

Dies is Termed Reactionary by Congressman Hook at Upper Michigan Conference

IRONWOOD, Mich. — Delegates to the second conference of Labor's Non-Partisan League of the 12th Congressional District went on record to give energetic support to the New Deal program and to candidates supporting it at a meeting in Iron River on Sunday, August 21st. Those addressing the meeting called for a firm stand by workers, farmers, progressives against the attacks of Big Business, smoke-screened by red-baiting investigations.

Frank E. Hook, congressman, several candidates for State Legislature addressed the conference, which was attended by 80 delegates and observers, nearly twice the representation at the first conference held two weeks ago. Especially important was the presence of farmers' organizations delegates from several

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Break Monopoly Power

He said further: "You will never have prosperity in this country, you will never put men back to work until you will break the power of the monopolies and the Federal Government takes over the Reserve system . . . out of the hands of J. P. Morgan and Chase National Bank."

The continuations committee of the conference was instructed to work with the labor, farmer, and progressive groups in the 11th Congressional District and approach Congressman Hook and Luecke and other leaders of the New Deal to call a Peoples' Conference in Upper Michigan for the re-election of Governor Murphy.

The endorsement of candidates for State Representative and County offices was referred to the county caucuses. William Pantera was endorsed, after lengthy discussion for State Senator, 31st District.

The resolution adopted at the conference follows:

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Whereas, the Republican Party in our state is carrying on a demagogic campaign of "law and order, against one man Party, against high taxes, against misuse of relief funds," to cover up their real aims of open shops, relief-cuts, robbing of the farmers and small businessmen,

Whereas, counterfeit democrats, headed by the "Constitutional" coalition outfit of ex-governor Comstock are carrying on similar attacks against the New Deal, prepare to organize a third party to split the democratic vote and work together with the Republicans against the party they claim allegiance to,

Whereas, many loyal supporters of the New Deal, including leaders of Democratic County Committees and Democratic Clubs do not seem to be conscious of the seriousness of the situation, are not carrying on an aggressive campaign for the mobilization of the people behind the program and candidates of the New Deal, and,

Whereas, this lack of activity helps create confusion among the people which stands wholeheartedly for the further continuation and extension of the New Deal in our depressed area, therefore,

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12th Congressional District and in the various counties, to call together the organizations of the people (democratic clubs, nationality clubs, labor, unemployed, farmers, co-operative, veteran, etc.) to mobilize the forces for the election campaign which is to include the primaries;

Be It Further Resolved, that we urge all supporters of the New Deal to take the most aggressive stand against the attacks of Republicans and sham Democrats upon the administration of the WPA, the record of our great Governor and Congressman and support the demands of the people for a minimum \$60 a month pay on the WPA, the health, housing, farm-moratorium program of Gov. Murphy, the bill submitted by Congressman Hook for the conservation of our natural resources, etc.,

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Be It Resolved, that Labor's Non-Partisan League, 12th Congressional District, goes on record for the most energetic campaign to re-elect Gov. F. Murphy, Congressman F. E. Hook and progressives to State Legislature and County offices;

Be It Further Resolved, that we call upon the leaders of democracy in the

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Referring to his name being mentioned by John P. Frey before the Dies Committee (and reprinted with glee by the company-controlled press) Savola stated: "I welcome the investigation. If fighting against wages as low as 50 cents a day in 1932, if winning an increase of 75 per cent through the Timber Workers Union, if getting a closed shop agreement from the notorious Connor is un-American, — let them make the most of it."

Congressman Hook in his speech made a most urgent appeal to re-elect Governor Murphy, criticized the investigation of the WPA set-up, engineered by the Republicans at the Gogebic County Board of Supervisors. "If Republicans succeed to force WPA men to cut out political activities, they would stop American citizens from exercising their constitu-