

McNutt's Political Drive Unaffected By Lewis' Assault

Only President Knows Who He'll Support, and He Hasn't Decided.

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he has veto power. Apparently he guessed right.

But politicians think he was not so smart when he answered Mr. Lewis last night.

Mr. McNutt's chances are neither better nor worse today than when he came to Washington. The decision rests where it always has—with F. D. R. And neither Mr. McNutt, nor the White House kibitzers, nor Mr. Lewis, nor any politician or news writer has the faintest notion whether the President will run again, or pick Paul, Dick or Harry.

The decision has not yet been made.

McNutt Barks Back; 'Amazed,' He Declares

By DANIEL KIDNEY
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Paul V. McNutt barked back at John L. Lewis today in a way that may cause the C. I. O. chieftain to do more than lift his heavy eyebrows.

The Federal Security Administrator, who wants the Democratic Presidential nomination if Roosevelt doesn't take it, expressed amazement at the verbal assault made on him by Mr. Lewis. In his address as president of the United Mine Workers at the opening of the miners' convention at Columbus yesterday, Mr. Lewis termed Mr. McNutt "a political adventurer" and sharply criticized his use of state troops in Indiana strikes while Government troops have not yet been made.

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Garnier Kept Quiet

In taking back to Mr. Lewis the former Hoosier Governor took a different tact from that pursued by Vice President Garnier when he was assailed by the C. I. O. head as "a whisky-drinking, poker-playing evil old man."

Following his usual custom, the tough old Texan, who himself is a potential candidate, just kept still. Unlike Mr. McNutt also, the Vice President is running for the nomination whether President Roosevelt wants a third term or not.

He was charged in a U. M. W. A. convention report yesterday with leading "renegade Democrats" in an attack on New Deal labor laws.

Since Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.) is scheduled to speak at the Columbus convention, he is being labeled as the Lewis candidate for the Democratic nomination.

"I had the hope that Mr. Lewis would at least take a neutral stand," Mr. McNutt said today, "but if he has a candidate in his course he will run any opposition."

The complete text of the McNutt statement follows:

F. D. R. TO SEND CHECK, 'REGRETS' TO G. O. P.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (U. P.)—President Roosevelt won't attend the Lincoln's birthday rally on Republi- can's National convention at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City.

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Any one who has any knowledge of industrial warfare knows the meaning of a general strike. In July, 1935, the Mayor and the Chief of Police of Terre Haute and the Sheriff of Vigo County petitioned the executive office for National Guardsmen to restore order and assure the safety of citizens. On that occasion, after full consultation with State, civil and labor leaders, I did what I believe any chief executive, sworn to uphold law and order, could not escape doing. On the only

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

DEATHS TO DATE

County City Total

1939 2 2 2

1940 2 0 2

Injured 0 0 0

Dead 0 0 0

Cases Convic- Fines

Tried 0 0 0

Paid 0 0 0

Speeding 0 0 0

Reckless driving 1 1 0

Failure to stop at through street 0 0 0

Disobeying traffic signal 0 0 0

Drunken driving 2 2 4

All others 5 3 8

Totals 8 6 24

MEETINGS TODAY

Y. M. C. A. 8:30 a. m.

Young Men's Discussion Club, dinner, Y. M. C. A. 6 p. m.

Indiana State Bar Association, luncheon.

Indiana Motor Traffic Association, luncheon.

Indiana Chamber of Commerce, luncheon.

Canary Cottage, noon.

Claypool Club, meeting, Chamber of Commerce.

Kiwanis Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indianapolis Real Estate Board, luncheon.

Advertisers Club of Indianapolis, luncheon.

Indianapolis Athletic Club, noon.

Sigma Chi, luncheon, Board of Trade.

Caravan Club, luncheon, Murat Temple, noon.

Oil Club, luncheon, Sevier Hotel, noon.

Construction League of Indianapolis, luncheon.

Architects and Builders Guild, luncheon.

Indiansapolis Camera Club, meeting, 11 a. m.

Beta Theta Pi, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association, luncheon.

Russell Cafeteria, noon.

Indiana State Bar Association, 2 p. m.

Indiana Trotting and Pacing Association, dinner, Claypool Hotel, 6:30 p. m.

