a chance on making a holiday out of it but it is worthy of some sort of mention if for no other reason that it is too humbly situated to be worthy of some sort of mention, if anyone knows what we mean.

However, February 13, at that, is apt to become quite a date in Oregon history as being a date establishing a rather important record in the affairs of the state. This

Kelly Says:

Northwest Fertile Earl Browder Finds

Holman May Bring Some Sensations

Complaints About Enumerators Continue

By John W. Kelly

Washington, Feb. 13—Residents of Oregon and Washington creep into the investigations of congressional committees. William Dudley Pelley, of the Silver Shirts, for instance, recalled that he was candidate for president of the United States on the "Christian Party" ticket in Washington state in the 1938 campaign. Also Pelley, who enjoyed a thriving business selling hats, told the Dies committee that Washington and Oregon were part of the best territory for the Silver Shirts. Earl Browder, executive secretary for the communist party in America, among other statements, boasted a bit about the activities of the steel-sharpeners in the Pacific northwest; mentioned specifically the Commonwealth Federation in the two states. Dies' committee has heard witnesses testify of red, Nazi and anti-Semitic activities in the area, with names, places and dates; has heard of communistic influenced student groups in Oregon and Washington. Labor committee of the senate has listened to the history of the goon squads. A house committee has heard of methods of NLRB and its agents.

Evidence Against NYC

Representative Walter M. Pierce, Oregon, went to the White House with 15 others who attempted to kill off the Dies committee, to give advice to officers of the National Youth Congress. (Elliott Roosevelt, in Chicago, says that he thinks the Dies committee is going a good work although certain members of his family do not like the committee). Another advisor, Rep. John M. Coffey, Tacoma.

At the White House conference Mrs. Roosevelt was quoted as defending the NYC for affiliating with communists (Young Communist League is member of NYC), and this has stirred up plenty of criticism against the president's wife. Oregon's Pierce decided to break a lance for the fair Lady Eleanor; wrote a speech consuming more than two pages of Congressional Record; said "No one claims that the American Youth Congress is a communist organization nor communist-controlled." However, Dies' committee has made the accusation and as Pierce was speaking Washington was flooded with a pamphlet of photostatic documents quoting Browder and other communists to show red activities in NYC.

And it was also while Mr. Pierce was giving Mrs. Roosevelt and NYC a clean bill of health that Pelley was bragging about the strength of his Silver Shirts organization in the far northwest.

First Lady Travels Along

Certain test of whether an organization is communistic-controlled: It will adopt resolutions denouncing fascism, nazism—never communism. Civil Liberties Union, which was suspect, has ousted acknowledgedreds from its board; League for Peace and Democracy, a transmutation belt of government intellectu-

event is none other than the 73rd anniversary of the marriage of Marion Taylor and wife, the well known couple residing at Taylor's Grove above Mehama. We invite any one anywhere in this good old commonwealth to produce a couple which has continued in wedded bliss for a full 73 years or longer. In other words, we present the claim for Marion county that Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are now the oldest living wedded couple in the state and also are both in a condition of health to easily live until they celebrate their diamond anniversary, which would make February 13 indeed a date of import in the annals of Oregon. Incidentally, no finer old couple ever lived than Marion Taylor and his wife and no couple more entitled to 73 years of wedded bliss. And that it has been wedded bliss probably plays a pretty important part in the fact that it has lasted for three-quarters of a century nearly. We only wish they could round out a century of it.

Also, may we add, that tomorrow has something more important attached to it than merely being St. Valentine's day. It also is the birthday anniversary of "Auntie" Brooks who will celebrate same to her friends with an open house at her home, 1220 North Commercial, tomorrow between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock. And "Auntie's" friends, too, are legion, by the way.

Claude Ingalls, the well known editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times, was in the office of our favorite paper on his way back home from celebrating "Dewey Day" in Portland yesterday. We gathered from some chance remarks dropped by Claude that he's a republican. He'd better be careful what he says around a strange newspaper office if he doesn't want these things found out about him and made public.

Andy Burk has solved one third term mystery by letting it be known that he will make the attempt let precedent fall where it may. Now about the only courthouse mysteries remaining about third terms or better are John Siegmund, county judge, and Grant Boyer, county clerk. They are both very eager on the subject, when approached preferring to let the mystery fester for awhile.

als, has folded up, notwithstanding its defense by Coffey, Ickes and even the president. (He called the exposure of the membership as "sordid procedure"). But Mrs. Roosevelt tells NYC to stick to its reds.

Sensations equal to anything the Dies committee has exposed are possible if Oregon's Holman can obtain approval of his proposal to investigate the immigration service. The whisper is that there are some hot leads leading to high places, up to the secretary of labor, perhaps. Commissioner of Immigration is a cousin of Mrs. Roosevelt and of President Roosevelt. Some of the clues were gathered by Holman personally on investigations at the immigration stations in New York.

Dynamite for Northwest

Reorganization Plan No. 3 is practically ready for the president to submit to congress. There will be dynamite in it insofar as the Pacific northwest is concerned. Government is now working on Plan No. 2 which was adopted last year "for more efficient government and economy" and assurances money would be saved by consolidations, eliminating overlapping, duplications.

When the plan was approved there were 885,766 workers on the government payroll and the salaries amounted to \$133,000,000. After eight months of reorganization the number of workers has increased by 101,772 (about 12,000 new names on the payroll each month). The salaries now make a total of \$152,000,000, or an increase of \$19,000,000 in that short time.

Last New Year's eve government workers in the District of Columbia numbered 127,597—an all-time high.

Ickes Sitting In

Rumors persist that Plan No. 3 will shift forest service from agriculture to interior, as Ickes has been sitting in with the planners at the White House but not Wallace.

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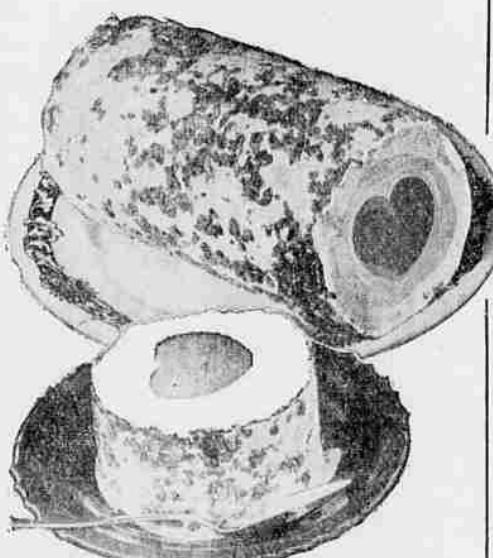
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