

SENTIMENT FOR BONUS GAINS IN LEGION'S RANKS

Bitter Fight on Perennial Issue Expected at Miami Parley.

BY THOMAS L. STOKES
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WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Americans Legion officials who professed ten days ago to see little danger of a cash bonus uprising at the coming Miami convention revised their estimates this afternoon as they analyzed sentiment among the delegates.

Latest reports show that fourteen states and the District of Columbia will send delegates committed for cash payment by action of departmental conventions, which represents about 38 per cent of voting strength. This gives the bonus a head start. Only two state conventions rejected bonus resolutions, New York and Louisiana. It was not an issue this year in the other state conventions. Some states which took no action one way or the other, however, have voted previously for immediate cash payment.

The convention which runs from Oct. 21 to 25 is likely to see a real fight over this perennial issue which haunts congress and gives sleepless nights to Presidents.

Renewed Campaign Looms

A renewed bonus campaign now appears in prospect at the coming session of congress. Beyond the potential threat from the American Legion, Representative Wright Patman (Dem., Texas) has jumped back into the limelight to announce he has drafted a new bill for immediate payment. It would require \$2,000,000,000.

Mr. Patman, whose bill passed the house last session, opened his new drive before the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which has supported the bonus for several years. He undoubtedly will take his case next before the Legion. For the last four years he has been a member of the Legion's national legislative committee which has jurisdiction over the bonus issue. Last year he withdrew from the bonus fight, declining to sign a house petition which finally forced a vote and passed his measure through that politically thin-skinned body.

Administration officials, confronted with large outlays for relief and the recovery program, are prepared to do everything possible to squelch the drive.

Roosevelt May Interfere

President Roosevelt may find it necessary to repeat his personal and successful plea of last year. Every attempt will be made to prevent an endorsement by the Legion because of its recognized power in congress.

Bonus champions are seeking an alliance with inflationary blocs with the argument that the bonus offers the best means of getting purchasing power into the hands of a large segment of the population. For this reason it may become a formidable campaign.

Some Legion leaders will seek to check the tide. They argue that the Legion got everything it wanted when congress passed over President Roosevelt's veto the bill restoring various benefits taken away from the veterans by the economy act, and that it therefore is not wise to flaunt the administration again.

POSTAL RECEIPTS GAIN

Increase of 1.48 Per Cent Shown Over September, 1933.

Postal receipts for last month were an increase of 1.48 per cent above September, 1933. Postmaster Adolph Seidensticker announced today. Last month's total figure was \$291,633.

Rival Mayor Candidates Come to Grips—Fraternity Variety

BY TRISTRAM COFFIN
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THE bonds of brotherhood last night held two profound political rivals who happened to be initiated into the mystic rites of the same college fraternity in their less serious undergraduate days.

Brother John W. Kern (Washington and Jefferson), Democratic mayoral nominee, and Brother Walter Pritchard (Indiana), old guard candidate for mayor, met and modestly disparaged their respective efforts at the Phi Gamma Delta Indianapolis alumni chapter meeting at the Athenaeum.

Genial Brother Omer F. Jackson (Indiana), Democratic state chairman, sat between the two political foes at the speakers' table and adroitly avoided any mention of specific merits or demerits of the candidates in his capacity of toastmaster.

Although to the boys just lately out of college it was another chance to rip it up for the Fijis (as the Phi Gams are called), the older members regarded the occasion as a somewhat unique political meeting where neither candidate tactfully could launch into a red-blooded campaign speech.

TALKS of the five-minute talk by Judge Kern and Mr. Pritchard seemed to be that they were and would be congenial friends and that campaigns were so much nonsense that had to be endured by the sprinters in America's most popular game.

There was some loose talk by fraternity officials of "illustrious brothers." The illustrious brothers looked at each other a little sheepishly and grinned as if thinking "what are we boys doing here as distinguished guests among our brothers."

Speaking of what lay heavily on their minds, the candidates spoke of the rigors of the political campaign and candidly admitted that they wished the race was over and won. They declared that the campaign was amazingly free of invectives of one majority candidate for another because each respected the other.

Mr. Pritchard said he was afraid to take any stabs at Judge Kern because if his opponent were elected he was afraid he might get arrested for crossing the street in the middle of the block.

JUDGE KERN replied with equal jollity that if Mr. Pritchard were elected, he expected no leniency on such a minor offense as jaywalking—there were bigger and better things to be done.

Both candidates, as they met in the doorway, expressed surprise that the other could be looking so well.

Brother Pritchard admitted embarrassment in his talk that among the brethren there should be a newspaperman (De Pauw). There was some brotherly laughter among the tables that the newspaper man bore the same last name as one of Brother Pritchard's dear friends.

In closing their addresses, each candidate expressed appreciation that he had been able to meet and talk with his rival on comparatively friendly grounds and that when the campaign was over the two would be able to have away pleasant hours with reminiscences of the battle.

Veterans to Hold Dance

Captain William E. English auxiliary, No. 56, United Spanish War Veterans, will hold a dance at the Antlers tomorrow night.



Their college fraternity grip united the two major party candidates for mayor at the Phi Gamma Delta Indianapolis alumni chapter dinner last night at the Athenaeum. Superior Judge John W. Kern, Democratic nominee (left), enjoyed the unusual procedure as much as did Walter Pritchard, Republican nominee (right).

Hugh Johnson Remains Actor to Very End

And When He Leaves the Hall at Last, Only the Cynics Are Dry-Eyed.

