I met with Joseph J. Rooney, County Chairman, and the Executive Committee of the Cayuga County (Auburn) Committee on Oct. 4th.

Rooney succeeded Joe Boyle when the latter developed a bad heart condition. The change has definitely not been of advantage to the organization, even though Boyle gives what advice and guidance he can.

The meeting had been called to discuss plans for the appearance here of Sen. Mead and Messrs. Epstein and Corning on Oct. 18th. It was decided to have an outdoor meeting on the steps of the City Hall with a luncheon of the county committee at the hotel afterwards.

In the course of the talk, Mrs. Sprague, Associate Chairman, remarked that she feared the loss of a considerable number of old-line Democratic votes in the country districts (she lives in a small village) on account of impatience with Washington policies and procedures. She said she had had six telephone calls that morning asking her what the President planned to feed the refugees he wanted to admit to this country.

Mr. Joe Boyle regretted to say that he expected Dewey to go to the New York City line with the biggest majority any Republican ever had.

Mr. Rooney outlined a new plan to get out the registration which he apparently hoped would make it easier for the committeemen. Mr. Boyle was inclined to think that it was so easy the committeemen would pay no attention to it and the work would not be done.

No one, as yet, has been designated to work with Mr. George Kelly (Rochester) as head of an independent citizens' committee in Cayuga County.

The general atmosphere was one of considerable apathy and a certain amount of defeatism.

(Note: Unhappily I must bear witness to my opinion, based on many years' experience, that Joe Boyle is a pretty astute and far from pessimistic political observer. Mrs. Sprague is an educated woman of sense and intelligence. I might add that I have always thought Cayuga a typical up-state county among those which include no big city.)