Republican Committee Endorses Coulombe

Report Gov. Winant Requested That Streeter Withdraw

We understand it and it is current rumor that Governor John G. Winant "requested" that Albion C. Streeter resign the Republican Nomination for Mayor at the coming city election. The reasons given were that since Mr. Streeter is working under the State fiscal agent and that since the City is receiving State aid it would be "incompatible" for him to be on the "giving" and on the "receiving" end of the funds handled. Another alleged reason is that Berlin is also receiving in addition to State aid Federal aid and that there should be no "politics" in the handling of such funds. Mr. Streeter having a family and other responsibilities with his job at stake had to comply with the request. (Continued on Page 3)

Sear and Legassie Address Workers Club Meeting

The Club took up last night the routine matters such as approval of bills and committee reports. Minutes of the meeting were taken up by an address by Mr. John Sear of the state Re-employment Office. Mr. Sear is Mrs. Wilder's assistant and is the same gentleman that appeared at the Club with Mrs. Wilder last Wednesday. Mr. Sear stated in effect that he was an employee of the U.S. Department of Labor. He endeavored to make it clear that if local things had developed that were not fair and just that the Department was not to blame. He believes that the Labor Department has the interest of every workingman at heart. He further stated that Mrs. Wilder had a true understanding of Labor and that she was "with" the Club. However, she could not effect any changes on the C.W.A. projects. (Continued on Page 4)

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Attention, Voters of Ward One!

I wish to announce to the voters of ward one that I am a candidate on the LABOR TICKET in ward one, and that if I am elected I will support the LABOR PLATFORM.

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Power Granted Mayor to Negotiate with Burtman-Rondeau Shoe Co.

At the regular meeting of the City Council, Tuesday night, Mayor O. J. Coulombe was granted authority to investigate, and negotiate with the Burtman-Rondeau Wholesale concern, to endeavor to bring this concern to establish a subsidiary in Berlin. The Burtman-Rondeau concern is engaged only in the wholesale manufacturing of shoes and use a large quantity of Boston company Oacco products. The mayor told of his negotiation with the concern, which negotiations started in November, 1932, and assured the City Council that he would gladly do all in his power to further the project, and that he would cooperate to a full extent with a new City Government if such came to pass. The reason that the matter had not been taken up in the Council before lies in the fact that the previous offers of the Burtman-Rondeau Co. were not, in his estimation, to the advantage of the City of Berlin. Under the terms of the resolution he was given the right to draft a tentative contract to be submitted to the City Council at a later date. The tentative agreement with the shoe concern requires an outlay of some $30,000 by the City, the securing of a loan from the City National Bank of $20,000 to cover the cost of buying the Lemieux-Olivier factory, Jericho Road, said loan to be paid over a period of ten years. (Continued on Page 4)

Done by Hand-Picked Committee Who Were Not Representative

The Republican City Committee, following up Streeter's resignation as candidate for mayor voted to endorse Coulombe. The committee that met Monday night to consider the political situation resulting from the loss of their candidate for mayor had a membership of the following people: Mr. Oscar Dupont, Mrs. Mark Twitchell, Mrs. A. R. Chapman, Mr. Brown, Mr. Elmer Whitcomb, Mr. Paul Burbank, Mr. Maurice LaForce, Mr. Arthur DuBach, Mr. Bob Rich, Mr. Emile Bouchard and possibly others. Only members of the executive committee could vote, so we do not feel that their action is representative of the wishes of the local people. Mr. Oscar Dupont, Mrs. Mark Twitchell, Mrs. A. R. Chapman, Mr. Brown, Mr. Elmer Whitcomb, Mr. Paul Burbank, Mr. Maurice LaForce, Mr. Arthur DuBach, Mr. Bob Rich, Mr. Emile Bouchard voted against the proposition.

