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Milligan Asked Some Questions By Langsdale

A series of embarrassing questions was put to Maurice Milligan, candidate for the United States Senate from Missouri Tuesday night by Clif Langsdale, labor attorney, speaking at a rally in behalf of Sen. Harry S. Truman, one of Milligan's opponents in the primary race for the senator-ship.

Langsdale, speaking with biting and convincing finality, disposed of Gov. Lloyd C. Stark, the third candidate in the 3-cornered race, with but few words pertaining to his record with organized labor. Langsdale pointed out that he had headed committees presenting numerous bills to the State Legislature for the benefit of labor, and on no occasion had Stark ever acted favorably on any of them.

In regard to Milligan, Langsdale commended the action of his office of United States district attorney in cleaning up a very bad vote fraud condition in Kansas City, but stated that Milligan should have remained in that office. Langsdale then publicly asked the following list of questions directed to Milligan:

1. Are you for Franklin D. Roosevelt for a third term in November?
2. If your answer is "yes," do you think you are helping Franklin Roosevelt's campaign by holding out Jim Reed as your sponsor?
3. Do you condone Jim Reed's organizing a bolt at this time against Roosevelt?
4. Did you approve of Jim Reed's asking the crowd at his home where you were the honored guest, "Who is going to run this government for the next four years?" and, did you approve of the crowd's yelling "Willkie?"
5. Did you mean to slap union labor in the face when you named Mrs. Nell Donn Reed treasurer of your campaign?
6. Do you believe in the social and labor legislation of the New Deal? I mean, the National Labor Relations Act, the Wage and Hour act, the Unemployment Compensation act, the Federal Social Security act and the United States Housing act?
7. Are you in favor of the National Democratic platform in toto?

What's the Time?

Louisville, Ky.—Many people don't have enough clocks, house furnishing experts say. If there are only one or two clocks in a house, there's a lot of waste motion in going from room to room or calling to others for the time. Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., makers of Raleigh union made cigarettes, points out that the need for additional clocks can be filled by the fine Hammond electric clock given for coupons packed with Raleighs and other union made B. & W. products. The clock has a beautiful finished hand rubbed case with a front paned of rare Burma padouk.

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In Support of a Friend—

Sen. Carl Hatch, of New Mexico, one of the outstanding leaders of the United States Senate, flew to Kansas City Tuesday to speak at a rally for his friend and colleague. Sen. Harry S. Truman. Senator Hatch is shown before the microphone in the Music Hall of the Municipal Auditorium. The speech was broadcast over KCMO.

A Statement of Policy

This issue of the Labor Herald is devoted primarily to the primary elections next Tuesday, Aug. 6. In the past there has been some complaint concerning the Labor Herald devoting its space to political news.

The Labor Herald is a medium through which members of organized labor may be advised as to economic and social views of candidates for public office. It is the only medium in this community whereby the union members can secure a complete and true picture from labor's standpoint.

We feel that the attitude and policy of each candidate in regard to organized labor, is of primary importance to labor. The Labor Herald itself takes no stand in these political contests, but attempts to reflect the opinions of those who have spent much time and effort in investigating the labor record of the various candidates.

We feel that it is only just that all candidates for public office should have a medium whereby they can reach, with a statement of their labor policies, the labor vote of Kansas City. Likewise, we feel that the members of organized labor should have a medium through which they can survey these statements of policy and determine for themselves

their choice of candidates.

There is a list in this issue of the Labor Herald, of those candidates which have been recommended by the Public Relations Committee of organized labor representing the Central Labor Union, A. F. of L., the Building and Construction Trades Council, certain C.I.O. organizations, and a number of Railway Brotherhood organizations.

There is no contention that these recommendations are binding upon anyone, but it should be emphasized that these recommendations were made only after extensive and careful considerations of the past records of the men recommended.

