

BOOS FAIL TO JAR EARNEST WILLKIE

Dares Roosevelt Settlements of Michigan and Ohio to Preach More Jobs and Government Which Can Meet Payments.

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ABOARD WILLKIE SPECIAL TRAIN, Oct. 2.—Wendell L. Willkie deserves a blue ribbon for the courageous way he seeks out the Roosevelt settlements and earnestly asks their votes.

Thus for three days he has been evangelizing through the industrial towns of Michigan and Ohio, picking the tough spots. He has braved "boos," constantly aware of what he faces in trying to convert the thousands of men he has seen in grease-stained overalls outside the plants in America's midland automobile empire.

Here—and Wendell Willkie knows it—has cropped to the surface most plainly, in sullen sit-down strikes and angry picket lines, the revolution that has been going on in this country in the last few years.

Area of Class Consciousness

Here depression, when it came, struck deepest, and men and women crowded hopefully to the relief stations. Here has developed a class consciousness that is something fairly new in the United States. It did not exist at all when Wendell Willkie was growing into manhood and, during the summer vacations from school and occasionally afterward, was working alongside similar men in mill and factory.

Mr. Willkie knows what has happened. He knows what he is up against.

But he has gone to his work with a will, for he realizes that to become President and accomplish what he regards as the salvation of the democratic way of life, he must break into the ranks of these men and women and win them away from the man in the White House whose name he heard so frequently from the people about the railroad stations and along the streets of Michigan and Ohio towns.

Talked Plainly

If he wanted cheers and adulation he could find them elsewhere, in Michigan and Ohio farm country, among the cleaner collars and more fashionable ensembles of the middle classes who have flocked to join Willkie-for-President clubs.

But he courted the boos and the nonchalance, and while his venture has not been exactly a success, he has nevertheless won a respectful hearing here and there by his earnestness, his straightforward appeals, and his plain talk about what he considers the derelictions of the Roosevelt Administration and the New Dealers and their creation, as he sees it, of prejudice and class consciousness.

This was especially true in Flint, thriving automobile center, where he passed among thin lines along the downtown streets for miles to reach the main meeting scheduled for his visit and found only a small crowd gathered, and few workmen in it.

Preaches Simple Doctrine

But he never spoke more earnestly nor tried harder to win his hearers, even before great throngs that have faced him. He was a stern evangelist, with no smile on his lips, as he stood in his car and talked. He received an attentive hearing and was applauded frequently.

Rather than gathering to boo him, or harass him, it seemed that the union folks in this C. I. O. center had virtually boycotted him. Here, as at Pontiac earlier, he had been scheduled to speak at two automobile plants, but the meetings were cancelled and only a few men from the assembly lines stood looking from the windows, some crying out at the automobile procession the familiar "We Want Roosevelt!"

He preached in the automobile centers a simple doctrine. He repeated his support for all the Roosevelt reforms affecting labor—the National Labor Relations Act, the Wage-Hour Act, Social Security.

But what good, he asked over and over, is collective bargaining or a guarantee of minimum wages and maximum hours, if there are no jobs for which to bargain collectively, and no wages coming in at all and no hours of work? And what good, he asked, is social security if the Government goes bankrupt and can't meet the payments?

95% Registration Predicted in County



These citizens are so anxious to vote they stood in line at 23 N. Rural St. to register for the election. Election and party officials predict that 95 per cent of the county's adult population will be registered by Monday night when the books close.

Rural, Small-Town Meetings Emphasized by Democrats

The Democrats' state campaign schedule indicates that party leaders have decided that the Nov. 5 election will be won or lost in the smaller urban and rural communities of Indiana.

Most of the headline meetings for the state ticket candidates thus far have been held in the small communities in the center of heavy rural population.

Many Democratic leaders at the start of the campaign outlined policies designed to "hold the majority" in the heavily populated counties and depend upon new gains in the rural sections to win.

Following this line of vote calculation, State Chairman Fred F. Bays has scheduled all the general party ballroom in the farm communities. In these sections the Republicans made their biggest gains in 1938.

Rally Here Oct. 30

One of the bigger Indianapolis campaign rally meetings will be staged by the Marion County Democrats at Cadle Tabernacle on Oct. 30 less than a week before the election.

F. D. R. AND WILLKIE FAVOR FREE PRESS

HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 2 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt and Wendell L. Willkie said today that a free press is essential to maintenance of the United States as a democracy in a world of mounting totalitarian propaganda.

The views of the Democratic and Republican Presidential candidates were made known in letters to William N. Hardy, chairman of the National Newspaper Week Committee, sponsor of an event being observed until Oct. 8 by more than 5000 newspapers in the nation.

