

Platform Silent on Gross Tax Changes, Merit Plan Extension

Refers Indirectly to Beer Port-of-Entry System; Urges Beverage Commission Be Allowed to Make Reciprocal Pacts.

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persons to be found to fill them and point with pride to the fact that we have done more for improvements of public service and public employment through merit system than any other party.

Although not mentioning the "Two Per Cent Club" by name, a plank deplores the practice of soliciting powerful and wealthy interests for funds to operate a political campaign, and we condemn the Republican attack on similar voluntary contributions by Democratic employees as shameful hypocrisy.

The Property Tax plank recommends a further study of the property tax in the interest of the following further objectives:

"That the variance of tax rates for like services as between taxing districts may be corrected; that the ratio of income to taxes may become a lawful factor in the assessment of real property; that if constitutionally permissible, a reasonable deduction be taken on personal property where the actual cost of assessment and collection thereof would equal the amount of the levy."

The Gross Income Tax plank pledges the party to resist "any effort to substitute for it a sales tax," and comments:

"We recognize that in a revenue producing measure, such as the Gross Income Tax Law, there is an opportunity for flexibility. Changes can be made with little inconvenience to reduce the amount that the law is producing or to provide for a larger distribution of local government, thereby reducing local property taxes."

Party Is Praised

Several pages of the lengthy draft are devoted to planks praising the party and State Administration policies.

These commend the national Democratic Party for its attitude toward American agriculture, list-

ing accomplishments and endorsing the entire New Deal agricultural program; praise the administration of both Paul V. McNutt and M. Clifford Townsend, as well as State officials and legislators "for their devotion to the welfare of all the people."

They also refer with pride to accomplishments along the lines of public welfare and social security and to the two administrations' record "in cutting down the cost of government while adding new and necessary services to government."

The Labor Plank, built on generalities, commits the party to no specific labor legislative program, endorsing the programs submitted by the C. I. O., the A. F. of L. and the Railroad Brotherhoods.

A State wage collection law is favored.

Budget Change Suggested

Commenting on tax limitation, the draft suggests an amendment to provide a longer period between publication and adoption of budgets to give the public more time to study the proposals.

The draft pledges the party to give every consideration to war veterans and their widows and orphans; condemns the persecution of racial, religious and political minorities; reaffirms the party's belief in home rule and local self-government; commends the Governor for his program of studying needed marriage law reform; praises the "efficient and economical practices and policies of the State Highway Commission."

Other planks endorse the calling of the special session for emergency legislation only; reaffirm opposition to gasoline tax diversion; pledge continuous progressive leadership in education, without mentioning the proposed State aid increase, and favor progressive improvements of child labor laws already enacted by the party.

Pick Candidates Who Will Aid FDR, Townsend Says

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may to dictate to the Democratic Party its nominee for any office," he Governor continued.

"I believe that the Democrats of Indiana should be given every opportunity to select the candidate they believe will best represent the party."

He hoped, he said, that they would choose a man who has had economic and social welfare of the people at heart.

"I sincerely hope you will select nominees who understand and are thinking about the basic problems facing our nation and its people. I sincerely hope you will select those who will co-operate in the broad liberal program of our President for recovery and security."

Proud of Hoosiers

What that program has been outlined in detail and then Governor Townsend said:

"And I, as a Hoosier, am proud of the contributions that our Indiana Democratic Senators and our Democratic Congressmen have made to this program."

Accomplishments of the State Administration also were detailed, with stress placed on the work done in the fields of last year, handling of labor disputes, solving of traffic problems and social security.

The \$24,500,000 State Treasury surplus was pointed to with pride and the Governor concluded:

"In Indiana, the people shall be fed. The unemployed must have work. The farmer and the laborer and the businessman shall have a fair share of the wealth they produce. The old must have security and the young opportunity."

"And all this shall be achieved by democracy—a free people guaranteed freedom of thought and worship."

"To these purposes, I dedicate the entire resources of the great State of Indiana."

Minton Lauds F. D. R.

Senator Minton then took over as permanent chairman and gave a five-minute speech praising President Roosevelt and the New Deal program. He closed with this tribute:

"There he stands today, the idol of the masses of America, the best beloved man in this troubled world, the author of the New Deal, the captain of the hosts of democracy—may we ever be worthy of his leadership—Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Frank McHale, Democratic National Committeeman and manager

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EVIAN, FRANCE—U. S. France and Great Britain reach agreement on refugee organization.

HENDAYE—Insurgents reach Loyalty first-line defense.

LONDON—Report here says six killed in air attack on Valencia.

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"Thirty-four Japanese planes broke through the Chinese air defenses near Hankow and raided the city of Wuhan, across the Yangtze River from the capital. More than 100 persons were killed and several hundred wounded there."

Official reports from Canton said that more than 70 persons were killed and 200 wounded in a raid by 25 Japanese planes which bombed the city for 10 minutes.

Seek to Isolate City

The raids around Hankow were designed to isolate the city and smash the Chinese air defenses as well as the Yangtze Valley to a point within five miles of the city of Kiating.

About 10 Americans were at Kiating, an important Yangtze River port 135 miles below Hankow. Chinese authorities at Kiating ordered the Standard Oil Co. to sink three of their tankers on the Yangtze in an effort to prevent Japanese troop landings. So many employees sank one and Chinese troops shelled and sank the others.