At any rate the pre-primary deal of "putting" the Republican Party "out of the running" is now fully accomplished. The Republican Committee has "turned around" and endorsed Mayor Coulombe for re-election. The purpose of the whole is to help Mayor Coulombe. The talk now is that in a two-party matter the LaGuardia is as "good as elected" while in a three-cornered fight the odds were in favor of the Republican Candidate. To defeat Mr. Coulombe is a unified and concerted plan to destroy your organization. You have so far given them the healthiest opposition that they have ever had. Can they by joining forces split up the workingmen of this city and do so? Are you confident that they are going to do it. They feel that the working class cannot be depended on and that our candidates will not be supported. They rely on the fact that the labor class is famous for "cutting its own throat." As we have constantly maintained this is not the case. We have only to watch the progress of the political situation resulting from the loss of their candidate for mayor to see that this is not the case. (Continued on Page 4)

Labor Voters!

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NOTICE

Labor Rallies and Mass Meetings

The Berlin Labor Party will hold open public meetings at the following places on the following dates.

Thursday, 8:00 p.m., March 8
Berlin Mills Fire Station

Saturday, 8:00 p.m., March 10
City Hall Auditorium

Sunday, 8:00 p.m., March 11
King School

Monday, 8:00 p.m., March 12
State Armory

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PANIC AND CREDIT

That the administration in power now will put up a campaign we have no doubt. It seems that they are simply timing it and biding their time. The Labor Party must not rest on presumption. It is our job to anticipate.

We expect to have a pretty rosy picture presented of the administration such as appeared in the Berlin Reporter last week. The art of bookkeeping is not unknown to the present City Hall incumbents. That the City of Berlin is not in the best shape in the world financially speaking everyone knows. Most reports of that sort are so complicated that it takes a Philadelphia lawyer to understand just what they mean and just what they prove. We also expect the administration to claim credit for the loans secured by the City, for the C. W. A. projects, and the like. Other cities have fared as well and even better than Berlin, so it must be that God is watching over other cities and not only over Berlin. That such a claim is unfounded needs no proof. Berlin would not have starved any more than it did under a different administration these last two years. And we believe that goes for the future.

We also expect glittering promises in tax reduction and wage increases. We can remember also the one promise that all were to be given jobs at one time by the present administration. The promise omitted to say what pay would go with the job; but the men in the city wood yard soon found out when put to work for a grocery slip. They had to take it or leave it.

The local administration will also probably attempt to hitch its wagon to the Roosevelt star. In one town the local politicians used the statement that Roosevelt wanted them re-elected. We wonder if he wants the local officials re-elected after the job they did on the C. W. A.

Their trump card we expect will be an attempt to panic the town with a "red" scare. They will most likely endeavor to stampede the voters of this city to their ticket. They will be on the job to "warn" the public that some "radicals" are trying to get into power. The Club is too well organized and people are too well informed to allow such a group to come to power in this City they would "ruin" the Brown Company and "wreck" the City, though they have done a pretty good job on the City themselves. They will most likely add the religious issue to the venom. The combined "scare" of "radicalism" and "irreligion" will undoubtedly be "played up."

As to that we would have them tell us what they mean by "radicals" and the like. If they mean that the Labor Party is striving to protect the working man from pay cuts below the cost of living, to give the City an economical administration, to abolish favoritism, etc., then the Labor Party is "radical." The Labor Party is not out to "ruin" the Brown Company or "wreck" the City. In Bridgeport, Conn., where the third party carried the election this "scare" was attempted and as a political advertisement the picture of an empty, dilapidated factory was published in the papers as an example of what would result if the third party won. Citizens of Bridgeport had seen so many of those factories under the regime of the other two parties that that emblem helped the third party win the election. At any rate they cannot tell us in Berlin that the International Paper Company will close up if we win.

Another type of a "scare" that is apt to be attempted as an appeal to the Democrats in the Club is that this campaign is simply a device to "smash" the Democratic Party in Berlin. The Club is not concerned with either of the other political parties. It runs a third ticket of its own for the very purpose of avoiding any alliance with either old party. In this way both Democrats and Republicans can vote a ticket without having the Club support either one or the other of the old parties.

Our contention is that the Labor Party is not out to "ruin" or "wreck" anything or anybody. The depression has proven conclusively that the laborer cannot trust either one of the other two parties. Every time a new law, new tax, new measure, new anything is necessary, the load is passed on to the workingman to shoulder. Why? Because he is not even represented as an organized group, let alone not being in control. The one way to stop that is by Labor asserting itself at the polls. You must begin doing it some time; why not make March 13th another "Labor" day? Let no one be scared." Vote for change. VOTE THE LABOR TICKET.

