I visited Montgomery County on Oct. 28 but failed to get in touch with the County Chairman, Gerald Nellis. However, I did see Arthur Carter in Amsterdam. Carter who has been mayor of Amsterdam two or three times was county chairman until he resigned to go into military service. I found him in a state of a good deal of disgruntlement with the state organization. He had originally been selected as a judicial district manager by Francis McElroy and subsequently dropped because of some opposition to him among the Amsterdam Poles. From previous experience of him, I think Carter is always inclined to be crabby about something; but he is an experienced politician with a successful record of leadership.

Carter said very little was being done in Montgomery County. Nellis, who was elected for two or three terms as Sheriff, is an excellent man but not a particularly good leader. He considered the luncheon meeting for Mead two or three days earlier to have been a complete flop.

He said further that his estimate of Dewey's up-state plurality was between 950,000 and 1,100,000. The anti-Communist propaganda is biting deeply into the Irish vote. Mead would get only "fair" support from the Amsterdam Poles.

He considered that the strategy of the campaign had been completely unsuccessful: the attack on the surplus as a "slush fund" was ridiculous and had only served to underscore the fact that there actually was a large surplus.

He believed Lehman would run very much ahead of Mead.