

LABOR PARTY IN FORMATION, CLAPPER SAYS

Present Activities Point to Organization for 1940 Campaign.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Labor has taken a conspicuous place in the current political parade and it is well within the range of possibility that out of the present campaign will be born a major labor party, an American equivalent to the British Labor Party.

Such a development long has been the dream of labor leaders, but now becomes a political possibility. Many persons in Washington fully expect that John L. Lewis will be a Labor Party candidate for President in 1940, and regard current maneuverings as inspired by that objective.

Therefore the attempt now being made by the American Federation of Labor to curb Lewis in his industrial union drive to organize the steel industry takes on political meaning of the first importance. Practically no sideline observers here believe the A. F. of L. can crush Lewis. It might split the labor movement and thus weaken it on the threshold of its new political career; that is the most that is expected. It is more likely that a working compromise will result. Or if not that, a turnover in the control of the A. F. of L. in the next year or two, which will place the Lewis partisans in command.

Political Activity New

Generally speaking, the American labor movement hitherto has been non-political. It has concerned itself primarily with organizing workers and obtaining legislation favorable to its cause. It has resisted the trend in older European countries to organize a political party and has chosen rather to work through existing parties.

But the New Deal has favored labor with legislation and particularly during NRA awakened it to opportunities through political action. The United Mine Workers under John L. Lewis made history here last spring when they voted to support Roosevelt for re-election. President Green of the A. F. of L. has announced his personal support of Roosevelt.

Labor's Non-Partisan League, set up under George Lippert and dominated by Lewis, is committed to the re-election of Roosevelt, but frankly says that it reserves all rights regarding 1940. In some quarters here, this agency is regarded as a device to permit labor to begin its permanent political organization under cover of the present campaign.

Democratic Split Possible

The most important question raised by the entrance of labor directly into national politics is the effect it will have on our traditional two-party system.

One possibility is that it will rend the Democratic Party after this election. Labor is seeking to throw its massed strength behind Roosevelt. But in the event of his re-election the party will undergo a struggle for control culminating in 1940.

The Democratic Party, in spite of its current domination by the New Dealers, remains latently half-Bourbon. From Vice President Garner down, many of the most prominent party leaders are suspected of rendering only lip-service to the New Deal. Republicans in Northern industrial towns have never been more callous toward labor than are local Democratic political organizations toward sharecroppers in the South, toward workers in Southern textile mills, and toward labor in mining and steel making communities.

Undoubtedly labor will attempt to capture control of the Democratic Party, since it is infinitely the more practical path to power if it can be done. Failing that, it is likely to step out on its own and seek an alliance with discontented farmers. While labor and the farmer have many interests which conflict, particularly concerning the tariff, inflation and commodity prices, they have a common opposition to banker-dominated industrial control.

Labor in Spotlight

Already the campaign has shown visible evidence of the new political importance attached to the labor movement. Labor policy became the first major point of controversy after Gov. Landon's speech. Comment of labor leaders overshadowed in importance that of professional politicians. The Socialist movement has split, with one faction joining up behind the Lewis non-partisan organization on the ground that this is the most practical way toward an American equivalent of the British Labor Party.

Older Washington political correspondents, accustomed to write on presidential campaigns as contests between Republicans and Democrats with nothing more exciting than the old "old" as the issue—they always did it if the crucial issues are having to learn a new lingo. Members of the National Press Club recently gave two large luncheons, one to Lewis and one to Green, to hear their respective versions of what is taking place in the labor movement. At press conferences, partisans of Lewis, Norman Thomas and other left-wing leaders engage in dialectics and heckle as they gather news. At a press conference last week, Major Berry was compelled to spend some minutes defending his description of Norman Thomas as a left-wing Socialist. That's what political reporting in Washington has come to.

ROBBERY IS THWARTED

Woman Driver Defies Command, Refuses to Open Car Door.

An attempted robbery was frustrated yesterday when Miss Pauline Birch, 133 E. Market-st., refused to obey the commands of a Negro who jumped on the running board of her car at 16th and Bellfontaine-sts.

