I saw Roy Bush, County Chairman, and George Kelly, ex-congressman, at Democratic Headquarters at the hotel Seneca, Rochester, Oct. 4th.

Louis Wehle has been designated by the State Committee as Judicial District Manager for the VII Judicial District; Kelly is acting as his assistant and is, in particular, charged with the formation of Citizens' Committees for Mead and Lehman throughout the district. Separate Headquarters have been established (paid for by Wehle personally) in the Powers Hotel. There appears to be excellent co-operation between Wehle and Kelly on the one hand and the County Committee of Monroe County on the other.

Bush was very optimistic about Monroe County and Rochester; he believes Mead and Lehman will carry Rochester and get an even break in the county. Corning he regards as a particularly strong candidate. Kelly (who, I think, is much the sounder man) was less optimistic but nevertheless encouraging on the whole.

PAC is well-organized and functioning effectively - but is "hell to get along with" because they demand headlines continually. The Liberal Party is not important. The head of it, incidentally, is enrolled in the ALP.

Rogers (Congressman and candidate for re-election) came out flat-footed in support of Byrnes vs. Wallace. The Labor people - some of them - objected; but it is not believed that any labor votes will be lost on the issue.

There is some pretty violent anti-PAC feeling among the Irish - to an extent which will lose some Democratic votes.

Bush has heard of the distribution in the rural towns of anti-Catholic literature aimed at Mead. (I advised him to get hold of some samples quickly and send it to headquarters.)

Kelly remarked that there had been a good deal of defeatism among Democrats "on account of the national picture" - i.e. various messes in Washington, particularly that relating to meat.

A very encouraging factor is the apparent solidity of the Italians - primarily for Di Giovanni but generally for the whole ticket. The Poles are also OK.

An intensive local campaign will start Oct. 10 - with ward meetings, newspaper advertising (already begun) and radio speeches. The campaign director for the county is Goodman Sarachan, a great admirer of Lehman's. Speakers will be designated to cover the senatorial contest.

(Note: I doubt greatly whether the results in Monroe will come very close to Bush's expectations; but they can fall a long ways short and still be satisfactory. Bennett lost the county by about 60,000 in '42 and Lehman lost it by 40,000 approximately in '38.)