

FDR STAYS OUT OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

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WASHINGTON, July 9 (AP)—President Roosevelt, while reserving the right to dabble in an experienced finger in politics in his own state, was reported today to have resisted firmly efforts of numerous politicians to get him to take sides in feuds elsewhere.

He himself has remarked that this is war and politics are out. And one individual with access to accurate information asserted that the president had lived up to that declaration so far, although he has had many a bid for political assistance from members of congress who feel uneasy over their chances for reelection in November. A presidential pat on the back conceivably could make a considerable difference in their fortunes.

Persons closely associated with the chief executive, who prefer to remain anonymous, say they are convinced there will be no 1942 version of the 1938 "purge," in which the president campaigned against democrats he considered too conservative. This year, of course, there could be only one major issue—support of the administration's foreign policy. And since Pearl Harbor there have been few legislators who have raised their voices against that policy.

No Active Part

The present intention of the president apparently is to take no active part in any campaign to unseat pre-Pearl Harbor isolationists—again with a possible exception in New York state, where he maintains his permanent voting residence.

Roosevelt has taken public notice only once of the isolationist issue. That was last February when he told a press conference that when the country is at war, we want congressmen, regardless of party, who would back up the government of the United States and who have a record of backing it up in an emergency.

He was commenting on a speech in which Edward J. Flynn, democratic national chairman, said it would be an equivalent of a major military disaster if the democrats lost control of congress.

They have little to worry about on that score in the senate, where the terms of only 23 of the 65 democrats expire next January. And at least a dozen of these democrats are from states in which the election of a republican would be a modern political miracle.

Union to Stop Making Juke Box Records

NEW YORK, July 9 (AP)—The 130,000 members of the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) will make no more radio transcriptions and juke box records after August 1, it was announced by union officials Wednesday.

The order to stop recordings, signed by President James C. Petrillo, went out to the members on June 25 in an effort to end competition of "canned music," the federation's headquarters said.

A spokesman said that it would mean juke box operators could get no more records after the present supply was worn out. The spokesman said there was no objection to making records strictly for home consumption if these could be controlled, but added "That's where the question comes in."

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PM Editor Accuses His Draft Board of Prejudice

NEW YORK, July 9 (AP)—Ralph M. Ingersoll, editor and publisher of the newspaper PM, accused his draft board in an open letter Tuesday of attempting to draft him because of prejudice against PM.

A major portion of the newspaper's front page headlines was devoted to the letter and the next three pages contained the text and an explanation by Ingersoll, who said in an editorial preface that he was ready to go into the army or continue as editor but added:

"What I am kicking about is the decision being made by a draft board which has betrayed prejudice in my case—apparently because it doesn't like PM."

Classified 1-A by his local board, Ingersoll appeared for induction June 24 only to find that this had been delayed because of an appeal for deferment by Marshall Field, owner of PM, who said Ingersoll was indispensable to the paper's continuance.

The editor was scheduled to appear before the board tonight for a new hearing to determine his status.

Ingersoll prefaced a list of accusations with a demand that his case be "handled by an impartial board."

"At my hearing on the night of June 16," the letter said, "one of you said to me: 'Don't you think it would be a fitting climax to PM's career to have it end with your being drafted into the army as a private?'"

"Were you drafting me in order to kill PM or in order to send an able-bodied combatant to fight our enemies as PM has done since its inception?"

"You said: 'Wouldn't your competitors laugh if PM went out of business on account of your being inducted?' Were you volunteering to help former America firsters and isolationists to kill PM—or were you sending me to kill nazis?"

Ingersoll, who is 41, said he had told the board he had two dependents, one a former wife "awaiting a very serious operation" and the other, an "aged paralytic," and that he had no capital and was, in fact, in debt.

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A short business session of the center preceded adjournment.

DAYTON RESIGNS FARM CENTER POST

TULELAKE—Howard Dayton, chairman of the Tulelake Modoc Farm Center, is resigning, following his decision to get into the running for county supervisor of Modoc county, it was announced at this week's meeting of the center. Chester Main, vice president, will take the chair.

Four-H club boys and girls of the Carr school district were responsible for the excellent program offered for the entertainment of the members. Carmen Bitter, president of the club, presided at the regular business meeting.

Girls dressed in cotton frocks they had made, modeled their handwork, and record books of projects completed or being worked on were explained and exhibited. Dick Maxwell and Dick Heiney demonstrated water purification.

Mrs. Violet Wilson, home demonstration agent for Modoc county, had as her guest, Fleda Smith, Berkeley, supervisor of home demonstration agents. Miss Smith talked to the Four-H members on possibilities that lie before them if each individual applies himself. She spoke specifically of a small Chinese lad who through his own efforts made \$1500 in America that he sent back to his family in China.

Irving Capeks Return From Utah

MALIN—Mr. and Mrs. Irving Capek and family returned Monday from Springfield, Utah, where he has been employed for several weeks by the Ford J. Twits construction company on one of six huge defense projects now under construction. Prior to leaving Malin, Capek was employed with the company at the Japanese center at Newell.

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