Instead of stopping and unlocking the car door as the bandit ordered, Miss Birch drove on. The Negro jumped off at Massachusetts-st. Miss Birch said he brandished a gun.

Planet Jupiter Still Is Brightest Object Sparkling in Evening Skies During August

Interesting Constellations Are Visible to Eye in Entire Month.

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During August the planet Jupiter is still the brightest object in the evening skies, shining in the southwest in the constellation of the Scorpion.

Nearby, to the right, is red Antares, the brightest star in that group, though greatly inferior to the planet. Directly overhead is the most brilliant star of the summer evening. This is Vega, in Lyra, the lyre.

Next to the east, is Cygnus, the swan, often called the Northern Cross. The bottom of the cross points a little to the west of south, at the top is the first magnitude star Deneb. This name is from an Arabic word meaning "tail" and it marks the tail of the swan.

The bird's wings are formed by the arms of the cross, while the foot indicates his long neck, stretched ahead as he flies through the sky.

Aquila Is to South

To the south of Cygnus is another bird, the eagle, Aquila, which appears as the star Altair. Still farther south, left of Jupiter, is Sagittarius, the archer, a figure resembling a tea-set, with the right arm's handle to the left, and the lid (as should be above) the stars of the handle and the lid also make up a little dipper, sometimes called the milk dipper, to distinguish it from the Great and Little ones, in the northern sky.

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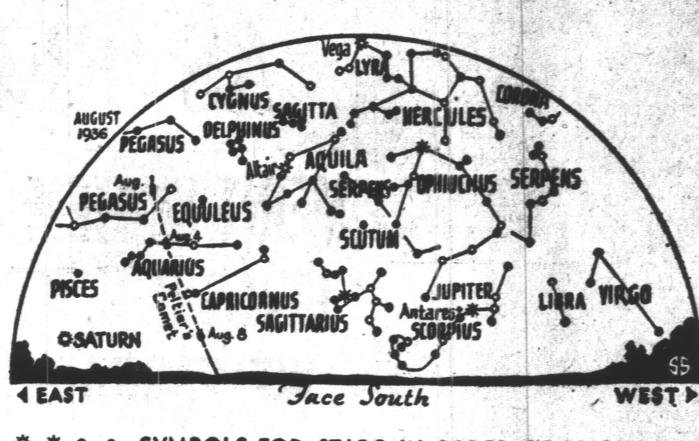
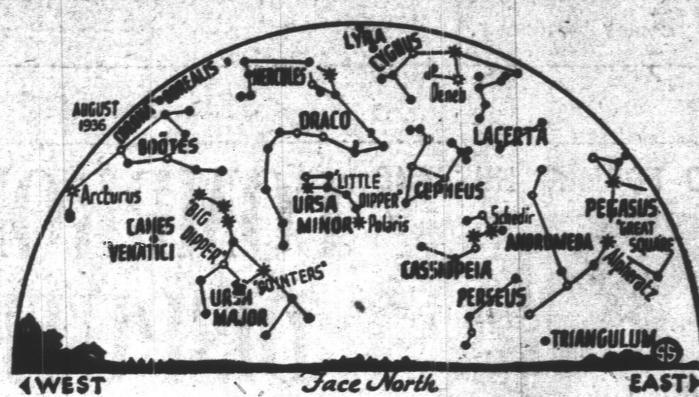
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Follow their direction up and to the pole star, Polaris, which stands close to the north celestial pole, the point of the sky over the earth's north pole, and the one around which all the stars seem to revolve once a day, because of the earth's rotation on its axis.

Polaris is at the end of the handle of the Little Dipper, which in turn is part of the little bear, Ursa Minor. Winding his snaky lengths between the two dippers is Draco, the dragon, his head a diamond of stars northwest of Vega.

Called Bear Driver

Directly west at the times for which these maps are drawn (10 p.m., standard time on the first; 9 p.m. on the fifteenth and 8 p.m. on the thirty-first) is Arcturus, in Bootes. This group is also called the bear driver, as it represents the bear driver, as it represents the figure of a man with two dogs on a



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leash, driving the bears onward in their constant circuit of the sky.

