

FRANK HAGUE

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PSF: Hague

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Mayor Hague phoned and said:

"Here in Hudson County where there is a population of 800,000 or 900,000 people, the biggest county of the State, which we carried in 1931 with a plurality of 125,000 we carried yesterday by 140,000 or 15,000 more than the majority given to the most popular candidate than we ever had before. In Jersey City alone, we carried it by an 85,000 majority. We have never had that majority before.

"The issue yesterday was the New Deal. From the very beginning I analyzed the picture and said we will see exactly what the people want and we will make it a national issue rather than a local one. Tammany Hall and Brooklyn, there nobody would touch the New Deal. They said 'keep away from it -- don't put national politics into it'. I said, 'All right, we must know -- we have a job on our hands (in 1936) and we might as well know whether the people are going to take or reject the New Deal. So we put it on this New Deal basis and we told the Republicans 'if you want to make the New Deal an issue, we will make it an issue.'

"The vote was the biggest surprise I got in my life. It is the greatest victory ever enjoyed in politics here. Now we can see the picture and what is before us. I know very well it is going to please him (the President). I know very well it will pick him up because everybody was hiding and running away from the New Deal when the Republicans wanted to make that the issue, whereas we walked right into it, and said 'here is the issue. You will not take the State issue so come on and we will take it on a national issue.' So they took us up on it and Jesus, we went right into them and I never seen such a vote in our history."

The Mayor said he was sending the President a telegram.

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Gen. Conroy
H-341

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Hyde Park, N. Y.,
September 27, 1941.

Dear Frank:-

I have not had a chance before this to answer your letter and, of course, I am not very conversant with the New Jersey prospects.

However, I can tell you frankly that, taking it by and large, Smathers has been a loyal supporter of the Administration and is making definite progress in the Senate as a useful member. I hear, too, that in south Jersey he has lost none of his strength.

There are a good many reasons why it would be better in the election next year to work for his re-nomination, rather than to have an open fight for the re-nomination, with the possibility of a new candidate being chosen.

There is no reason why I should not tell you what I told Smathers about a month ago -- to the effect that in my judgment he ought not to be known either as Hague's candidate or Edison's candidate -- but that when the appropriate time comes he should announce his candidacy all by himself and make his appeal to all Democrats, to all Independents and to all Republicans who believe in going along with the Administration in this grave crisis. Then, as I told him, if it is all worked out satisfactorily, you and Edison could come out

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simultaneously the next day in support of him.

That is merely a thought from an old politician who has been at the game about as long as you have!

I do hope to see you soon. Let me know if you come to Washington.

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Always sincerely,

Honorable Frank Hague,
Jersey City,
New Jersey.

FRANK H. HUNTER

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

FRANK HAGUE
JERSEY CITY, N. J.
MEMBER FOR
NEW JERSEY

September 15, 1941

THE WHITE HOUSE

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I hesitate to write you, knowing how busy you are, and want to be pardoned for intruding upon your time in these hectic days, but there is a matter I want to lay before you, which is in regard to Senator Smathers.

The Senator is up for re-election next year and I would like to obtain your views in regard to his return to the Senate. The Senator was "off the reservation" some time ago but, in my estimation, it was not serious. He has had difficulties with some of our Democratic leaders, but that can easily be adjusted. From my observation, however, he has been very loyal to the national administration and a strong supporter of its policies, and for that reason I desire to do everything possible to bring about his re-election. After all, it is you who I am interested in; if you are for Senator Smathers, I am for Senator Smathers.

Will you kindly let me know if it is your desire that the Senator be renominated and re-elected? All that I want to know is how you feel. My reason for writing you so early is that there is a lot of groundwork to be laid and I want to get an early start.

Hoping this finds you in good health, and standing ready to be of service at all times, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Frank Hague

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November 11, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

GRACE TULLY

I am returning this to you
for your files, if you wish it.

As you know, an appropriate
Presidential statement was issued.

Jan

S. I. R.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

S.I.R.
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I think Mayor Hague is a little off as I have never known Election Day to be a Legal Holiday. However, what he really is asking us to do is to make sure the defense workers are permitted to have time off to vote. The President suggested that we take it up with William H. Davis.

Would you be good enough to prepare whatever you think is a diplomatic request and should it go to War Labor Board?

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MEMORANDUM FOR

September 25
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September 25, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS TULLY:

Mayor Hague called from N.J. and asks if you will get the message to the President that he is very much disturbed about all the defense workers in America being off on Election Day to vote. He says he knows it is a legal holiday but he is afraid the War Labor Board will suddenly declare that the defense workers have to work on that day. He says if this happens and they have to work -- even if they report early in the morning -- they will be tired and go right home and not bother to go to the polls. He is concerned about not only his own State but all the workers all over the country.

He asks if you will be good enough to see what the President can do about this situation.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 4, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Mayor Hague called up this morning, quite excited, because he has heard stories that Judge William Clark, formerly Circuit Court Judge from the Jersey district -- and I understand Fralinhouser and Edge put him in -- has been in to see you and is trying to get back on the bench. Mayor Hague says there is nobody in the Bar Association in N.J. who would be for Clark. He says he is a very peculiar character -- in fact he is considered a psychopathic case in Phila.

Hague said he worked against you and for Willkie in 1940 and Mary Norton said he worked for Dewey in this campaign.

Also, Mayor Hague tells me that he is a great friend of Arthur Vanderbilt, who is the Republican in Essex County, and Judge Clark while on the bench appointed Vanderbilt's friend to a Receivership of the Erie Railroad, I believe, and this man probably made about \$100,000.

Mayor Hague also says that Clark is trying to contact him and invite him to lunch but he refuses to see him. He says he just deceives everybody and that all the lawyers in Jersey are unanimously against him. He and Congresswoman Norton both feel very strongly that you should not let your friends in Jersey down by appointing Clark to any Administration

