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## **Robert Marion LaFollette Jr.: politician and ex-senator from Wisconsin.**

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# U. W. NEWS

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FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN NEWS SERVICE, MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

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Immediately

MADISON, Wis.--The autobiography of the Wisconsin man whose name is synonymous with Progressivism is once again in print. Published this week by the University of Wisconsin Press, this personal narrative of the late Senator Robert Marion LaFollette, carried to the year 1912, offers an account of a great and stirring movement and of LaFollette's political part in it.

Alan Nevins, Pulitzer prizewinning historian of Columbia University, writes in a foreword to "LaFollette's Autobiography":

"It is astonishing that the autobiography of so magnetic and powerful a leader as Robert Marion LaFollette, almost worshipped by millions and deeply distrusted by millions more, should have gone out of print for so many years. Its republication is a service to all who can profit from a record of one of the most significant upheavals of the past generation, from a remarkably honest piece of self-portraiture, and from an eventful story told with fiery energy."

The upheaval which followed Populism and preceded the New Deal had a quality all its own, the historian points out. "In the stormy period here covered, many men thought with LaFollette that greedy business interests were fast gaining control of the land through the servants they placed in state governments and the Senate; and with varying degrees of fervor, reformers fought their way to the helm in one state after another."

This is a book for every conscientious citizen, the publishers point out, for in the words of Nevin, "the battle LaFollette led still goes on, and the lessons he instilled still need pondering."

The paperback volume has been widely distributed to the nation's bookstores and will be found there at \$1.95 the copy.

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# RADIO NEWS

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MADISON--Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States, will be heard in a special broadcast over the State Radio Network in connection with the LaFollette Centennial Sunday (June 19) at 2:30 p.m.

Chief Justice Warren's address will climax the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the renowned Wisconsin statesman, [Robert M. LaFollette Sr.] sponsored by the Wisconsin State Historical Society. He will speak from the terrace of the Historical Society building in Madison, and the public is invited to attend.

The broadcast will be heard on AM stations WHA (Madison), WLBL (Auburndale), and the State FM Network. The event will also be televised over WHA-TV in Madison.

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# STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY of WISCONSIN

Madison 6, Wisconsin

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IMMEDIATE

[Robert M. LaFollette Sr.]

Madison (SPECIAL) Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States, will come to Madison Sunday, June 19, as guest of the State Historical Society, to speak at the LaFollette Centennial.

Announcement of the appearance of the Chief Justice here was made today by Clifford L. Lord, director of the Society.

Chief Justice Warren's address will climax the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Robert M. LaFollette Sr. The renowned Wisconsin statesman was born June 14, 1855, at Primrose in Dane County, Wis. Before his death just thirty years ago, on June 18, 1925, LaFollette had blazed a path of reform here in Wisconsin and abroad in the nation.

His career of reform was not an easy one. His insurgency was born in controversy, and controversy still surrounds his name. From the time he won election as the youthful Dane County district attorney in 1880, through all his years of service to state and

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nation - as U.S. Representative, as Governor of Wisconsin, as U.S. Senator whose angry voice was heard round the world - LaFollette rebelliously fought for his program.

It was the success of his fight that made the "Wisconsin Idea" a reality at home and a model of Progressive reform for the nation. At the heart of the "Idea" were practical measures: the direct primary, tax reform, railroad control, labor legislation.

In 1906 LaFollette took his seat in the U.S. Senate, and was three times re-elected. As a Progressive leader, he continued the fight begun in Wisconsin and won significant victories through the years. As Progressive candidate for President in 1924, he polled nearly five million votes.

The LaFollette movement was much a family trust - from the days in which Belle Case LaFollette shared her husband's political prominence, to the time when "Old Bob" bequeathed his ideas and his following to his sons, Philip (who became Governor of Wisconsin) and the late Robert M. LaFollette Jr., (who succeeded his father in the U.S. Senate).

Centennial events will commence with a morning pilgrimage to LaFollette's birthplace at Primrose. There will be a visit to his grave in Forest Hills cemetery in Madison.

The Dane County Bar Association in cooperation with the State Bar Association will be host to Chief Justice Warren at a noonday luncheon.

The address of the Chief Justice is tentatively set for 2:30 p.m. He will speak from the terrace of the Society's headquarters, 816 State Street. The Society has issued a public invitation for the day's events. Full program details will be released in the near future, Director Lord said.

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Release IMMEDIATE

CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN TO SPEAK AT LAFOLLETTE ANNIVERSARY

Madison (Special) ---The Honorable Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States, will speak at a commemoration next June, marking the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of [Robert M. LaFollette,] the Wisconsin State Historical Society announced today.

With the approval of the LaFollette family, the State Historical Society will sponsor the ceremonies in Madison on or about Sunday, June 12, 1955.

Chief Justice Warren will be the guest of honor and will deliver the commemorative address.

"Old Bob" LaFollette, who was born on June 14, 1855, was one of the most distinguished statesmen ever to come out of Wisconsin. Passionately dedicated to reform, he was a founder of the Progressive movement, and later rose to national and international eminence.

Further details of the anniversary ceremony will be announced later.

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