

# McNutt's Political Drive Unaffected By Lewis Assault

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

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have 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  
Times Staff Writer

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 to 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 Governor.

"I am amazed that any responsible leader of organized labor should single out for attack the record made by my administration in Indiana," Mr. McNutt declared in a formal statement defending the use of troops in the Terre Haute general strike and citing the many labor laws enacted by his regime.

Garner Just Kept Quiet

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

Following his usual custom, the tough old Texan, who himself is a Presidential 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 hoped that Mr. Lewis would at least take a neutral stand," Mr. McNutt said today, "but if he has a candidate of course he will run any opposition."

The complete text of the McNutt statement follows:

"I am amazed that any responsible leader of organized labor should single out for attack the record made by my administration in Indiana. I should like to point out that no leader of labor who participated in the tragedy of the Terre Haute strike in 1935, or anyone else who is familiar with those events, has criticized my action since the elapse of time sufficient for the formation of cool and unprejudiced judgment thereon.

Anyone 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 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

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 workmen's compensation laws. Mine 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 Silent on McNutt's Reply to Attack

COLUMBUS, Jan. 24 (U. P.).—John L. Lewis, head of the C. I. O., today declined to comment on Paul V. McNutt's answer to his attack on McNutt's labor record.

Here to attend the United Mine Workers' golden jubilee, Mr. Lewis with other officers today presented an 82-page report, which included a broad economic and legislative program.

## Green Asks Wheeler To Attend Reception

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (U. P.).—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor gave a hint of political friendliness to Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.), today.

The hint increased speculation whether his federation officials might support Senator Wheeler in a reception tonight in honor of the committee which today will present President Roosevelt with a birthday 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.

Mr. Green's invitation, followed indications that the C. I. O. might support Senator Wheeler. He was the only outsider invited to address the United Mine Workers' golden jubilee Friday night at Columbus, O. Support of the third major organized labor group—the railroad brotherhoods—also has been hinted by D. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, said early this week in Cleveland that Senator Wheeler was "extraordinarily well equipped to perform the duties of the nation's chief executive."

## 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 of Republicans at Naperville, Ill., the White House said today, but he will send a \$50,000 check for two tickets to their dinner.

White House Secretary Stephen T. Early said he thought the Republicans were copycats. The Democrats invited the three top Republican congressional leaders to the \$100-a-plate Jackson Day Dinner, Jan. 8 but the Republicans sent regrets.

"When a Hollywood producer brings out a good picture," said Mr. Early, "somebody always comes back with a quickie. It seems that a Democratic idea is getting contagious."

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Lord of the Admiralty, implicitly invited neutral nations to join with the Allies, for their own safety, against Germany.

Hertzog Asks Peace

4. The Russian-Finnish war was assuming increased importance daily in connection with the European war. Allied relations with Russia had cooled rapidly and there was some belief here that by spring the Allies might be sending not only war materials but "volunteers" to Finland.

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## Dr. J. W. Putnam Had Served University Here For 30 Years.

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Dr. Putnam's principle for Butler was the expansion of the institution as a service to Indianapolis specifically. As an economist, he emphasized the work of the College of Business Administration.

Colleagues estimate his greatest service to the University came when Butler's membership in the North Central Association for Colleges and Secondary Schools was severed.

The North Central ruled that Butler's academic program was secondary to athletics, citing, among other things, construction of the Fieldhouse and the Butler Bowl. It was during this time, his colleagues say, that Dr. Putnam's "quiet, calm, cautious standards" as vice president brought reinstatement into the association.

Dr. Putnam was regarded highly by his colleagues. He was known to consider the welfare of the institution and the teachers above himself.

Held High Standards

His judgment never was questioned. One colleague said of him that he was not so much a scholar as an administrator. He had high academic standards and it was almost his sole goal to keep Butler's high.

His interests were largely educational and religious. He had very little social life outside the University, although students found him readily approachable.

He had been an active member of the Central Christian Church and had been active there to the exclusion of all except academic activities.

He had no hobbies. His sole exercise was said to consist of watching his wife work in her garden.

Dean Gino A. Ratti of the College of Arts and Sciences, said of him: "Where others collect butterflies, Dr. Putnam collected missionaries." He was reputed to have a speaking acquaintance with almost every missionary in the Disciples of Christ Church.

Standards Were Highest

His only other outside interest was a several years' term on the board of directors of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking for the board of directors, Emsey W. Johnson, vice president, said:

"The passing of Dr. James W. Putnam is a personal loss to every friend of the school. He was long identified with the university and was known personally to so many of the students and alumni that his loss will go into many homes.

"During the years he remained with the university he commanded the respect of his students and of those associated with him. He has always been a man of high honor, of industry and ability. He assumed the presidency of Butler at a difficult period in the history of the school. From the day he became president, the friends of Butler felt that the institution was in safe hands.

He was a charter member of the Indiana Association of Economists and Sociologists and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, a scholastic society; Pi Gamma Mu, economic society; the American Economics Association, the National Education Association, the American Association of University Professors, and the Indiana Academy of Social Science.

He was a 32d degree Mason and a member of the Columbia Club.

Survivors are his wife, the former Eleanor Boston of Jacksonville, Ill., to whom he was married in 1906; and a son, Russell C. Putnam, professor of electrical engineering at the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, O.

## IN INDIANAPOLIS

### Here Is the Traffic Record DEATHS TO DATE

County	City	Total
1939	2	2
1940	0	0
Jan. 23	0	0
Injured	1	1
Dead	0	0
Arrests	13	13
Accidents	20	20
Cases Convicted	0	0
Fines Paid	0	0
Speeding	1	1
Reckless driving	0	0
Failure to stop at through street	0	0
Disobeying traffic signal	0	0
Drunk driving	0	0
All others	3	3
Totals	8	8

### MEETINGS TODAY

Y. M. C. A. Camera Club, meeting, central Y. M. C. A. building, 11:30 a. m.

Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, 1:30 p. m.

Young Men's Discussion Club, dinner, Y. M. C. A. building, 6:30 p. m.

Young Men's Association, luncheon, 1:30 p. m.

1939 District American Legion, luncheon, 1:30 p. m.

Signa Alpha Epsilon, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Delta Theta Tau, luncheon, Servite Tavern, noon.

Co-operative Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Indiana State Conference of Social Workers, luncheon, 1:30 p. m.

Junior Chamber of Commerce, luncheon, 1:30 p. m.

40-Plus Club, meeting, Chamber of Commerce, 7:30 p. m.

Kilwin Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

### MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indianapolis Real Estate Board, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, 1:30 p. m.

Signa Alpha Epsilon, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Caravan Club, luncheon, Murat Temple, noon.

Oil Club, luncheon, Severin Hotel, noon.

Constitutional League, luncheon, 1:30 p. m.

Indianapolis Camera Club, meeting, 11:30 a. m.

Delta Theta Tau, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association, luncheon, 1:30 p. m.

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Indiana Training and Packer Association, dinner, Claypool Hotel, 6:30 p. m.

### FIRE

7:11 A. M.—Pennsylvania and 10th, at copol on motor.

## OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Unsettled, snow showers and sleet tonight; tomorrow partly cloudy to cloudy;