

GREENLEE AND M'KINNEY LINK IS SEEN IN REPORT OF WPA INQUIRY INTO STATE CHARGES

Cases of Alleged Coercion in State, Made by Senator VanNuys, Came From Backers of Pleas, Results of Probe Indicate.

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timekeeper, Mr. Hostetter was booming Greenlee. Mr. Coy conferred with him and told him to stop it, the report said. But Coy didn't tell him to back Townsend and therefore was given an okay for following Mr. Hopkins' instructions against using WPA for a candidate, the report continued.

Second case was Art Webb, Greencastle, who told investigators that he was a Greenlee supporter and denied that he had been told to switch to Townsend or leave WPA.

Report Found False

Third case was Charles R. Deets of WPA at Lafayette, who was charged with filing a slate of Townsend delegates. This was found to be false, although his son, having the same name, and a student at Purdue in the same class as Mr. Townsend's son did work to procure Townsend delegates.

Fourth case was that of Ollie Davis, who was transferred from Terre Haute WPA to the Statehouse. He denied any attempt at political coercion by Mr. Coy, as had been charged by the Greenlee forces.

Fifth case was Frank Morton, Valparaiso, and Charles Skillen, Winamac, who supported the story of M. J. Sallwasser of WPA that he had told them Gov. McNutt had broken with Greenlee, but denied that they were told "we are not putting any Greenlee men to work."

Alleged Abuses Cited

Sixth and what might be termed the VanNuys' exhibit was the alleged political abuses in St. Joseph County. There Mr. Williams found, as charged, that the majority of the nonrelief WPA employees running as delegates had been selected by the "Montgomery organization."

Senator VanNuys had asserted that they were hand-picked by Chester A. Montgomery, state securities commissioner and old-time Democratic political "boss" in St. Joseph County.

That WPA political coercion was not used there indicated by the defeat of those delegates, Mr. Williams pointed out.

Senator VanNuys expressed pleasure at the findings and the view that Mr. Hopkins upheld his position against coercion.

Satisfied With Report

"I am perfectly satisfied with the report," Senator VanNuys said. "And I am convinced that Mr. Hopkins is in sympathy with my position and will not permit any politics to be played in WPA in the future."

Senator Sherman Minton, who termed the original VanNuys charges "purely political," offered the following comment on the report:

"It checks exactly with all the experience my office has had in tracing down complaints of the disgruntled."

Nominally Senator Minton is a backer of Greenlee for Governor, but his ardor cooled with Mr. Greenlee's launching the "McHaleism" charges, against the McNutt organization.

Senator Minton still considers himself a McNutt man.

Complete Text Given

The complete text of Mr. Williams' report follows:

"Dear Mr. Hopkins:

"Pursuant to your instructions I have made an investigation of the complaints of Senator VanNuys relative to alleged political abuses on the part of WPA officials in Indiana. I have interviewed personally, or have had interviewed by competent investigators, all of the persons referred to by Senator VanNuys in his letter to you. I am outlining below the results of these interviews."

"I, Curtis Hostetter, publisher of the Rockville Tribune, and WPA timekeeper.

"Senator VanNuys had been informed that Mr. Hostetter was summoned by Mr. Coy for a personal conference with the implication that Mr. Coy attempted to apply pressure upon Mr. Hostetter to persuade him to abandon support of Candidate Greenlee."

"My findings are that Mr. Coy

called Mr. Hostetter into his office and discussed the political situation with him and that while Mr. Coy admonished Mr. Hostetter not to use his position with the WPA in support of Mr. Greenlee, he (Coy) did not in any way attempt to coerce Mr. Hostetter and that although Mr. Hostetter informed Mr. Coy that he expected to continue to support Mr. Greenlee, the pleasant relationship existing between Mr. Hostetter and Mr. Coy was not in any way impaired.

"2. Art Webb, Greencastle, Ind. "Senator VanNuys had been informed that a Mr. Lenz, a representative of the WPA, had told Mr. Webb that he, Webb, must abandon his own political preference for Candidate Greenlee, and as a result of Mr. Webb's refusal to do so the placement authority was removed from him and given to Circuit Judge Gillen."

"Mr. Webb informed me that he was not so advised by Mr. Lenz and further that his position in connection with WPA matters had not in any manner been changed, notwithstanding the fact that he had made it clear that he expected to continue to support Candidate Greenlee."

Names Evidently Confused

"3. Charles R. Deets, Lafayette, Ind.

"Senator VanNuys had been informed that Mr. Deets had compiled and filed a slate of Townsend-for-Governor delegates."

