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## OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY OFFICERS OF THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

### DRYS URGED TO VOTE FOR MRS. O'NEILL IGNORE THE WETS' NON-BINDING REFERENDUM

#### Dominant Factor in Present Situation is the Attitude Taken Upon Prohibition Question by Mr. Lewis and Mrs. McCormick

The Anti-Saloon League of Illinois, representing to a large extent the churches in action against the lawless liquor traffic, takes a deep interest in the existing political situation in Illinois. We believe that the dominant factor in the present situation is the attitude taken upon the prohibition question by the two candidates for the United States Senate with the approval of their respective parties. One is outspokenly wet and the other is neutral.

The drys of Illinois cannot safely rely upon such representatives. In these days the pressure put upon lawmakers by the wets is very great. Candidates must have the courage of their convictions or prove faithless to their constituents. In the primary election last April the wet and dry question was one of the foremost issues in the choice of all candidates, and consequently, was in the forefront of the United States Senatorial contest. The position taken by the candidates on the subject of prohibition had much to do with the votes they received. For a candidate who posed as a dry in the primary now to accept a referendum as a guide looks like sheer betrayal. If the Republican party candidate had made the statement before the primary election which was made at the Springfield convention that she would ignore her own professed convictions on the subject of prohibition and be guided by the results of a political referendum, she would not have received the votes of thousands of drys and would not have been nominated.

The injection of this suprious referendum into the campaign now is utterly unjustifiable even on the ground of political necessity. The Republican candidate on a clean-cut dry platform was in no danger. The normal Republican majority in this state is about 350,000, and with the candidate maintaining a firm position on the prohibition question she would have received not only the normal Republican vote, but a considerable vote from the dry Democrats.

In 1922 and 1926, when referenda were taken in connection with the general election, Yates and Rathbone, candidates for congressman-at-large in a similar position, ignored the pitfalls of the referendum, maintained positions conspicuously dry against wet Democratic opponents and won by huge majorities. For years, every time a wet Republican has run against a dry for an important state office the drys have won—congressman-at-large, governor, senator.

The position now taken by the Republican candidate gives ample ground for the fear that when a professed dry candidate who is sure of election turns neutral before the election she will in all probability if elected prove equally unreliable.

#### SUPPORT LOTTIE HOLMAN O'NEILL

We, therefore, desire to direct the attention of the drys of Illinois to the candidacy of Mrs. Lottie Holman O'Neill who has filed as an independent candidate for the position of United States senator. Mrs. O'Neill was the first woman elected to membership in the Illinois legislature and has been reelected for four successive terms to that high office. She is a woman of high ability, and has made an admirable record and has convinced her associates in the legislature of her sincerity. She has been true and fearless in supporting measures she believed were for the public good and has won the full confidence of all her constituency. If elected to the United States senate her well-known character and record will enable her to represent the highest ideals of American womanhood. We urge all the drys of Illinois and all citizens who stand for high ideals in government and want clean politics to give Mrs. O'Neill their hearty and unqualified support, and urge that they use their influence with others to promote her election.

#### IGNORE THIS REFERENDUM OF THE WETS

In order that full attention may be concentrated on making her candidacy a success and electing her to the senate, which we believe to be possible and probable under the circumstances, we respectfully suggest that the drys of the state should not allow their attention to be diverted to the referendum which the crafty wets

are once more injecting into the coming political contest.  
The Anti-Saloon League and many other

temperance organizations in years past have been giving thorough study to the referenda as proposed by the wets in their campaign of agitation. As a result thirty-one cooperating organizations assembled in a federated meeting and unanimously adopted the following resolutions as an expression of their policy.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this board that the temperance forces of the United States should not be diverted from the main issues in any election to so-called wet and dry referenda on the Eighteenth Amendment or the national prohibition law, which referenda are without authority under the constitution and which are legally futile and can have no binding effect. In any state referenda having to do with laws or state constitutional provisions which will have a legal and binding effect the temperance forces should take an active part.

