

Pari-Mutuel Foes Voice Strong Plea in Finale

Bets Assailed By LaGuardia And Ingersoll

Join Church Leaders Rallying to Beat Measure at Polls

The proposed constitutional amendment to legalize pari-mutuel betting on horse races, denounced by Mayor LaGuardia as a step toward "a complete letdown and open gambling" and also assailed by Borough President Ingersoll and numerous church leaders, will present voters here tomorrow with their sole issue of more than local importance.

The Mayor, in a statement made public yesterday at his home, 1274 5th Ave., Manhattan, said adoption of the amendment would, among other things, make police suppression of gambling more difficult. "By pari-mutuel gambling at the racetrack receiving constitutional sanction," he said, "judges who favor gambling—and some of them, I am told, even follow the plugs—will have an alibi to sanctimoniously dismiss gamblers who are arrested outside of racetracks."

'PUNKS' WILL BE 'MISTER'

The Mayor declared that although a great deal has been said about the bookmakers being against the amendment, they actually "will be well cared for" if it is passed.

"The same gambling touts and tinhorns who now infest the tracks will continue to be there doing business," he said. "I suppose, instead of calling their punks, the constitutional amendment should be approved, I will have to call them 'mister'."

Another point brought out by the Mayor was that the amendment is "directly opposed" to Federal policy and he referred to newspaper stories of wire services and telegraph companies rescinding their contracts to a chain of racing information papers.

The Mayor questioned the accuracy of statements that the tax yield to the State would be \$10,000,000 yearly. This, he said, would require total betting of \$200,000,000 a year.

"I believe this is an exaggeration," he said, "but if it is correct, all the more reason why the amendment should not be approved. A large part of this betting would have to come from people who cannot afford to lose."

HIT AT CHURCH RALLY

Defeat of the amendment on the grounds that its passage would destroy the home and lead to the breakdown of the credit of the community and to corruption in public life was urged last night by speakers at a meeting in the Baptist Temple, 3d Ave. and Schermerhorn St., which was sponsored by the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation. More than 600 attended.

Borough President Ingersoll, in a message read by the Rev. J. Henry Carpenter, secretary of the federation, described the meeting as "timely" and denounced the proposal as both "economically and morally unsound."

Announcement was made that Mayor LaGuardia had wired his "regrets" over inability to attend the meeting. The Rev. Dr. Ben F. Wyland, pastor of the South Congregational Church and chairman of the Civic and Moral Affairs Commission of the federation, presided.

Portions of Mayor LaGuardia's statement were read. Dr. Wyland named various leading corporations as active in the drive to defeat the amendment. The Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs of the State likewise are opposed to passage of the amendment, he said.

CITES OPINIONS
He cited conditions in various States to illustrate the breakdown of credit and impairment of business conditions that followed in the wake of legalization of pari-mutuels.

