

Democrats Give Nation Leadership in Place of Inaction and Timidity

At the annual banquet of the Associated Young Democrats of Baltimore County (Maryland) held at Towson, the Principal speaker was Postmaster General James A. Farley who told them that there were two outstanding questions to be disposed of at next Fall's election. These were he said, "First, has the Democratic party measured up to its responsibilities? Second, has the Republican party recovered its balance and regained the power of leadership?"

He chose to consider the second question first. "After the disastrous defeat of 1936," he said, "the master minds of the GOP reached the unhappy conclusion that the party needed something positive and constructive to recapture public confidence. The practice of condemning everything undertaken by the Roosevelt administration had been a flop. In other words they recognized that the time had come to go through the bankruptcy wringer, get rid of liabilities and frozen assets and start business afresh with a new line of goods."

As a result Mr. Farley said Dr. Glenn Frank was appointed "a kind of friendly receiver" to see what could be saved from the wreck and, after pondering along with the best party talent for two and a half years, produced a report which "failed to uncover a single new idea or approach for dealing with national problems. Everything in it is either an adaption of what the Roosevelt administration has

Going Over New Census Forms



Edward Lawson, Consultant in the Census Bureau's Department of Public Relations, and Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, President of Tuskegee Institute, go over one of the forms to be used in the 1940 Population Census, which starts April 1. Dr. Patterson said, "An intelligent approach to improving the miserable conditions under which Negroes all too frequently live, work and receive their education must be based on facts such as will be revealed in this Census."

already done or a return to the methods that prevailed in the good old days."

Mr. Farley noted that the Republican National Committee in making the Frank report public immediately disclaimed responsibility for its contents and he feared "for the fate of Dr. Frank's brainchild when the Old Guard gathers in the back room at Philadelphia."

There were three eminent gentlemen, Mr. Farley said, who seemed to have the edge in the contest for the Republican presidential nomination. One of them had come out boldly "for optimism and against pessimism;" another had profoundly concluded that the Democratic program was excellent and only needed him to administer it, while the third would throw out all of the Democratic program that he dared. Oh, yes there was also Mr. Hoover ready to make the sacrifice, but the country did not seem to take him at his own valuation.

"The opposition candidates already in the field are hardly the type to cause you sleepless nights or anxious days," continued Mr. Farley. "Far from fanning the flame of public enthusiasm, they have failed to excite even a flicker of popular approval."

"This brings us to the question—has the Democratic Party lived up to its responsibilities?"

"The people demanded a change because they were tired of inaction, caution, timidity, and hesitation. The nation's economic machinery had broken down and something more than platitudes was necessary to set it running again."

"The Democratic Party has written into law a series of enactments that will never be undone because they bear the full approval of the American people. The stabilization of the banking system, the insurance of bank deposits, the social security act, the policy of federal aid for agriculture, the restraints on reckless stock speculation—these are not crack-pot ideas that were foisted on the public by dreamers and visionaries. They were born in the needs of the great mass of humble citizens and their adoption as wise federal policy should have been accomplished years before it was."

"These basic reforms will live because they have behind them the solid weight of public approval. If the opposition party dares to advocate their repeal, we welcome the contest on that issue."

HOUSE MEETING FOR GOV. COCHRAN HELD

House Meeting for Governor R. L. Cochran, for the United States Senate were held at the homes of the following citizens during this past week. Mrs. Rhieva Brown, 3010 Burdette Street; Mrs. Sadie Cummings, 2428 Lake Street; Mrs. Mary Hill, 1432 North 22nd St.; Mrs. Zoe Walker, 3012 Miami St.; and Mrs. Harry Leland, 2824 North 26th Street. Approximately 300 persons, attended these various meetings. At the home of Mrs. Harry Leland there were 110 persons present.

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By Charles Michelson
Director of Publicity, Democratic National Committee

Every Republican spokesman barn-storming through rural America, becomes excited by the plight of the American farmer. He is particularly worried by the regimentation of the tillers of the soil.

Senator Taft, speaking in Illinois, admitted that there might be some good in the Democratic way of handling the farm program, but added: "Whatever good might be done is more than balanced by the deprivation of liberty and freedom, which is the very cornerstone of our republic."