"My findings in connection with this matter are that Charles R. Deets Sr. apparently was confused with his son, Charles R. Deets Jr., a student at Purdue University and a classmate and close friend of Candidate Townsend's son. Young Deets did not actually file a slate of Townsend-for-Governor delegates but he was quite active in Candidate Townsend's behalf. There was no evidence to indicate that Charles R. Deets Sr. had improperly used his position in connection with the primary campaign."

"4. Ollie Davis. "Senator VanNuys had been told that Mr. Davis was demoted from his position as district director at Terre Haute on account of his refusal to accept political dictation from Mr. Coy."

"I interviewed Mr. Davis and he refused to say what had passed between himself and Mr. Coy, but he did say that never at any time had Mr. Coy told him that he was to appoint any one to a nonrelief position for political reasons. I find that Mr. Davis was transferred from the position of district director at Terre Haute to a position in the Safety Department of the state headquarters in Indianapolis. Mr. Coy said that his transfer was made on account of some difficulty encountered by Mr. Davis in connection with a labor situation in Terre Haute adjacent territory and not at all on account of his political preferences. Mr. Davis still retains this position in the Safety Department."

"5. Frank Morton of Valparaiso and Charles Skillen of Winamac. "It had been alleged to Senator VanNuys that M. J. Sallwasser, assistant district director at Gary, had informed these two gentlemen when they asked him about giving work to non-relief applicants that 'We are not putting on any Greenlee men.'"

"Mr. Sallwasser stated that he had discussed the political situation with Mr. Skillen and Mr. Morton and had advised them that Gov. McNutt had broken with Candidate Greenlee. He said that he had not directed either Mr. Skillen or Mr. Morton to refuse to put on any Greenlee men. Mr. Sallwasser's statement in this re-

spect was confirmed by both Mr. Skillen and Mr. Morton.

"6. Political abuses in St. Joseph County.

"Senator VanNuys had been advised that a majority of those nonrelief employees of the WPA in St. Joseph County who were candidates for election as delegates to the state convention had been selected by the 'Montgomery organization.'"

"My investigation indicates that the above allegations were substantially correct but that there are no evidences that any district or state administrative official of the WPA was responsible for the lining up of these candidates for election as delegates. There was a bitter primary fight in this county and one of my informants interviewed M. E. Doran, who made the charges referred to by Senator VanNuys. Mr. Doran stated that he did not desire to cast any reflections upon the ability or qualifications of the nonrelief employees referred to and that he only insisted that they should be informed that they have the right to vote their convictions without fear of losing their positions. This assurance, of course, was given in your telegram dated Monday, May 4. It is significant to note that in St. Joseph County the group led by Mr. Doran was overwhelmingly successful."

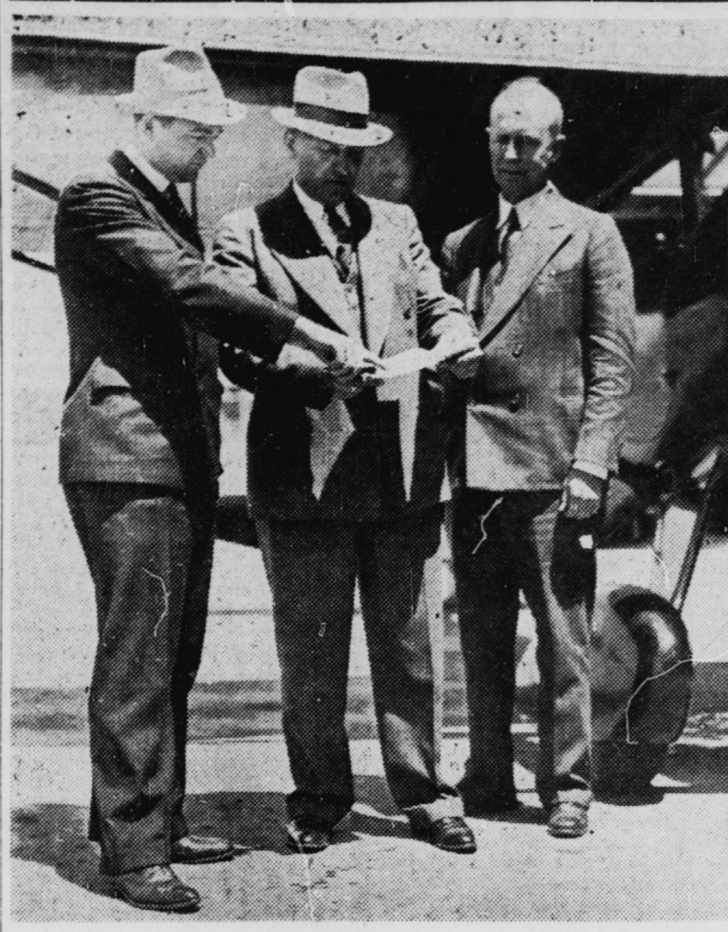
"In general my investigation indicates very conclusively that while a number of administrative officials of the WPA were indiscreet in publicly expressing their political preferences in the recent primary there is no evidence from any source to show that any of them exercised, or attempted to exercise coercion or to improperly influence those working under their direction to vote for or against any candidate. Any misapprehension which might have been entertained by Works Progress employees or project workers was, in my opinion, completely allayed by your telegram of May 4."