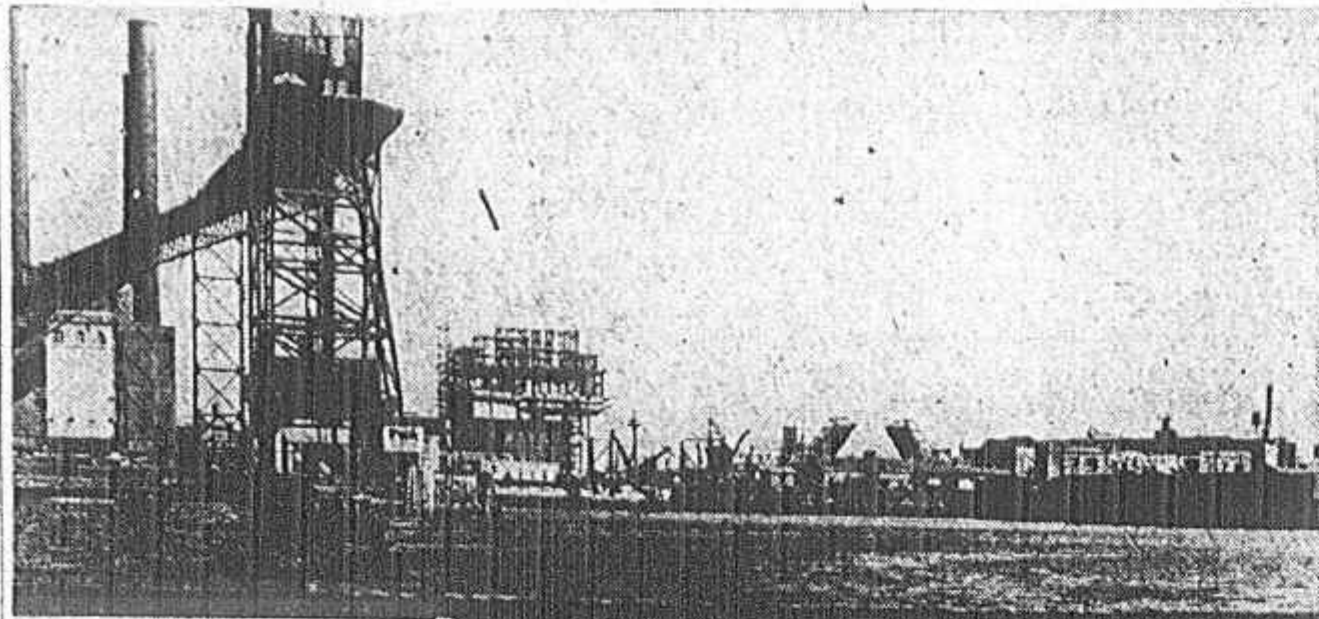
Dr. Wyland also called attention to the statement of Jimmy Wood, sports editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, that "within a radius of 50 miles of the Rockingham racetrack in New Hampshire the milk bills fell off 50 percent" with the advent of lawful pari-mutuels. Police Commissioner Valentine, he recalled, had come out against pari-mutuels.

Passage of the amendment would amount to "legalization of a social vice," the Rev. Dr. George D. Egbert, president of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, said. Experience in pari-mutuel States showed that operators of tracks work to increase the number of bettors by lowering admission prices or granting free admissions. The operators, he said, get a fixed percentage of the entire amount of betting done and the rate of percentage is determined by the Legislature.

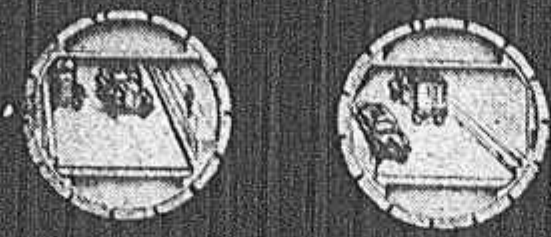
Dr. Egbert also declared that in no State where pari-mutuels are in operation have the taxes been lowered. In 1938 in Massachusetts 17,000,000 persons gambled and spent not less than \$2, and only 2,000,000 who gambled were in the big betting class, he said.

Mrs. Orrin R. Judd, president of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, stressed the importance of keeping the moral tone of the city, State and national life high. Voting for the amendment is to vote for what would de-

Queens Midtown Tunnel Advances Another Step



At 11:40 a.m. on Wednesday Mayor LaGuardia will pull a switch and 90 feet below the East River dynamite will blast the last six feet of rock out of both tubes of the Queens Midtown Tunnel, finally 'holing through' the tubes linking Manhattan and Queens. The ceremonies will start at the tunnel head at the foot of E. 42d St., Manhattan, at 10:45 a.m. Above is a view of the tunnel shaft head on the Queens shore and an artist's sketch of a cross-section of the tubes. The \$58,000,000 tunnel will be opened to traffic in December, 1940.



stroy the home. The gambling instinct is worse than that for drink, she said.

Some 5,000 Protestant churches in the State, including 1,500 in this city, have been working quietly to increase the registration of voters about defeat of the amendment, it was revealed. In 23 counties up-State the registration has shown an increase over that in Presidential year, it was said.