Therefore it would seem reasonable from labor's standpoint, and therefore from the standpoint of all persons interested in the welfare of all of our citizens, that these men are most likely to perpetuate the principles of government so necessary for the welfare of the people of our country.

Labor Rallies For Truman

Union labor, organized as a solid front behind the candidacy of Sen. Harry S. Truman, gave roaring evidence of its support of a true friend of labor Tuesday night when it turned out by the hundreds to pay tribute to Senator Truman at a gigantic rally at the Music Hall of the Municipal Auditorium.

If there was any doubt in anyone's mind as to the character and integrity of Senator Truman it was dispelled by the principle address of the evening made by Sen. Carl A. Hatch, of New Mexico, who flew to Kansas City from Washington, D. C., to speak in behalf of his Senate colleague.

Hatch, known as one of the most brilliant men in the Senate, and an outstanding exponent of the New Deal and its far-reaching social legislation, stepped up to the microphone to address the vast audience within the hall and the countless thousands listening in to a broadcast of the speech over KCMO.

Personal Knowledge

"From my personal knowledge of Harry Truman," Hatch said, "as a man, a senator and a loyal American citizen, I am happy to come here and speak in his behalf; to urge that you send him back to the United States Senate.

"You know his life and character, but I am not sure whether you in Missouri fully appreciate his fine record of constructive service and wavering loyalty to the

administration in Washington.

Senator Hatch was applauded frequently when he referred to Truman's long and successful efforts as co-author of the important railroad labor bill and in behalf of other social and economic legislation beneficial to working men.

Friend of Labor

"Union labor," he said, "certainly never can forget Harry Truman's stanch, unwavering support of these measures. He and I supported them because we believe that government has an obligation it must discharge to the great mass of citizens.

"I sat with Senator Truman day after day," he continued, "and I know I need not consult the files to cite his record. He never wavered in his support of President Roosevelt and his progressive program."

Prolonged applause greeted mention of Roosevelt's name and rang out again when the New Mexico senator said "these are times when the best minds and hearts were needed in the nation's service."

The rally in behalf of Truman was originally planned by the Railroad Brotherhoods, and later was joined by A. F. of L. and C.I.O. unions in Kansas City and the surrounding territory. The rally, at which Clif Langsdale, labor attorney, presided, was opened by a short address by Hugh S. O'Neill, secretary of the Central Labor Union, who introduced Felix Knight, general president of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen. Mr. Knight spoke briefly describing the purposes of the meeting and paying tribute to Senator Hatch's loyalty to his friend and generosity in coming to Kansas City, and then introduced Senator Hatch.

Truman

Senator Truman at the outset of his address thanked his Senate colleague for making a long trip to Missouri to speak for him. He hastened to assure him and union labor that since he, Truman, had helped pass the National Labor Relations act, he certainly had no intention of permitting its enemies to whittle it away.

"You folks at home," Truman began, "have a right to know where I stand on the issues confronting the nation. And right now I want to say to you that whomever you nominate for the United States Senate, and I hope it will be me, will be elected in November along with the rest of the Democratic ticket by a more overwhelming majority

than in 1936. V

“I worked with Senator Hatch on the Democratic platform committee. I know it is a sound document, not a rubber platform that bounces about like the Republican platform.”

Europe

Reviewing the European war crisis and its relation to preparedness in America, Truman said he had been a student of preparedness and that he was satisfied this country must prepare to defend itself against any eventuality.

He pointed out that the dictators of Europe have not respect for anything but strength, adding that the “safety of liberty lies in this nation and the safety of this country in the hands of our great President and the New Deal.”

“There is not a senator in the United States who wants to see this nation get into the European war,” Truman said “But we do expect to uphold the Monroe Doctrine. If Hitler and Stalin control the Eastern Hemisphere we must be prepared to face reality. The only language they understand is the club.”

The senator was cheered when he said he did not favor national conscription. He said he advocated the Swiss plan of military training. He said there were plenty of young men willing to learn and be trained to handle the mechanized forces of an excellent army.