WOMEN OF BERLIN

We have no doubt that the depression has caused more genuine distress among the women and children than among the men. The housewife is the one ordinarily that plans to make "both ends meet" on what pay the husband brings in. In keeping house she decides how much is going to be spent to buy shoes, groceries, or how much is to be spent paying on the furniture or the radio. She has to watch everything and accumulate the dollars necessary to pay the rent, the interest on the mortgage, or the family insurance. These days she has very little money to do with. With prices rising she has to sacrifice something along the line. She cannot buy this because it costs too much and she can afford to buy that only once in a while. She makes this thing go a little longer and she patches some things that should have been thrown away, because the pay check is small. She puts off buying the dress she would like because the family needed an extra load of wood this month. Maybe a child was sick and there's the doctor bill to meet so the shoes she has will have to do for a while longer, or maybe she will have to wait until next week to buy a new pair. She probably would enjoy a moving picture but she cannot go very often because there are so many things the house needs. She would like to have the kitchen painted this spring but the coal bill was so high this winter that she will not even be able to get that new color. She can't even afford to have the kitchen painted.

The children have to economize on the milk because the family cannot afford to buy another quart. The boy's sweater will have to be mended to finish the winter for it is impossible to buy another one now. The children must also make their rubbers finish the season because they will need spring shoes soon. Then it may be that some will wear rubbers clear into the summer. The bill collector is told that he cannot be paid this week because the second boy had to have a tooth out. And of course the household is put on its best behavior, to do with the causing of this depression? Yet you are under-

And so it goes on and on. For three years now you have been putting up with all while many experiments are being tried in Washington. There is yet no relief in sight. Father was cut down to $9.60 on the C. W. A. If he is working at the mill he faces the loss of another day's pay a week when the 32-hour week goes into effect.

And of course you know they are making so little in the woods that nothing can be paid on the back bills.

That may be bad now, but think of another winter like this and maybe several more. How long will it be possible to live on hope and promises? What else have the laboring people been given since this depression settled down on us? And again you women who suffer the most with your children what did you have to do with the causing of the depression? Yet you are undergoing more than your share of the suffering.

A real change will have to be made. Patch-up-measures, made-work-relief, and the like will not cure this depression. It must be clear by now after nearly five years of it. It will be necessary for the laboring people to seek their own remedies and salvation. Can this be accomplished by trusting others to do it for you? It seems not.

Help bring about a change by helping to establish a PARTY OF THE WORKING PEOPLE FOR THE WORKING PEOPLE. It cannot be done in a minute but you have a chance to start this Spring by supporting the founding of a party that has your interest as a base.

Keep faith in yourself and your children. It is your business, if you will only think ahead to next winter, to stand by your husbands in supporting the Labor ticket this spring. We count on the women voters as much as we do on the men. VOTE THE STRAIGHT LABOR TICKET.
REPORT GOV. WINANT REQUESTED THAT STREETER WITHDRAW

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Governor's wishes and consequently did resign.

We feel that our Governor holds nothing against Mr. Streeter. We

to bear to be sure that "up north"

that the Governor was "con-

tacted" to effect this result. The

"incompatibility" argument we can-

not entertain very seriously. On

the contrary the arrangement would

most likely result in greater

efficiency in the handling of the

money. That there should be no

politics in handling this money we

fully agree. What we cannot un-

derstand is that the Governor did not

ask Mayor Coulombe to resign the

Democratic nomination after the C.

W. A. episode if there is to be no

"politics" in the matter and if that is

a ground for resignations.

The whole situation appears to us to be simply this Mr. Cou-

lombe has the "earmarks" of being the desired man from the stand-

point of the Brown Company. Though our local industry has noth-

ing to fear from a Labor success, it is yet the element of uncer-

tainty as against certainty. Whether there is a "hook up" to "smoke out"

Streeter, we can only infer, that is the way it looks to us. We

have always maintained that there is no difference between the Re-

publicans and the Democrats in their opposition to organized labor

in any field and that they are quite capable of forming a joining force
to defeat the Brown Company. With three tickets in the field Mr. Coulombe's

re-election was well nigh impossible. By removing the Republican

ticket he stands a better "show" though Labor by "sticking together"
can defeat him 2 to 1 at least.

