Mayor Feindel Deserts The Labor Party

Feindel Appoints Eleven Democrats

Mayor Feindel met with the opposition of the Labor Representatives when he appointed eleven Democrats and one Republican to city offices. Barnes, Moreau, and Tondreau, Labor-elect, refused to sanction any of his appointments as were not in accord with the Labor slate presented Monday night at the city services.

Three Labor appointees were defeated by the Democrats who crossed up the Mayor on the three appointments which he tried to save for the Party. These three positions, all minor ones, were the Scaler of Weights and Measures, Inspector of Buildings, and Overseer of the Poor. Victor Dutil, Patrick Murphy, and Blaise Heroux were the Labor Party nominees who were rejected by the Democratic Council.

Wilson Gonya, Democrat, Ward Two, was appointed to replace John Labrie, as Tax Collector. Dr. E. R. McCrea, former Democratic Mayor, was appointed to replace Dr. Elisee Larochelle on the board of health. Francois Brannen, George DelGeorge, and the other Democratic office-holders were reappointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council.

This slate came as a distinct surprise to the Labor Party leaders who expected the Mayor to stand by his original selections. What action will be taken in this matter by the Coos County Workers Club is as yet indefinite, although the members of the club, assembled at their meeting rooms, were thunderstruck. Protest followed immediately and a motion was made to expel the Mayor from the Club. The by-laws require that expulsions be first considered by the board of directors who make recommendations after investigation. The matter was therefore relegated to the board for action.

President Legasse addressed the members present after turning the chair to Vice-President Frank Moreau, who showed a gallant fight. He was a sad and disappointed man, that he never supposed that the Mayor would ever attempt to force any "slate" on Labor. He never supposed that the Mayor would ever attempt to force any "slate" on Labor.

The members expressed their general disgust with the Mayor’s action and some stated that they would never do a day’s work with him again, bowing to their determination to stand by the Labor Party and carry on with the free councilmen for the time being. The feeling among the Laborites at the start of the campaign was that if they succeeded in electing one Labor councilman the campaign would be worth while. As it is, the Laborites must figure that the Democrats elected a Mayor and they must abide by the event as if they had elected only three councilmen and a Library Trustee.

General Indignation Expressed

at Meeting of Workers Club

How The Council Voted on Monday

City Treasurer: Leo Campagna, 9-3 no (Labor, yes); City Engineer: Alfred King, 9-3 no (Labor, yes); Inspector of Buildings: Patrick Murphy, 9-3 no (Labor, yes); Victor Dutil, 8-4 no (Labor, Lambert, R, yes); Tax Collector: H. J. Montminy, 8-4 no (Labor, Lambert, Lambert, C, yes); Justice John J. Bergeron 9-3 no (Labor, yes); Assessor: Arthur Morel, 9-3 no (Labor, no); Auditor: Luther Green, 9-3 no (Labor, yes); Overseer of the Poor: Blaise Heroux, 9-3 no (Labor, yes); Physician of the Board of Health: Dr. L. P. Beaudoin, 8-4 no (Labor and Lambert, yes); Health Officer: Richard Ramsey, 8-4 no (Labor, Lambert and Lambert, yes); Chief Engineer, Fire Dept.: Ole Oleson, 9-3 no (Labor, yes); Ass't Fire Engineer, Fred Gogien, 9-3 no (Labor, yes); City Electrician: Leo Dubois, 8-4 no (Labor and Lambert, yes); Chief Engineer, Water Dept.: Richard Christensen, 7-5 no (Labor, Lambert-Sloane, yes); Dog Constable: George Ouellette, 7-5, Labor-Lambert-Sloane.

How The Council Voted on Tuesday

Bell, D*, City Treasurer, 9-3 yes (Labor, no); Brannen, D*, City Engineer, 9-3 yes (Labor, no); Murphy, D**, Scaler of Weights and Measures, 8-4 no (Labor-Lambert, yes); Dutill**, Weights and Measures, 8-4 no (Labor-Lambert, yes); Gonya, D**, Tax Collector, 9-3 yes (Labor, no); Duval, D*, Assessor, 9-3 yes (Labor, no); Brannen, D*, Street Commissioner, 9-3 yes (Labor, no); Heroux**, Overseer of the Poor, 8-4 no (Labor-Lambert, yes); Marrocot, D*, Health Officer, 8-4 yes (Labor-Lambert, no); Dr. McGee, D*, Physician of the Board of Health, 8-4 yes (Labor-Lambert, no); Stevens, D*, Eng. Fire Dept., 9-3 yes (Labor, no); Manzer, D*, Ass't Fire Dept., 8-4 no (Labor, no); Vanasse, D*, City Electrician, 8-4 yes (Labor-Lambert, yes); Christiansen, H., Building Inspector, 12 yes (Lambert-Sloane); Duval, D*, Dog Constable, 12 yes; Ouellette**, Dog Constable, 12 yes (Labor-Lambert-Sloane); D*—Democratic Holdovers reappointed; D**—New Democratic appointments; ***—Considered neutral by Labor.

