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OUTSTANDING N.Y. DEMOCRATS BACK SHARKEY

DeSapio Issues His Statements On Leadership

In a move to expose the "guilt by association" technique that has been used in recent months in New York County, Democratic County Leader Carmine G. DeSapio has released to The New York County Democrat several documents that resulted from the hearing of the Kefauver Committee in New York last March.

The first document is a letter sent to Whitney North Seymour, president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, in which Mr. DeSapio urged establishment of a committee of New York's "ablest lawyers" to investigate the selection of judges in New York County.

Asserting that, because of the Kefauver hearing, "the man on the street now believes that it has been established that Costello controls the local Democratic Party, and what is more serious and what directly concerns the Bar Association, that Costello is the judge-maker in this County," Mr. DeSapio asked an opportunity to explode this myth for the

Halley Tactics Scored As Unfair

Assaults on the unfair tactics of Rudolph Halley in his campaign against Joseph T. Sharkey, Democratic candidate for President of the City Council, came with increasing and telling regularity during the final days of the campaign.

Among them was a broadcast by Emil K. Ellis, lawyer, who denounced the efforts to link Mr. Sharkey with corrupt elements through "guilt by association." Mr. Ellis pointed out that the same technique, as applied to Mr. Halley, called for some explanation as to why his law firm had represented and defended the late George Richards, radio station owner who has been noted as a bigot and anti-Semite.

"Now Mr. Halley," he said, "I do not claim you are anti-Semitic or intolerant, or that you share the views of that wretched hate-peddler. Of course, a lawyer may represent all kinds of clients without stigma, but it is also true that a lawyer has the right to refuse to accept retainers from people whose character he has no sympathy with."



The Democrats of New York County, together with right-thinking men and women of the entire city, are behind the candidacy of Joseph T. Sharkey, Acting President of the City Council, who is the regular Democratic candidate for the post. With this support, his election Tuesday, November 6, is assured.

Mr. Sharkey's record has been widely hailed as one of the finest of any legislator in office today.

He has acquired unique experience in the affairs of government as a legislator, as Vice Chairman and Majority Leader of the City Council, participating in the fight for veterans housing and civil rights.

Championing the fight for prevailing rate of pay for skilled labor was a victory ten years ago. His OPA Price Control Laws plugging the federal gap saved housewives from gougers. The Sharkey Uniform Laws outlawing the Nazi Bund in this City were copied in sixty major cities. He fought for better relations between labor and management. He organized and won for the Brooklyn Navy Yard a battleship contract when unemployment was at its lowest ebb in 1936, by setting up a committee of which he was the Chairman, and convinced the Navy and Congress to award the contract to build the battleship North Carolina at the Yard, which put to

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twenty months in which he had served as County Leader.

The answering letter of April 5 from Mr. Seymour was also released. Mr. Seymour explained that the Executive Committee of the Bar Association had turned down Mr. DeSapio's suggestion in as much as Governor Dewey had appointed a commission headed by John M. Harlan to "investigate generally the relationship between organized crime and any unit of government anywhere in the state," making the DeSapio suggestion unnecessary.

The third document is Mr. DeSapio's statement of March 28, submitted voluntarily to the Kefauver Committee, which he called "a record of my stewardship." In it he unequivocally denied allegations about the influence of Frank Costello in the organization of the Democratic Party in New York County. He said:

"Costello is not a power in Tammany Hall. He is not a power behind Tammany Hall. He does not dictate nominations. He does not select Judges. He does not control nor has he any influence over my policies or those of the Democratic Organization in this County in any way, shape or form, directly or indirectly. Since my election as Leader, Costello has never suggested, counselled or requested any program or any choice of candidates."



F. D. ROOSEVELT JR.

Mr. Halley, questioned about these charges by a group of New York City newspapermen immediately after Mr. Ellis's broadcast, admitted that his law firm had represented Richards before the Federal Communications Commission. He explained that he had obtained the approval of former Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, something denied subsequently by Justice Steinbrink.

The "morals" of Mr. Halley were questioned later by Mr. Sharkey, who told a television audience (Continued on page 2)

Lehman, Farley, Wagner and FDR Jr. Head Local Democrats Pledging Support to Sharkey

Leaders in New York County join important persons from all walks of life in urging the election of Joseph T. Sharkey as President of the City Council.

In a warm and cordial personal letter to Mr. Sharkey, U. S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman announced his endorsement. Stating that he hoped to get a "breathing spell," he added:

"I am leaving within the next day or two on an extended trip. Fortunately, however, I applied some months ago for an absentee ballot so I will be able to cast my vote for you. With all good wishes for your success."



HERBERT H. LEHMAN

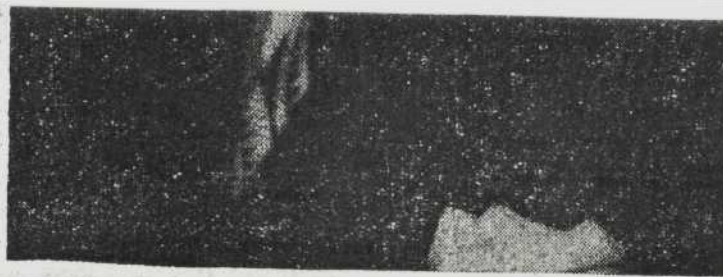
Enthusiastic endorsements have come from Senator Elmer Quinn Representative Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. and from James A. Farley, along with the following:

Robert F. Wagner Jr., Borough President of Manhattan: "Joe Sharkey has brought a great store of knowledge of the workings of the City of New York with him as a member of the Board of Estimate. He has been a great asset to the Board."

Congressman Arthur G. Klein: "I have known Joe Sharkey for many years and have followed his career in the City Council with a great deal of interest. He is a real 'man of the people.' I know from personal experience that his first thought has always been, 'Is it good for the little fellow?' His entire public life and private career has been spent in behalf of the people, first, of his own community, and then of the entire city."

Senator Joseph Zaretzki: Of all the candidates for the office of President of the City Council only Joseph T. Sharkey has years of experience in the very body which they seek to enter. His record of devotion to the service of the people is unparalleled."

Senator Francis J. Mahoney:



JOSEPH T. SHARKEY

Acting President of the City Council

"No one disputes his integrity or his intelligence and his experience is obvious from the record. What more must a man possess?"

Senator Harold I. Panken: "Joseph T. Sharkey has served for many years in the City Council and has demonstrated his ability and industry by accomplishing many things for the people of this City in the face of great obstacles, obstacles that were placed in his

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ROBERT F. WAGNER JR.

Yorkers.

He waged a ten-year fight for an Air Pollution Control Board to rid the City of smoke and to make New York a cleaner City. He assumed the leadership in the fight for Fair Rent Control by sponsoring the Sharkey Rent Laws protecting all the tenants of the City who would have been evicted otherwise; these laws were enacted against great odds because of the bitter fight put up by the real estate interests — these same Sharkey Laws were responsible for the City Rent Commission.

He has been in the forefront for the fight constantly going on to protect the Port of New York which delivers food to fifteen million people in the Metropolitan area. He has surrounded himself with the liberal elements in labor, and in numerous drives he has proven by his record that he has become the champion of the peoples' interests. His readiness and ability to work with civic, labor and all groups that are striving for a better City has always found Joe Sharkey in the forefront.

He has been an outstanding careerman in the City government.



JAMES A. FARLEY