

# F. D. R. GOING INTO SOUTH TO COMBAT WILLKIE'S BID

G. O. P. Nominee and Key Democratic Allies Plan Campaign.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 (U. P.)—Republican Presidential nominee Wendell L. Willkie and his three key Democratic allies made plans today for a vigorous campaign in the Democratic "Solid South" after receiving reports that Mr. Willkie has a chance of carrying Texas, Florida, Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Mr. Willkie announced his readiness to travel extensively and campaign actively throughout the nation—beginning Sept. 16 at Coffeyville, Kas.—and outlined the itinerary of a 17-day trip of more than 4,000 miles that will take him through 18 states during the latter part of the month.

A series of conferences between the Republican nominee and Rep. and anti-third term Democratic leaders produced these developments:

1. Plans for seven major speeches and 25 or more rear platform appearances in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. The major speeches will be at Coffeyville, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Ore., Seattle, somewhere in Iowa and at Detroit.

#### James Claims Pennsylvania

2. Assertions by Mr. Willkie and his Democratic supporters—former Undersecretary of the Treasury John W. Hanes, former Budget Director Lewis W. Douglas and President Allen Ballantine of Rochester University—that Mr. Willkie has a good chance of carrying Texas, Florida, Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, and that active campaigns will be carried on in all southern states.

3. A prediction by Republican Governor Arthur H. James of Pennsylvania that Mr. Willkie will carry the Keystone state by more than 300,000 votes in November.

4. Republican National Chairman Joseph W. Martin Jr. announced that the Providence, R. I., local of the AFL's building service employees' international union had voted 194 for Willkie and 7 for Roosevelt in a poll.

5. Rep. Marcellus Evans, anti-New Deal New York Democrat, announced support of Mr. Willkie and the Republican platform as he accepted the G. O. P. designation in the Fifth New York District and denounced the New Deal program as "wholly un-American and foreign to the policies of the founders of this great republic."

#### Willkie Discusses Prospects

Mr. Willkie himself talked about his prospects in the democratic South. He already has spoken of his Coffeyville campaign opener as a "strike" at the Southwest, and it appears now that he may visit Virginia and North Carolina as well as making a rear platform appearance in Amarillo, Tex., on his first stomping tour.

A reporter told Mr. Willkie the Democratic National Chairman Ed Flynn had said Mr. Willkie had no chance of carrying Texas, and Mr. Willkie retorted that he was "very gratified that Ed Flynn is worried about Texas and realizes the November result is a disputed question."

The Republican nominee said that President Roosevelt's itinerary for his park dedication trip and defense inspection tour in North Carolina and Tennessee "sounded like my campaign itinerary."

"I just know that all his speeches will be non-political," Mr. Willkie said. "Mine will be political and will be announced as such."

## HATCH ACT HITS STATE MACHINE; 2 TO QUIT POSTS

Simmons, Etter to Resign as Democrat Chairmen; Others Must Avoid Politics.

By ROBERT REED  
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23—President Roosevelt will open his campaign for re-election on Labor Day in a speech dedicating Chickamauga Dam near Chattanooga, Tenn., new link in the TVA power system.

Though the President might not confess that this address has any "political" implications, it is generally expected here that he will use that occasion to emphasize the New Deal's public power policy and outline the public utility issue as it will be developed against Wendell L. Willkie.

For it was over TVA that Mr. Willkie, then president of Commonwealth & Southern, first clashed with the New Deal. The long-drawn controversy, which finally resulted in sale of the company's properties in Tennessee to TVA, catapulted the now Republican candidate to national notice.

#### Two Big Domestic Issues

He won much acclaim for the way he stood up and traded punches with the New Dealers, wading right in against the advice of some of the older heads in the utility industry who preferred peace to such rough-and-ready tactics.

During the course of the controversy over the TVA rate structure, which Mr. Willkie claimed was discriminatory and was ruining private utilities, the President and his rival for the White House had quite a session with each other in Mr. Roosevelt's office.

