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## Let Ickes Speak Loudly and Often

 Here in Oregon，where the Ickes mental processes andthe Ickes brand of pootitical honesty are well known and
thoroughl understod，is perhas a waste of effort and
space to take any cognizance of the Ickes＂answer＂to Wen space to take any cognizance of the Ickes＂answer＂to Wen－
dell Wilkie＇s acceptanee speech．Oregonians well recall that
it it was Ickes who came shrieking into this state in the spring
of 1938 竍 scuttle the candidacy of Governor Charles H．Mar－
tin for renomination，a matter of days after that agreeable tin for renomination，a matter of days after that agreeab－
old soldier had obediently made himself look ridiculous try
ing to justify new deal spending．It was Ickes who rent th democratic party in Oregon asunder so effectively that it
has never been able to grow together againit was Ickes
who came back in the fall to brand the republican candidate has never been able to grow together again．It was Ickes
who came baek in the fall to brand the republican candidate
for governor as anan＂with one foot in the grave and the
other on a banana peel．＂And it was Ickes，after the votes other on a banana peel．＂And it was Ickes，after the votes
had been counted a few days later，who said the outcome
was no surprse and no rebuff to liberalism，because the suc－
cessful republican candidate was a liberal！ cessful republican candidate was a liberal！
To anyone not a rabid new dealer，the most remark－
able feature of Mr．Willkie＇s acceptance speech was the re spectful manner in which he referred to the president as＂a
man upo whose shoulders rest the cares of the state，＂and
mhe total absence of any unkindly personal reference to Mr．
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Roosevelt Yet the new deal spokesman lashes out at the the total absence of any unkindly personal reference to Mr．
Roosevelt．Yet the new deal spokesman ．lashes out at the
＂contemptible remarks． of the United States．＂But Oregonians，who know Ickes，wil
understand that．
Then，in objecting to Mr．Willkie＇s challenge to a serie
of debates，Ickes says he＂was reflecting upon the dignity and striking at the prestige of an office which，as a candi
date himself for the presidency，it ought to be his zealous
duty to uphold and defend．＂We have a hazy recollection that to that of the present day，a man mamed Lincoln did no
think it beneath his digninty to engage in a series of plat
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orm debates．And significantly，we feel rather certain that in form debates．And significantly，we feel rather certain that if
Wendell Willkie were president and such a challenge were
addressed to him，whether he accepted or rejected it he would not consider it an affront to his dignity．What is the presi－
dent of the United States，other than a servant of the people？
For the rest，the Ickes tirade was a conglomeration of vitriolic abuse based upon the peculiar slant which claims principles，and a series of innuendos based upon fragments
of past statements by Mr．Willkie，torn from their context，
or upon asserted facts which the republican candidate has branded＂plain and simple falsehoods．＂The new dealers have
been combing Mr．Wilkie＇s record；if there is anything
blameworthy in it，one would thing Ickes might have pro－ duced something more specific．As for the charges he dide
make，where they had any real substance if true，it becomes
necessary to await the proof．But Oregonians，who know nation may not be so clear but in Oregon，the friends of Will－ doubt about the fate of Oregon＇s electoral votes，by main－
taining a conspicuous rote in the campaign，Ickes will settle
it．Oregon knows him． The Fall of Somaliland
With all proper respect to the area in question，our con－
ception of British Somaliland is that it is like southern Mal．
heur county，only more so．It is a country where there is
little moisture and no greenness；where the dull，enervating， heur county，only more so．It is a country where there is
little moisture and no greenness；where the dull，enervating，
muggy heat of the Red sea saps the energies of the nativs
and makes the existence of whites a torture ；and where a
few unhappy sheep and goats，augmented by occasional strips of artificially watered green keep body and soul together for
a smaal，and quite poor，population．Only the existence of a
single port，Berbera，makes the land remotely accessible；and
it portant actions． Malheur county in the southern part，is not the exact
counterpart of this dolorous description，because it is moun－
tainous and rugged rather than flat and low，dry without be－ ing totally arid，and unwatered without being subject to ity，would be a much greater loss to the government possess－
ing it than was the recent loss of Somaliland to the British． The loss of Somaliland，briefly，was an Italian victory；
but it was hardly a British defeat．The land lies athwart the
Red sea，as noted above，but it is reached only from the Red sea，as noted above，but it is reached only from the
princely domain of imperial Italy，flea－bitten Alyssinia；and
it is completely cut off from material or human aid from the it is completely cut off from material or human aid from the
mainand of Europe or from the Italian colonies in Lybia．
It is continually vulnerable．along its coastine to the British
fleet；and it forms one more garrison into which Iralian fleet；and it forms one more garrison into which Italian
troops must be poured for defensive，not offensive，duties．
All that can be said for it is that temporarily it completes
the conquest of 1936．
If this is the case，why did Italy bother to seize this cita－
del of blacks and aadflies，from which the British residents are presumably rather glad of an opportunity to depart？Th
answer is double．In the first place the Italians wanted
impress Germany；in the second they want some base fro impress Germany；in the second they want some base from
Which to attack，if they can，Aden and the British grip on The first of these，a sos．to reported German dissatisfac－
tion with Italian big－talk which led to nothing，is perhaps most important．The second，by which the Italians hope to
grasp the Gulf of Aden from the British navy，is on the
verge of ridiculof Adin verge of ridiculous，since a land victory against a few thou
sand camel corps and lightly mechanized troops has exactly no effect on battleships miles at sea．And so long as battl
ships are able to plow from Aden to Port Said and back
again，the Italian grip on Somaliland is a handful of dry san


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