

FIRST BALLOT GIVES OREGON MAN POSITION

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place, to launch the campaign formally.

Aggressive Campaign

He also expressed the view congress should stay in session because of "the difficult international situation."

Willkie, replying to other questions, said his victory was a 47-day "expression of the will of the people," and he would make a "very aggressive and wide-spread campaign."

He would be "delighted to see President Roosevelt" to discuss national defense, adding with a grin "I think one should be most courteous to his predecessor."

As for offering advice to Mr. Roosevelt on financial problems—"Every time I have seen the president he's done most of the talking."

(In Washington, Mr. Roosevelt had replied to a press conference question that he would be glad to talk with Willkie about foreign affairs.)

Willkie said he intended to resign from the presidency of the Commonwealth and Southern corporation, public utility holding company, Monday.

Told that his nomination was being attributed in England as a victory for the interventionists' cause, Willkie said that was incorrect.

Small and Wide

The nominee said that he would insist that his party adhere to the provisions of the Hatch Political Practices act. He declared he wanted no large contributions. He said the maximum would be \$5000.

"I hope," he added, "that the contributions will be small and widely diffused."

Newsmen recalled that he once had described the 1932 democratic platform as the "best ever written." He still subscribes to that view, he declared.

Quickly, he emphasized however, that he was going to campaign wholeheartedly on the republican platform.

Since the early morning nomination, big—three inches in diameter—campaign buttons saying "Willkie for President," had made their appearance. Some were even larger; one delegate helping to haul a big portrait of the candidate about the hall had stuck in his lapel a "Willkie for President" button as big as a White House dinner plate.

It was apparent that whether he liked it or not, Willkie's campaign song had just about been picked out for him. It was "Heigh-Ho, Heigh-Ho, It's Back to Work We Go," and continued: "With Wendell Willkie leading us, the jobs will grow."

The band played the refrain over and over, and printed copies of the parody on the song of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" were scattered about the hall.

Representative Harold Knutson of Minnesota came forward after Connecticut had yielded to Minnesota on the roll call for vice presidential nominations. Knutson nominated Rep. Dewey Short of Missouri for vice president. He said Short "is known to most of you as a militant and fighting republican," is "one of the great orators of the day" with a "penetrating discernment of the fallacies of the new deal," and has "a long and distinguished career in congress."

Short's seconds were former Representative Frank Reid of Illinois, and Homer B. Mann of Missouri.

W. S. Moscrip of Lake Elmo, Minn., next nominated McNary. He said there was "some question whether we should draft him from the senate" but that "in this crisis" it was necessary.

A great cheer went up at the mention of McNary's name. The

ALLEY OOP

BY V. T. HAMLIN



first seconding speech was made by Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, who had helped start the big stampede to Willkie last night when he released his Michigan delegation from its pledge to support himself.

Others who seconded McNary were:

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, State Senator Walter Jones of Hutchinson, Kansas, former Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania.

One of the last acts performed before Willkie arrived to address the convention was the ratification of the new national committee.

A great cheer signalled the arrival of Willkie. All faces turned to the rear of the hall and police cleared the middle aisle down which Willkie and Mrs. Willkie strode toward the platform. They had motored to the convention hall in a driving rain.

The organ thundered out "God Bless America." Mrs. Willkie, dressed in blue with a lacy white hat and purple orchids pinned to her shoulders, nearly had her hat knocked off by an over-enthusiastic admirer.

While the Willkies stood on the speakers' platform, balloons came tumbling down from the ceiling high overhead, and confetti rained upon them.

Willkie, the business man who mused his hair and turned into a politician overnight, won the republican nomination to-day after the wildest balloting spree of any recent convention.

He wrested the title from whooping delegates on the sixth ballot shortly after midnight. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, his forces badly shattered, and Senator Vandenberg of Michigan had freed their supporters to join the mad rush toward the blunt-speaking New York utilities executive.

Senator Taft of Ohio, his lines crumbling in the stampede, finally, fell before the onrush. Then the result was declared unanimously.

The 48-year-old Willkie, never before a candidate for public office, learned of his nomination in his hotel suite, crowded with enthusiastic friends.

"I am very appreciative. I'm very humble, and very proud," he said.

One by one, Willkie bowed over the "favorite sons" in the early balloting. Then his drive went into the camps of the men who three years ago had

been favored to win the nomination.

