

Bulkley-Taft Debates In 'Key Ohio' Recall Lincoln and Douglas

Experiment Revives Old Custom, Centers Around New Deal Fundamentals; Name 'Taft' Strikes Hopeful Spark in Republicans.

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COLUMBUS, Oct. 10.—Ohio is conducting an interesting experiment, or, rather, reviving an old and famous custom, in the series of public debates on the same platform, between its candidates for the U. S. Senate, Robert J. Bulkley, Democratic incumbent, and Robert A. Taft, Republican aspirant.

National interest pointed at this critical contest in an always doubtful—and key—state has been intensified by the current debate, for it revolves about fundamentals of the New Deal at a time of high-pitched controversy over whether the Roosevelt program should continue essentially in present form, whether it should be modified or whether there should be a definite turn of direction.

Ohio, a state rather typical of the nation's economic structure with its part rural, part industrial pattern, heir to all the confusing problems which perplex public officials, offers a fair proving ground for New Deal principles and philosophies.

But there is another interest in this Ohio contest and its personalities. Republicans, still anxiously on the lookout for a 1940 Presidential candidate, are watching the performance of their candidate in Ohio (so-called mother of Presidents), himself the son of a President and Chief Justice.

Refer to Lincoln

Taft is a name to conjure with when Republicans gather hopefully to look into the crystal ball of 1940.

Out here in Ohio they like to refer back for comparison with the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates, as ex-Governor George White did in opening the first of the six Bulkley-Taft debates in the historic town of Marietta Saturday night.

That's pardonable state pride—and a good thing.

A President emerged from the Lincoln-Douglas debates, and the controversy over the issue of slavery is matched in the controversy over the New Deal, embracing as it does a peaceful political, social and economic revolution with the ideal, at least, of rescuing a part of the population from economic slavery and turning political power back into the hands of the people. That this ideal is being attained is, of course, disputed.

Brilliant minds have argued over where Abe would stand in the current controversy, without agreeing on a conclusion. Democrats claim Mr. Lincoln, as Republicans now are claiming Thomas Jefferson and detecting his grave with wreaths.

Mud-Slinging Missing

Certainly the opening debate in the fieldhouse of Marietta College had none of the Lincoln homely wit and drollery or of the Douglas' fiery eloquence. Two modern debaters, with microphone attachments about their necks, discussed issues which neither of the other two would have understood.

But there was something refreshing and significant in a discussion of fundamental principles by two aspirants for high public office, without the mud-slinging, rancor and personal abuse so common to political campaigns of today and which the writer heard only recently in South Carolina debates.

The first debate revealed clearly that this argument is not to be between 100 per cent New Dealism and 100 per cent opposition, indicating that a compromise ground already is being sought by the two major parties, with some concession to the Roosevelt way and some concessions to changes in the Roosevelt way.

Sees Reform Necessary

For Mr. Taft approved some of the Roosevelt reforms as necessary, though contending modification is needed, while Senator Bulkley represented very much the charge that he would swallow everything the President recommended, that he is a "rubber stamp."

"If anyone says that I have made any promise to support, stick to it, and then stick to it, the President proposes, that is an untruth," the Senator declared emphatically. "But if anyone says I am 'for' the President, that I believe in his objectives, and that I believe he is leading us to better times and a better understanding among ourselves, then I agree with that statement."

This brought loud applause from an audience that seemed to be more Republican than Democratic in its sympathies.

DUELING PUBLISHER HAS 2 MORE TO GO

HAVANA, Oct. 10 (U. P.)—Señor Carbo, newspaper publisher, was one down with two to go today in his dueling marathon against members of the Cuban Legislature who have objected to his description of their body as a "caricature of democracy."

Señor Carbo satisfied the honor of Marcelino Garriga, president of the lower house, in a duel in which neither participant was poked.

He still has to fight Santiago Verdeja, president of the Senate, and German Lopez, member of the upper house, who objected to an editorial in Señor Carbo's newspaper which referred to the Senate as Cuba's "insolent luxury."

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SEEK HAZARDS IN PREVENTION OF FIRE DRIVE

40 Firemen, Trained for Task, to Inspect All City Buildings.

Forty City firemen today began an inspection of all buildings in the City in connection with the observance of Fire Prevention Week.

The men, chosen from various stations by Chief Fred Kennedy, attended a Fire Prevention School last week. After inspection of all business houses and residences in their districts, orders for correction of fire hazards are to be issued.

Chief Kennedy and Bernard Lynch, head of the Fire Prevention Division, are speaking this week to employees of hotels, theaters, film exchanges, oil concerns and garages on fire hazards and duties in case of emergency.

Meanwhile, all public, parochial and private schools were conducting fire drills. Last week, Mayor Borchert issued a proclamation designating Oct. 9 to 16 as Fire Prevention Week and urging citizen to rid their premises and houses of hazards and to educate children in fire prevention.

R. D. MacDaniel, chairman of the fire prevention and protection committee of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, said that Indianapolis has made an outstanding record in recent years in reducing fire losses.

He said that City ordinances for fire-proof roofing, improved fire fighting machinery, training schools for firemen, improved water facilities and constant efforts to arouse public consciousness to the menace of fire have contributed to the City's record.

He plans to remain here a week before returning to Hyde Park, N. Y.

Some reorganization of anti-spionage facilities is expected to develop almost immediately. But the most difficult questions and decisions confronting the New Deal still appear to center around crop prices and the condition of the Treasury, now apparently headed for a spending record.

Agriculture Department statisticians last week estimated a surprise boost in prospective cotton production that further complicates the Administration's combined acreage control-subsidy plans to raise prices.

Today those statisticians will estimate wheat, corn and other major crop prospects. But potential yields are likely further to decrease prices already so far down that the Farm Belt is angry and grumbling.

The loudest thunder on the left is the rumble of a movement for bigger and better old age pension payments.

TIME TURNS BACKWARD

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Oct. 10 (U. P.)—With the reopening of school, Everett J. Lease, 6, son of Thomas Lease, superintendent of parks, began his school career by occupying the same seat in the first grade that his father occupied on his first day at school 24 years ago.

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Nods During Political Talk, Bumps Head

Robert Kessler, 10, of 3109 Jackson St., was recovering at his home today from injuries received Saturday night when, as he listened to a political speaker over the radio at his home, he fell asleep, toppled from his chair, and struck his head on another.

He was treated at City Hospital.

SALE OF BRIDGE BONDS ORDERED

Work on New York St. Project Will Start Within Next Week.

The Works Board today directed the City Controller to provide \$62,000 by sale of bonds for the City's share of the reconstruction of the W. New York St. bridge, to be built at an estimated cost of \$110,000.

A PWA grant for 45 per cent of the cost already has been approved. Work will begin within the next week, according to H. B. Steeg, City engineer.

Meanwhile, the Board approved a petition of the Indiana Motor Bus Co. for a change in routing of busses.

The change calls for routing of busses east on 38th St. from N. Capitol Ave. to N. Illinois St. and thence north on Illinois St. to Westfield Blvd. The busses previously ran from N. Capitol Ave. east on 16th St. to N. Illinois St. and then north on N. Illinois St. to Westfield Blvd.

The company, in its petition, said the change was necessary because of the crowded condition of N. Illinois St. between 16th and 38th Sts.

COUCH IS GIVEN LIFE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 10 (U. P.)—John Couch, 23, Southwestern desperado, today was sentenced to life imprisonment by Federal District Judge M. M. Joyce for the kidnapping of Peggy Gross and Daniel Cox Fahey Jr., of St. Louis, Mo.

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