

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CHALLENGED BY CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON FISH OF NEW YORK TO DECLARE HIS STAND ON ANTI-LYNCHING BILL

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EXCITING COLLOQUY WITH CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL OF ILLINOIS REGARDING NEGRO EMPLOYMENT UNDER NEW DEAL

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Washington, D. C.—Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York, in a recent running colloquy with Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell of Illinois, in the House of Representatives, challenged President Roosevelt to declare his stand on the Anti-Lynching Bill now pending in the Senate.

The challenge came when Mr. Mitchell, only colored democrat in Congress, was eulogizing the New Deal and Mr. Roosevelt. The New York Congressman inquired of Mr. Mitchell where the President stands on the Anti-Lynching Bill. Mr. Mitchell could not enlighten him. "We know," said Mr. Fish, "where the President of the United States stands on all racial and religious questions in foreign lands, but we should like to know where he stands on enacting an Anti-Lynching Bill at the present time in the United States of America. He has been strangely silent about that, a matter which vitally affects the security of some 13,000,000 Colored people in America.

"One word from the White House," he said, "and that Bill would come flying through the Senate and be enacted into law. Day after day we hear about President Roosevelt's views affecting foreign lands, but when it comes to making democracy safe in America and safe for 13,000,000 Colored people, he is strangely silent. The White House continues to be as silent as a tomb when the Colored people ask for an endorsement of the Gavigan Fish Anti-Lynching Bill."

With reference to Mr. Mitchell's statistics regarding employment of Negroes under the New Deal, the New York Congressman asked if it is not true that a far larger number of Colored persons remain unemployed, after seven years of the New Deal, in proportion to population than any other group in America; and if it is not true that the Colored people have suffered more under the New Deal because of unemployment than any other single group. Again Mr. Mitchell was unable to enlighten him.

"I am convinced," Mr. Fish said, "that there have been more unemployed Negroes during the past seven years than ever before in our history." Entering the colloquy, Congressman John C. Schafer of Wisconsin, also propounded a question or two. He pointed out that Mr. Mitchell has "boasted about the virtues of the New Deal as they affect the people of the Colored race in America."

"I wanted to ask him," he continued, "whether he realizes that below the Mason and Dixon Line, which is in complete control of the New Deal, they drive the Colored people away from the polls and will not even let them vote? They also make our Colored citizens ride in Jim Crow cars," etc.

Mr. Fish resumed with a few more questions, inquiring as to how many colored men in America have been appointed to high offices under the New Deal, whether any colored men have been appointed to important offices in States North of the Mason and Dixon Line. "Under Republican administrations," he said, "the Colored people did receive important appointments in Washington and in the South as well as in the North."

Further, the New York Congressman wanted Mr. Mitchell along with his praise of the New Deal, and what it is doing for the Colored people, to put in the Congressional Record the number of

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Shown above are the five nationally prominent judges who, shortly after May 1, will select the Negro community which has contributed the most to the welfare of its residents in the past year. The winner is to receive an International motor truck valued at \$1,000. The judges are, top, left to right: Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, director of NYA. Negro activities and president of Bethune-Cookman college; Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee institute. Bottom, left is Dr. Channing Tobias, of the national council YMCA., and bottom, right, is Dr. M. O. Bousfield, Negro health director of the Julius Rosenwald fund. (ANP Photos)

Colored persons holding important jobs in the different agencies and bureaucracies of the Government.

When Mr. Mitchell confessed he was unable to answer the questions that had been put to him, Mr. Fish countered with the remark that the New Deal has made abundant promises to the Colored people but about all they had received is more abundant debts, deficits, and unemployment. He also said the Colored people want permanent jobs to provide adequately for their families and not relief at 50 cents a day.

"The New Deal for seven lean years," he continued, "has failed to give them permanent jobs and the only way I know of for them to once again become employed at the American standard of wages and living is through the election of a Republican President. The gentleman from Illinois has made a speech about employment among the Colored people and yet does not know how many are unemployed. That is the most important political and economic issue confronting his group."

The Illinois Congressman had refused to yield to Congressman Fish and Congressman Schafer for questioning during his presentation of a statement, written for the purpose of showing that the New Deal has given wide-spread employment to colored men and women during the past seven years.

The statement, undoubtedly prepared for propaganda purposes, to be franked at the expense of the Government, that is, at the expense of tax-payers, including colored tax-payers, is apparently designed to explain the failures of New Deal agencies, particularly their mishandling of colored beneficiaries in the South where the great masses of the Negro population live, and those living in the great cities of the North.

21 Years of Business Experience

Morton Lipsey, Omaha business man and World War machine-gunner, who is a candidate for county commissioner in the fifth district on the republican ticket, today urged race members to exercise their right to vote in the forthcoming elections.

Many of his friends are planning numerous home meetings as the campaign progresses to acquaint the public with Mr. Lipsey's qualifications for this office. They point to his 212 years of business experience as an operator of one of Omaha's finest independent stores to prove his sound administrative ability.

Mr. Lipsey is active in many patriotic and civic organizations. He is a member of American Legion Post No. 1; a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, St. Michiel Post No. 247; a member of 341st Machine Gun Battalion

of the Eighty-Ninth Division; a member of the executive committee of the Independent Grocers and Meat Dealers Association and of various improvement clubs. He has held office in many of these organizations.

Mr. Lipsey is married and devoted to his family.

E. A. Gardiner, and J. W. Linehan, Omaha business men who are directing Mr. Lipsey's campaign, state that if elected, Mr. Lipsey will use the same type of courage and judgment that he used in his twelve months overseas in the World War. The attention of the voters is called to the marked ability he has shown in building a small store to one of the finest in Douglas County. He has proved himself to be an alert, competent business man which should recommend him to the voters as a proper person to conduct the affairs of the county at a minimum cost to the tax payers.

