

Opponents of Hoover Decide They Won't Quit

KANSAS CITY, June 14.—(AP) The four presidential candidates opposing Herbert Hoover's nomination, calling themselves the "allies," decided today after conferences to have their names placed in nomination in the face of almost certain defeat.

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was when Calvin Coolidge vetoed this bill and the time will come when the American farmer will recognize the courage will recognize the statesmanship of the man who vetoed the bill that would have made him a bureaucrat.

Coolidge Demonstration

The Idahoan said that despite his veto he believed if the convention should nominate Coolidge he would carry every agricultural state in the union north of the Mason and Dixon line.

Coolidge Is Cheered

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Dr. Butler Voted Down

"We are faced with repeal or nullification," he told the convention. "We are faced with repealing the amendment or making this land a paradise for bootleggers."

CONVENTION HALL, KANSAS CITY, June 14.—(AP)—Coming together for a farm relief fight that everybody conceded to be as good as over before it began, the republican national convention was urged along by its officers today toward completion of a platform and nomination of a presidential candidate by nightfall.

Senator Smoot of Utah, head of the platform committee, was one of the earliest arrivals. Looking even taller and leaner than usual, with his face seamed deeply and his iron-gray hair a bit awry, he mounted the speaker's platform, got himself set before the big silver "mike" and made an adjustment in the location of the small speaker's table.

Flag Day Remembered

Senator Smoot, in a few crisp sentences, reminded the convention of the advent of Flag day and, taking the silken folds of Old Glory in his hands, continued: "We claim no monopoly on the flag, but we do recall that the first task of our party was to make this flag the symbol of a united country."

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Spangled Banner" and the audience stood and sang the words. Then the handmen got their signals mixed and broke into "The Stars and Stripes Forever," while Moses hammered unavailingly with his gavel and snapped a whole squad of messengers into action to get the music shut off.

This got results and the chairman recognized Senator Smoot to present the platform. The rules of the house of representatives were in effect, limiting speeches to five minutes each, but Senator Moses said he would entertain motions to suspend the rules to permit speakers to have "ten minutes—and no more."

Smoot got a good hand as he stepped up before the microphones and began to read the platform, but his voice did not carry to every section of the hall and there were shouts of "louder." The platform itself got its first applause, a brief intermission of handclapping, when the chairman read the sentence endorsing unequivocally the administration of President Coolidge.

Gallery Is Restive

The Utah senator resumed the reading but was interrupted by raucous cries of "louder" from the rear galleries. That halted him for a moment and he changed his position so that he came within range of the battery of "mikes" at the front of the runway.

Delegates continued to mill around, wandering up and down the aisles and along the passageways in the rear. The hour of meeting seemed to be a little early for a majority of the ticket holders and half an hour after the convention convened there were gaps of empty seats in the galleries. Smoot had the copy of the platform on a music rack and he rested his hands on each side of it as he was fairly well worn out by the long fight over the platform which he presented.

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"The delegates will take their seats," he yelled. "The delegate from Utah will suspend until there is order. Guests must either find seats or retire from the hall."

The platform declaration that "the record of the United States treasury under Secretary Mellon stands unrivaled and unsurpassed" brought a round of applause. The treasury secretary himself sat with the Pennsylvania delegation only a short distance from the platform.

Again there was handclapping when Smoot told of the more than six billions of dollars of reduction in the public debt during the seven years of Republican administration. Senator Smoot read slowly in an effort to conserve his voice for the task of wading through the 9000-word document which covered 57 typewritten pages.

Hoover Gets Ovation

There was a real, sure enough cheer, approaching the dimension of a demonstration when Senator Smoot reached the plank recommending the work of the department of commerce under "Secretary Herbert Hoover."

The delegates came to their feet at this first mention in the convention of the name of the man for whom a majority had decided to vote for president. As the cheering continued, someone in the California delegation uttered a California state flag with its bear and star, and waved it aloft while a man in the Texas delegation took up his state standard and started toward the platform in an attempt to organize a parade. But he desisted and returned to his place as Moses hammered for order.

Amplifier Stepped Up

By this time the galleries all were full and someone had stepped up the voice-amplifying apparatus so that Senator Smoot's words apparently could be heard to the outer edges of the circular galleries. The crowd was quiet but there was much moving about and a great deal of brow wiping and fanning with palm leaves, hats and newspapers as delegates and spectators tried to keep comfortable in the mounting heat of the convention hall.

Was He From Medford?

The constantly rising hum of the floor and gallery conversation with which Senator Smoot had to compete was checked temporarily at least after a delegate in the Oregon delegation, not fifty feet from the speaker, told the chairman that Smoot could not be heard even at that distance and asked whether something could not be done about it.

Moses hammered with effect, shouting: "Delegates will take their seats. All delegates will take their seats, and photographers will also take their seats."

