

"SO HELP ME GOD" (cont'd)

Who was it who climbed the stairs, hat in hand, to Hillman's suite in a Chicago hotel to learn the wishes of the boss as to who would be Democratic candidate for the vice presidency? It was our United States Department of Justice head-the man sworn to uphold our laws (including the Smith-Connally act which makes it a felony for a labor party, or a corporation, to contribute to a political party). Yes, it was Attorney General Biddle, and the man with him was the person who later was named by Hillman as the Democratic vice presidential nominee, Harry Truman.

With Hillman and Browder and their ilk as arrogant as they are now, what will their attitude be if they succeed in re-electing Franklin D. Roosevelt? Where will their power end? What will happen to the rights guaranteed under our Constitution? If our interests should ultimately clash with those of Russia at what point will these men make up their minds as to where their first loyalty shall lie? If Englands' interests should clash with those of Russia, will our country's armed forces be thrown against a nation whose kinship to us derives from a common parenthood?

This is a long way from the ceremony at Ellington last Monday...The field has widened until the lives of a large group of fine boys seem but a drop in a great ocean.

But it is not a long way from the pledge I made my boys.