

F.D.R. TIME-TABLE ON 'DEFENSE' TOUR

21 Minutes, 16 Minutes, 35 Minutes Spent in 'Inspections,' and Politicians Have Their Innings the Rest of the Hours.

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ABOARD ROOSEVELT TRAIN, Oct. 12.—A "non-political" national-defense inspection takes only a few minutes out of a man's day, leaving plenty of time to do all one wants to do about getting re-elected President.

That, at least, is the experience of an expert at the business, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The technique looks simple, although a lot of hard work by local politicos is necessary behind the scenes in order to give the simple, spontaneous effect that is observed on Mr. Roosevelt's "defense inspection trips."

The ingredients are a President who rarely lets himself admit publicly that he might be seeking political office for another four years, a special train that tours through two politically doubtful states, a panel of local politicians and political managers who are invited aboard the train—and certainly not because they are charming conversationalists, or experts on national defense—plus a military officer or two just for atmosphere.

Republicans Also Invited

And, yes, a handful of Republican officials who are invited—though all don't accept—to board the train on this non-political journey.

The diary of the President's tour through Pennsylvania and Ohio might show the technique:

11 p.m. Thursday, Washington—President Roosevelt boards his special train, accompanied by four Pennsylvania Democratic Congressmen up for re-election—Messrs. Snyder, Eberhardt, McArdle and Dunn—and one military officer, Gen. Edwin C. Watson, known familiarly as "Pa," who long ago gave up the profession of arms to join the White House entourage as military aide to the President.

9:15 A.M. Friday—Train stops briefly at Johnstown, Pa., to take aboard Senator Joseph F. Guffey, up for re-election this year, and Democratic State Chairman David Lawrence. These two have been sworn enemies since the disastrous 1938 campaign but now appear suddenly like blood brothers. Also a whole covey of other folks get aboard, including the Mayor of Johnstown, two local judges, the Republican president of the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce, an editor, one attorney, three county commissioners (two Democrats, one Republican), four members of the city council (all Republican). They are permitted to ride for nine miles, to Seward.

21-Minute Visit

11:30 A.M.—Train reaches Pittsburgh. The President and his party are driven from the East Liberty station to the Carnegie-Illinois armor-plate mill at Homestead, and national defense comes into the picture. The Presidential procession moves into the armor-plate factory and stops while the President chats with the superintendent. Photographers snap his picture. Workmen, who have left their jobs, applaud. All about are specimens of the plant's defense work, huge pieces of steel for battleships, all labeled. The placing of this exhibit must have required the endeavors of many men.

The procession goes on, stopping for a few moments for the President to watch the fires through a door of another building. Time spent in inspection, 21 minutes.

Nothing But Cheers

And now, through the main streets of Homestead, the procession moves through thousands and thousands of cheering people, all out in holiday spirit. The Democratic organization has seen to it that the schools and the city departments are all closed. All places of business are closed, too. This demonstration is in striking contrast to the one Wendell J. Willkie receives in Homestead a week ago, when he spoke to hundreds compared with thousands here now and received a generous besoal of boos. There are nothing but huzzahs for the President.

12:35 P.M.—Presidential procession enters the Mesta Co. plant, where the cheers of men in overalls, standing idle before their machines, echo through the vaulted sheds. A reporter asks a group, "Are you fellows paid while you are watching?" and they retort, laughing. "You bet we're paid!" Time spent "inspecting" here—15 minutes.

Hordes at Youngstown

And now the President is free to inspect his crowds of hilarious supporters, standing three and four deep, waving flags, cheering, down through the Hill district, Pittsburgh's Harlem, where Negroes who boozed Mr. Willkie last week shout.

4:00 p.m.—Youngstown. Through veritable hordes of people, shoving their way to the middle of the street close to the President's car despite the police, Mr. Roosevelt moves to the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Plant, where he spends 35 minutes "inspecting" and, back to his train, through crowds still standing for another sight of him.

A Look at Ravenna

6:50 p.m.—The train slows down at Ravenna, and from the window one sees fields stretching away, and people alongside the track. This is an "inspection" of the site of a new powder plant.

6:50 p.m.—The train crawls slowly through thousands of people along the tracks, perched on a high embankment, on a bridge. And Rep. Dow Harter, Democrat hard-pressed for re-election, appears on the platform with Mr. Roosevelt as the crowd shrieks its acclaim.

Today at 9:52 a.m., he arrives in Columbus and passes through the streets with Republican Governor John W. Bricker. (The Democratic candidate for Governor, Martin L. Davey, rides eight cars behind.) He spends less than half an hour "inspecting" Ft. Hayes and the Fifth Corps headquarters and leaves for Dayton at 11:33. The Columbus crowd is less enthusiastic than those yesterday.

