

Noe in Scuffle Trying to Photograph Poll Books



When State Senator James A. Noe, candidate for governor, attempted to photograph poll books at the civil sheriff's office Friday, under a state supreme court ruling, Deputy Sheriff J. W. Andree hangs on to Noe's right shoulder; others behind Noe, with faces to camera, are, from left, Ray Hufft, Noe photographer; J. David McNeill, Noe's attorney, and A. A. Edgcombe, another photographer.

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Several other supporters arrived in the civil sheriff's office at 9:25 a. m. Friday. He waited for 20 minutes and when Sheriff Knop did not arrive, ordered the photographic equipment set up preparatory to photographing the poll records.

"The supreme court has okayed this and we are going to make the pictures," Senator Noe announced.

Andree for the second day explained that he had no right to grant Senator Noe such permission and asked, "Why don't you wait until Sheriff Knop gets here, Senator?"

Members of Senator Noe's party started toward the end of the long counter in the office to get poll record books and the scuffle ensued.

Senator Joins Scuffle. While a number of deputies engaged a number of the Noe men, other Noe followers leaped over the counter, grabbed a 1939 poll registration book and passed it over to Senator Noe, who placed it under the powerful lights of his photographing machine.

A. A. Edgcombe and Ray Hufft, operators of the photographic equipment; Sidney Massiot, city campaign manager for Senator Noe, the senator himself and a number of deputies, including Andree, took part in the disturbance.

"No one was knocked down," Andree said later. "One or two in the mixup slipped or were shoved to the floor, but it was not what I would call a fight."

Quiet was quickly restored and Senator Noe placed the book under the lights, but before the machine was put into operation someone turned off the electricity in the office, concluding the photographing attempts for Friday.

Senator Noe asserted that Sheriff Knop was attempting to evade orders of the supreme court in remaining absent from his office.

Knop Telegram. Text of the telegram from Sheriff Knop and dated from Biloxi follows:

"I have been informed that after I left my office yesterday to attend to important personal and

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LONG WOULD PUT STATE IN ENEMY GRIP, SAYS JONES

Charges 'City Ring' Backed Governor in Weak Moment

(Special to The Times-Picayune) Minden, La., Dec. 1.—Sam Jones, candidate for governor, in five speeches in Webster parish today accused Governor Earl K. Long of trying to lead the people of Louisiana "back into the camp of the enemy."

Jones said that Earl Long once gave as his excuse for breaking with his brother, the late Senator Huey P. Long, the fact that "Huey had thrown his lot in with the old New Orleans ring."

"What do we see now?" he asked. "A few weeks ago Earl Long went to that same old ring crowd, the Old Regulars in New Orleans, and begged on bended knee for their support. And in a weak moment they endorsed Earl. So we find him today trying to lead the people back into the camp of the enemy. But he will never do it. Because you people are not going to let him do it. You have nothing in common with that man Bob Maestri, who tells Earl Long what to do and when to do it, and you are not going to have him running your affairs after this election."

Jones promised that he would return to this section after being elected to see that the people were "getting a square deal."

Makes Comparison. "You heard Dick Leche and Earl Long make you a lot of promises four years ago," he said. "You heard them tell you how their hearts bled for you and how they wanted to see this thing and that thing done for you. But did you ever see them after they got into office? No, Dick was too busy running around with the big shots to New York and Hot Springs and such places to care what was happening to you."

Jones had scheduled meetings at Shongolou, Springhill, Cotton Valley and Minden. At noon he made an impromptu talk from the porch of the postoffice at Sarepta. There he told the crowd of Long followers that he had a dog trained to bring in the daily papers, "but this dog wouldn't touch the un-American Progress. He just left it lying where the deadheads had thrown it."

"The citizens of this state won't have to go past a long line of thugs armed with six-shooters" to see him after he goes into the governor's office, Jones said. "You can come down there and see me any time and sit down across the table from me and tell me your problems."

