

Homage Paid Col. Knox At Testimonial

State's Republicans Fete
Party's Nominee at
Manchester

Governor and Moses
Thanked for Support

New Deal Labor Used to
Help Honor Publisher
In Home City

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MANCHESTER, June 27—Col. Frank Knox, Republican candidate for vice-president, was given a New England 'welcome home' at a crowded municipal stadium last night by friends and neighbors who came to see the man they remembered as a newspaper publisher wearing the mantle of high political honor.

As he spoke the Republican candidate stood on a platform flanked on either side by the familiar red, white and blue signs indicating that it was a product of the WPA, federal works relief agency, constructed for the lavish show earlier in the week of the WPA music festival.

Crowd Cheers

The crowd had cheered as the colonel walked between lines formed by his official reception committee from his police escorted car to the platform.

As he delivered a formal address, with an informal talk by "one New Englander to others" they gave him his first applause when he declared:

"No man could even remotely represent your purpose and spirit who did not regard the safeguarding of money raised by taxes as a sacred trust—who did not seek to insure its wise and prudent expenditure with a far greater concern than in the disbursement of his own private funds."

They cheered again as he continued:

"No man could be your representative and look lightly upon the practice of spending over a long period of time, more than you take in.

"No man could truly speak for you who condoned progressive debasement of the dollar by which your savings are measured.

"No man could reflect your will who was indifferent to the rigid fulfillment of your government's promises to pay."

Again the crowd applauded when he added:

"No man could conceivably represent you who did not oppose any surrender of this principle of local self government" which he had described as the type of local, home rule that inspired the "exclusively American conception of a federal union of sovereign states".

Knox Restrained

They cheered with less ardor his declaration that "New Englanders, perhaps more than others, recognize the courts as the final bulwark of personal liberty."

Col. Knox was restrained in his speech, perhaps in anticipation of the ceremonies next month which will bring him the official news everybody knows—that he is the nominee of his party for vice-president of the United States.

He completed his speech with a brief declaration of policies which he said he knew "in overwhelming fashion you stand for too."

Applause punctuated his number policies—rigid economy, a swiftly balanced budget, a sound and stable currency, protection of national credit by fulfillment of promises, preservation of local self-government, maintenance "in its full integrity" of the judicial authority.

Departing then from the text which he had handed to the press Col. Knox indulged in an informal talk "as one of your neighbors". He told the story of the national convention. He told of a conference of convention candidates for president, of which he was one, bowing to the desire "of the people back home" that Governor Landon should be the nominee.

He told of leaving the convention with Mrs. Knox and of first learning that he had been nominated for vice-president at a small hotel in Michigan City, Ind., en route to Chicago and where he was "overtaken" by a telephone call which gave him the news.

His sensations as he listened to the roll call by radio and heard the clerk of the convention announce that "1003 votes have been cast and of that number Col. Knox has 1003", were also told.

Tells of Meeting Landon

He described his post-convention meeting with Governor Landon and described him to the people assembled as "a plain, simple man, who has become a national figure overnight"; the kind of a man "who understands you and whom you can understand"; one who "believes in economy"; one who "knows the full value of a dollar"; a man "of liberal mold who never ceases to be practical—and you know the definition of a true liberal, one who knows and values his liberties"; a man "worthy of your trust who has kept his promise he ever made," a man who is "an experienced public officer"; a man who "understands politics in its best sense"; a man who "knows how to say 'no' and mean it."

Before Col. Knox spoke Governor H. Styles Bridges and former United States Senator George H. Moses had given short addresses.

Knox looked at them, seated a short distance away, as he reached his conclusion.

"I am pleased," he said "that two such outstanding men are here, men who can be very useful to their party and their state."

"I want to express to them", he said, "my appreciation for the friendship they have shown to me. Their loyalty to me never flinched or weakened at Cleveland."

"Brucial Battle"

He saw the campaign as the "most crucial battle ever to be fought" and as the age old battle of free men to save their freedom" and as a battle

to preserve "a voluntary type of government as against a coercive type."