FIRES

Tuesday

7:11 a. m.—Pennsylvania and 10th, all

coke on motor.

Nye Moves Up



ALLIED ANGER AROUSED OVER RUMANIAN OIL

Complain That Own Purchases Are Withheld at Command of Hitler.

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two other occasions when the troops were ordered out, similar circumstances prevailed. I have no apology to offer. I stand on the record.

"I would, however, invite Mr. Lewis and any other person sympathetic with organized labor, to consider the entire record of my administration. He will there find that I advocated the Norris-La Guardia Act in my campaign in 1932 and that it was enacted into a law at the first meeting of the General Assembly in 1933. Mr. Lewis may be surprised to find a total of 44 pieces of legislation sponsored by my administration during my four years in office, including laws forbidding the use of State Police in labor disputes, laws outlawing the "yellow dog" contract, the liberalization of workers' compensation laws, minimum inspection and safety laws, payroll laws, factory and sanitary laws. Laws controlling small loan companies, licensing laws and hours of labor laws.

"I am willing to submit my labor record to the judgment of informed and unprejudiced persons everywhere, and particularly to the judgment of the leaders of organized labor in Indiana who are familiar with my administration."

LEWIS KNOCKS FDR CHANCES

Tells Miners He Would Meet 'Ignominious Defeat' for Third Term.

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the advice of views of labor upon the question of national unemployment or lesser questions affecting domestic economy, internal taxation, foreign trade, military and naval expansion, relations with foreign nations, or issues of war or peace.

"Labor today has no point of contact with the Democratic Administration, except for casual and occasional interviews which are granted its individual leaders. In the Congress, the unrestrained baiting and defaming of labor by the Democratic majority have become a pastime, never subject to rebuke by the titular or actual leaders in the party.

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Mr. Green personally invited Senator Wheeler to participate in a reception last night in honor of President Roosevelt with a basket cake, the gift of the A. F. of L. Bakery and Confectionary Workers' International Union. He also asked him to be a member of the reception committee.

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Trade Policy Attacked

The delegates got down to routine business after hearing Mr. Lewis.

The convention approved a sharp attack on State Secretary Cordell Hull's reciprocal trade agreements program, and recommended that Congress require Senate ratification of the agreements if the program is continued. Such a requirement is opposed by Mr. Hull and other Administration leaders.

Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Kennedy specifically criticized the Venezuelan agreement which reduced the import tax on oil from 21 to 10% cents a barrel. He said this represented "a gift" of \$400,000 to the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and enabled them to reduce fuel oil costs in competition with coal.

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Report Red Offensive Fails for Third Day

HELSINKI, Jan. 24 (U. P.)—A big Russian offensive northeast of Lake Ladoga failed for the third successive day yesterday with heavy slaughter among the attacking Red Army troops, an official Finnish communiqué claimed today.

All Russian attacks were repulsed, the communiqué said.

Strong Red Army drives were made at the center of the Mannerheim Line on the Karelian Isthmus and at Kollananjoki, northeast of Lake Ladoga, the communiqué said.

Another attack broke down, it was reported, on the Central Front in the vicinity of Alitojoki, former base of Russian operations.

The Finns claimed to have destroyed seven tanks.

Twenty-one civilians were killed and 21 were wounded in bombings by raiding Russian planes yesterday.

The Russians used infantry, tanks and airplanes, supported by powerful artillery, in their attacks.

Fighting northeast of Lake Ladoga was regarded as an attempt to smash the Finnish left wing and make the Mannerheim defense line untenable.

Turkey and Germany Conclude Trade Pact

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Jan. 24 (U. P.)—Turkey has concluded a temporary trade agreement with Germany, providing for an exchange of goods over an unlimited period to a total value of \$7,500,000 Turkish pounds (\$6,000,000), Commerce Minister Numan Topcuoglu was quoted as saying today in an interview in the newspaper Cumhuriyet. The agreement is to be signed soon, it was added.

Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan War Alliance Hinted

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 24 (U. P.)—Dispatches from Baghdad today reported that the Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan governments were preparing to negotiate for a military alliance.

The Egyptian dispatches reported that the alliance negotiations were prompted by a desire to guard against attack from Soviet Russia.

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