At Springhill Jones said he had been told by residents that Harvey Peltier, administration candidate for lieutenant-governor, had made a speech there claiming credit for the passage of the social security act. "That act was passed by the Roosevelt administration," Jones said, "and Harvey Peltier didn't have any more to do with it than the man in the moon did."

Talking about Peltier, Jones accused him of making "a million dollars out of state owned oil lands."

"He built himself a fine mansion," Jones said, "and he bought a valuable painting, so valuable in fact that he said he had to bring an artist down from New York just to hang it in the right place. Well, what we need in this state is not the hanging of a lot of pictures, but hanging of a lot of crooked politicians."

Promises Oil Proration. After his election, Jones said, "we are going to have fair and equal proration in the oil fields in all sections of the state."

"Just suppose for the sake of argument that they are running a thousand barrels of hot oil a day from 100 different wells," he said. "That would mean that they were cheating the state out of \$3,650,000 a year in severance taxes. Now suppose that those wells are located on state lands or water bottoms—and most of them are—that would mean that the state would be cheated of its royalties on the oil, and that would amount to \$14500 a year. In other words, from only 100 wells they would cheat the state out of more than \$8,000,000 a year."

"Now, the entire revenues from the sales tax amount to less than that so if we stopped the hot oil running from only 100 wells we could eliminate the sales tax and never miss it."

Speaking with Jones today was Eugene Stanley, candidate for attorney-general. Stanley charged that Governor Long had forced the "pay roll boys" in New Orleans to put up his posters on their houses "or get off the pay roll."

"Don't be alarmed if you see plenty of Earle pictures down there in New Orleans," he said. "Those boys had to do it, or get off the pay roll, and all of you know that they didn't want to lose their jobs."

Stanley declared that he quit a \$1000 a year job in New Orleans as district attorney because he "wouldn't become part and parcel of a crooked machine."

"I used my head," he said. "I knew that I couldn't put my lot in with those crooks without getting myself into trouble, and James Monroe Smith would have done a lot better by himself. If he had he wouldn't be down there cutting cane at Angola right now."

Stanley said that the administration had had "too long a train ride already."

E. F. WEBBER, COTTON FIRM MEMBER, DEAD

Plan Recovery of Diverted WPA Funds



These federal and WPA officials Friday launched a program under which beneficiaries of WPA labor and material diversion in Louisiana will be forced to make civil restitution. Seated are O. John Rogge, assistant United States attorney-general; C. B. Braun, assistant regional director of Region Six, embracing Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Mississippi. From left, standing, are G. O. Salassi, administrative assistant to the state administrator; T. L. Fletcher, WPA intelligence unit agent; Paul Hansen, in charge of the regional intelligence unit; United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca and James H. Crutcher, state WPA administrator.

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PLAN IS DEVISED TO FORCE RETURN OF WPA PROPERTY

Liens on Beneficiaries' Holdings to Be Used If Necessary

Regional and state officials of the WPA and United States attorney Friday instituted a program under which restitution of the WPA of all labor and material illegally diverted in Louisiana will be forced from beneficiaries.

Exact figures of the amount involved were not available but a conservative estimate placed the presently known losses at between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

The program was outlined Friday at 10 a. m. at a conference in the United States attorney's office and at conclusion of the meeting it was pointed out that action will be taken not only against those who have been found to be criminally liable but against persons where no criminal liability has been proved.

Attending the meeting were O. John Rogge, assistant United States attorney-general; Rene A. Viosca, United States attorney; C. B. Braun, assistant regional director of Region Six, embracing five states; Paul Hansen, in charge of the WPA regional intelligence unit; James H. Crutcher, state WPA administrator; G. O. Salassi, administrative assistant to Mr. Crutcher; and T. L. Fletcher, WPA intelligence agent.

Mr. Viosca, in explaining that civil actions will be instituted in federal court against the diversion beneficiaries, said that Leon D. Hubert, Jr., one of his assistants, will prosecute the cases.

