

UTILITIES RULE U. S., COUGHLIN MEETING TOLD

Senator Rush Holt Charges Some Congressmen Get Power Firm Pay.

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field at the moment, but conceded Gov. Alf M. Landon a "good chance" to overtake him before November, although "it is a little too early" to gauge candidate strength accurately, he said.

In two convention days, the National Union is expected to:

1. Indorse Rep. Lemke for President.
2. Elect Father Coughlin N. U. S. J. president.
3. Adopt a constitution and permanently organize the N. U. S. J. with an active membership of 1,000,000 and 6,000,000 sympathizers divided in a ratio of four-to-one among non-Catholics and Catholics.

Rep. Lemke and Father Coughlin will plunge immediately into their campaign. It is emphasized that the N. U. S. J. is to indorse merely Rep. Lemke and his running mate, Thomas C. O'Brien of Boston. The priest has proscribed indorsement of any political party, including Mr. Lemke's, on the ground that all of them ultimately become infested with political greed and corruption.

Changes Evident

Two fundamental changes in Father Coughlin's approach to politics were evident as the N. U. S. J. gathered. He has pulled away from his former close association with Dr. Francis E. Townsend, the pension planner, and the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, share-of-wealth disciple of the late Huey P. Long.

And Father Coughlin has relaxed conditions under which congressional candidates may enjoy N. U. S. J. indorsement. He expects to have 285 or more candidates, Republican and Democratic, in the field for the House by election day, and believes 185 of those who subscribe to N. U. S. J. principles will be elected. He says 152 members of the House now are counted as N. U. S. J. supporters.

His N. U. S. J. weekly said recently that any member who refused to support Rep. Lemke would be expelled.

Questioned here, Father Coughlin said indorsed Democrats and Republicans could support Mr. Roosevelt and Gov. Landon, respectively, so long as they also pledged themselves to N. U. S. J. principles. He said he doubted if any action would be taken to expel members who refused to back Rep. Lemke.

"I have modified my stand a little," he explained. "I think I was too insistent on what a good Republican or a good Democrat could do."

"Was that because the candidates balked?" he was asked.

"No. The modification or maturing is because I have listened to gentlemen with whom I associate. Their attitude was that perhaps I was too severe."

Avoids Extremes

He said he was not trying either to elect Rep. Lemke or defeat Roosevelt, but sought to "prevent our country from going to the extreme left or the extreme right."

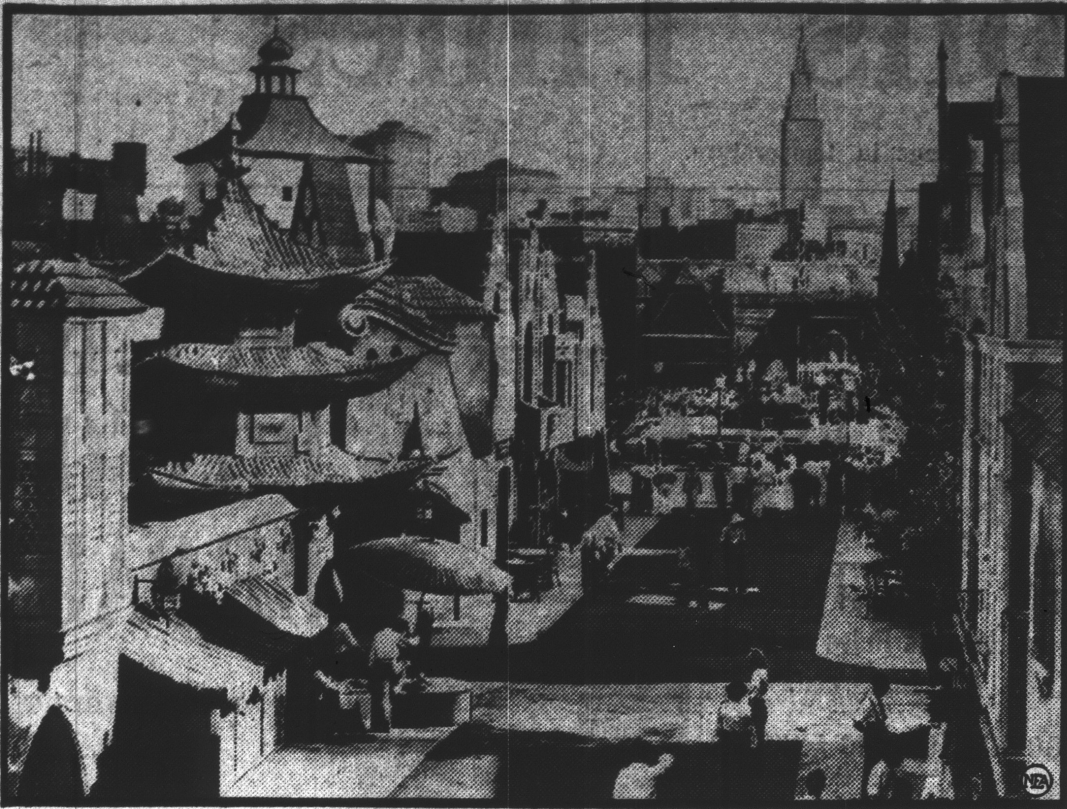
As sure for the Lemke column next November, Father Coughlin listed:

Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Ohio, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Louisiana and Oklahoma. He said Rep. Lemke probably would run on the Progressive ticket in Wisconsin regardless of the La Follette brothers, who lead the party there.