Emmet A. Gardiner, Campaign Manager.

LAWYER'S LAWYER

Upholding his reputation as a "lawyer's lawyer" during his 16 months on the Nebraska Supreme Court, Judge Harvey Johnsen, a candidate to succeed himself, has been receiving enthusiastic support from members of his profession.

He was appointed to the Supreme Court in November, 1938, by Governor R. L. Cochran to succeed the late L. B. Day. Judge Johnsen is seeking election to that post for the first time.

Judge Johnsen, 44, has given 20 years of his life to the law profession and in that time has gained a reputation as one of the state's most brilliant lawyers. His standing with his profession is attested by the fact he served 11 years as Secretary of the Nebraska State Bar Association, from 1926 to 1936, and was President of the Association in 1938. He was foremost in reorganization of the Association recently into the integrated bar.

Judge Johnsen was born in Hastings, raised in Fremont. His father was a railroad machinist and foreman. Judge Johnsen was graduated from the University of Nebraska Law School in 1919 and came to Omaha in 1920 to become associated with the firm of Montgomery, Hall and Young. He was admitted to the firm a few years later but resigned from the firm in 1931 to become General Counsel for the Federal Land Bank, now the FCA. In 1934 he entered private

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practice again. Judge Johnsen also taught at the Creighton University College of Law for five years.

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN UTILITIES

Omaha politicians, candidates for the board of directors of the Metropolitan Utilities District, are attempting to unseat present directors Linn P. Campbell, and Edward F. Leary.

Although Omaha has the lowest manufactured gas rate in the nation and water rates among the lowest in American, political aspirants to the Utilities board are criticizing the business like, non political policies of the District.

For more than 25 years Omaha voters have defeated every effort to inject politics into the gas and water services of the city by electing eminent business and professional men to the board.

Fulfilling the non-partisan requirements of equal representation on the board Linn P. Campbell by members of the two major political parties, Mr. Leary is a republican, and Mr. Campbell, a democrat. Neither man, however, has ever held any party, political office nor taken active part in affairs of these political parties in official capacities.

Their work on the Metropolitan Utilities board in the past several months since their appointments to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Frank J. Burkley and E. Malcolm Baldrige, merits their election to these posts in the April election.

Mr. Leary was born in Omaha 56 years ago. He was graduated from the college of law, Creighton University, in 1907 and has practiced his profession here since that date. He has gained an enviable local and national reputation as an attorney and as a man of sound judgement in legal and business affairs. Since 1913 he has served as legal counsel of the Omaha Catholic diocese, and in 1931 in reward for this and much other public service, the rank of Knight of the Order of St. Gregory was conferred upon him by the late Pope Pius XI.

Mr. Campbell, 51, has been a resident of Omaha since 1900. For the past thirty-five years he has been connected with the Bryon Reed Company, Omaha real estate firm, of which he has been president since 1934. He also is a director of the United States National bank and member of the First Presbyterian church and the Masonic Order.

Both Mr. Leary and Mr. Campbell seek to continue as members of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board of directors as an avenue for public service to the city in which all of their interests are found. Neither looks upon the office as a political stepping-stone or a means of building a political following. Partisan politics have not the slightest consideration in their candidacies as their present service

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Veteran blow-by-blow announcer Sam Taub, and Bill Stern, ace NBC sportscaster who has covered many of Louis' title defenses since he won the fistic diadem in 1937, will describe the battle from the ringside at Madison Square Garden, New York.

The new station total represents an almost 500 per cent increase in the size of the network first contracted for when the program sponsor purchased the broadcasting rights to fightcasts in 1937. That year the fights were carried by 21 NBC stations.

That hot trumpet solo and equally torrid vocal him on Mildred Bailey's new platter of "Wham" is contributed by none other than "Little Jazz" Roy Eldredge. Beat the drums for Benny Goodman's latest sextet version of "Gone With What Wind" and "Till-Tom Special" for record fans. Count Basie sits in at piano and Lionel Hampton contributes some of the finest vibre-pounding ever recorded. Goodman himself thinks it's the best sextet waxing he's ever done and so far the feeling's unanimous. One of the most important features of any record catalogue is the race department. Looking through the recent releases, that everyone can enjoy for listening and dancing as well, are quite a few discs. Louis Jordan and His Tympany Five have made "You Run Your Mouth, and I" Run My Business" plus

LEGAL NOTICES

W. B. Bryant, Atty.—Wells Martin and Lane.

PROBATE NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of Thomas Frazier, deceased. Notice is hereby given: That the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate before me, County Judge of Douglas County, Nebraska, at the county Court Room, in said County, on the 6th day of April, 1940 and on the 6th day of May, 1940, at 9 o'clock A. M., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 6th day of July, 1940.

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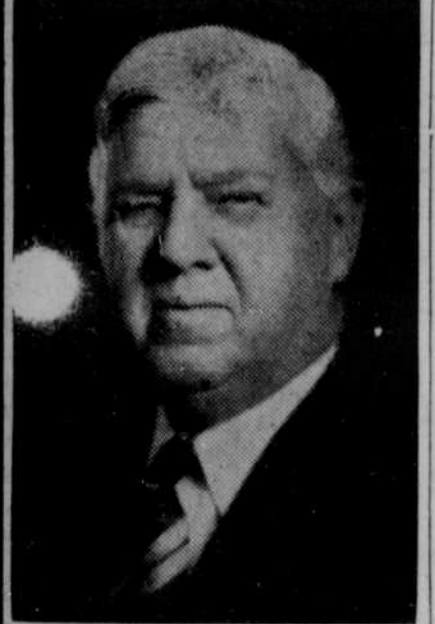
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