

REPORT ON THIRD TRIP TO WASHINGTON
Jan.25-30 ,1943

Pre-Notes:

On Jan.23,1943 I visited Edward Higgins at the Narragansett Hotel in regard to the Army-Navy College program.

The substance of the talk was this:

- (1) Mr.J. Farrell Coyle was to be appointed State Director for Rhode Island of the War Manpower Commission.
- (2) When that happened which should have been Jan.13, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Coyle, and myself were to get together at the Narragansett Hotel and settle the quota of college students for Providence College.
- (3) I agreed that was fine; but, in view of the fact the Army intended to selected 70,000 men for Pre-Flight training, I told Mr. Higgins he should consult Mr. Watson B. Miller in Washington on his return Jan.26,Tuesday.
He agreed to this, and, further told me that he would call me on the telephone Jan.26 or 27, and, for me to be prepared to go to Washington,D.C. if he should need my help.

Gather Dillon agreed at my suggestion on Sunday,Jan.24, that I should go to Washington on Jan.25 in order to be on the scene should I be needed.

I ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON----TUESDAY---Jan. 25, at 1:30 P.M.

I went immediately to Senate Green's Office and met Mr.Higgins at 2:00.

Situation on Tuesday Afternoon in Higgin's Office:

Higgins rushed out to me in the outer office. Papers in hand and appeared much upset and very busy. He was all concerned with Coyle's appointment; told me he would be appointed in a few days. Did not want to visit Watson B. Miller; wanted to wait until Coyle was appointed. He saw I was anxious ,and, added-- "But I will see Penman tomorrow at the War Manpower Commission, and, bring up about the 70,000 "
I said "fine" and left.

SITUATION ON WEDNESDAY

I was to visit Ed. Higgins at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon. So in the Morning I visited General Jimmie Ulio, at the Pentagon Building. He received me graciously. He told that Brig. Gen. Dalton was the proper man in charge of the school program and for me to see him. He said that the releases on policy were released in his name, but, that Dalton did the work and directed the policy.

At 5:00 o'clock I arrived at Higgin's Office. In about half an hour he came out to me in much the same mood as the previous day, and, said diffidently "I have no news for you". Then, he related that the OIL SITUATION had become acute in R.I. and his whole day was spent in getting oil for war plants in R.I. I doubted him, BUT EVENTS PROVED HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH. I imagine he saw I was much disappointed, and, added "I will go to Penman to-morrow, however; come back then, and, I will have news. "

I was to visit him again on Thursday at 5:00

SITUATION ON THURSDAY

Arrived at Higgin's Office at 5:00. He came out into the outer office and said--- "I have been very busy all day and had a call in for Mr. Penman to call me, but he did not call; Penman must have been out of his office. Told me come back on Friday.

I WAS MUCH DISCOURAGED BY THIS TIME.

SITUATION ON FRIDAY:

Higgins had a full and helpful REPORT, it is as follows:

The BANKHEAD COMMITTEE had been created during the week of Jan. 17th. Its purpose is for the limitation of drafting men into the armed services. The ADMINISTRATION has concluded that the Army and Navy, particularly the ARMY, have gone too far with drafting of men. The situation calls for ADMINISTRATION control. FURTHERMORE, the ADMINISTRATION believes that the differences in the PLANS of the Army and the Navy for selected Colleges and students etc. should be brought into ONE PLAN to be known as THE MASTER PROGRAM.

This MASTER PROGRAM will be under the supervision of:
 The War Manpower Commission, and,
 The Bankhead Committee.
 Of the 5 men on this committee, Senator Green, R.I., is one
 of the members.

THE SITUATION AS ITS STAND NOW:

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUSPENDED. (Hence the 70,000 men for Army)
 When the MASTER PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED the selection of
 men for colleges will begin.
 COYLE will be confirmed by the Senate on Feb. 1st., then,
 the program will work through him.

THE WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
 (Social Security Building)

PAUL V. MCNUFF
 Administrator

WATSON B. MILLER
 Assistant Administrator

JAMES PENMAN
 Administrator in the Field
 He was Asst. to Governor
 McNutt, ~~mentioned~~
 He was also secretary to
 former U.S. Senator Minton
 of Indiana.
 Gov. McNutt is a native of
 Indiana.

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McNutt attended the meeting of the Bankhead Committee on
Thursday, and, went over the NUDGE MATTER of the
 program with the committee.

OFF THE RECORD he told them that he will see the President
 within a day or so, and, then, the MASTER PROGRAM
WILL BE DECIDED ON.

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FRIDAY MORNING I VISITED -----Capt. CANAGA

Nothing new to report.

I left with him the attached outline on the College.

SUGGESTIONS -----on list of teacher---call students together.