

Mayor Tells City Puerto Ricans Marcantonio Isn't Relief Boss

Says Needy Need Not Beg 'Communist Stooges' for Aid; Holds Foe's Aim Is to Elect Morris

By Walter Lister Jr.

Mayor William O'Dwyer advised 750 Puerto Ricans yesterday that they do not have to go to Representative Vito Marcantonio or any of "his Communist stooges" to receive relief benefits from the city of New York.

Mr. O'Dwyer, Democratic candidate for re-election, attacked Mr. Marcantonio, his American-Labor party opponent, for misleading the "humble ones of this city" away from the "channels of patriotism" down the "blind alley of Communism."

The Mayor spoke at a political rally sponsored by the Puerto Rican section of the Democratic campaign in the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 253 West Seventy-third Street.

Earlier in the afternoon, Mr. O'Dwyer spoke briefly at three Jewish ceremonies. He made no campaign speeches last night.

Addressing the Puerto Rican group, the Mayor assailed Mr. Marcantonio and then criticized Newbold Morris, Republican-Liberal-Fusion candidate for Mayor. He said his two opponents "are not the enemies you think they are" and that their "trick" was to have the A. L. P. nominee take away Democratic votes in order to elect Mr. Morris.

If that should happen, Mr. O'Dwyer said, the city's Welfare Department would "go back to what it was several years ago—actually a Communist clubhouse." He insisted that this was "not far-fetched," but assured his audience: "We'll take care of that after election."

Mr. O'Dwyer admitted that the recent influx of Puerto Ricans into the city "in large numbers" did create several problems. "But they're not problems that can't be solved—that we won't solve," he said.

"Naturally," he said, "when they come here they are not familiar with our language and it takes some time before they are equipped to find the level, economically, that we know they will reach some day."

The Mayor said that it was "an unconscionable thing" that "out of the few pennies they get" these Puerto Rican newcomers "should ever be asked to take so many quarters or half dollars and pay them into a Communist club."

He said: "When the hour of

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on the state-wide ballot are eight proposed constitutional amendments and three propositions. When need comes there is an agency known as the Welfare Department . . . with Spanish-speaking receptionists so that there is a common channel of communication."

No one, the Mayor emphasized, "Has to go to any political clubhouse to get relief." If home relief is warranted, he said, "They'll get it as a matter of right and they don't have to thank any politicians."

Mr. O'Dwyer did not mention Mr. Marcantonio by name until towards the end of his speech, when he predicted:

"There's going to be a fight on Marcantonio's type of campaign among the humble ones of this city."

Lehman Speaks

The Mayor said neither Mr. Marcantonio, nor "any of his Communist stooges" could get any kind of "extra favor" for anybody.

Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Democratic-Liberal candidate, whom the Mayor has strongly supported for United States Senator, followed Mr. O'Dwyer on the platform.

In an earlier speech at the annual conference of Jewish organization councils in Yeshiva University, Amsterdam Avenue and 186th Street, the Mayor told 1,500 persons that both the old and modern sections of Jerusalem "logically ought to be handled by the Republic of Israel and nobody else."

"The United Nations," he said, "is not equipped at all—I doubt if it ever will be—to go over and run any city of that size."

On Radio Tonight

He also spoke at ground breaking ceremonies for a new synagogue and community center of Young Israel of Bronx Gardens, at 1213 Stratford Avenue, the Bronx, and at annual memorial services conducted by the Shomrim (Jewish) Society of the Police Department in Mount Nebo Temple, 130 West Seventy-ninth Street.

Mayor O'Dwyer will address the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union at 5 p. m. today at Fulton Park, Fulton Street and Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, and at 8:30 p. m. will start a fifteen-minute speech which will be broadcast by Radio Stations WJZ and WOR. He intends also to make an appearance during the evening at the Anvil Chorus Cast Party at the Towers, 25 Clark Street,