Mr. Hubert is scheduled to confer early next week with Mr. Salassi on reports of WPA agents and it was reported likely that lawsuits will be filed within the following fortnight.

Satisfaction was expressed by Mr. Crutcher over the plan. "Mr. Rogge and Mr. Viosca have given us every assurance that the United States attorney's office will do everything in its power to restore to the WPA every dollar's worth of labor or material that was illegally diverted," he said. "This, of course, is very gratifying."

As to recovery after any judgment which may subsequently be handed him, Mr. Viosca said that where it becomes necessary, liens against property owned by the beneficiaries will be taken out by the government to force restitution of the amounts involved.

Jefferson Jury Selects Riviere to Be Registrar

The Jefferson parish police jury Friday by a unanimous vote appointed Eugene Riviere registrar of voters for the parish. Mr. Riviere succeeds Elias B. Fisher, ousted by Governor Earl K. Long after a reported split with the administration.

The appointment followed an announcement from Baton Rouge that the commission of the new registrar had been issued Thursday by Governor Long, acting on recommendation of the police jury.

The jury, in a previous session, had recommended the appointment, acting on the assumption that it was not authorized to select Mr. Fisher's successor. Its action Friday followed discovery that it was so empowered.

A. J. Cantrelle, vice-president, presided Friday in the absence of President W. R. Toledano of the police jury.

NO ONE IN STATE WILL GO HUNGRY, LONG PROMISES

Plans to Add Thousands to Relief Roll Are Completed

(The Associated Press) Baton Rouge, Dec. 1.—Plans for adding "several thousand" needy persons to the state relief rolls were announced today as completed by Governor Earl K. Long, after a conference with A. B. Johnson, state welfare commissioner.

The governor said more than 11,000 persons on the welfare department's waiting list and at least 10,000 former work projects administration workers recently discharged in curtailing the federal relief program are in need in Louisiana.

Long said the state had borrowed \$400,000 and the federal social security board had put up \$300,000 in matching funds.

The total \$700,000 will take care of the expanded relief program "until the Legislature meets and provides a more adequate plan for financing the welfare requirements," the governor said.

"In order that these additional funds may be spread around the state where they will do the most good," Long asserted, "Mr. Johnson is having every parish welfare department recheck all pending applications."

The governor pointed out that needy already have free hospital and dental facilities provided by the state, together with free lunches for school children and food and clothing distributed by the welfare department for the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

"Take all this," Long said, "and you have pretty good assurance that no one in Louisiana will go hungry or cold this winter."

A frame for every picture at C. Bennette Moore, 314 Royal.—Adv.

NINTH WARD BODY FOR JONES GIVES RYAN PRESIDENCY

Thomas L. Ryan was elected president of the Ninth Ward campaign organization of Sam Jones, candidate for governor, at a meeting Friday night at ward headquarters, 4229 St. Claude avenue.

Gabriel Abadie was named vice-president; Jimmie Messina secretary and Edmond Alonzo treasurer. Speakers for the meeting were Mr. Ryan, August Lestelle, candidate for governor, Mrs. L. A. Houche, representative of the ward, and L. J. Riecke, candidate for the Senate.

Tenth Ward Jones supporters reported to Charles C. Zatarain, city campaign manager, in a meeting at 2049 Magazine street, that the ward is "completely organized." Speakers included Clarence Grey, ward leader; Frank Driedinger, candidate for senator; Milton Donegan and Bernard McCloskey, candidates for representative, and Herbert Ricks of the Jones city campaign headquarters. Mrs. Arthur Waters, women's leader for the ward, presided.

Taxes and audits were the subjects of Lionel C. Ort, candidate for senator, who spoke at a Jones meeting in Sixteenth Ward headquarters, 1541 Burdette street. J. L. Dilworth, ward leader, presided, and speakers included Kenneth Barringer, candidate for representative, and Mrs. Ort, women's leader.

Captains and workers of the Jones organization in the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th wards also held meetings.

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