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Senator Truman

In election time a candidate's fancy turns to love of Labor. His face actually shines and beams at the mention of trade unions, and his heart swells with the great brotherly feeling for all mankind. It invariably develops that if he hasn't actually been a member of a trade union in the past, at least he has known someone who was a member and has worked at some job where he rubbed shoulders with the union worker. The political candidate is a friend of labor.

However, labor is becoming smarter each year. In fact, has been smart in regard to the labor attitude of political candidates for a much longer time than politicians, exercising a native contempt of the mentality of anyone who works with his hands, ever suspicioned. It has been the accusation and complaint that labor would not get together and support a candidate, and that a labor endorsement was worth very little.

The truth of the matter is, labor will not get together and support a candidate unless that candidate's record is such that it deserves that support. And politicians and candidates should understand by now that a political candidate desiring the support of labor must undergo one of the most rigid investigations of his past record, to gain this

support, that he will ever have to face in seeking public office. However, when a man's record justifies, he can obtain the support of organized labor, and this support may well mean the difference between defeat or victory.

Sen. Harry S. Truman is obtaining probably the most extensive support in his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for United States senator that has been accorded any candidate by labor in recent years. Senator Truman deserves this support because a minute inspection of his record in Congress, and otherwise, proves that he definitely has the social philosophic the understanding and sympathy for the working man and organized labor that is necessary to make him a genuine friend of labor.

His record is there. It is not based on speeches just before election time. It is not based on one or two acts, perhaps opportune at the time, but is based on day-in and day-out, year-in and year-out service to the people of his state and his community.

A few short weeks ago, Senator Truman was credited with running third in the senatorial primary to Maurice Milligan and Gov. Lloyd Stark. Labor swung into the breach. He is practically universally endorsed by all labor unions, and these endorsements carry with them statements and the recounting of one of the most impressive records of service in the United States Senate. Today the most astute political observers throughout the state shake their heads in amazement and admit that Senator Truman is, far out in front of his two opponents.

Furthermore, the curious thing is that these politicians and observers and the public as a whole are beginning to realize for the first time that here is a man who has gone quietly about his way as a representative of his people, doing an excellent job in the Senate, working hard from dawn till dusk, never too busy to consider the difficulties or requests of his constituents from his home state.

Senator Truman does not have a publicity staff. He has very seldom broken into the public prints by flowery speeches in the Senate. He is not a great orator. He is not a great crusader who considers it the badge of his courage and devotion to the welfare of his people to set an example of double-crossing and knifing his friends.

In fact, the truth of the matter is Senator Truman has been too busy working, doing a job for his country, and looking after the welfare of his people, to be bothered with showing off to the public, edging before photographers at pink teas, or passing out

apples at the slightest provocation.

Because of his record, labor is organized and ac-
The Upper Crust—

"Come away from there, Fifi—you might catch something."

tively supporting Senator Truman. This support will return Senator Truman to the United States Senate. This support is available and can be secured anytime by candidates whose records compare with Senator Truman's. It is not that this support does not exist. It is simply that labor refuses to be fooled.

George F. Millard

There is another candidate worthy of the consideration and support of organized labor in Jackson County. George F. Millard, candidate for the Democratic nomination for presiding judge of the County Court, is the man who has demonstrated his belief in the principles of unionism and has practiced them throughout his business career. Mr. Millard has always employed union labor and proved his belief in organized labor when more than a year ago, before he ever considered running for public office, he resigned from the Kansas City Club by a letter in which he cited as the reason for his resignation the attitude of the club toward organized labor.

Furthermore, this office is of vital importance to organized labor. It is the office through which the hiring of workers is done, and this office controls expenditures going to employment in Jackson County. Labor has a vital interest in this office. It should be particular and should make every effort to put into this office a man of Mr. Millard's known social views.

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