That they are all out to "break"

the Workers' Club if they can, we

know. An attempt to stop the Club

was made when the Company called

for a show of solidarity among the

men by calling for the poll of its

men last fall. Organized labor was

never "relaxed" in this country.

That this is a combination is more than likely, we believe. At any rate

the workingmen voters of Berlin should be no chances and should

vote their own ticket. It is coming
to that, so why wait for more

wrinkles in their "belles."

The fact remains that pressure

was brought to bear on Mr. Streeter

which resulted in his resignation. His "dropping" out of the "race"
can only benefit Mr. Coulombe and

his ticket. It could not have been intended for any other purpose.
Who stands ready to help Mr.

Coulombe and why, we can only infer. The aim can only be at the

Labor Ticket. Will the working-

men of Berlin in the face of this

campaign vote down their own

ticket? Will they remember that

every workingman's vote cast for

Mr. Coulombe is a vote against the

Workers whose party would other-

wise have the vote. Vote in this
election as you voted in the Brown

Company poll and have nothing to

fear.

We expect that the result of Mr. Streeter's forced resignation will

result in sympathy for the Labor

Ticket and in the abstention from

voting of many regular Republicans.

City Raises Wages

That the City wages were raised for political effect at this time will

be denied by the administration.

Nevertheless circumstances indicate that it was a stroke of political

maneuvering. Discontent is present

among the City employees as it is elsewhere. One whole department

is seeking a new system. The little

raise is supposed to be a little balm

to heal over the deep cuts. The re-

action to this we also understand

is not according to Iloyle. One em-

ployee on reading the account of

the raise in the Berlin Reporter

that the emergency was over, etc., and the City could raise

the wages, made the remark that

if that is an indication that the

depression is over it can be only

half over for the raise does not

offset the cuts. We cannot un-

derstand any voter parting with his

vote because of such tactics.

In addition we understand that the Public Works Department is to

operate under the "tagger" system.

Raises and fundamental shifts at the

eleventh hour seem to indicate a

stricken conscience. We hope the

administration also hopes for a

snow storm the day before election

that votes may be secured by a

proper distribution of shovels.

LEGAL NOTICES

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

The subscriber has been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for the County of

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The subscriber has been duly appointed

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Close-ups of The News

By BJOIE

“FARE AND DIATRIBE”

Mrs. Pinchot called the labor pro-
visions of the N. R. A. a “fare-
and General Johnson came back
and called her accusation a “dia-
tribe.”

We have heard quite a good deal
about the ridiculousness of a 38
cents an hour minimum wage as a
would-be progressive measure, but
to call it a “diatric farce” is new
to us. Well everything is supposed
to be new with the N. R. A.

“BORAH ON WAR”

Senator Borah denounced the huge naval bill and blamed the munitions manufacturers for all wars. He made the additional state-
ment that if war broke out with Japan, American soldiers would be
lorn limb from limb by munitions
made by their fellow countrymen.
The fact is that they have been
in all wars down even to Mexican
skirmishes. However, Mr. Borah
will now have difficulty in getting
Mellon to finance his campaign.

“TRANSACTIONS”

We have at last a transaction that local credit bureaus will make a report of form their files. The Republican Committee transferred
their interest in the Party to Mayor
Coulombe.

Someone suggested that the Com-
mittee hang the following sign on
its door, “Second-hand political
parties bought, sold and exchanged.”

“SHOE FACTORY”

H. Omer Rondeau of Boston has
for quite some time been “dicker-
ing” for a location for a shoe fac-
tory. That is a known fact. No
one in Berlin would object to the
establishment of a new bona fide
industry in Berlin.

What we do wonder, however, is
this. How is it that all new indus-
tries come to town only on election
week. Moreover we suggest that
the factory might use Billie B. Van
soap and Butane gas so as to help
other local industries.

