

# Pamphlets on Dewey Bought by Democrats As 'Source Material'

Reports of Burning Booklets Attacking Party Chiefs Denied

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Paul Porter, director of publicity for the Democratic National Committee, said today the committee had purchased, "for use as source material," 200 copies of a 95-page pamphlet entitled "Special Report No. 1 on Thomas E. Dewey" and published by Press Research, Inc., of Washington.

At the same time, Mr. Porter denied a report, published in the New York Herald Tribune, that a number of copies of the volume had been burned because it contained attacks on James A. Farley, Edward J. Flynn and John J. Bennett, which party leaders found objectionable.

"We bought the copies for search purposes, just as we other books for reference," Porter said. "We do not intend to distribute it. Our main purpose was to get quotations on Dewey has said. We don't care for the accuracy of any state in the pamphlet because we can't prepare it."

The publicity director of Press Research as "an independent

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member of the House, has the other Republican nomination.

The Independent is Representative Burdick, who sought the Republican senatorial nomination and failed. The Democrats are Halvor Halvorson and J. R. Kennedy. The race for the second Representative at large, seems to lie between Mr. Robertson and Mr. Burdick. If it turns out that way, the North Dakota Republicans will send two Representatives to Washington, whoever wins.

Mr. Burdick was Senator Langer's first choice for the Republican senatorial nomination, but Senator Langer shifted to Mr. Stambaugh. Mr. Burdick believes he was double-crossed and says so.

## Porter

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organization" and said the pamphlet was "an analysis of a special report on Dewey."

The Herald Tribune said the volume was designed as an attack on Gov. Dewey's record in public office "and as an aspirant for the presidency" and that an undisclosed number of copies were burned after party leaders protested to Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan.

The newspaper quoted an officer of the National Committee as saying the burning was ordered by Mr. Hannegan, but added that other sources said the destruction was carried out on orders of Charles Michelson, publicity adviser of the committee.

The Herald Tribune also quoted a committee officer as saying the "virulence" of attacks on Mr. Farley "together with the falsehoods in them" were the chief grounds on which the protests were made.

**Farley Declared Main Factor.**

Mr. Porter said the volume contained this statement in reference to Gov. Dewey's election as Governor of New York two years ago: "The main factor in defeating the New Deal was not Dewey, but James A. Farley, a Democratic party insider worker."

Gov. Dewey defeated Mr. Bennett, who won the Democratic nomination with Mr. Farley's support after a spirited contest with Senator Mead, Democrat, of New York, who had strong New Deal backing.

Mr. Porter said the volume "devoted a couple graphs to the New York situation, in which it raised the question as to whether Dewey made a deal with Flynn," Democratic committeeman from New York and former national chairman. The pamphlet asserted, Mr. Porter said, that "the Dewey machine has profited considerably through a deal with Flynn."

## Dewey Report Came Out In Several Installments

David Loth, managing editor of Press Research, Inc., at 732 Seventeenth street N.W., said his organization

did research on current topics of continuing interest and sent out reports, containing interpretative material, to subscriber newspapers which either published the reports or used them as the basis for editorials.

The controversial 45,000-word Dewey report, he said, had come out in several installments, beginning in June, shortly after the research organization was established.

Mr. Loth reported that Paul Porter, Democratic publicity director, asked to buy the Dewey report but Mr. Loth said he didn't want to be paid by a political organization. Instead, he said he had given his permission to Mr. Porter to have it reprinted. A mimeographed copy was sent to a printer who put it out in pamphlet form. Mr. Loth said he didn't know how much the printer had been paid for the job.

The research spokesman said he assumed the report was meant for use as a handbook by campaign orators. He also assumed the part about which complaints were made was the section entitled "Has Dewey made a deal with Boss Flynn?" That section discusses the relations of the Democratic and Republican "machines" in New York, he said.

Mr. Loth said his organization had done some reports on President Roosevelt but "nothing as complete as this," because newspaper files already were full of Roosevelt material.

Both the Republican and Democratic parties had wanted to subscribe to the service but were turned down because "we didn't want to be paid by a political organization," he said.

In addition to the Dewey report, Mr. Loth said, his regular staff of 10 research workers (some extra workers were hired for the Dewey job) also had turned out interpretative

material on reconversion, surplus properties and other issues of continuing importance. Reports are sent out two or three times a week, he said.