

O'Daniel Sees 'Smear' In Proposal to Probe Newspaper Project

By the Associated Press.

As the much-heralded Southern Democratic revolt took a court turn in Texas, Senator O'Daniel emerged as the central figure of what he called a "smear" attempt by the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee.

What aroused Senator O'Daniel was a committee decision to inquire into the financing of a newspaper he plans to establish and which promises to be strongly anti-administration.

Senator O'Daniel told a reporter it is no secret that more than \$100,000 has been collected from prospective \$5-a-year subscribers toward financing the paper, which he added would "disseminate the truth about our own Government as I see it from the standpoint of a United States Senator in Washington."

"This looks like the smear squad going into action," said Senator O'Daniel of the committee's plan. "I have been expecting it. If they want to start a smear campaign, let them go to it."

Senator O'Daniel, a Democrat, who has fought many administration proposals, was obviously pleased with the action of the Texas Democratic Executive Committee in voting, 36, to 6, yesterday against certifying on the primary ballot the names of presidential electors chosen by a pro-Roosevelt group.

This group had bolted after the regular convention had instructed the party's 23 electors not to support the presidential nominee unless certain conditions were met by the Chicago nominating convention.

With this decision headed for a ruling by the Texas Supreme Court, Senator O'Daniel predicted defeat there of the pro-Roosevelt faction.

"They'll have to go to some other court than that in Texas," Senator O'Daniel declared. "They'll have to go to a higher court and that is the Supreme Court of the United States."

Senator O'Daniel's personal war with the administration found another critic of the New Deal, Senator Byrd, Democrat, of Virginia, keeping quiet about a proposal that his name be linked with that of Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio on a coalition ticket. Senator Byrd's influence with the Virginia delegation yet to be chosen will be strong, and members might want to put his name before the Democratic convention as a presidential candidate.



LINING UP FOR TICKETS—Senator O'Daniel is expected to pass to the baseball game from the committee, which is now driving for

These developments overshadowed an Idaho primary today in which voters picked senatorial and State candidates. Virginia is conducting general elections for city and town offices. In the 19th Illinois district the only name on the ballot in a special election to succeed the late Representative William H. Wheat is that of Rolla C. McMillen, Decatur Republican.

In Idaho Senator Clark (Democrat) is opposed for renomination by John Connell of Boise, member of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission; James H. Hawley, Boise attorney, and Glen Taylor, Pocatello "singing cowboy." Gov. C. A. Bottolfsen and Ben Johnson, Preston attorney, fought it out for the Republican nomination.