Labor Appointees Voted Down

By Council at Inauguration

The Democratic councilmen held over, aided by Lambert, Republican holdovers, threw the only discordant note in the most enthusiastic inauguration witnessed here in many years. Before a capacity crowd that overflowed to the City Hall steps, Hon. Daniel Feindel, first Labor Mayor in the history of New Hampshire, took office Monday night, and immediately met with organized opposition from his political opponents; he saw every one of his appointments voted down by the Democratic representatives, aided by Lambert, Republican, who regarded him with them in many of the issues.

Aime Tondreau, Frank Moreau, and James Barnes, Labor councilmen, were the only ones to support the Mayor all the way through. After presentation of the invocation by Rev. H. C. Stallard, and taking the oath of office administered by outgoing Mayor Max Costello, Hon. Daniel Feindel proceeded to nominate the municipal office-holders for the coming year. Tondreau, L, proposed that Miss Mary Morgan be appointed to succeed present City Clerk, Henry Moffett; this motion was voted down by the councilmen, and the present city clerk was retained in his position by a vote of 9-3. Labor voting yes, Democrats and Republicans, no.

Mrs. W. R. Brown was reappointed to the school board over Albert Lennon, the vote being 6-5 (Labor-Sloan, D) Mrs. Brown, 8.

Mayor Feindel’s address was short but vivid. He called attention to the problem faced by the Labor Administration: he declared that he would strive to bring justice from city government noxious group interests, and stressed the significance of his election as a member of an independent party.

Ex-Mayors Noyes, Corbin, King, Vaillancourt, and Coumette were present and pledged their support to Mr. Feindel as well as applauding his decisive victory in the recent election.

The Berlin Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. George Stevens, and the American Legion Auxiliary Quartet enhanced the program by several pleasing selections.

Coos County Workers Club

The "Maintenance Crew" issue on the "Emergency Time" question was the main subject at the meeting of the Workers Club, Tuesday night, President Legasse, on a motion by Messrs Burt and Frechette, appealed to the members of the Maintenance Crew to be present at the Club next Tuesday, April 3, when this issue will be examined fully, and to see what action is to be taken with the N. R. A. Board, on the meaning of the "Emergency Time" clause.

A letter has already been sent to Washington, but an answer has yet to be received.
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The Lewiston Sun came out Tuesday morning with a statement that the Labor Party "was dealt a blow" when the Mayor's appointments were voted down. In our estimation the "blow" fell on the Democratic machine same as it did at the polls on March 13th.

A political machine can operate only so long before it becomes obnoxious to the public. That a majority of the citizens of this city desire what is known as "a clean sweep" is clear to us. Each incumbent in office has his own personal ring that desires to keep him in office, but the general public feels otherwise.

Political machines, however, die hard. The public will means nothing to them. They realize that the "life" of the machine is at stake. If they can outmaneuver the Labor Administration to its discredit they will. The best way to avoid that is to have nothing to do with them in the way of political "dickering" as the two old parties are in the custom of doing in such a situation.

The Labor administration has had the sanction of the voters at the polls. It is entitled to pick its "slate" of men with whom it can operate in harmony much in the same manner that the President chooses his cabinet. Otherwise to appoint members of the old machine to office is simply to strengthen that which the public has condemned.

Let them keep what they have as holdovers in office. The "sin" lies upon their heads and we will meet them at the polls next year. The reports now are in favor of the Labor Administration and against the "bucking" councilmen. We understand the motive of the Democrats in that council but we fail to see what a Republican expects to gain by joining in with them.

In our estimation the more "bucking" the "straight" nine councilmen show, the better for the Labor Party and the closer they will be to political suicide. They will infuriate the voters against them for their plain political and partisan obstinacy. More power to them; they are again making votes for the Labor Party. Another year of it and the finish will come next spring.

BOYCOTT

During the recent campaign ex-Mayor Coulombe and others called the Labor Club and the Labor Party some "cute" names. We heard such expressions as "racketeers," "carpetbaggers," "un-American," etc. We did not take campaign talk very seriously and evidently the voters did not either.

However, Mr. Coulombe went further and accused the organization of having boycotting tendencies, a practice which he termed very "un-American." The un-American part means nothing to us. We have heard Sunday baseball, Sunday card playing, taverns, beer and light wines called un-American. If un-American means unpatriotic we are quite certain that the accusation is unfounded.