In Minnesota, the priest is confident Rep. Lemke will have support of Gov. Floyd B. Olson, the Farmer-Labor Governor. Mr. Lemke's strength in Oklahoma is attributed by the priest to support by the Farmers' Union. He said that organization and some members of John L. Lewis' committee for industrial unionization, would back N. U. S. J. candidates.

Michigan is a possible Lemke state, according to N. U. S. J. calculations, which indicate that the Union Party candidate steadily is gaining ground at the expense of Mr. Roosevelt and Gov. Landon.

READY FOR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S VISIT



Streets of the World, where pagodas and chalet-like old countries form unusual contrast for the background of Cleveland's modern skyline, was one of the scenes awaiting President Roosevelt on his visit today to the Great Lakes Exposition. Only a few

blocks separate Cleveland's downtown district from the lakefront exposition, where the President was scheduled to make an extemporaneous address at luncheon on his brief visit to Cleveland. This photo was made by Margaret Bourke-White.

Black Spots on Labor Record of New Deal Cited by Clapper

Justice Department to Probe Charges of Peonage in Arkansas, Democratic-Controlled State.

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BY RAYMOND CLAPPER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Probably if you asked the average person about it, he would say off-hand that the Democrats are for the working man and the Republicans against him. Roosevelt speakers have done an effective job of drawing a sharp picture of this campaign as a class struggle. They have lined up the oppressors of labor behind the Republican ticket and they modestly admit that the friends of the workers hold a monopoly on the Democratic Party.

But this picture is slightly smeared up by the fact that the Department of Justice finally has been prodded into announcing an investigation of charges that peonage exists in Arkansas, where the Democratic party always has controlled everything.

Peonage is the practice of compelling a man to work out a debt. It is prohibited by Federal statute. Evidence as to whether peonage exists in Arkansas is so conflicting, the Department of Justice says, that it has decided to place the matter in the hands of a Federal grand jury. There is no question but that sharecroppers, not only in Arkansas but in many other southern states, have been ground down to conditions little better than slavery. Whether the Federal anti-peonage statutes have been violated is largely a matter of technical construction of the statute, which does not itself define peonage.

Is It True About Dixie?

This affair serves to direct attention to the fact that, below the Mason and Dixon Line the spirit of the New Deal has penetrated only in spots. It has established a firm sphere of influence in the TVA region. But the condition of agricultural tenants has not improved. In fact, Dr. Calvin Hoover made an investigation for AAA a year or so ago which disclosed that southern land owners were gypping tenants out of their just share of AAA benefit payments or were in other instances turning them out to escape having to share these payments, picking up day labor at starvation wages to work the crops.

Norman Thomas and a few agitators have been shrieking about these conditions for more than a year but only now has the administration decided to find out if it is true what they say about Dixie.

Actually, the New Deal has pretty much obscured the fact that the Democratic party is still half-Bourbon. From Vice President Garner

down, there are southern Democrats in key positions in Congress who have little private sympathy with the New Deal and go along because Roosevelt forces them to. Numbers of them, like Cotton Ed Smith, Glass and Byrd, haven't much more in common with Roosevelt than Hoover has. Southern Democratic office-holders can be as rough on striking textile mill workers as any Republican tool of yankee employers.

All Not Sweet in North

Even in the North it is not all sweetness and light that shows on the Democratic Party's face. The New Deal depends on the Hague machine in New Jersey, and if Hague was a New Dealer before he found it expedient to do business with Roosevelt, then Jouett Shouse is a second Tugwell. The Democrats depend on the Pendergast machine to cement Missouri. And the Democratic machine of Pick-A-Kelly in Chicago is no Boy Scout crew either. In Wisconsin the Democratic organization has long been shunned by the La Follette as a reactionary twin of the regular Republican crowd. In Louisiana Huey Long's machine is for the New Deal now. So, under the bright glare of the New Deal's idealism, some numerous material props are hidden in the dark shadows.

Undoubtedly the peonage investigation in Arkansas will be thorough. Atty. Gen. Cummings is sending in a special prosecutor, George P. Jones, born in Minnesota of Welsh descent, with years of legal experience in Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana. Mr. Jones is housed in an exceedingly large physique and there is something about him that says he is not easily intimidated. That is a big help to anybody who fools around about sharecroppers in Arkansas as the Memphis lady and the preached who were beaten up when they tried it well know.