In harmony with the above action of the federated temperance forces the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois, at its annual meeting held at Springfield, in May, 1930, adopted the following resolution:

*Whereas*, It is the declared purpose of certain wet political leaders in Illinois to bring on in the November elections a referendum upon the prohibition question; therefore, be it,

*Resolved*, That we, the Anti-Saloon League of Illinois in annual meeting in line with our traditional policy declare that all referenda not binding upon enforcement officers or determinative of legislative policies, are matters of indifference to this League. We therefore advise the churches and friends of prohibition to ignore utterly this wet maneuver. Be it known, everywhere that this call for a referendum on the prohibition question in the November elections is a move of the wets. It is a part of the wet strategy to keep the situation stirred up and confused.

The real referendum on the prohibition question is in the elections next November; therefore we urge all friends of prohibition to concentrate upon the election of dry candidates to the United States senate, the national house of representatives, and the legislature in Illinois, also to support dry candidates for other political offices that have to do with the enforcement of the prohibition laws.

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### PUBLIC COOPERATION IN PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT

#### Business, Civic and Industrial Groups Aid in Promoting Better Observance and Enforcement of the Law

The department of prohibition enforcement of the federal government has issued a 70-page booklet entitled, "Public Cooperation in Prohibition Law Enforcement," which ought to be read by every citizen interested in the observance and enforcement of the law. The value of this booklet as an educational medium to increase interest and intelligent cooperation in the enforcement of prohibition, may in some measure be grasped from the following excerpts:

Public cooperation is an important factor in prohibition law enforcement.

Leading groups in the business and civic life of the nation are giving the government cooperative support and thus promoting better observance and enforcement of the law.

Public cooperation has a vital bearing upon the success of enforcement. In recent years it has had a pronounced effect upon the government's program to extend enforcement lines offensively and defensively.

The government's policy has been to establish cooperative contacts in important channels of activity, where better understanding aids effective law enforcement and helps the cause of good government.

Groups which manifest practical support toward the government's objectives include:

- Railroads and express companies.
- Real estate boards and property owners.
- Civic agencies and enforcement leagues.
- Public utility transportation companies.
- The chemical and other industries.
- Automotive and allied companies.
- Local traffic authorities.

Permittees handling non-beverage liquors.

These few leading groups are cited as typical examples of cooperative public support. It should be noted that general cooperation of the public at large is evidenced in substantial form in many other private and semi-public activities which cannot be elaborated within the limited scope of this treatise.

For the purpose of brief factual presentation the cooperation of the typical groups mentioned is discussed. Among some business and industrial leaders cooperation is extended wholeheartedly as a matter of good business practice and also perhaps, in many instances, from wholesome patriotic motives.

Some business organizations voluntarily foster law observance for sound business reasons. This rule permeates American industry over a wide range. But law observance, wherever it is manifested, has a direct bearing upon law enforcement, by the upbuilding of greater respect for law and, in turn, lessening the problems of enforcement authorities.

**PROPERTY OWNERS BAN VIOLATORS**  
Property owners in many principal cities have placed an ironclad ban upon speakeasy proprietors.

The padlocking of bootleg retail-sales places during the past few years has prompted systematic defensive efforts by leading real estate boards to evict indi-

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### MRS. LOTTIE HOLMAN O'NEILL DRY CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES SENATE

MRS. O'NEILL IS IN EVERY RESPECT A STRONG, TRUE PERSONALITY, BORN IN PIKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, OF SCOTCH IRISH DESCENT, EPISCOPALIAN IN RELIGION, HOOVER REPUBLICAN IN POLITICS. FIRST WOMAN MEMBER OF THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE, SERVED FOUR TERMS IN THAT BODY, WON FULL CONFIDENCE OF ALL IN HER ABSOLUTE SINCERITY AND HER FEARLESS SUPPORT OF THINGS SHE BELIEVED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD. SHE STOOD ON HOOVER'S PLATFORM, A TRUE PARTY LEADER. SHE IS IMMEASURABLY PREFERABLE TO EITHER OF THE OTHER TWO CANDIDATES, AND IF ELECTED CAN TAKE HER SEAT WITHOUT DISHONOR TO HERSELF OR THE UNEASY DIS-TRUST OF HER CONSTITUENTS.

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