



GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:

Washington, D. C. **JEFFERSON AND HAMILTON**
 WASHINGTON. — The President should not be displeased at the departure of Democrats. The whole political scene has changed to a sort of game of "prisoner's base." The Republicans have nominated a Democrat of such characteristic color that Thomas Jefferson would recognize him as a kindred spirit long before he could ever distinguish Mr. Roosevelt from Alexander Hamilton.

Mr. Roosevelt has held up to the yeomen, as Prince of Wales, Mr. Wallace, a Republican by heredity and long conviction, who says that he turned his political coat only because the Republicans hadn't done enough for agriculture.

There is more in both Democratic and Republican principle than is dreamt of in that philosophy.

In the President's cabinet there are only two indubitable Democrats—Hull and Farley. There are now four Republicans—Stimson, Knox, Wallace and Ickes—two Socialists or something—Hopkins and Perkins—and a couple of no pronounced political parentage, Jackson and Morgenthau.

As for Jeffersonian policy—decentralization of government—states rights—government by laws, not men—no personalized power—rotation in office—federal economy—as little government as is consistent with keeping men from injuring each other—Mr. Roosevelt opposes every one.

Whether Mr. Willkie will be regarded as a reborn Republican or Democrat nominated on the Republican ticket, his whole philosophy is as faithfully Jeffersonian as Mr. Roosevelt's is the reverse of that.

In the traditional American political sense it is far more difficult to see how a Democrat could support Mr. Roosevelt, than to wonder how he could fail to support Mr. Willkie.

Alexander Hamilton didn't think men could be trusted to govern themselves except through a self-perpetuating beneficent despotism. Mr. Jefferson asked, if man couldn't govern himself had he found angels to govern him? Plainly Mr. Roosevelt concurs with Hamilton and has practically uttered and surely acted the belief that both the appointed governor and his successor have been found.

Many sincerely believe and faithfully follow the President on this old Federalist theory, which is their right. But that hardly justifies the President in castigating as "party renegades" all those Democrats who don't.

If it were not for the bondage of the South to bitter memories of the Civil war, no southern Democrat could possibly follow Mr. Roosevelt.

He has taken away from them protection of the two-thirds convention rule, ruined the export market for their principal crop, cotton, neglected to recognize the discrimination against them in freight rates and their competitive necessity for differentials in wage rates. No great political power since Thaddeus Stevens has been more unsympathetic toward their problems.

Southern Democratic leaders who have opposed this have been condemned as "feudalists." Great southern congressmen such as Garner, Robinson, Barkley, Byrnes, Clark, both Bankheads, Rayburn, Doughton and Marvin Jones have simply had to swallow it in the name of party loyalty, but it was so brutally inconsiderate that it could have left little room for love and loyalty.

These great political shifts take time to reveal themselves but it becomes clearer daily that Mr. Roosevelt heads a new party which Harry Hopkins once described as the "have-nots against the haves."

TWADDLE

This campaign will be no pillow fight. Ex-Senator Reed was punished by the President for taking a walk by being called a sweat-shop. The President paddled Johnny Hane and Lew Douglas by saying they think more of dollars than humanity. I can't get excited about any of this. Jim Reed isn't a sweat-shop. An attractive lady in Kansas City named Nellie Donnelly got the idea of applying automobile quantity production methods to the manufacture of women's dresses. This made them at low cost and high excellence. Accordingly, she began to make so much money that a gang kidnaped her. Jim was her lawyer. This made him so mad that he swore to rescue her without a ransom and to jail her abductors. This he duly did and his righteous wrath carried him over into romance. He married the gal.

But that doesn't make Jim a sweat-shop. I studied that case personally in NRA. Wages and working conditions in Nellie's factories were by so far the best in that industry that her code competitors' principal complaint was that she was setting standards too high for them to equal.

Lew Douglas and Johnny Hane may care something about dollars, and who doesn't. But neither of them has been nearly as successful in corraling dollars as the President's own family—after, but never before, his election in 1932.

Fun for the Whole Family

BIG TOP

By ED WHEELAN



LALA PALOOZA — The Birds Enjoy an Early Spring

By RUBE GOLDBERG



S'MATTER POP— Psst! Another Idea, Kids

By C. M. PAYNE



MESCAL IKE

By S. L. HUNTLEY

But It Sounds Good



POP— Floored

By J. MILLAR WATT



THE SPORTING THING

By LANG ARMSTRONG



CAN'T WAIT

A Scotchman was going on an excursion to New York. He asked the agent for a round trip ticket and handed the agent a \$10 bill. "Change at Jersey City," intoned the agent. "No jokes now," said the Scotchman, "I want my change right away."

Monuments

Mrs. Brown—I admire Dr. Young immensely. He is so persevering in the face of difficulties that he always reminds me of Patience sitting on a monument.

Mr. Brown—Yes. But, what I am becoming rather alarmed about is the number of monuments sitting on his patients.

Dentist Fodder

Mother—My son is very rough. He's always poking into things and pulling things to pieces. I don't know what to do with him.

Friend—Why not make him a dentist?

THE WORLD AT ITS WORST

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