Governor Bridges, in extending an official welcome for the state praised Col. Knox as one who "editorially through his papers, and as a speaker before public assemblies, called attention of the country to the dangers which lay ahead, during a time when few dared to criticize the 'new deal'."

"In critical months of our nation's history," he continued, "Frank Knox has been found ready and eager to give his all for his country."

Senator Moses told the audience that "this is not my party, or the governor's party. It is Frank Knox' party." He observed that the crowd of greeters was most typical of any to be found in the country.

"It is a cross section of the United States, the great melting pot of the world. We have heard tonight the songs of Naples. We have heard the music of Warsaw. We have seen the joyety of the Ukraine. And all of those who have taken part stand as real Americans."

He referred to the official entertainment which preceded the speaking characterized by folk songs and featured by a pageant presenting Col. Knox life story from the time he earned money for college by selling newspapers to his nomination for vice-president at Cleveland.

RECEPTION NOTES

Louis E. Wyman, Manchester attorney, one-time member of the legislature, personal friend of the candidate, presided at the speaking program for the reception to Col. Knox.

"I hold this truth to be self evident that men shall be judged by what they do and not by what they say," said Wyman as he presented Knox. The language was a parody on the Democratic national platform of 1936. The crowd didn't get it. Nobody laughed or cheered.

Col. Knox came to the stadium platform immediately after the formal entertainment program ended. As he sat on the platform with Mrs. Knox beside him he looked around, interestedly, eagerly, obviously deeply moved.

See that crowd," he said to Mrs. Knox, who fairly beamed at the welcome being given her husband.

"Wait until the smoke clears up", he cautioned Jim Irwin of The Weirs who was trying to hurry the behind-schedule speaking program. He referred to the smoke made by huge flares which lighted the platform while photographers took innumerable pictures of a group including Governor Bridges, Ex-Senator Moses, Chairman Wyman, Colonel and Mrs. Knox.

The colonel was dressed for warm weather. He wore a light blue coat, white trousers and shoes. Mrs. Knox was dressed in black with a brilliant red rose at her throat.

Both Col. Knox and Mrs. Knox listened intently as Chairman Wyman presented the speakers one by one. He visibly showed his emotion as they voiced their tributes. Senator Moses speech was decorated with literary quotations and concluded: "We express for you a love that can't be spoken."

Again Sees Delegates

Many of the delegates who attended the Cleveland convention were in the audience which greeted the vice-presidential candidate. Most prominently seated was former Governor Huntley N. Spaulding of Rochester who had a seat with the Manchester reception committee.

Frank Carpenter, Manchester greatest philanthropist, a Democrat in politics—usually—attended the ceremonies with John A. Muehling, Knox' business partner for many years and whose devotion to his associate has been one of the most beautiful phases of their long relationship.

Deputy Secretary of State and Mrs. Harry Jackson occupied prominent seats with the reception committee as did Capt. Charles F. Bowen, director of the planning division of the state planning and development commission, and Mrs. Bowen.

Prominent among the guests was Major John Jacobson, Jr., commanding officer of the 172nd Field Artillery and chairman of the state water resources board. Near him was Stuart Bosson of Meredith, a member of the old state publicity board superseded by the planning and development commission.

Major Francis P. Murphy of Nashua, only announced candidate for the Republican nomination for governor in the September primaries, occupied a seat in the grand stand, almost a hundred yards from the speakers platform. He was accompanied by Col. Charles T. Patten, state comptroller, formerly of Nashua, and Mrs. Patten. The major was given a cheer as he took his seat. He smiled broadly and waved his straw hat at the crowd.

Music was by the J. F. McElwain Company band, a musical organization which Manager Murphy has taken pride in developing, and by the 172nd Field Artillery Band of Manchester.

Deputy Chief of Police James O'Neill formerly a reporter for Col. Knox' Manchester newspapers, was in personal charge of the huge police detail which guarded the park during the exercises. He appeared in plain clothes.

Crowd Over 10,000

At 7:50, 25 minutes after the band played its first selection of the evening O'Neill estimated the attendance at 6200. Later he said it had reached 9300. With crowds standing about the field and all seats taken the attendance must have exceeded 10,000.