Next above Bootes is a semi-circle of stars, Corona Borealis, the northern crown, a delicate little group that the Indians said was a council of chiefs around a campfire.

Between Corona and Lyra is Hercules, the great hero of mythology, who is represented as kneeling on the dragon's back.

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INDIANA FISH TO BE SHOWN

Conservation Department Announces Plans for Fair Exhibit.

Divorced Parents Fail to Reach Compromise in Fight for Child.

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Plans for the annual exhibit of the Department of Conservation at the Indiana State Fair, which opens Sept. 5, were announced today by Virgil M. Simmons, department commissioner.

Scores of aquariums filled with Indiana fish, pens of game birds and animals common in the state, and cases filled with Indiana snakes are to feature the wild life exhibit.

Other items to be exhibited include a typical state park picnic area, a relief map of Indiana showing forested areas; species of Indiana timber; forest fire prevention; insect and plant disease control, including the Japanese beetle and the Dutch elm disease; bee inspection and disease control, and geological information.

The steel fire tower with its observation platform is again to be open to fair visitors interested in methods of preventing forest fires. Mr. Simmons said.

LOCAL WOMAN LEADS CHURCH STUDY GROUP

Miss Aspinwall to Preside at Seminar in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ind., Aug. 3.—Miss E. Aspinwall, Indianapolis, is to preside at the opening today of a student work seminar for Disciples of Christ leaders.

Miss Aspinwall is national director of student work for the United Christian Missionary Society.

The seminary is held in connection with the fifth annual pastor's institute at the University of Chicago.

Indianapolis pastors attending are Dr. James A. Crain, the Rev. W. W. Shulmenberger and the Rev. T. F. Swearingen.

ARRANGE CRIME STUDY

Butler University Officials Announce Course to Start Aug. 10.

A course in criminology and penology is to be given at Butler University short session starting Aug. 10, according to an announcement by the sociology department.

Dr. Tolbert E. Reavis, department head, said the course is to be a scientific approach to the crime problem, covering cost and causes of crime and the evolution of legal punishment.

Dr. Thorpe Angry

While there was a possibility that the diary would not be introduced today, Dr. Thorpe seemed determined to have its contents read to the courtroom. He was angry at the testimony of Nellie Richardson, little Marilyn's nurse, who said that four women had spent nights in her bedroom. Miss Richardson testified as Miss Astor's witness.

The week-end effort at reconciliation was a pathetic but dramatic failure. Accompanied by the trial lawyers, Dr. Thorpe, and reporters and photographers, Judge Knight went to Tolson Lake house where Miss Astor now lives with her mother. Miss Astor met the party at the lawn. She and her former husband did not so much as look at one another. Several times, however, it was necessary for her to address him with the others. She was, however, being careful to look over his head. Dr. Thorpe was even more cold.

Quelled in Tavern Theft

Police today questioned a man in connection with the alleged theft of \$12 from a beer tavern at 1541 Shadeland Saturday night. Police say the man

DONN ROBERTS DIES OF STROKE IN TERRE HAUTE

Former Mayor Taken Ill While Serving Term at State Prison.

By United Press
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 3.—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Donn M. Roberts, 69, former Mayor of Terre Haute, whose embattled career was ended late yesterday when he succumbed to heart disease.

Roberts, seriously ill, was returned to his home here Saturday from Indiana State Prison at Michigan City, where he had served two weeks of a two-to-five-year sentence imposed after his conviction late in 1934 on charges of embezzlement of Indiana gas tax funds.

The charges grew out of Roberts' operation of a string of filling stations which the State Highway Commission alleged were established on right-of-way belonging to the state.

Setting up the filling stations in automobile bodies and moving them overnight along arterial highways in the vicinity of Terre Haute, Roberts defied the state body and claimed "squatter's rights."

Convicted on Tax Charge

Failing to dislodge Roberts on the first attempt, the state filed charges alleging embezzlement of state gasoline tax funds and failure to report on gas taxes.

He was convicted in 1934 and appealed to the Indiana State Supreme Court, which sustained his conviction and later overruled a petition for rehearing. Roberts then was freed.

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