That is pretty bad, but, according to the Republican Senator who is running for the Presidency of the United States there is worse behind, for he dwelt at length on the futility of having the farmers vote on the various projects offered by the Department of Agriculture. Said Senator Taft: "The ordinary farmer has no practical alternative except to cast an affirmative vote. It is extraordinary that under such circumstances any production control vote has ever failed to carry."

Well, the tobacco growers voted on the question of a marketing quota on tobacco for 1939. The growers turned it down. Then the British Imperial Tobacco Co., withdrew from the purchasing and, faced with this loss, the producers of "fine cured" voted nearly 90 per cent for a marketing quota for 1940. Nearly 300,000 participated in this democratic election. Under the law unless two-thirds of the voters favor it, marketing quotas cannot be invoked.

It was on this basis that the 1939 quota was rejected for though 132,000 voted for it 101,000 were opposed, so there was no quota imposed.

Concerning Regimentation
Regimentation, though a favorite scare word with the candidate for the GOP nomination, fails to frighten the grain belts. Recently Congressman Francis Case, Republican from South Dakota, delivered a speech in the House of Representatives on the soil conservation program. He jeered at the idea that the farmers were goose-stepping at the order of the Agricultural Department and told that the grangers themselves first voted

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Presumably Senator Taft, and the others who are keeping up the cry of dictatorship and coercion of the farmer are as conversant with the rules and regulations of the Agricultural plans as is the Congressman from South Dakota but does that make any difference in their clamor? Not a bit. That is their story and they will stick to it.

So from now on until the votes in November are recorded we will continue to hear that the farmer is being regimented; his liberties interfered with and his management of his lands taken out of his hands.

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in his recent address to the AAA anniversary farm dinners: He said: "The national farm program is American democracy's response to agricultural distress. And any unprejudiced person who knows anything about the subject not only admits but proclaims the fact that our national farm program was democratically conceived and is being democratically conducted with the active help of our farmers themselves."

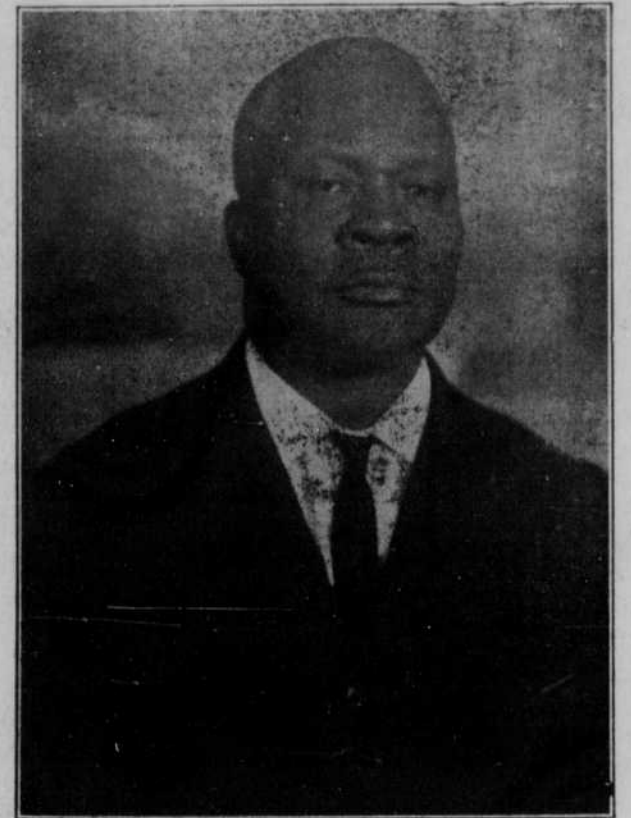
But Senator Taft insists on his story of despotism over the granger.

That story will go down in history as being comparable with the suggestion from the Finance Director of the Republican National Committee that the New Deal's treatment of business was "the threat of a purge of property which is not far removed in principle from human purges of the German and Russian type."

It might be worth considering that Mr. Weir is still very much alive; that he still draws his salary of from \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year and that the net annual income of the Weir corporations for the past five years ranged from six and a half million to nearly eighteen million. Last year they amounted to more than twelve and a half million dollars.

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