Highway Department Gives Taxpayers Relief—Schricker

COVINGTON, Ind., Oct. 12 (U.P.)—Henry F. Schricker, Democratic nominee for Governor, praised the work of the State highway Department in an address here last night. He said that local taxpayers have been saved thousands of dollars under the 1939 law providing that the state maintain roads over which state roads pass.

"The Republican state platform," he said, "calls for a reduction of the gasoline tax. Such a reduction would upset local budgets and would prove a serious handicap to local communities since they can no longer issue bonds for road construction."

Charges Spending Boost

Speaking at Rosedale last night, Anderson, Ketchum, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, charged that "Republicans who now hold state offices actually have increased expenditures instead of reducing them as they promised before the election two years ago."

He was referring to Secretary of State James M. Tucker and his deputies.

Mr. Ketchum said that the Sec-

Leads Red Men



B. Adair Smedley ... reports for Indiana.

LODGE MEETS HERE MONDAY

Report on Americanization Program Feature of 2-Day Convention.

Extension of the Americanization program of the Indiana Great Council, Improved Order of Red Men, will be one of the principal subjects at the Council's annual convention Monday and Tuesday at the Claypool Hotel.

An estimated 1500 members from all sections of the state will be present.

The Americanization campaign was launched two years ago in cooperation with the national organization of Red Men. B. Adair Smedley, Salem, Great Prophet, and Al Frick, Indianapolis, Great Keeper of Wampum, will be among the leaders to deliver reports on the program.

The campaign, in the last two years, has consisted of an educational program for youth, patriotic meetings to inspire greater loyalty to the country, and public rallies in each town where there is a lodge.

Also expected to be a major topic at the session will be plans for expanding the state membership.

CONVENTION IS SET BY FARMERS GUILD

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Oct. 12.—The Indiana Farmers Guild, successor to the Farmers Union in Indiana, will hold its second annual convention here Tuesday and Wednesday.

President Robert Spacher, Mountello, has arranged for addresses by several prominent speakers.

Among those on the program will be E. E. Kennedy, Washington, D.C., legislative representative of the various farmers' guilds; J. L. Green, Huntington, and John Napier Dyer, Vincennes.

The principles sponsored by the Guild include cost of production minimum prices for all farm commodities consumed in the United States; protection of the American market for the American farmer; refinancing of present farm indebtedness on a long term, low interest basis; refunding to hog producers of the processing taxes taken from the price of hogs during the first AAA.

In his appeal, Mr. Watkins said:

"The American Legion in the year ending enrolled more than 1,000,000 members and its auxiliaries 500,000 members. The Legion affords every veteran an opportunity to serve his community, state and nation, in this crisis in as valuable a capacity as he served during World War days. Join up with the Legion."

JOIN THE LEGION' TOMORROW'S CRY

All veterans of the World War have been urged to join the American Legion by John A. Watkins, Bloomfield, Department Commander.

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DIES INVESTIGATING STATE COMMUNISTS

While the hearing of the Communist Party's suit to force the placing of its ticket on the State and County election ballots was being held today, the Dies Congressional Committee began an investigation of the party in Indiana.

The committee investigating un-American activities wired Secretary of State James M. Tucker for photostatic copies of signatures on the petition to place the party ticket on the ballots.

The hearing on the suit was being held in Superior Court 2 by Judge Pro Tem. Thomas C. Batchelor. Attorneys said it probably would not be completed today.

BRITONS BUY U. S. SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (U.P.)—British ship owners, in an attempt

to replace part of their merchant marine losses, have purchased 100 American vessels since the war started, a survey showed today. These craft total approximately 375,000 gross tons.

DEFENSE CONTRACTS GO TO STATE FIRMS

Times Special

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Two Indiana defense contracts were included in a list of defense contracts amounting to \$2,151,593.77 announced by the War Department today.

The Chemical Warfare Service purchased \$12,293 worth of rubber bands from the General Tire and Rubber Co., Wabash, and \$14,878 worth of tanks from Graver Tank and Manufacturing Co., Inc., East Chicago.

WALLACE SAYS FDR CEMENTS AMERICAS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (U.P.)—

Henry A. Wallace said in a radio speech last night that return of Republican Party rule on Nov. 5 would shatter the confidence of Latin-American peoples in United States Western Hemisphere policy.

"On the foundation of confidence that has now been created by this Administration," he said, "all American nations can go out to cement the solidarity of this hemisphere by building more intimate contacts with one another.