"Respectfully submitted, "PIERCE WILLIAMS."

Trade Balance Unfavorable

WASHINGTON, May 22.—United States foreign trade showed an unfavorable balance of \$8,947,000 during the month of April, the Commerce Department reported today.

TAGGART PILOT STUDIES AIR TOUR ITINERARY



Edgar Schmidt, pilot for Tom Taggart, is shown above (center) as he discusses the itinerary for the eighth Annual Indiana Air Tour to be held June 22 to June 28. With him are Herbert O. Fisher (left), tour director and Frank S. Estill (right), aeronautical inspector for the United States Bureau of Air Commerce.

More than 60 entries, the largest number since it started, are on file for the trip. Planes are to leave the Hoosier Airport and return to the Municipal field.

Gray-Haired Woman Is First Witness for Murder Case Defense.

NEW YORK, May 22.—John Fiorenza wept as his aged, gray-haired mother broke down and sobbed on the witness stand today at his trial for the murder of Mrs. Nancy Evans Titterton.

Mrs. Theresa Coppani, the mother, was the first witness for the defense. Her husband followed her. The prosecution had rested earlier after putting into evidence the verbal confession by Fiorenza and testimony that the strand of twine found under Mrs. Titterton's body—the sole clue which led to Fiorenza—was identical to that used in the shop where the defendant worked.

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Admits Slaying Wife To Wed Widow, Report

Husband Confesses Bandit Attack a Hoax, Police Say.

OREGON, Ill., May 22.—Guy Tallmadge, undertaker's assistant who admitted slaying his wife so he could marry a comely widow, was held weeping in jail today while authorities prepared to ask his indictment on a murder charge.

Tallmadge confessed, police said, during a lie-detector test, that his story of his wife's slaying by a bandit was a hoax, that he shot her himself.

TOWNSEND AND COUGHLIN BLOCS MAP STRATEGY

Social Union Leaders Cool to Idea of Combining Forces, Is Claim.

BY ARCH STEINEL

State leaders of the Townsend Old Age Revolving Pensions Plan and the National Union for Social Justice were concerned today with preparation of fall election plans that would best advance the objectives of their respective organizations.

Two methods have been suggested, it was learned, as follows:

1. A fusion or independent ticket.

2. Obtaining the endorsement of nominees of old line parties for their platforms.

The National Union leaders, however, look with disfavor on an independent ticket or even a coalition with the Townsend Plan forces in the November election, prominent Coughlinites declared.

Candidate Support Claimed

O. P. Craig, the organization's new state supervisor, said that endorsements of the 16-point program of the National Union may be sought from congressional nominees, but decided any plan that might swing followers of Father Coughlin into a "third party" move.

Mr. Craig and other leaders said that in the First, Fourth and Fifth Congressional Districts the National Union has received pledges for its program from Rep. William T. Schulte, Rep. James Farley and Benjamin J. Brown, Kokomo, Republican nominee for Congress in the Fifth District.

Mr. Brown also has the support of Townsend Plan adherents, it is said.

Townsend Convention Set

Though coalition is frowned upon by the National Union, it has attracted some support with Townsend Plan Clubs, it was learned.

"The Townsend Plan leaders are flirting with the idea of aligning themselves with the National Union and also are discussing a move for an independent ticket," one Townsend Plan leader said.

Both groups include organizers who feel that their chances of electing Congressmen favorable to their cause would be enhanced if they supported nominees on both sides.

The Townsend Plan forces are awaiting a state convention to be held in Castle Hall on June 1 when it is expected a definite program will be formulated. Approximately 250 delegates of state clubs are expected to attend.

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Republicans Must Maintain Conservatism, Says Moses

Not Sorry to See 'Radicals' Go to New Deal, He Declares.

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whole way. Some of them, particularly the Southerners, are not yet ready to do that.

But they will come to see, as the South is increasingly industrialized, that their interests lie with us. It probably is too late for a general choosing up of new sides before the fall election. A start can be made, however, with 1940 in view.

No one who has had an eye on the political scene for the last 10 years can doubt that the Republican and Democratic parties have lost their traditional identity. President Roosevelt has now made the Democratic Party the radical party. Let us accept the challenge on that basis. Let us stop pussy-footing and become frankly the conservative opposition.

