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Expose Legion's 'new voting bloc'

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The American Legion opened its annual convention in Miami this week. And the usual happened.

Truman and a host of other politicians arrived on the scene and gave their usual "we love the veteran" speeches. The NAM and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce sent their representatives. Hundreds of resolutions were passed, including the usual praise for J. Edgar Hoover, the House Un-American Activities Committee and William Randolph Hearst. And the expected attacks were made against the Progressive Party and the Roosevelt tradition.

The newspapers reported all this—in front page headlines. But they also reported something else. In an attempt to play a new angle on the Legion convention, the newspaper report-

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ers covering the convention suddenly discovered a "new voting bloc" within the Legion which was out to upset the rule of the "kingmakers"—the few moneyed boys who run things in the Legion from behind the scenes.

According to newspaper reports "a strong coalition group" was formed to push the election of James F. Green, a World War II veteran of Omaha, Neb.

I know this Jim Green and I know the people who have pushed him into the Legion's national spotlight. And by any standard Jim Green and his "backers" cannot be considered a new deal in Legion politics.

James Green's name in the newspaper headlines as a possible National Commander of the American Legion is no mere accident. It was the result of careful planning and grooming. And the planning and grooming was not done by any "new voting bloc" but by the same old-line Legion leaders who have controlled the Legion ever since



HEAVE HO, and away! And preparations are underway for inauguration of the next President of the United States—next January. Here workers hoist steel framework for the ceremonial stands in place on Capitol Hill.

it was organized in 1915.

James Green started his rise in Legion circles in the summer of 1946—only a few months after he was discharged from the army. It was then that the Legion hierarchy picked him as a potential national commander. The old-time Legion brass

wanted the World War II veterans to join the Legion. But they were afraid that the Legion would change hands with the changing generation. In order to offset such a possibility the Legion hierarchy opened a training school—an "indoctrination"

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Dems get mail threat; slug vet at PP meet

Political observers noted a developing wave of terrorism this week.

A World War II veteran was slugged at a West Side Progressive Party meeting. On the same day Adlai Stevenson, Democratic candidate for governor, turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation threatening letters which he received through the mails.

Refusal of the police to protect political candidates was underlined by Sgt. John F. Sweeney of the Fillmore St. police, after about 70 teenagers had thrown stones and tomatoes at Sidney L. Ordower, Progressive candidate for Congress from the 6th district, at a street meeting at Madison and Karlov.

"Ordower is just a rabble-rouser who's trying to make the front page," said Sweeney.

The meeting, which was held Monday night, was the third such rally on that street corner to be broken up by hoodlums. The first time police took Ordower into custody, but denied they intended to arrest him.

The veteran who was beaten is Fred Winsberg, of 4217 W. Van Buren. The hecklers assaulted him after he had protested against their activities.

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PETITIONERS TO SEE GOV. GREEN

With an anticipated 100,000 signatures on petitions demanding a special session of the state legislature to put its state ticket on the ballot, Progressive leaders announced plans for a week-end delegation to present the sheaf of papers to Gov. Dwight H. Green.

Deadline for turning in the petitions in the 10-day whirlwind campaign was the meeting of the county central committee Tuesday night at which plans were made for a representative delegation from labor and Progressive leadership.

CHA tenants form eviction council

A council representing the 33,850 persons living in "low-rent" projects maintained by the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) moved this week to stop the threat of eviction facing nearly 40% of their ranks.

The Standard learned that a group of attorneys were to advise the elected representatives to the tenants' organization—the Co-ordinating Council of Public Housing—Wednesday on possible legal action to stop the evictions.

Facing immediate eviction are 200 project tenants who received notice from the CHA Sept. 20 that they are no longer eligible for tenancy since their total annual income exceeds \$5,000.

However, the great bulk of tenants facing eviction in the near future—3,033 families living in the CHA's 10 projects—who are hit by the CHA's program to evict "high income"

tenants have an average income of \$3,394.

This group includes tenants like Jessie Glanton, 44, Negro metal grader at Elesco Smelting Corp., 1144 W. 14th pl., and trustee of his union, Local 758, CIO Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, who makes about \$1,939 annually.

Jessie can't figure out what all this talk about "high income" evictions is all about. He makes less than the maximum income of \$2,700 to make him eligible to go on living with his wife, Vennie, 40, and their daughter, at 1260 W. 13th, in the Robert Brooks project.

This is the catch, Jessie's wife, Continued on page 7