

# BOLTERS TO PUSH EFFORTS IN SOUTH

Cry of 'Willkiecrats' May Become Part of Campaign as Republican Hopes Rise in Virginia, Texas, North Carolina and Florida.

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WASHINGTON, July 24.—The word "Willkiecrat" may become a part of the 1940 campaign terminology.

Southern Democrats who bolted to Herbert Hoover in 1928 were designated "Hoovercrats." They tossed aside tradition in such drives that Mr. Hoover carried Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and Texas, and rolled up sizable votes in other Southern states.

Managers of Wendell Willkie's campaign are planning an intensive drive below the Mason and Dixon line. The candidate himself will make a campaign tour into the South.

The strategy is to place the Willkie Southern campaign in the hands of Democrats, as was done in the Hoover drive in 1928. One of the major endeavors of the Willkie Democratic organization formed under the direction of John W. Hanes, former Undersecretary of Treasury in the Roosevelt Administration, and Lewis Douglas, Roosevelt budget director in the early days, will be the campaign in the South.

**Work On Conservatives.**  
This campaign will depend on the passivity of some Southern Democratic leaders, including Senators, who look with coldness upon the Roosevelt third-term aspirations. Republicans are encouraged by the resentment among Democratic Senators, including Southerners, over the third-term nomination and the selection of Secretary Wallace, a full-dress New Dealer, as Vice Presidential candidate, instead of according the conservative wing recognition on the ticket.

A dozen or so conservative Senators, some of them targets of the 1938 "purge," are planning to sit on their hands in this campaign. These include such Southerners as Senators Carter Glass and Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, Josiah W. Bailey of North Carolina, Walter F. George of Georgia, Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina and Vice President John N. Garner in Texas.

Among them are effective campaigners as well as influential leaders.

## Hanes to Be Active in South

Johnnie Hanes, as he was known about Washington when he was in the Treasury, is a North Carolinian with important connections in that state and elsewhere in the South, as well as in Wall Street. He wielded considerable influence in Washington among Southern Senators and Congressmen on taxation matters. He is a newcomer as a bolter, whereas Mr. Douglas was among ex-Democrats supporting Alf M. Landon in 1936.

Mr. Hanes is expected to give much attention to the Southern Willkie campaign. While realists among Republican leaders do not delude themselves about prospects in the South, they feel that this year a situation exists which is worth trying to capitalize, what with an ex-Democrat who is well-known in the South as their candidate, with the third-term issue, and with definite disaffection among old-line Democrats and deep-seated hostility to the New Deal among some Southern business and industrial interests.

Their hopes are highest in Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Texas, and the border states of Tennessee, Oklahoma and Missouri.

## FILLING STATION ROBBED

Two bandits entered a filling station at 15th and West Sts. last night and robbed Arthur Hair, attendant of \$15.

# Plans Return to Capital



Paul V. McNutt . . . 'back to Philippines? Ridiculous!'

Paul V. McNutt, Federal social security administrator, soon will return to Washington to resume his work there. He has been in Indianapolis since Sunday and tells friends he has nothing further to say about his political career at this time.

# Slow Thinking Brings Some Of 'The Boys' to a Sad Pass

The Indianapolis half-world did some very sketchy thinking last night and as a result, several persons came into unpleasant contact with the law.

To begin with, three men now charged with vagrancy, were having a honey game of "one for you, one for me" at 829 Paca St. They were, police said, dividing money.

Police entered and the three were thrown into utter confusion, running every which way throwing money all over the place. Police said they found a pocketbook belonging to Owen Mullin, 22, of 1426 Pleasant St.

Police recalled that Mr. Mullin and several others were robbed not an hour before in the Cochrane Pharmacy, 4415 Prospect St., by three men who escaped in a car. When the crime was reported, a description of the car was broadcast on the police radio. Sgt. Fred Hague saw a car answering the description and noticed the license number. It was checked with State Police and the Paca St. raid resulted.

In the second case, some of the lads were playing domino poker and one of them thought the manager of the pool room, in the 400 block E. Washington St., was taking too big a cut.

So he left the game and told a policeman. The policeman went to the poolroom, arrested the players, including the one who complained, and now it's up to the judge.

And lastly, a man playing a slot machine in a place in the first block of W. Ohio St., hit the jackpot, with mixed emotions. Naturally, he was delighted with his luck, but the management wouldn't turn the lights up so he could find the coins which splattered to the floor.

So he left and told a policeman. A raid followed and the slot machines were confiscated.

# TWO HOOSIER LINEMEN KILLED IN ACCIDENTS

MARION, Ind., July 24 (U. P.).—Franklin Masterson, 29, a telephone lineman, died yesterday from a broken neck suffered Monday when he slipped from a pole on which he was working and was hung by his safety belt.

KOKOMO, Ind., July 24 (U. P.).—Mansford Wheeler, 35, 1939 Howard County cornhusking champion, died yesterday from an infection which developed after he fell across a tree limb while working for a telephone company as a lineman.

# TOWNSEND NEUTRAL IN LABOR DISPUTE

The dispute between Southern Indiana and Kentucky labor leaders regarding the supply of skilled labor for construction of the \$25,000,000 powder plant at Charleston is a matter for the labor unions themselves to decide, Governor M. Clifford Townsend declared yesterday.

The Governor declined to take part in the dispute, which reached him when a delegation from Southern Indiana called to ask that he urge the U. S. Government to give Indiana laborers preference.

Governor Townsend declared he was without jurisdiction in the matter, and added that a project of such size probably would require all the skilled labor that both states could provide.

The Indiana delegation, headed by Clarence Arbuckle, Bedford, is scheduled to meet with Kentucky Building and Construction Trades Council officials at Louisville Sunday to attempt to reach an agreement.