The Rev. Dr. Clarence S. Roddy, pastor of the Temple, gave the benediction.

Order Gas Companies End Demand Charges

Albany, Nov. 6 (AP)—The Public Service Commission has ordered gas corporations in New York State to eliminate all demand charges from their rate schedules which do not make gas available without additional charge. The commission directed the companies to remove such provisions from their tariffs by Feb. 1.

The commission said that the making of a demand charge for gas where the demand charge does not make gas available without additional charge is illegal.

Crash Kills Leader Of College Seniors

St. Bonaventure, N. Y., Nov. 6 (AP)—St. Bonaventure College authorities reported today that Clayton Tong, 22, president of the senior class and a member of the varsity football team, was killed today when the car in which he was a passenger left the highway near Delevan, N. Y.

Tong was returning here from Buffalo, where he played in the St. Bonaventure-Canisius game yesterday.

LaGuardia to Blast Last Rock Holing Through Queens Tube

Commissioner William H. Friedman of the New York City Tunnel Authority, today announced final plans for the ceremonies to accompany the "holing through" of the \$58,000,000 PWA-RFC financed Queens Midtown Tunnel Wednesday.

Commissioner Friedman stated that ceremonies would be held at the foot of E. 42d St., Manhattan, near the spot where the tunnel enters the East River bed, starting at 10:45 a.m.

Among the speakers to be introduced by Tunnel Authority Chairman Alfred B. Jones will be: Mayor LaGuardia, Borough President Isaac of Manhattan, Borough President Harvey of Queens, John S. Macdonald, chief engineer for the Walsh Construction Company; New York City Tunnel Authority Chief Engineer Ole Singstad; Col. Maurice E. Gilmore, PWA Regional Director, and Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator.

Following Mayor LaGuardia's address, which will be the last, he will pull a switch which will set off blasts 90 feet below the East River and 120 feet from the Manhattan shore, which will remove the last six feet of rock in both tubes of the tunnel separating the Long Island City end from the Manhattan end.

At the sound of the blast, Peggy Ann Macdonald, daughter of Mr. Macdonald, will unfurl two giant American flags as the national anthem is played.

According to Public Works Project Engineer Reginald H. Keays, the tunnel is expected to be thrown open to traffic in December, 1940, in accordance with the anticipated opening date, although construction progress is in advance of schedule. A base toll rate of 25 cents will be charged for passenger cars and

small commercial vehicles, with a higher charge for buses and heavy trucks. All tolls will be collected in Queens. It is expected that 10,500-000 cars will pass through it in 1941 and that this figure will increase until capacity traffic of 15,000,000 cars a year is reached in 1952.

'Won't You Please Keep Quiet—'

Kirksville, Mo., (AP)—A humorist, with a name known nationally, was talking about "wit and wisdom" at Northeast Missouri Teachers College. He was interrupted several times by a whispering, gesturing student in a front row.

"You're apparently trying to humiliate me," he said finally to the offending student, after requesting him twice to please sit quietly. "Oh, no," said the student, a shocked expression on his face. "I wouldn't for the world do that. I was trying to explain your jokes to my friend."

Struck at Same Time By 2 Hit-Run Drivers

Boston, Nov. 6 (AP)—Victim of two hit-and-run automobile drivers, Benjamin Thompson, 24, was in a critical condition at a Boston hospital today.

He was struck by an automobile and hurled into the path of a second machine going in the opposite direction. Neither driver stopped.

Ship Here With Saga Of Thrilling Rescues

Terrified Lascars Rushed Lifeboats In One of Two Craft Sunk by U-Boats

The America-France line freighter Independence Hall yesterday brought into the port of New York a dramatic story of the rescue of 300 survivors of the two British ships which had been sunk by U-boats. The freighter docked at Hoboken, with 38 passengers from Bordeaux.