BY LEE G. MILLER
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WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The general couldn't go on. Thirteen pages of manuscript he had dropped one by one to the floor after reading them to his assembled staff, and the fourteenth and last lay before him. He got down to where he had written:

"And now that it is time to go! The Lord bless thee and keep Thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

But Hugh Johnson couldn't say the words. He stood there silent for half a minute, before a hall gruff voice struck reflected in the throng. And when on the final note of unchecked grief the general took his leave, amid tears and cheers, only the oldsters and the cynics were dry-eyed.

Then, abandoning his script, in a voice that was choked with welling sobs, the general half cried, half sobbed.

"God bless you."

It was all over. The general headed for his old office for a few days of handshaking and reminiscing.

A NEWSPAPERMAN, leaving the hall, exclaimed to a colleague: "What an actor that man is!"

"Who said that?" cried an NRA underling, threatening to whip them both for a fancied slur.

Johnson went out as he came in, riding a whirlwind of emotion, a prodigious actor on the stage of life whose every word and gesture, even his enemies would admit, sprang from the heart.

That husky, strangely musical voice which has stormed and pleaded across fifteen months of American history was full of magic as the general, red-faced, delivered his swan song to "the army which has fought so well together."

The galloping rhetoric of old was at its best as he described the poignancy of departure.

"My departure from leadership of you in this holy thing has been to me an agony of spirit which has wracked me, physically and mentally. . . . I said it would be red fire in the beginning and dead cats in the end."

THE exact operation of the "vacuum cleaner" was not disclosed by Mr. Lake, who preferred to wait until after the launching to describe the mechanism of his latest creation.

The location of the sunken hulk is above Hell Gate and in treacherous waters where strong currents repeatedly have defeated attempts to descend to the bottom of the river to search for the wreck, which for many years has been covered with sand and mud carried along by the tides.

Through use of the "vacuum cleaner" it is hoped to uncover the hulk, probably buried many feet, and remove the treasure in slow stages.

Pride of achievement, grinning

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ELECTRIC CODE 'PIGEON-HOLED' BY ROOSEVELT

President Fails to Sign Agreement; Fears Rise in Power Rates.

BY LEE G. MILLER
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—A proposed NRA code for a \$13,000,000,000 industry has rested without action in a White House pigeonhole for four months.

Approved by the bulk of the industry and recommended by Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, a code for the electric light and power industry was submitted to President Roosevelt about June 1.

Apparently neither the industry nor the NRA has sought to expedite its signature by the President.

The suggestion was made in well-informed quarters here today that the administration's apparent reluctance was born of fears that the code with its wage and hour provisions might be used as an argument for electricity rate increases.

Such result, running counter to the rate-cutting fostered by the Tennessee Valley Authority and by the Public Works Administration, would be far from welcome to the administration.

"To do so will require that we set aside some of our cherished ideals which have outlived their usefulness. What we need is humanity in our statutes. If we learn to practice humanity in government, recognize that we are, after all, our brother's keeper and that the sole object of government is the happiness of the people, there will be no difference between politics and religion."

Where will such a course lead us? Will it mean the creation of new governmental forms?

Not Worried About Future

These questions concern but minor details in the reforms which must come, Mr. Norris said.

"I'm not worried as to where we are heading. The fact that we are on the move, progressively pressing forward, is the thing that counts."

"As long as I'm satisfied that every step is honestly made and right, I'm willing to take it. There is no place to stop."

The charge that such a policy means "experimenting with government" is no cause for fear in his opinion.

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"I do not admit that we are experimenting," he says. "We are answering the demand for progress. The New Deal, the changing attitude toward labor, our social and economic reforms of today are no more an experiment than the actions of our forefathers in rebelling against England, freeing the slaves, adopting the initiative and referendum."

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Better Times Assured; Senator Norris Thinks

Noted Liberal Predicts New Era Wherein Human Values Will Be Recognized as All-Important.

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M'COOK, Neb., Oct. 3.—A new era in government, in which recognition of human values will harmonize political and religious theory, is visualized by Senator George W. Norris as the outgrowth of current social, economic and political change.

The Nebraska progressive, who has seen the "New Deal" outreach many of his pioneer liberal views, is willing to keep pace with the march of political progress which he believes must come. There is no place to stop, in his opinion. The Constitution was not intended to be a "stop-signal to progress."

"The fight in which we are engaged is for the preservation of our civilization. That civilization is better today than it was one hundred years ago because men going before us did not fear progress," Mr. Norris says.

The white-haired senator is in his home state now to lead what he believes may be his last fight for a progressive issue—the creation of a unicameral state legislature.

In an interview with the United Press he discussed the changing picture of the times. As one of the original progressive leaders he has seen many of his policies, once considered radical, become the accepted law of the land. The New Deal, in many phases of social thought, has advanced beyond the original Norris conception. What did the veteran progressive think of it all? What did he think of the future?

Another Depression Would Be Fatal, He Thinks

"It would only take about one more depression to kill our civilization," he said. "If we are as wise as I think we are, we will recognize that we can not permanently exist with an army of 13,000,000 unemployed. We will devise, through legislation, a means to prevent the return of depressions which the older school of economists tell us are natural."

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NRA ATTORNEY SCORES POINT IN WEIRTON TRIAL

Cards Show Two-Thirds of Workers Enrolled in A. F. of L. Union.

By United Press

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 3.—Membership cards in the N. R. A. lodge of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers indicating that two-thirds of the 3,000 Weirton Steel Company workers eligible had joined the union, were introduced as evidence today at the federal court trial of the government's suit to compel Weirton to carry out labor provisions of the recovery act.

The cards, submitted by the financial secretary of the lodge, George Moore, were the most important link the government has yet submitted in support of its contention that the company union plan does not represent the employees' free choice in the matter of collective bargaining.

The cards, each indicating that one Weirton employee had been initiated