Many of the delegates had not previously heard of the language of the agricultural relief plank and

convention contented itself with a blanket declaration for enforcement of all laws.

Smoot finished the reading in one hour 15 minutes and then moved the adoption of the report, but Chairman Moses recognized Senator Robert M. LaFollette, who presented a minority plank. The Wisconsin delegation stood up and cheered, and the youthful senator was given applause by the other delegates and galleries.

LaFollette Given Cheer

This brought a whooping cheer from some sections of the convention, with a yell from the south gallery: "Atta boy, Bob!" The young senator read his minority platform with vigorous gestures and in a clear, strong voice. LaFollette got a real cheer from the galleries and some of the delegates when he read his proposed farm relief plank, which declared for the equalization fee.

When the senator declared that the president had prevented the McNary-Haugen bill from becoming a law by a veto, many of the delegates cheered, the Massachusetts delegation in the front row right opposite the platform, leading in the cheering.

Substitute Voted Down

"You're all right, Bob," Chairman Moses said to his senate colleague. The LaFollette proposal for modification of the Volstead act got only a scattering applause

from delegates and spectators. The senator finished reading at one minute past 12 o'clock, after holding the convention only 26 minutes. He announced that the members of the resolutions committee from North Dakota approved the platform except for its prohibition declaration.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the convention, I thank you for your kind and courteous attention," LaFollette said, and he was applauded and cheered for nearly a minute.

The LaFollette substitute then was promptly rejected by the convention.

Moses Scores Objectors This brought the convention down to the fight over the farm plank. Senator Moses recognizing Delegate G. H. Smith of Illinois, who presented the minority proposal, "There was a howl of protest when Moses said Smith would be given half an hour."

Banging down his gavel, the chairman said: "The republican party is a party of liberty, and it should always be glad to give a hearing on any subject. The chair hopes there will be no objection."

This brought a cheer. "The delegate from Illinois is recognized for 30 minutes," Moses continued. "Is there objection?"

There was, but the chairman banged down his gavel and gave Smith 30 minutes anyhow for the presentation of the minority plank and his argument in favor of it. Smith was one of those who conducted the long fight yesterday and last night before the resolutions committee against the administration plank as it was finally drawn for presentation to the convention.

Soon after Smith began reading there were cries of "louder" from both the delegates and guests.

"If those who are yelling 'louder' would keep silence, perhaps the delegate from Illinois could be heard better," Moses said.

A little later there was so much confusion in the hall by reason of delegates moving about that the chairman stopped. Smith and banged loudly for order.

"There is too much moving around in the aisles and in the rear of the hall," he said. "If guests are restless they are privileged to retire."

After reading the proposed farm plank, Smith told the convention that in the resolutions committee

it commanded the support of 15 states and carried the signature of a large number of delegates.

"The paramount question before the American people and before this convention is that of furnishing relief for agriculture," said Smith. "I came to this convention with the conviction that the success of the republican party in November depended upon the way we met this situation and wrote the platform."

Loaden Speaker Ignored The Illinois delegate, an ardent supporter of Frank O. Loaden, and head of the Illinois farmer organization, declared that the farmers demanded "economic equality."

"If there is a demand for equality there must be equality," he declared, and then undertook to show that while the price of farm products has received the profits of manufacturing industries have increased.

Reading from the 1924 agricultural plank adopted by the republican convention at Cleveland, Smith said that pledge then made to the farmers of America for aid through legislation remained unredemmed.

As Smith proceeded, again there was some confusion in the hall. Secretary Mellon, sitting on the front row of the convention with the Pennsylvania delegation, gave no heed to the Smith resolution, pulling a sheet of papers out of his pocket and sitting reading his correspondence.

Smith wound up by saying that if the party expected the support of the republican farmers of the great western and middle western states "you are going to squarely and fairly meet this issue."

"We are through with general statements," he said. "The plank brought in here is not to gain sympathy. We are looking for something more substantial than that. I plead with this convention to support the plank which the minority of the committee has brought forth."

Smith asked for a roll call on the minority plank, and then Chairman Moses recognized Frank W. Murphy, delegate from Minnesota, and who long has fought for farm relief legislation.

"I am going to ask you all to think," Murphy said. "We are about to nominate a candidate for president of the United States; to nominate him in June, but to elect him in November you will find it will be a very difficult thing to accomplish."

Strong Pica for Farm Relief "The farmers are tremendously interested, and just now they are tremendously resentful. For that I am sorry."

"We come here pleading with you not to drive the farmers of the republican states out of their party, and I hope you will not interpret that as a threat, because it is not."

"The McNary-Haugen bill is to issue within the party, and you had better think seriously about it now when it is before you today. That is an issue you must meet head on and in a robust way. You cannot fool these farmers any more with platform pledges."

"That evoked a round of cheering. Murphy said the plank presented to the convention by the resolutions committee was only a repetition of the 1924 pledge."

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