

# 3,500 Attend State Picnic in California

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — (SPECIAL)—“If the strong, unflinching spirit of the composite group of pioneers that pushed into the great Northwest to settle the area now known as Dakota still predominate in American life the fight for democracy will go on and in the end democracy will be saved, totalitarian aggressors both white and yellow will be defeated, and a better world than we have ever known will emerge. That spirit does predominate in America and the aggressors will be defeated! Pearl Harbor will prove in the end the worst blunder a bandit nation ever made!”

This was the word of Lech T. Niemo, consul for the Republic of Poland in California, Los Angeles attorney, who addressed 3,500 North Dakotans, residents and visiting, who attended the annual picnic re-union sponsored by The North Dakota Association of Southern California at Los Angeles.

## HONORS NATIONS

The speaker paid tribute to the various nationalities represented in North Dakota's population,

particularly the British, the Scandinavian, and the Polish. Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Niemo is well acquainted with conditions and traditions in the upper stretches of the Mississippi valley. His father at one time was milk inspector for the state of Minnesota, his great-grandfather was president of the short-lived republic of Poland established as the result of the insurrections of 1831.

Leading the community singing was Sam Carlisle of Santa Monica, a man also familiar with conditions in the Northwest.

J. Frank Douglas, Milwaukee, vice president of a large milk concern, former native of Walsh county, N. D., and graduate of the University of North Dakota, was one of several mentioned by Niemo as the most outstanding men connected with the state of North Dakota.

Others mentioned included John M. Hancock, New York banker; Thomas D. Campbell, the country's largest farmer; Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer; John F. Sinclair, journalist and banker; O. O. Trageton,



Los Angeles attorney; J. P. T. O'Connor, Los Angeles, federal judge, and others.

J. Edw. Tufft, president of the North Dakota Association of Southern California, presided and introduced Mr. Niemo.

#### OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Dr. John H. Worst, veteran president emeritus of the North Dakota Agricultural college, was introduced, spoke briefly and submitted the report of the nominating committee. Present officers were re-elected to serve another year. They are as follows: president, J. Edw. Tufft; vice president, Edward Winterer; secretary and treasurer, B. H. Harrold. Mr. Harrold has served as secretary almost continuously for 22 years and had personal charge of ribbon and badge sales, the funds taken in this year being the largest for many years.

A touching incident occurred during the program. In complimenting Americans of Polish descent for their patriotism Niemo read a press report telling of the death of a young man of Polish descent at Pearl Harbor, the young man being a native of the Grafton area. When he had finished reading a man and his wife arose in the audience, the man asking if he might interrupt for just a moment. Niemo graciously complied, and the man said the report of that boy's death later was found to

be an error, but that the man actually killed at Pearl Harbor was the pal of the boy mentioned in the first news report. "The boy killed," said the man, "was our son!" The couple standing were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bernard, long time residents of Grafton. The entire audience arose and stood in silence for a moment in honor of the dead hero and the parents who made the sacrifice.

#### FROM ALL COUNTIES.

The weather was so nearly perfect that attendance was registered from every county and from every state educational institution in the state. Grand Forks county had about 300 present and the University of North Dakota was well represented.

Fred B. Fancher who presided over the constitutional convention in North Dakota and who was governor from 1898-1900, now approaching his 90th birthday anniversary and in frail health, sent by way of the president of the association his greetings to the crowd.

The home state is well prepared and is getting better organized every day for the world emergency, was the word of Governor John Moses of North Dakota, read to the audience from the platform. The governor also commented on the excellent winter weather in the home state and on the general patriotic at-



atmosphere predominating there in these war times. His message was received with applause and the audience voted that a greeting be extended to the governor in reply.

#### LIST MANY NAMES.

The Grand Forks county names on the register follow:

Nels Holberg, Mrs. W. B. Holberg, Gertrude Beatrice Collier, Mrs. J. E. Dearey, Bert Williams, Kathie Williams, Mr. and Mrs.

E. H. A. Fischer, Carl Fischer, Sr., Mrs. Hazele Brenna, Mrs. A. Mikkelsen, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Oscar Bridston, Mangas Bridston, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bridson, Mrs. Ida Nelson, Mrs. Ida Wilson Paulson, Fred C. Johnson, Geneva Johnson, B. O. Sorbo, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edw. Tufft, Mrs. Tom Rasmusson, Mrs. C. E. Olson, Mrs. Kenneth Olson, G. Win Tallor, Mrs. C. Tallor, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Bergstrom, James G. Henry, C. H. Sands, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jacobson.