"We shall do well to keep in mind that if Roosevelt were defeated, a Republican administration, however good its intentions, would require months or years to restore the confidence of the other American peoples."

Mr. Ketchum said:

"I am not complaining about Mr. Tucker spending more money than he originally agreed to get along with it. I take issue with him when he insists that the Republican Party, if restored to power, will reduce expenditures by 10 percent when as a matter of fact he himself is contributing to the increase of expenditures of his own office."

Women to Give Tea

The Women's Division of the Marion County Democratic Committee will sponsor a tea for the Women's Labor Group next Tuesday afternoon at the Claypool Hotel.

Edgar G. Schricker, candidate for Governor, and Mrs. Inez Scholl, candidate for Supreme Court Reporter, will be the principal speakers.

At City Hall—

FUND TRANSFER VETO, ELECTION JITTERS LINKED

Parks Won't Get Sum for
Jobs Before Nov. 5,
Officials Believe.

By RICHARD LEWIS
Election jitters at City Hall played a part in Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan's hasty veto of an ordinance which would have made \$10,000 immediately available for extra labor in the Park Department this fall.

The Mayor declined yesterday to sign the ordinance which was rushed through City Council Monday night without previously having been advertised.

Failure to advertise the fund transfer ordinance and the fact that it was not to be submitted to the State Tax Board led the Mayor to doubt the legality of the measure.

Up Again on Oct. 21

After vetoing the transfer, the Mayor ordered City Clerk John Layton to advertise it immediately. The transfer ordinance will be resubmitted to City Council Oct. 21 and then will be presented to the Tax Board.

It was understood today at City Hall that unless officials can hasten this procedure, the \$10,000 will not become available until after election.

Council Monday night suspended the rules to pass the ordinance on the plea of Park officials that the money was needed "double quick" to finance boulevard repairs before cold weather sets in.

Boulevard repairs are traditionally made in the spring, according to Park engineers. But this year, the repairs were "delayed" because Park workers had other work to do, Albert H. Gisler, Park Board vice president said.

First Veto of 1940

Exercising his veto powers for the first time this year, the Mayor acted against the advice of his Corporation Counsel, Edward H. Knight.

Mr. Knight had ruled that it was not necessary to advertise the transfer of the \$10,000 from a materials fund to the Park labor fund. He also said it was not necessary to submit the measure to the State Tax Board.

The Mayor, however, said he did not think it advisable to challenge the Tax Board's claim of jurisdiction over such fund transfers.

"We want to co-operate with the board," he said. "We have no dispute with them, never had."

If eventually approved, the transfer would give the Park Department its largest temporary labor fund since 1938.

Building Fees Increase

Receipts of the City Building Commission are running \$1755 ahead of last year, George R. Popp Jr., City Building Commissioner, reported this week. Up to Oct. 5, the Commission grossed \$44,851 in fees compared with \$43,196 in the same period last year. The Department's revenue, Mr. Popp added, is sufficient to operate it without expense to the taxpayers.

Local Lads Want To Be Captains

There are at least 20 Indianapolis youths who "want to be a captain, too," if Uncle Sam togs them out in army kahki.

The boys were wearing "I Want To Be A Captain, Too" buttons today and had plenty more to distribute to draft eligibles who want to join the protest of the commission given the President's son, Elliott.

The boys were called for their first meeting in the Claypool Hotel last night by Frank Lahr, 22 W. 20th St. There will be another meeting next week to elect officers of the Indianapolis "troop," which will join the national movement.

A petition protesting young Roosevelt's getting the commission is being circulated. It will be sent to the Army high command.

The youths took this pledge last night:

"I'll wear my 'I Want To Be A Captain, Too' button, when I register Wednesday for the draft."



Indianapolis COMMUNITY FUND



Your COMMUNITY FUND Contribution Changes the Picture

Bad boys?—The ones in the top picture? Not necessarily. Truly bad ones are rare. At heart they're "good stuff."

But unless somebody cares—unless somebody takes the time and the trouble to counsel, to guide, to direct their boundless American energy—they can drift into shiftlessness, into "easy" ways of earning their living.

In your city, many a lad whose whole environment pushes him the "wrong" way gets his boost in the right direction at the Boys Club Association of Indianapolis, one of your Community Fund's 37 agencies.

Of course if you had the time you'd dig right in and help these youngsters. But you haven't. Your contribution to the Community Fund, however, can help those who are taking the time to change a young life's pattern. Yes, your contribution can truly change the picture.

Be Thankful—Give to Your Community Fund

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