

Pauley's 'Slugging' Defense Casts Doubt on Withdrawal

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cient undersecretary of the navy. "I am convinced I can serve my country well and efficiently. I know I have served her loyally, honestly and faithfully in the past. I submit my record for your consideration."

Meanwhile President Truman was asked again at his press conference whether he expected Mr. Pauley to ask for withdrawal of his nomination. Mr. Truman said he would stick to the statement that he has made four times before—that he supported Mr. Pauley fully.

The President said he knew of no plans whatever for Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan to quit his post as national Democratic chairman. Reports that Mr. Hannegan intended to quit his party post were heard this week. In the wake of the fight over Mr. Pauley's confirmation.

Denies Ickes Story

Mr. Pauley submitted a 19-page statement in which he took up—and disputed with vigor—a host of charges.

He asserted bluntly that Mr. Ickes was mistaken in his charge that Mr. Pauley promised to raise \$300,000 in Democratic campaign contributions from oil interests if the government would drop its suit for federal title to tideland oil.

"At no time did I say to him that if he would lay off anything, that I could raise money from California oil men or anyone else," Mr. Pauley said.

"He had no right to draw any such conclusion. I have told you gentlemen, and I again repeat, that I have never in my life solicited, suggested or accepted a contingent contribution."

No Such Conclusion

"Again I say Secretary Ickes was mistaken. No such conclusion should have been drawn from my conversation . . . and, it is a conclusion."

Mr. Ickes made the charge in testimony before the committee three weeks ago. He subsequently resigned from the cabinet when President Truman re-affirmed his backing of Mr. Pauley and told a press conference that Mr. Ickes could have been mistaken.

Pauley agreed that he probably discussed \$300,000 and the tideland oil suit in a conversation with Mr. Ickes Sept. 6, 1944.

"The now famous figure of \$300,000," he said, "was the quota which the Democratic party hoped to raise in the District of Columbia. We of course wanted Mr. Ickes' assistance."

Discussed Money

"In that same conversation I also discussed with Mr. Ickes the difficulty of raising money in the campaign and sought to enlist his aid."

"I told him, in effect, that it took money to run a campaign . . . that because of the fact that the administration in time of war had been forced to make business of all kinds wear a hair shirt they were disgruntled . . ."

Mr. Pauley listed price controls, anti-trust suits brought by the government, rationing, controls of farmers and their prices, government seizure of plants, the Smith-Connally law preventing contributions by labor unions and "I may have said the agitation of the tideland matters."

Mr. Pauley said he told Mr. Ickes the national committee was trying to get "small money" to offset the large contributions to the Republican party by wealthy backers. He said Mr. Ickes used some of his same arguments in a speech at Grand Rapids, Mich., six days later.

Finally, Mr. Pauley pointed out that Mr. Ickes admitted he didn't complain to the late President Roosevelt, nor to President Truman.

nor did he object when Mr. Pauley was named chairman of the U. S. war reparations commission. And he recalled that Mr. Ickes testified Wednesday that Mr. Pauley might be "very well qualified for some other office."

Mr. Pauley said that more than 200 pages of testimony have been devoted to his proposal to construct a refinery in Mexico "in a vain effort to make it appear that it was an evil thing."

That plan, he said, was approved by President Roosevelt and by Mr. Ickes as petroleum administrator for war.

Patterson Testimony

Mr. Pauley likewise denied there was anything improper in his solicitation of campaign funds in 1944 from William A. Patterson, president of United Air Lines. He quoted Patterson's testimony which included the statement:

"No, I can't say that Mr. Pauley made any proposition direct to me that was improper, nor did he repeat any previous conversation I had had directly with Mr. (George) Killian (assistant treasurer of the Democratic national committee), nor did he repeat anything that Mr. (Russell) Ahrens (vice president of United) reported that Mr. Killian had said."

Mr. Pauley said the testimony of Victor Rossetti, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Los Angeles, clearly eliminated any doubt as to his financial responsibility or business integrity.

He said he believes that title to tidelands oil should remain with the states. He acknowledged with pride his efforts on behalf of the so-called Atkinson oil conservation measure in California in 1939.

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world would be run by an Anglo-American alliance, I should like to have him testify concerning this proposed loan," Senator Capehart said.

"My own view is that we shouldn't fool the American people by calling it a loan, for it is not a loan in any banking sense. It is really a gift, because it is without security. However, a case can be made for it on political and security grounds."

The bad relations between the United States and U. S. S. R. is increasing the likelihood that the British loan will pass promptly and without restrictions, it is predicted here.

Senator Capehart probably will support it both in committee and on the floor.

Eccles Urges Approval Of British Loan

WASHINGTON, March 8 (U. P.).—Marriner S. Eccles, chairman of the board of governors of the federal reserve system, today urged approval of the \$3,750,000,000 British loan. He admitted that Britain may default on her payments and that loan may be inflationary.

Mr. Eccles told the senate banking committee that the loan is needed as a "blood transfusion" to help Britain regain international economic health. He asked that the transaction not be judged as a commercial loan.

Meanwhile, Acting Committee Chairman Alben W. Barkley (D. Ky.) told reporters to "forget about" a proposal to invite former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill to testify on the loan. Mr. Barkley pointed out that Churchill soon will return to England.

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