In his brief southern venture, the President also will make a speech in the Smoky Mountain National Park, and he is expected to have something to say about labor and New Deal labor policies.

These are two domestic issues—public power and labor protective statutes—which Democrats expect to stress.

#### Political Missionary Aspect

It would be surprising to New Dealers if President Roosevelt mentioned his opponent by name, or attacked him directly, though the inference of his remarks will be clear enough. His strategy, it is expected, will be rather to state the case positively for New Deal measures, and leave the rest to his audience.

In his acceptance address, the Republican candidate advocated "Federal regulation of interstate utilities," and, as for labor, he supported collective bargaining and the maintenance of minimum standards for wages and maximum standards for hours.

Mr. Roosevelt's journey into the South has a political missionary aspect. Republicans are planning to make quite a bid for Southern votes and while in New York on his present visit Mr. Willkie is devoting much attention to formulation of campaign plans there with the two heads of the Democrats-for-Willkie organization, Lewis W. Douglas and John W. Hanes, both former New Deal officials.

#### Long F. D. R. Tour Expected

They press to have real hopes in Tennessee, a border state which has shifted back and forth in Presidential elections in the past. The Republican candidate expects to speak in Tennessee during the course of the campaign.

President Roosevelt was scheduled to dedicate the Chickamauga Dam last spring, but the canceled the engagement on account of developments in the European war. However, Senator McKellar (D. Tenn.) found him in a very receptive mood to make the trip now when he called at the White House yesterday.

The Southern trip indicates the nature of the campaigning which will be undertaken by President Roosevelt this year.

He is expected to find numerous such occasions for speech-making in dedications—for which invitations pile up constantly at the White House—and in inspection trips to all types of Federal projects—public power, national defense, and the like.

Everybody here expects that, about Oct. 1, the list will be found so heavy that Mr. Roosevelt will find it expedient to go on an extended "non-political" tour that will take him to practically every section of the country.

#### 2 BOYS KILLED WHEN TRAILER HITS CART

LOGANSPORE, Ind., Aug. 23 (U. P.)—Robert Smith, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Smith and Junior Ranzulla, 7-year-old stepson of Joseph Castagna, were killed yesterday on Road 24 near here when a small wooden cart in which they were riding was struck by a truck trailer unit driven by Tom Harris, 26, of St. Louis, Mo.

Gene Bradley, 9, riding with the two boys, escaped with minor injuries. His brother, Raymond, 11, who was pushing the cart was unharmed.

Mr. Harris, driving from St. Louis to Buffalo, N. Y., was exonerated by police.

LA PORTE, Ind., Aug. 23 (U. P.)—County officials today opened an investigation into the death of Charles Dubowski, 59, of South Chicago, Ill., from injuries suffered when he fell from a moving car on highway 6 near here Wednesday night.

VINCENNES, Ind., Aug. 23 (U. P.)—Fred G. Volle, 65, of Vincennes, died yesterday from injuries suffered near Bruceville Monday when his car crashed into a parked coal truck.

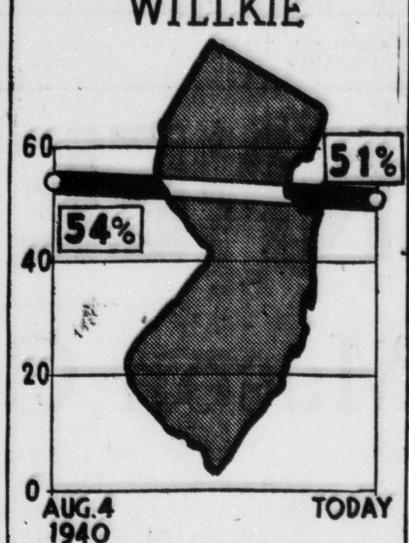
WASHINGTON, Ind., Aug. 23 (U. P.)—Claude Potts, 15, died last night in Daviess County Hospital from a gunshot wound received while squirrel hunting.