Mrs. William Dryburgh, Mary Louise Blake, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Blank, Mrs. Eric Erickson, Eloise DaNault, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Blank, Mrs. Christine Nelson, Mandy Nellson Johnson, Edna Bhend, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Glass, C. C. Wentzel, Mrs. Walter Facey, H. Mikkelson, Betty Mel-lum Lazzle.

Mrs. C. H. Crawford, Mrs. S. H. Clark, Jean Ann Wendsel, Mr.

and Mrs. Earl Bliven, Mrs. J. R. Hartford, F. Erickson Brown, F. Y. Erickson, Mary Goldberg, Louis Goldberg, Mrs. Emmett White, Mrs. Gertrude Jerome, Eda Schroeder Bakke, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pape, Ben Storkman, Mrs. H. L. Glass, Mrs. M. Mac-Gillivary, Margaret A. Vold, Isaac Rose, Mrs. Edna Gilmour, Sam Thompson, William S. Skidmore, Frederic Skidmore, G. R. Jacobi, Gerald Moe, Mrs. L. A. Larsen, Charlotte Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Routler, Bertha Fagstad.

Mrs. Eugene M. Boyd Hasar, Harold A. Sandberg, Mr. and Mrs. George Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Collins, Mrs. H. E. Russell, Mrs. H. W. Montgomery, Adolph Land and family, N. A. Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mel-lum, Mrs. Don Stortraen, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Flock, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bhend, Mr. and Mrs. Henty F. Johnson, Helen M. Anderson, Tena Geddes Miller.

Mrs. Selma Haugen, Laverne Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Christen and Dale, Mrs. T. Arisand, Mrs. C. E. Wentzel, Mrs. Mattie Lund, Mr. and Mrs. John L. With-erstone, Mrs. W. C. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Trageton, Laird N. Ruedrud, A. I. Widlund, Daana Engstad Dryste, Mrs. Daniel Har-ris, Henrietta Harris Allen, Rus-sell E. ("Happy") Allen, Mrs. Marile Erickson, Floyd Erickson, Elwood Erickson, Charles Erick-



son, Arlowyn Erickson Brown, Ruth MacLaughlin Ferguson, Hilda Erickson, Gunhild Tufte, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Westby, Anna Haga, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Donstrud, Mrs. Tens R. Childe, Mrs. S. C. Adair, sr., Mrs. Elizabeth Adair Johnson, Mrs. Mary Hanrahan.

W. O. Haugen, Busy Britten, Edna Mae Britten, Mrs. Percy Bliven, Ruby B. Doyle, Mrs. A. E. McMullin, Mrs. George D. Baker, R. J. Williams, Marlon Francis, Mrs. Nina Lein Thoe, Mrs. Rand Smith, Albert Sorg, Cassie Cumming Gleason, Mae Cumming Fisher, Mary L. Gourbe, Mrs. F. R. Hall, Louise A. Hall, Mrs. H. M. Thomas, Harriet, and Gladys Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan, Minnie Fox Arvold, Dinny Larson, Agnes Agney Roberts, Mrs. Iva Odney, Mrs. F. A. Foss (Claire Telle), Ethel Wilson, Joseph McGuire, Kemper Nomland, Bert Nelson Grammun, Henry Z. Olson, Adolph Whitmore, Mrs. Harry Killey, Harry Al Brinton.

#### MANY FROM UNIVERSITY

Those placing their names on the University of North Dakota register are as follows:

Helen Bowers Dillard, Louis G. Tellner, Allan E. Gray, Loren Tollefson, Margaret Tellner Rudrud, Ivar Skurval, Harold A. Sandberg, Virginia Dunher, Elen Edgar, Wesley Fronk, Marion Lund Rice, Lorraine Lund, Edith Swenton, Opal Edahl Stortraen, A. E. Ayloner, Marion Spicer Graf, Amy Thompson Johnson,

Effie Jacobson Griffin, J. F. T. O'Connor, A. M. Bridston, Joseph McGuire, Wallace Bolmeyer, Geneva Johnson, Ella Waldo Sitomer, Mrs. O. O. Trageton, Irving Butnitsky, G. J. Campbell, C. H. Sands, Dr. Ralph A. Ferguson, Mrs. Ruth V. Ferguson, Kemper Nomland, Ben Toblason, L. B. Jones, Bertha Sater Jones, John J. Jorgenson, Ida Quam Jorgenson.

Registrations from other counties adjacent to Grand Forks county were also reasonably large. Walsh county showed exactly 100 names on the books, and it was estimated 50 others failed to register.

Fembina had 150, Traill 100, Cavalier 100, Towner 90, Rolette 75. Cass county, the most populous in the state apparently had approximately 350 people on the grounds.