Both rescues were accomplished on the same day and the saga of the Independence Hall combined nearly all of the startling elements of the rescue made by the City of Flint, the American Farmer and the Bilerdyk.

Captain D. J. McKenzie, master of the freighter, told how two distress calls were received by Radioman John Dougal with 30 minutes on Oct. 17 while the ship was 400 miles out of Bordeaux. The calls were from the Yorkshire and the Mandalay. The latter vessel was sighted first.

LIFEBOATS LOWERED

"She was settling slowly in the water on an even keel," said Captain McKenzie. "The ship's four lifeboats had been lowered and the crew struggled to get away from the ship. After an hour and a half the Mandalay buckled in the center, the bow and stern of the ship nearly touching when she sank out of sight."

The captain described the lifeboats as waterlogged and "hard" to handle. While the Independence Hall's crew were picking up 72 officers and crew members and one passenger a submarine came to the surface, checked the nationality of the American vessel and sent a blinker light message of thanks.

Continuing on its mission of mercy, the Independence Hall next sighted flares from a motor launch and six lifeboats of the Yorkshire,

a passenger liner carrying ailing British soldiers home from India. Captain McKenzie praised the "good judgment and seamanship" of Second Officer L. H. Sheldrake, sole surviving officer of the Yorkshire, in keeping the six lifeboats together in tow of the launch.

SAY LASCARS RUSHED BOATS

Among 227 persons saved from the Yorkshire were a large number of Lascars seamen. Fifty-seven lives were lost when the ship sank. Passengers on the Independence Hall said they were told that the Lascars rushed the boats when their vessel was torpedoed, disregarding women and children.

Dr. Lewis Littlepage of Norfolk, Va., who signed as ship's surgeon, said several of the Lascars were treated for scalp wounds. He said he heard that the British soldiers broke up the stampede of the natives, beating them back from the rails with chairs and buckets.

Dr. Joseph Carletti of Pittsburgh reported that nearly all of the survivors required some medical attention. All the survivors were landed at Bordeaux. The United States liner American Importer also arrived yesterday from Liverpool with 187 passengers, of whom 93 were United States citizens. She was the first American vessel to come in since President Roosevelt signed the revised Neutrality Act. The crew of 91 members was discharged to seek other jobs. Two Athenian survivors were on board.

Another ship to arrive yesterday was the Holland-America liner Westerland, bringing 421 passengers, of whom 124 were United States citizens and 153 German refugees from Antwerp.

Ingersoll Urges Relief for Poles

Borough President Ingersoll said at a mass meeting last night in Thomas Jefferson High School, for aid to Polish war refugees, that he hopes to see the Polish Pavilion at the World's Fair open again next year "as a symbol of a great free country."

The meeting was held under the auspices of the East New York Branch of the Polish Relief Fund. More than 1,000 persons who attended pledged help to the war victims in the shape of food and clothing, and money to purchase these necessities.

Other speakers included Borough Secretary Ludwig H. Gerber, American Labor party nominee for Municipal Court Justice in the 7th District; Postmaster Francis J. Sinnott; Special Sessions Justice Bernard A. Kozicki and Frank J. Jakubowski, chairman of the meeting.

"Every American should help the unfortunate Polish war victims," Mr.

Ingersoll said, "whose country at the present time is under the heels of dictators."

"We, here in 'free, democratic America," Mr. Gerber said, "realize more than any one the necessity for continuing the fight against oppression. The present partition of Poland is not the first. The Polish people will rise again and will ultimately emerge victorious through your help."

Philly to Guard Polls Against Invading Thugs

Philadelphia, Nov. 6 (AP)—A statement that "strong arm" gangs might be imported to intimidate party workers brought orders today for extra guards at tomorrow's municipal election in which "clean government" is a major issue and control of the city government is at stake.

In a letter to Director of Public Safety James H. Malone, Harry C. Tarrington, chairman of the Democratic campaign committee, said he had information of a purported scheme to hire gang to "slug" committeemen in the 20th Ward.

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