To be conservative, we need not be reactionary. We can not close our eyes to the unpleasant fact that unemployment, farm relief and disintegrated economy are national problems or that they have been knotted and soaked by the New Deal.

Attacks 'False Promise'

It is in our approach to these problems that we must distinguish ourselves clearly from the Roosevelt party. Above all, we must not adopt the false premise that prosperity can be regained by limiting production of real wealth—food, clothing and manufactures.

Nor can we hope to get anywhere by echoing the Rooseveltian thesis that industry will permanently improve and employment expand with business under the lash of a vengeful government.

Since the Democrats have thrown it overboard, let us adopt the Jeffersonian thesis that that government is best which governs least. The physical frontiers, as the pro-

fessors so often tell us, are indeed gone, but the industrial frontiers can still be pushed miles in every direction. We are not yet so many and the land is not yet so small that a goose-stepping governmental system offers our only hope for survival.

Pleads for Showmanship

I am not ready to assume that the people of the United States must be frozen into castes, pigeon-holed, tagged and netted by the government at Washington. The people of this country are still capable of working out their own destiny if given a reasonable chance.

A majority of them want only the chance. To this majority the Republican party must appeal.

Unless the appeal is fumbled by political stupidity, we shall come back into power, perhaps not this year, but certainly four years hence. Our immediate concern must necessarily be ways and means of doing up our cause in a saleable package.

Political showmanship is all-important both for our immediate self-interest and for the ultimate good of the country.

Need Captain and Ball

American history records scores of disastrous political blunders, any one of which might have been averted had party discipline and leadership been what they should have been. The "rum, Romanism and rebellion" speech of a misguided preacher, for example, was probably what put Governor Cleveland in the White House in 1888.

Had Charles Evans Hughes paid more attention to Hiram Johnson in the campaign of 1916, he might have been President of the United States. One slip on a political banana peel may break a whole party's back.

Any such glaring error in the next campaign may be the end of the Republican Party as we have known it. A similar error may be the undoing of the New Deal. Our team must first find a captain capable of calling the right plays and then follow the ball. Right now we have neither captain nor ball.

Many Opportunities for Loans

"I am not at all certain, on the other hand, that we have reached the stage of recovery where over-conservatism is not a retarding influence," he said.

"Idle money means idle men," declared the Governor.

In every community there are opportunities for the making of safe and sound investments and loans which will be repaid when due and which will start the flow of necessary money into business channels and thus further relieve unemployment.

"Today, as never before, the economic future of our country rests in the hands of sound and courageous and optimistic bankers," he said in conclusion.

Dr. W. F. Gephart, vice president of the First National Bank at St. Louis, Mo., said that a cheap money policy was responsible for "our currently low money rates."

Polish Parliament Called

WARSAW, May 22.—The new cabinet voted for a special session of the Diet for Wednesday. Circles close to the government understood the cabinet would ask the legislators for far-reaching powers to cope with unemployment and the difficult economic and financial situations.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau

Sunrise 4:24 Sunset 6:30

TEMPERATURE

—May 22, 1935—

7 a. m. 57 1 p. m. 75

8 a. m. 60 10 a. m. 70

7 a. m. 62 11 a. m. 78

8 a. m. 69 12 (noon) 80

9 a. m. 75 1 p. m. 84

BAROMETER

7 a. m. 30.42 1 p. m. 30.34

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m.00

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 11.09

Deficiency since Jan. 1 4.20

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES AT 7 A. M.

Station. Weather. Bar. Temp.

Annapolis, Tex. Cloudy 30.00 60

Bismarck, N. D. Clear 30.00 48

Boston Clear 30.00 48

Chicago PClldy 30.38 62

Cincinnati Clear 30.44 60

Denver Cloudy 29.94 52

Dodge City, Kas. Cloudy 30.48 60

Helena, Mont. Cloudy 30.08 48

Jacksonville, Fla. PClldy 30.20 70

Kansas City, Mo. PClldy 30.16 74

Little Rock, Ark. Cloudy 30.24 68

Los Angeles Cloudy 29.90 60

Miami, Fla. Cloudy 29.94 70

Minneapolis Cloudy 30.08 66

Mobile, Ala. Clear 30.18 72

New Orleans Clear 30.14 76

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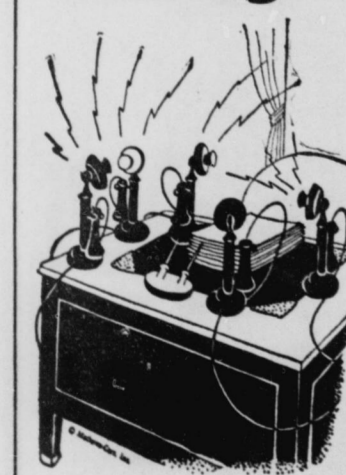
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