"I hope in observance of National Newspaper Week that due emphasis will be placed on the necessity for maintaining freedom of the press in a democracy," the President wrote. "Freedom of conscience, of education, of speech, of assembly are among the very fundamentals of democracy and all of them would be nullified should freedom of the press ever be successfully challenged."

Mr. Willkie wrote: "There is nothing more essential to the preservation of a free American democracy than the preservation of a free American press."

"News, accurate and unbiased, is the daily bread upon which a democracy feeds. Pervert the news and control the views of the press—those are the first aims in the would-be dictator's effort to undermine democracy. Lies and controlled propaganda is the stuff upon which dictatorships feed and grow fat. Freedom of the press is the staff of life for any vital democracy."

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COUNTY G. O. P. CONDUCTS POLL

46% of Sample Group Say Third Term Is Biggest Issue.

Forty-six per cent of 2387 voters polled by the Marion County Republican Committee said they considered the "third term issue" the most vital question of the campaign. County Chairman James L. Bradford said today.

Republican workers said they asked seven persons in each of the 341 precincts what, in their opinion, was the most vital issue of the campaign.

Mr. Bradford's report said that 33 per cent of the voters listed economic recovery and elimination of "wasteful spending" by the Federal Government as the biggest issue.

Six per cent of the voters questioned replied they thought the main issue should be "keep the country out of war."

Many of those picking the third term issue as the most important question, expressed fears that a third term would lead to dictatorship, Mr. Bradford said.

"In a nation of more than 130 million people, no one man is indispensable," one of the voters declared.

Halleck Lashes 3d Term

Lashing the third term as a symbol of dictatorship, Rep. Charles A. Halleck, Second District Congress incumbent, speaking last night at North Judson, declared that more Democrats are "flocking" to the Willkie-McNary ticket every day.

Mr. Halleck, who for four years was the only Republican Congressman from Indiana, predicted "greater" Republican gains in Indiana this year than any other year since 1920.

Edison Condemns Action; Willkie to Speak in Jersey City.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Mayor Frank Hague said today that the furor over the burning of Hudson County's 1937 poll books was "a Republican plot to embarrass the Democratic Party and divert attention from fraud and corruption in Republican-controlled southern New Jersey."

The burning of the books, disclosed last week when a legislative committee sought them for an investigation, was denounced last night by former Navy Secretary Charles Edison, Hague-supported candidate for Governor, in a speech at Princeton University. Mr. Edison charged, however, that the "sordid mess" of New Jersey politics was mainly the fault of the Republican-controlled legislature for having confined its attempted reforms to Democratic Hudson County, Mayor Hague's stronghold.

The dispute attained added national significance with the disclosure that Wendell L. Willkie, Republican Presidential nominee, had been issued a permit to speak next Monday morning in Journal Square here, where riotous scenes have occurred when persons opposed to Hague including the Socialist, Norman Thomas, have tried to speak in the past two years.

Willkie Greets Stowaway, 13

ABOARD WILLKIE TRAIN EN ROUTE THROUGH MICHIGAN, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—The Willkie campaign train had a stowaway yesterday.

Harry Sapp, 13, Durant, Mich., clambered aboard when the train passed through his home town. Upon being discovered the youth was given an audience with the candidate, after which he said "I think he'll win."

BURGLAR STEALS 2 PRIZED POSSESSIONS

It'll be a sad day for one Indianapolis burglar if Herbert Baker and his son, David, catch up with him.

The burglar first sneaked into Mr. D. Rinker's house at 3907 Graceland Ave., last night and stole some canned goods and Mr. Rinker's black hat.

He then went across the street to Mr. Baker's house at 3914 Graceland and crawled through a window.

Now, Mr. Baker and 11-year-old David each had a new possession of which they were very proud—a new green hat and a gold-plated trumpet, respectively.

The burglar traded Mr. Rinker's black hat for Mr. Baker's green one, and took David's trumpet which he was to use in the School 43 band this winter.

Mr. Baker returned the black hat to his neighbor this morning.

PRESIDENT MAY ASK WAR, LANDON SAYS

HASTINGS, Neb., Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Alfred M. Landon, Republican presidential candidate in 1936, warned last night that President Roosevelt may ask Congress to declare war after the November election or so conduct national affairs that a declaration of war would be a mere formality.

None can be sure of the President's future course because "more than any other chief executive in our time he has successfully concealed his plans and intentions from the American people," Mr. Landon said in an address supporting Wendell L. Willkie.

"We heard a lot in 1936 of the belief that after four years of experimentation the President would settle down to a steady course, if given a second term, only to be met with the Supreme Court packing plan," he said.

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