The United States Consulate General will protest the incident and the Standard Oil Co. will demand indemnity.

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Garner-Roosevelt Break By 1940 Is Deemed Likely; Oklahoma Voting Today

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

TEXAS POLITICIANS vie for FDR's favor. ROOSEVELT-GARNER break is likely. PRESIDENT in Pueblo lauds U. S. ideals. OKLAHOMA VOTES in primary today. WESTERNERS favored for Supreme Court.

Texas Politicians Bask In President's Smile

By THOMAS L. STOKES
Times Special Writer

ABOARD ROOSEVELT TRAIN, July 12—And how did you like that, Mr. Garner?

The unveiled taunt sums up the exuberance of New Dealers over the outpouring of rank-and-file Texans for President Roosevelt in the home state of the Vice President, who is laying plans to recapture the Democratic Party for the conservatives at the 1940 convention.

There is a suspicion abroad this train that the President's paramount desire in visiting Texas was to arouse the Roosevelt following—which is tremendous—in a demonstration that might help to thwart the projected Garner coup in 1940.

The Vice President made no move to pay his respects to Mr. Roosevelt, but just went on with his fishing. Related telegrams exchanged between the two—in which the Vice President facetiously begged that it was too far to walk, and he was working for a living—foiled no one who has watched Mr. Garner grow cooler and cooler toward the New Deal in the last year.

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Primary Pictured as Test of F. D. R. Plea

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 12 (U. P.)—Oklahomans trooped to the polls by the hundreds of thousands today to decide a bitter primary election that was regarded as a partial test of the influence of President Roosevelt's trip in behalf of liberal candidates.

J. William Cordell, secretary of the State Election Board, said reports indicated the heaviest Democratic vote in state history. He predicted nearly 600,000 Democratic ballots would be cast.

Senator Thomas was leading his two Democratic opponents for the liberal nomination on income tax returns from 11 scattered precincts.

Senator Thomas, to whom Mr. Roosevelt referred in his speech here Saturday as "my old friend," was opposed by Governor Marland and Homer Smith. Both Governor Marland and Mr. Smith were conceded a chance of defeating Mr. Thomas before the President visited Oklahoma.

The winners of today's nominations will be pitted against Republican nominees in the general election. Approximately 600,000 votes, including some 65,000 Republican, will be cast in the primary, officials believed.

Of almost as much interest as the Senatorial race was the Democratic campaign for Governor. William H. Alfalfa Bill Murray sought to become the first Oklahoma Governor to be re-elected.

W. S. Key, former State WPA administrator, and Leon C. Phillips, State legislator and attorney, were Mr. Murray's principal opponents.

The Republican candidates for Governor and Senator had no opposition in the primary. The gubernatorial candidate in the general election will be Ross Riley, the senatorial candidate Harry O. Glasser.

U. S. Government Form Good Enough, Says F. D. R.

PUEBLO, Colo., July 12 (U. P.)—This nation is not going to copy other forms of government because "ours is good enough for us," President Roosevelt said today in a statement that crowded around the rear platform of his special train today.

His Administration's big objective "is to maintain democracy," Mr. Roosevelt said. The President pledged maintenance of the present form of government.

The President made no mention of politics nor did he refer to Senator Adams, Democrat, up for re-election. It was anticipated he would challenge a hard-off policy where Colorado politics was concerned.

In the September Colorado primary Mr. Adams' strongest opponent will be Judge Benjamin Hillard of the Colorado Supreme Court. Senator Adams, an oppo-

nent of the Roosevelt train today.

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Talk with the special Retonga representative at Hook's Department Store, S. E. corner Illinois and Washington Sts., who is explaining this remarkable herbal preparation to scores daily. Retonga may be obtained at all Hook's Dependable Drug Stores. \$1.25 size—88c—Adv.

ent of the court bill, was the Administration's floor manager when the lending-spending bill came before the Senate.

From Colorado the Roosevelt train will proceed to California via Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah.

Westerners Favored for Court Appointment

By HERBERT LITTLE
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, July 12—The expectation is growing that President Roosevelt will name a Westerner to the Supreme Court.

Only three of the 22 Supreme Court appointees since 1900 have come from west of the Mississippi. Pierce Butler of Minnesota, named 16 years ago by President Harding, is now the only "Western" justice.

Westerners most often mentioned here to succeed Associate Justice Cordozo include Circuit Judge Sam Branton, former Senator from New Mexico; Justice Harold M. Stephens of Utah, now on the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia; Thurman Arnold of Wyoming, the Justice Department's new trust-buster, and Senator Schwellenbach (D. Wash.).

Other possibilities include Circuit Judge Seth Thomas of Iowa, Justice Justin Miller of California, on the Court of Appeals here, and Circuit Judge Joseph C. Hutcheson Jr. of Texas.

The judicial circuit made up of

Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana has been unrepresented on the Court since Chief Justice Melville Fuller of Illinois died in 1910, and can be counted on to urge its claims. The name of Governor Homer of Illinois already has been advanced. Other possibilities in this area are Senator Minton (D. Ind.), President Robert M. Hutchins of Chicago University, and Dean Lloyd K. Garrison of Wisconsin law school.

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