We are more interested in the "boycotting" accusation than in its nationality. A boycott is a combination to withhold, or to prevent others from holding, business or social relations with a person or persons. The Labor organization active in this town at present or their leaders have never advocated anything such thing and never will, not even in the form that the Blue Eagle stickers were intended to be. The government in effect advocated a boycott of establishments that did not display the Blue Eagle. In theory this was supposed to be a "club" to force employers in line. Loss of the Blue Eagle was supposed to be followed by a

The truth is that the workers are striving to maintain organization of having boycotting tendencies, a practice which he termed this was supposed to be a "club" to force employers in line. Loss of the Blue Eagle was supposed to be followed by a

The avowed purpose of the new Civic Federation made up of Kiwanis, Workers Club, Rotary, Berlin Merchants Association, American Legion, is "to promote and foster the general civic, economic and social betterment and advancement of the City of Berlin and surrounding community through the concerted action of existing civic organizations." The Federation has been sponsored by the five clubs named, but its charter provides that any organization may become a member if it is "civic in character" and if further its own membership "is not limited or restricted by racial, political or religious qualifications."

The hope of the organizers of the Berlin Civic Federation is that it will provide much-needed machinery for the advancement of the community. Its connection with strong existing clubs is thought to assure a reasonable stability and permanence of policies, and the breadth of its foundation appears to qualify it to represent the entire city in civic affairs. The constitution of the Federation prohibits the introduction of partisan politics or sectarian religion into its discussions or activities. While the fairness and impartiality of control have been safeguarded as well as possible, the actual effectiveness of the Federation will naturally depend upon the thought and good-will put into it by its officers and directors, and, above all, upon the degree of public support which is forthcoming.
Close-ups of The News
By BJOIE

"PRESIDENT'S BALL"
Final returns have been made as to the proceeds of the President's Ball given some time ago everywhere in the country for the benefit of the President's Warm Springs Foundation. The balls brought in only $9,577,000 for all of the United States. This is small for a nation-wide campaign for the cause of crippled children especially in view of the fact that the thing was a pet project of the President's. The small amount shows Berlin up in a very favorable light. Berlin must have been way above the average.

"NATIONAL LABOR BOARD"
The National Labor Board has been in existence some six months and it has already passed on 1,818 labor disputes. This is an indication that the miserable conditions existing among the working people due to the depression are driving labor to a more militant attitude. The struggle will be enhanced if the country goes on a 32-hour week with no raise adequate to offset the lost time.

"INCOME TAX"
Uncle Sam is now after Mellon, Lamont, Jimmie Walker, and the likes of them, for a little income tax. We do not expect any bigger dividends than was collected in the cases of Morgan and Mitchell. A stenographer working in the Morgan Bank exclaimed with surprise when she saw in the papers that Morgan paid no income tax for three years. She said “My God, and I paid $6.00 last year.”

"DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL SLAVERY"
Father Coughlin called the Department of Labor in Washington just that, and branded it as the "most inefficient, hypocritical, and foreboding department in the government." And we understand that Father Coughlin has a following in this country.

"YES" AND "NO"
The Berlin City Council that has been saying yes for years gave quite a demonstration at the inaugural that they can say "no." All appointments were "knocked down." We hope they keep on. Such a "gaining up" against the new administration will mean a complete labor victory next Spring. The public is "sick" of that machine and it is now on the "spot." Let's hope they keep on saying no.

"RAILROADS"
Roosevelt just averted a strike in the auto industry only to be faced by the railroad employees. The latter are now seeking a conference with the President. Labor is decidedly on the up grade. Even the American Federation of Labor is strangely getting interested in labor.
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Along the Main Stem

With Dr. B. U. L. Connor

We picked the Giants to repeat in the National League in that other local sheet's contest. Which reminds Dr. Connor that he is a very poor expert. We have been selecting the Giants to come through for six years. Naturally last year, we were right for the first time. All of which proves that perseverance is a great quality indeed!

Rev. H. C. Stallard announces a most elaborate musical service for Good Friday. No doubt all churches and congregations will present their best to make the Easter season truly a season of rejoicing and happiness.

Playwright LaForce's latest creation, "La Maison Rivel," will be presented at the High School Auditorium, Sunday, April 8. This is a French drama, very much involved over a rich good-fornothing young fellow, a bootlegger's pretty daughter, and a few other minor discords which tend to make the drama very hilarious at times. Dorsey Arsenault and Marie Rose Montminy lead the parade of actors presenting the play.

Although, personally, we prefer Paul Whiteman to the Boston Symphony (which makes us an ignorantus, we suppose), we enjoyed very much the Berlin Symphony, and the American Legion Auxiliary Quartet at the inauguration.

Here's a contribution from a would-be farmer.

Spring is in the air, the winter's accumulation of snow is fast disappearing and the thoughts of the farmer are turning to the planting of his crops. Many amateur farmers of our City are again looking forward to their home gardens.

Human nature is prone to criticize but why not be as prompt in giving credit where credit is due.

For the past few years the Brown Company has made available, with much expense involved, many garden plots for the use of families of our community.

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