JUDGE CRUSHES PLEA TO REVIVE ASTOR HEARING

Insists Verdict Awarding Joint Custody of Child Must Stand.

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Thorpe had acted "scandalously and maliciously" in making available portions of her lavender diary to the press, although it was never made a part of the court record.

She entered the custody fight, she said, to "liberate me and my daughter from this complete bondage."

She stated further that Dr. Thorpe had returned \$5000 to her which she said she gave him last April when he divorced her. She intimated that she thought she should have complete custody of the child, which Dr. Thorpe had had before she entered suit.

"I Talked Too Much"

Mr. Anderson read this statement and paled. His hands trembled; his voice shook. He stormed into Judge Knight's chamber, announcing loudly that he was going to see what he could do about it. He came out later, meekly. Today he said: "I guess I talked too much. I've got nothing more to say."

Miss Astor had had the last word and today she issued this statement: "I merely acted as any other conscientious mother who loves her daughter above all else in the world would have acted. I fought for Marilyn. I feel that I have won. And this feeling makes everything worth while."

Dr. Thorpe was not as pleased. He said he felt he had received a "raw deal."

"I'm not satisfied," he said. "But I feel it is the best I can get, and I do not expect to reopen the case."

Provisions of Order

Provisions of Judge Knight's order follow:

1. The lavender diary in which Miss Astor wrote of life and love and included many "big names," was given to the court by Dr. Thorpe and will be impounded, available only on court order.
2. Marilyn will be in her mother's custody beginning Sept. 1 each year and ending May 31.
3. Dr. Thorpe will have custody during the period from June through August.

Judge Knight declared the case had not ended for George Kaufman, with whom Miss Astor confessed a love affair. Kaufman ignored a subpoena and Judge Knight ordered his arrest. The order still will stand whenever Kaufman returns to California, the judge said.

M'NUTT SCHEDULED FOR MAINE TALKS

Governor's Schedule for Tour Announced.

Revision of Gov. McNutt's Eastern speaking tour to include two speeches in Maine next Wednesday was announced today.

He is to speak at a Kiwanis Club luncheon at Lewiston and that night is to address a state-wide Democratic rally at Portland.

The Governor was originally scheduled to speak at Hagerstown, Md., but the sponsors of the Maine meetings had made their arrangements previously and declined to release him.

The Governor was to leave today by plane for Cleveland where he will be a luncheon guest of President Roosevelt, who is making a tour of drought-hit states. The Governor expects to travel part of the way on the train with the President. He plans to be in New York Monday.

RAT BITES BABY ON HAND
Evelyn Glaser, 3-months-old daughter of Mrs. Mary Glaser, was bitten three times on the right hand by a rat yesterday as she was playing on the floor of her mother's home, 872 Highland-pl.

FOREST FIRE MENACES SUPERIOR ISLAND



Towering pillars of smoke indicate the scope of this forest fire on Isle Royale, Mich., a Lake Superior beauty spot where flames have been a threat to lives and property. Isle Royale is in the great north central forest area where nearly 25,000 men and youths recruited from city streets and Federal relief projects have been battling similar fires. Drying of timber by a parching sun made the fires more difficult to control. The men pictured above watched the fire from a safe distance.

DEMANDS SURRENDER

HONG KONG, Aug. 14.—Chiang Kai-Shek, generalissimo of the Chinese armies, has threatened to

attack rebellious Cantonese forces unless they surrender within three days, Chinese sources reported today.

SON, HURT, AIDS AILING MOTHER BY TRANSFUSION

Injured in Crash on Way to Hospital, Goes Through With Operation.

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N. C. driver of the other car; his mother, Mrs. Elsa Rosenberg, 38, and his brother Donald Rosenberg, 17, escaped injury. Rosenberg told Deputy Sheriff Davis and Bookout that Mr. Miles failed to stop at the intersection of Road 52.

Six others were injured in traffic accidents in Indianapolis and vicinity last night.

Charles Woods, 43, of 510 E. Ohio-st., suffered minor injuries when the car in which he was riding crashed into the rear of a truck and trailer in the 6700 block on W. Washington-st. Alva Jones, 51, of E. R. 3, driver, told officers he was talking to Woods and did not see the truck until he struck it.

Frank Bennett, 59, of 717 E. Ohio-st., received head lacerations when he stepped from behind a parked automobile at Alabama and Wash-sts into the side of a trackless trolley car.

Elmer Dalley, 32, of 946 Elm-st., and Paul Camon, 28, of 294 S. Senate-ave were bruised and sent by flying glass when the automobile in which they were riding struck a trucked parked in the 700 block on Prospect-st. Dalley was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated and Camon on a drunkenness charge.



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