“DUBIOUS INDUSTRIALISTS”

Roosevelt has come out with a
statement that hours must be short-
ened and wages increased and the
papers that report the industrial-
ists are dubious.

So are we about the increase in
pay. The hours have been short-
ened but the “increase” to date has
not been satisfactory.

SEAR AND LEGASSIE
ADDRESS WORKERS’ CLUB

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at this time because control has
been taken out of the hands of the
Re-employment people for the time
being. He stated that funds got
low and that a reduction to $8.00 a
week had to be made. Also that
the Relief Administration is to se-
lect all cases for re-hiring, etc.
That means that Miss Symonds is
the one to do that in Berlin. He
said that could not be helped locally
because it is an order from Wash-
ington and that such rulings must
of course prevail. Nevertheless he
reserved for the men the right to
protest and demand fair play at
any time and that they would al-
ways have his cooperation and that
of Mrs. Wilder.

President Legassie addressed the
meeting after Mr. Scar’s departure
on the political situation. He el-
aborated on the significance of the
Republican Committee endorsing
Coulombe for Mayor of this City
for another term. He pointed out
how there was a combination to put
an end to the Workers’ Club in that
the hours of both parties had
joined forces after the Republican
nominee had been ousted. He
demonstrated to the meeting that
the Club was the only thing be-
tween their present wage and the
minimum wage in the Paper Code,
that the Club got them extra time
for Sunday work notprovided for in
the Code, that City pay cuts have
their effect on the mill wages, and
that Labor must unite at all cost.

He also stated that Mayor Cou-
lobe had invited him and Attorney
Bergeron to the Democratic rally
Thursday night. He accepted on
condition that the Labor men be
allowed to speak from the platform
to refute Mr. Coulombe, but the
Mayor would not agree to this.

POWER GRANTED TO
MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE

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and the possible advancement of an
extra $25,000 after the first year
to add the floor space. This would
mean a sum of $75,000 to be put up
by the City. The Burton-Kon-
drau Co. in turn, would agree to
employ 500 hands in their factory,
form a subsidiary corporation with
capital of $25,000 to $30,000 but
would not be bound by any con-
tact to remain in Berlin any given
length of time whatsoever.

This proposal favors the coming of
new bona fide industries
to town need not be comment-
ed upon, but such projects want to
be kept non-political and not thrown
on the political merry-go-round.

VOTE THE STRAIGHT LABOR
TICKET.

The Veteran

Mr. A. E. Martel, Post Com-
mander, White Mountain Post 2530
V. F. W., and Mr. Harold Sullivan
attended the Veterans of Foreign
Wars Executive Committee meet-
ing, held at Manchester, Sunday,
March 4th.
The local Post Commander wishes
to announce that on the occasion
of this meeting the visit of James
Van Zandt, National Commander
of the V. F. W. slated for Berlin
in April was confirmed.

Nomination Papers

Filed For The
Labor Party

The nominations for the Labor
Party have been filed and every-
thing is in order for the polls to
open Tuesday morning, March 13,
1934.
The Labor Party wishes to thank
the City Clerk for his courtesy and
also the supervisors of the various
check lists in the different wards.
They all will willingly
and gracefully checked over the
signatures on the nomination
petitions, for which the Party offers its thanks through the
Guardian. The only one to get
“honorable mention” is Mr. Robert
Pingree who acted over-officially.
He desired to deny the process and
put up a huller about “getting paid.”
All served gratuitously, but Mr.
Pingree wondered “who was going
to pay” him for checking. Although
we find no statutory provisions for
“paying,” the Party paid him $8.00.

VOTE THE STRAIGHT LABOR
TICKET.

The nominating meeting for the
Labor Party was held at the Sec-
cedent Building Thursday night.

Political Notice

All members of the Workers’
Club who have automobiles now
registered, or that will be registered
on March 13, 1934, are requested
to communicate with the Club’s
Political Committee by phoning 517,
or calling in person at the Guaran-
tee Trust Building.

It is the Club’s purpose to secure
the use of as many automobiles as
possible for Election Day to trans-
port women and other voters who
cannot attend to their duty of vot-
ing in time transported. With this
plan everyone will do what they possibly can to assure the victory of the Labor Ticket.