

O'Daniel Adopts Hitler Technique Against FDR

Raises Communist Bogey To Build Up Own Following

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WASHINGTON, June 3.—A propaganda campaign by Sen. W. Lee "Pappy" O'Daniel, employing the techniques that Hitler used in Germany, is a major part of the anti-Roosevelt campaign in Texas.

Like Hitler, O'Daniel is using the Communist bogey to destroy confidence in the democratic government the people have established in Washington and to build up a personal following of his own.

O'Daniel claims to have raised a fund of \$100,000 for his campaign, and is after \$500,000 more to finance revival of his personal propaganda organ, the *W. Lee O'Daniel News*. Much of the money is reported to have been raised at conferences with business and oil company officials in New York and Texas.

The technique O'Daniel is using is evidenced in an organizational letter bearing the official Senate letterhead, which he has sent out in wholesale quantities to all people who have corresponded with him.

The Red Theme

This letter bears down hard on the propaganda theme that the Communists are taking over the Government in Washington and crushing the people. It calls for a "crusade by the people to recover our democratic form of government."

O'Daniel starts out by warning that the New Deal controls the radio commentators and newspaper columnists. Nevertheless, he adds, the people are "mad at the political dynasty in Washington."

"They know," O'Daniel's letter says, "that the 11 years of Roosevelt rule-or-ruin racket has almost stripped them of every vestige of personal freedom. They are certain that they have been rationed, regulated, and regimented into almost a complete state of Communism and they want to rid their nation of the last vestige of this foolishness."

"Never before have the people been aroused to such a pitch. They are willing to make any sacrifices necessary to win this war, but they are sick and tired of the bureaucrats in Washington using the war effort as a means of furthering their plans to communize America, and they are going to do everything in



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their power to stop it."

Plans for His Paper

With great modesty, O'Daniel says he is being "implored" to revive his paper, adding:

"To prove conclusively to the most skeptical that these people to whom I talked have blood in their eyes, I am pleased to announce that they not only rendered lip service, but they dug down into their pockets and contributed over \$100,000 cash to a fund for the purpose of disseminating truthful information to the people on a nation-wide scale. This money is all in the bank ready to be spent for this purpose."

O'Daniel's letter adds that he is "willing" to undertake publication of the *W. Lee O'Daniel News* again if he get 100,000 subscribers signed up ahead of time. He promises that the money will be used exclusively for publishing the paper and "to

pay for my radio broadcasts."

Indicating that he is trying to collect \$500,000, O'Daniel asks for annual subscriptions to his paper at \$5 per subscriber, and urges each recipient of the letter to line up 20 subscriptions if possible. He encloses a subscription blank for listing subscribers.

Drive on Farmers

O'Daniel's letter closes with a play on the prejudice of farmers. He says cabbage and other vegetables are being plowed under because "OPA set the ceiling prices so low that the farmers could not get enough for these vegetables to pay for harvesting them."

Roosevelt forces in Texas are confident that O'Daniel had a big hand in packing the State Demo-

necessary to name Gathings to the committee.

Gathings is an anti-Administration Southerner, who probably would vote with the Republicans on the Committee, giving them virtual control of the investigating group. It could not be expected to do much about the O'Daniel anti-Roosevelt campaign in Texas.

Texas Congressmen still hope to do something about O'Daniel. They may try to get the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee to look into the situation.

cratic Convention last week with Republicans, oil men, and big business men who arranged to thwart the will of the electorate by having the presidential electors in Texas cast their vote for some one else than President Roosevelt.

They have reported that he had many conferences with the oil men and other anti-Roosevelt business elements prior to the selection of the delegates to the convention. Former Under Secretary of the Interior Alvin J. Wirtz has charged that "the underlying purpose is to seize the reins of government from the people and set up a fascist state."

Resolutions adopted at the Democratic convention carried a fascist slant. One was aimed at Negroes—attacking the Supreme Court invalidation of the white primary. Another was a hidden attack on Jews—demanding that Supreme Court Justices should have to meet the same qualification as a candidate for President. This was a slap at Justice Felix Frankfurter, who is foreign-born.

Rayburn Plans Inquiry

Speaker Sam Rayburn, of the House, has been trying to arrange for an investigation of O'Daniel's fund raising activities in Texas, but has run into complications. Some time ago, Rayburn decided to appoint a campaign expenditures committee which would do something about investigating O'Daniel. He had it all arranged to appoint a liberal committee headed by Rep. Clinton P. Anderson (D., N. M.).

Anderson introduced the resolution, putting him in line for the chairmanship. But then Rep. E. C. Gathings (D., Ark.), also introduced a resolution, designed to authorize an investigation of the CIO Political Action Committee.

The Rules Committee, in accordance with Rayburn's plan reported out the Anderson resolution, but substituted the language of Gathings' measure. According to House custom this probably will make it