# SPLIT IN CANADA OVER FORD'S PLANE STAND

OTTAWA, Ontario, July 24 (U. P.).—Parliamentary leaders were split in bitter controversy today over refusal last month of Henry Ford to manufacture airplane engines for the British Government.

In a heated session of the House of Commons last night, members debated the ownership status of the Ford Company of Canada and one of them, M. J. Coldwell, acting leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, charged that the Canadian concern was under "domination of a gentleman who refused . . . to perform a most necessary service for the dominion of Canada."

Paul Martin, Liberal member from East Essex, Ontario, in whose district Canadian Ford is located, joined in criticism of the Detroit manufacturer but denied that the Canadian company was under domination of American interests.

# SHOOTING SUSPECT HELD

Albert Pratt, 39, of 1639 Shelby St., was charged today with vagrancy, violation of the fire arms act, and impersonating an officer.

He was arrested after a quarrel in the 1600 block of Villa Ave. in which Jesse Haynes, 2145 E. Garfield Ave., was shot in the left leg. The quarrel was over parking privileges in front of a tavern.

# FAMINE FEARS EXAGGERATED, U. S. INDICATES

Europe's Problem Is One of Distribution Rather Than Shortage.

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WASHINGTON, July 24.—Agriculture Department officials, reflecting the uncertainty over European famine reports expressed yesterday by President Roosevelt, said today that notwithstanding new word of some shortages in vital crops, forecasts of widespread famine may be overdrawn.

Major difficulties may arise in distribution rather than production, they said. The most disturbing factor, according to advisers from consular officers, is an indicated European wheat harvest 25 per cent below last year and 10 per cent under the average crop—the lowest production in a decade.

With the stores already held, this shortage in itself might not be critical were it not for the possibility that the railroads may be clogged with war traffic. Disruption of this kind is seen here as presenting an even more acute problem than fields overrun by armies.

## Crops Often Spared

The motorized German armies have moved over roads rather than fields in many cases, it is said here, and thus crops often were spared. Mr. Roosevelt said he had heard reports that Europe may be facing the worst famine in history, but commented that Government agencies had been able to get little reliable information.

From what is known, the sharpest declines in wheat are expected in the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland and Sweden. There will be lesser declines, it is believed, in the Danube Basin and in Germany. England expects a better-than-average crop due to increased seedings, and Italy's wheat yield will be about average but below last year's.

Numerous factors combined to reduce the wheat crop—a severe winter and late spring; floods in the Danube Basin; military operations which damaged fields; a decline in area seeded, and a farm labor shortage due to mobilizations. A European wheat crop of 1,300,000,000 bushels is forecast, compared with a 1939 yield of 1,700,000,000 and a six-year average of 1,500,000,000 bushels. Favorable growing and harvesting conditions could improve these figures. Except in the recent occupation of Bessarabia, harvesting has not been interfered with by military operations.

## Depends on Imports

England, Ireland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Norway normally—and this year France—are dependent on wheat imports.

Reports from Rumania, one of the few countries which have not attempted to withhold crop information since the war began, indicate a possible decline of 40 per cent in the wheat crop compared with 1939, and of 26 per cent in the rice crop.

Officials here say the fact that Europe has a largely peasant agriculture, with the family unit of production, probably has reduced the inroads of war on crop production. The women and children are accustomed to going into the fields, and the mobilization of men has been offset somewhat by increased work by others of the family.

Some officials believe that in many industrial centers in the war areas there unquestionably are food shortages, brought about by distribution difficulties and by the inability of people to pay for food which may be available.

# ANTI-U. S. SLOGANS ECHO IN HANGCHOW

SHANGHAI, July 24 (U. P.).—Missionaries reported today that Japanese army trucks had carried demonstrators to the homes of nearly all American residents at Hangchow so they could shout anti-American slogans.

The missionaries reported that there had been three anti-American demonstrations at Hangchow within a week.

Japanese elements at Nanking held an anti-American mass meeting at which speakers denounced the United States for "obstructing the new order" in East Asia.

## LONGSHOREMEN END TALKS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24 (U. P.).—Negotiations for the Pacific Coast's biggest waterfront contract, between the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's (C. I. O.) union and the Waterfront Employers Association, broke down today.

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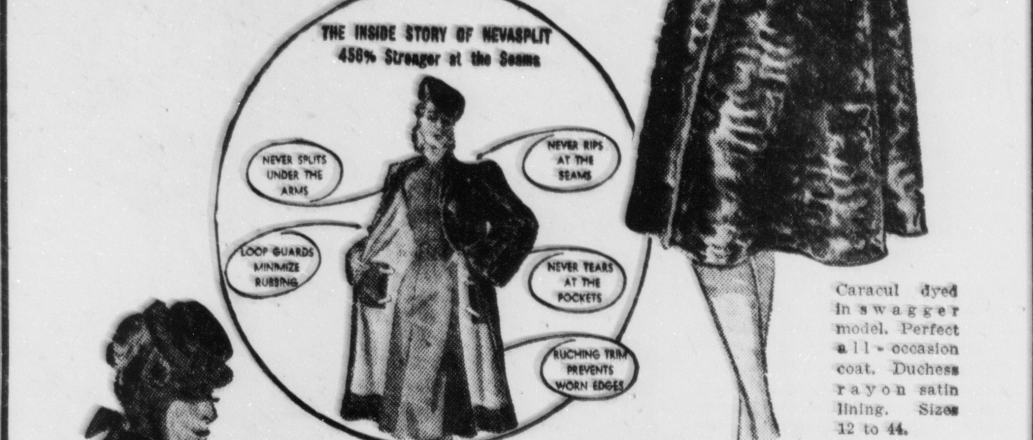
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