

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 all 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 seeking to fund to operate a political campaign, and we condemn the Republican attack on small and 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 variations 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 granted on personal property where the actual cost of assessment and collection thereof would equal the amount of the tax."

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, there is a great opportunity for flexibility. Changes can be made in 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-

Pick Candidates Who Will Aid FDR, Townsend Says

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way 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 candidates they believe will best represent the party."

He hoped, he said, that they would choose "those who have the 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."

Portrait of Hoosiers

What that program has been was 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 the program."

Accomplishments also were detailed, with stress placed on the work done in the floods 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 must 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 by 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 reporter and read 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 ship of democracy—may we ever be worthy of his leadership—Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Frank McHale, Democratic National Committeeman and manager

WAR VETERAN KILLED BY TRAIN AT ELWOOD

ELWOOD, July 12 (U. P.)—Thomas Martin, 50, New York war veteran, was killed instantly here last night and two other persons were injured when a north-bound Pennsylvania freight train struck an open switch at the Associated Box Co.'s plant.

Martin, a transient, who was riding on a tank car, was thrown beneath the wheels of the freight when it collided with a switch engine on the siding.

MCALL SLAYER ASKS STAY

MIAMI, July 12 (U. P.)—Attorneys for Franklin Pierce McCall today began an appeal from the conviction and death sentence of the kidnapper-killer of 5-year-old Jimmy Cash to stay for at least three months his scheduled electrocution.

OUTFITTERS TO MEN, WOMEN and CHILDREN

Livingston's
THE MODERN CLOTHING STORE
129 W. Wash. Indianapolis, Indiana

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HENDAYE—Insurgents reach Loyalist's first-line defense.

LONDON—Reports here say six killed in air attack on Valencia.

SHANGHAI, July 12 (U. P.)—Nearly 200 civilians were killed today in widespread Japanese air raids which extended from the central provincial capital at Hankow to the coast.

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

Official reports from Canton said that 100 persons were killed and 200 wounded in a raid by 25 Japanese planes which bombed the city for 70 minutes.

Seek to Isolate City

The raids around Hankow were designed to isolate the city and smash the Chinese air defenses as the Japanese and naval forces advanced up the Yangtze Valley to a point within five miles of the city of Wuchang.

About 10 Americans were at Kukkiang, an important Yangtze River port 13 miles below Hankow. Chinese authorities at Kukkiang ordered the Standard Oil Co. to stop Japanese troops landing. Socony 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.

Reach Agreement on Refugee Proposals

EVIAN, France, July 12 (U. P.)—A conference among the United States, Great Britain and France cleared the way today for an international refugee organization. It probably will start functioning in London at the end of the month.

The compromise was reached after the United States delegation, headed by Myron C. Taylor, dropped its demands that the organization be empowered to aid political refugees of all nationalities.

Loyalists' First Defenses Reached

HENDAYE, French-Spanish Frontier, July 12 (U. P.)—Nationalist reporters asserted today that insurgent advance forces had reached the Loyalist first line defense around Sagunto, important seaport.

Three Nationalist columns advanced toward Sagunto and Valencia. Heavy fighting was in progress in the Sierra Espadon region when the President deferred to my friend Maury Maverick."

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

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The really morose figure was Rep. Fritz Lanham of Ft. Worth, who has been voting against the New Deal. He learned for just a word, which never came.

NEC to Co-ordinate U. S. Film Activities

The Farm Security Administration closed its movie activities June 30.

Rep. George H. Mahon, producer of "The River" and "The Plow That Broke the Plains," has been transferred to the NEC.

Mr. Mellett is seeking to determine whether a bureau should be set up within the NEC to produce high-grade films of this sort for various Federal offices, thereby avoiding amateurish productions.

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