First Dewey's lines began to tremble and crack. Dewey released his delegates on the fifth ballot, and there was a drive for Taft, with the workers of Herbert Hoover aiding in the push. But it failed.

The thousands in the galleries, hoarse from hours of shouting "we want Willkie," took up the chant again. Delegations that hesitated or turned against Willkie were booed; then cheered to a raucous-shaking echo when they turned back to him.

His nomination went over in the middle of the sixth roll call of the longest nominating fight the republicans have had since Warren G. Harding was nominated in 1920. Once, as the lines tightened, a delegate sought to move a recess. But Chairman Martin drove them ahead.

Pennsylvania had a chance to become the key delegation to turn the nomination to Willkie. Its big delegation of 72 men and women had been giving the majority of their support to Governor Arthur James, but with a split that spilled more votes to Willkie on each ballot.

When the state was reached on the sixth roll call, Willkie had 438 delegates. The Pennsylvania delegation, voted solidly, would have put him across the line. But the delegation was outside in a caucus and David Reed of Pennsylvania, the former senator, passed.

Eight more states were called

and each piled up more votes for the New Yorker. After Virginia had heaped more upon the total, it stood at 499 for Willkie, with the race squarely between him and Taft—and the senator slipping fast.

At this point, the Pennsylvania delegation filed back into the hall. Reed leaped up to report that his state wanted to cast its vote. The 72 votes were dumped upon the Willkie bandwagon.

But it would have gone over a moment later anyway, for Washington threw 10 more after Pennsylvania's 72.

Wonders in Auto Crash; Subversive Influence Blamed

NEW YORK, June 28 (UP)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor were in an automobile accident while en route from Madrid to Portugal, according to a Madrid dispatch broadcast Thursday by the German wireless.

The broadcast suggested that the accident "might be due to an attempted outrage... as it is recalled that subversive quarters are doing their utmost to prevent the ducal couple from reaching England and might have partly cut the axle."

The broadcast said the duchess was saved from being thrown from the car into a river by the duke's presence of mind.

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WILLKIE WON FAME FIGHTING BIG TVA

By NEA

Six years ago Democrat Wendell Lewis Willkie began a fight against the New Deal to "salvage" utilities of powerful Commonwealth and Southern, threatened by TVA experiment.

In 1939 he won that fight, emerged with \$78,000,000 for the properties the government had originally offered to buy for \$55,000,000. He also emerged as one of the ablest champions of business—and a republican.

Today this big, handsome former Indiana lawyer is a candidate for president on a program calculated to free business of excessive governmental control. Willkie calls himself a liberal, says that a true liberal's function is "to strive to make men free."

Willkie was born 48 years ago in Elwood, Ind. His parents both were lawyers and he early developed a taste for the law, too, helped his father prepare a case at 16. In high school and college he was outstanding as a debater. Willkie was one of the first to enlist in 1917 and served with the 325th field artillery.

In 1919 the youthful attorney began practice at Fort Wayne, Ind., then in Akron, O. His brilliant work as a utility counsel brought him to New York in 1929 and four years later, at 41, he became president of the \$1,128,501,000 Commonwealth and Southern system.

Willkie married Edith Willkie, the town librarian at Elwood, Ind., just before he left for France. The Willkies have one child, Philip Herman, a senior at Princeton and recently voted "the most likely to succeed" in his class.

FOREIGN SHIPS MAY BE SEIZED

WASHINGTON, June 28 (UP)

President Roosevelt yesterday issued a sweeping proclamation which, in effect, would give customs collectors the power to seize the French luxury liner Normandie and any other foreign or domestic ship in United States ports, including the Panama canal zone.

A White House statement said in part, that:

"The powers which are made available for exercise by today's proclamation include the promulgation of regulations, subject to the president's approval, governing the anchorage and movement of vessels, and, with the consent of the president, taking possession and control of any vessels if necessary to secure them from damage or injury, or to prevent damage or injury to United States harbors or waters, or to secure observance of the rights and obligations of the United States."

The Normandie has been docked at New York since the allies declared war on Germany last September 3. It has incurred huge wharfage charges. There has been much speculation about the fate of it and other large French vessels in United States ports since disclosure of the German armistice demands which include recall to France of such ships.

Application of the proclamation to the canal zone came two

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