M'NARY NOTIFIER NAMED

Ivan C. Morgan of Austin, former State Republican chairman, will be Indiana's representative on the committee to notify Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, of his Vice Presidential nomination at Salem, Ore., Tuesday. The committee personnel was announced in Washington today by Republican National Chairman Joseph W. Martin Jr.

## Willkie Slips Slightly in N. J. But Still Holds Lead in State

### NEW JERSEY FAVORS WILLKIE



### QUESTION

If election were held today, would you vote for Roosevelt or Willkie?  
NEW JERSEY  
WILLKIE .51%  
F. D. R. .49%

G. O. P. Candidate Has More Support Than Landon Or Hoover.

## 2 PAPERS IN 3 BACK WILLKIE, SURVEY SHOWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 (U. P.)—Editor & Publisher, newspaper trade magazine, reported today that a majority of more than 66.9 per cent of the nation's daily newspapers have given their editorial support to the Republican Presidential candidacy of Wendell Willkie, and that 20.1 per cent support President Roosevelt.

The magazine said its poll covered 54.5 per cent of the entire daily press.

The proportion of returns is best from the states in which the newspaper preference for Mr. Willkie is marked and from those where newspaper opinion divides fairly evenly," the magazine reported.

Response was weakest from states which traditionally favor the Democratic candidate, the magazine said, adding that "these latter states also contribute the major part of the papers which state that they have not yet announced their selection, or that they intend to remain non-partisan."

The editors were asked whether they had supported Mr. Roosevelt in 1932 and 1936. The results in the number of newspapers for the three years showed that Mr. Roosevelt had the support of 399 newspapers in 1932 and 356 in 1936, as compared with 208 so far this year. The Republican candidates in 1932 and 1936 had the support of 573 and 623 newspapers, respectively, and to date Mr. Willkie is supported by 683 papers.

DIGNITY IS IGNORED

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 23 (U. P.)—Stephen Zunatz of Los Angeles solicited the assistance of Governor Cuthbert Olson in collecting fees to obtain signatures on political petitions. The petitions seek the recall of Governor Olson.

TEMPLETON TO WED

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 23 (U. P.)—Alec Templeton, blind English concert pianist, disclosed today that he

will be married to Juliette Valani, singer, Sunday at the home of a friend. They will make a wedding trip to Chicago.

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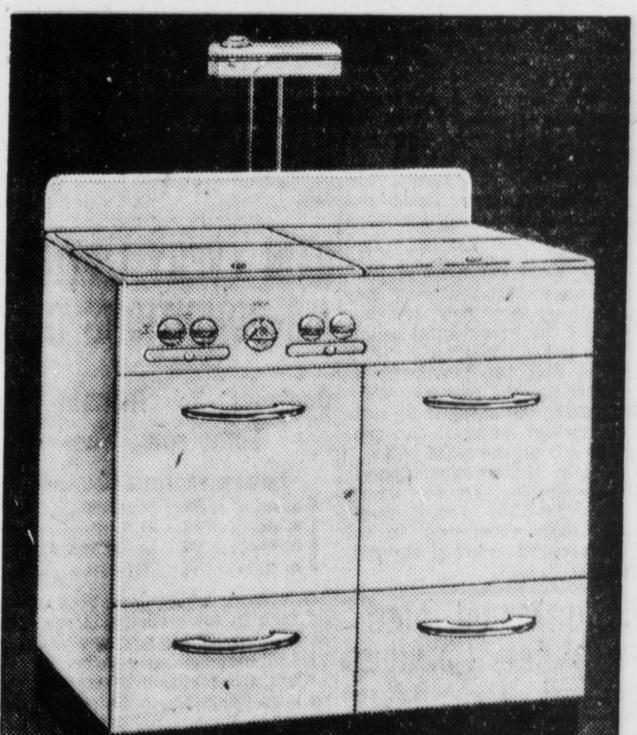


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