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SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE

If we hadn't seen it in black and white, we wouldn't believe it. The New Deal, through one of the President's secretaries, cries about "hitting below the belt." He laments that attempts are being made to "smear" Mr. Roosevelt.

No one wants to see better, personal attacks in politics. We should all like to see political issues fought on their merits without resort to mud-slinging. But, on the other hand, no political group in history has done more to lower politics to a level of sheer name-calling than the New Deal.

Starting in 1929, when every American should have been working to stop the depression before it got well under way, the democrats began one of the most bitter personal attacks on President Hoover that the country has ever known. Seven years after he left office it still goes on in attempts to lessen his influence. In his inaugural address President Roosevelt labelled all bankers as "money changers." Later such epithets as "economic royalist," "copper-heads," and "princes of privilege," have flowed from his lips as he sought to smear varying groups. Even democrats have been attacked bitterly and personally.

When Al Smith spoke out in 1935, he was never answered on issues. He was "smeared" as a man who had lost touch with the common people. And New Deal propagandists made it stick. When opposition to some New Deal measure has appeared, congressional investigators have been used to "smear" the authors. Even Dr. Townsend's plan has never been answered economically by the New Deal. Instead, the doctor was smeared and sentenced to jail.

Now, when the truth about the New Deal begins to emanate, the New Dealers holler "smearing." It's a good man who can take it as well as dish it out.

THE 1940 ISSUE

Issues of the coming presidential campaign are taking shape swiftly in the Capital. Mr. Roosevelt has let it be known that he intends going to the country in his battle with the senate over retaining emergency powers. Republicans in the senate, in turn, have accepted the challenge and have announced that they intend appealing to the people on the same issue.

This, and other developments of the present congress, add up to the fact that the lines are being drawn for a clean cut fight in 1940 over the simple question of New Deal or no New Deal—conservatism or radicalism. Only a miracle shift in public opinion during the coming twelve months can change the picture and swing republican strategy back to the compromise, "out-promise-the-New-Deal-type" of 1936 campaign. Republican leaders are becoming increasingly convinced that the shift in sentiment against the New Deal is leaving no room for compromise but instead justifies a direct test of New Deal spending and centralized government policies. — John Randall Page, Washington correspondent.

Fragments

"The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world, is to be in reality what we would appear to be; and if we observe, we shall find, that all human virtues increase and strengthen themselves by the practice and experience of them." — Seneca.

One sentence from our history book of many years ago has remained with us. "Man is incurably religious." Though only in our first year of high school, the truth of that statement made a deep impression on us. The psalmist of old gave words to the human need of doing reverence to a greater power than himself. Nor is modern man, with his accumulation of knowledge, inventions and scientific discoveries one whit different in his spiritual needs from the roaming shepherds of the pastoral age.

That the organized churches are answering this need is proved by the statistics of church membership which increased in United States by 800,000 in 1938 over the previous year. It is reported that over 52 million persons (13 years of age or

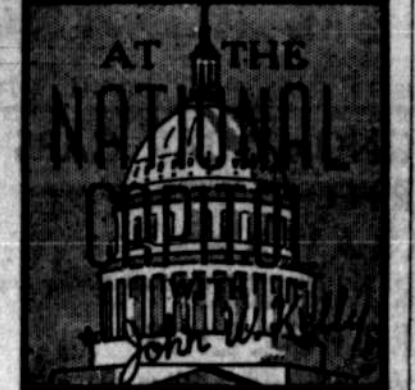
older) were members of some religious body. That means, not counting the children, that every other individual is a church member. Conversely, it also follows that one-half of our adult population is not affiliated with any church and that the fields are "white already to harvest."

The most arresting statement in Nora Wain's recent article on Young Germany in the Saturday Evening Post was the reported admission of a member of the Nazi party that they were not sure which way their armed forces would shoot in the case of war. If Hitler shares this uncertainty, it is only necessary to call his bluff to put an end to threat of war. So far it has been his boast that the many acquisitions to the German empire have been made without the cost of a human life.

We do not believe that the treasury of the United States, with all the resources of this country behind it, is rich enough to buy a third term for President Roosevelt. Spending, either visible or invisible, is now more injurious to the new dealers than any other, or all the other policies, which they pursue in the hope of confounding themselves in power. Less politics and more integrity is the present need in the congressional halls at Washington, D. C.

Forty-two tons in 42 hours over 4650 miles is the weekly schedule of the Pan-American clipper from New York to France, recently established.

Tomorrow, July 14, marks the 150th anniversary of the storming and fall of the Bastille. The governor of this old castle, used as a state prison, was literally torn in pieces by the mob, composed for the most part of the lowest rabble of the city of Paris. The story of the French Revolution with its Reign of Terror is one of bloodshed, blasphemy and bestiality. However, the lot of the common people in France during the reigns of the two evil kings, Louis XIV and Louis XV, (which spanned 131 years), was one of starvation and degradation which is comparable only to life in a German concentration camp or that of a Russian peasant today.



(Special to The Sentinel)

Washington, D. C., July 13—Legislation to prevent export of peeler logs is hung up in the senate despite all attempts to bring it to a vote. Senator Bilbo (Mississippi) in charge of the bill, which has the backing of Oregon and Washington delegations, has been endeavoring to exact a promise from administration floor leader, Senator Barkley, to take up the bill within ten days. In addition to peeler logs of Douglas fir, the prohibition also includes Port Orford cedar.

Federal Surplus Commodity corporation bought 122,000,000 pounds of butter in the 12 months ending June 30, and for this it paid \$34,500,000. This money came from funds collected by the customs bureau. The butter was purchased from the Dairy Products Marketing association, which bought it with money loaned by the Commodity Credit corporation, and was distributed to the needy through state relief agencies.

It isn't exactly correct to charge that WPA workers are striking against the government; some, under direction of labor unions, have walked off projects and threats of political reprisal have been made against congressmen unless the requirement of 130 hours a month and the "security" wage are repealed. Few, if any WPA projects will be abandoned in Washington or Oregon on account of dissatisfaction with the present law.

President Roosevelt, in a message to congress in January, 1935, advised that WPA provide wages which would cover necessities but that the wages should not be so high that workers would remain on the roll rather than accept private employment. WPA work was to be a stop-gap until private jobs were available. Despite the suggestion of the president, congress inserted the provision that the "prevailing wage" (union scale), should be paid. Now that congress adopts Mr. Roosevelt's advice three and one-half years after he gave it, there is complaint by the beneficiaries of the relief program.

No other president has done as much for the cause of labor as Mr. Roosevelt, but repeatedly the executive has said at press conferences that

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, July 18, 1919)

The county court has now designated the location of the Coquille river bridge at Ferry street crossing and construction on this bridge will commence immediately. The order was signed by the county court, comprised of C. R. Wade, John Yoakam and H. G. Kern.

L. J. Simpson and Charles Hall have returned from Washington, D. C., where they report a highly favorable reception for the Roosevelt highway designation down the Oregon coast.

Myrtle Point was host to William Jennings Bryan this week and observed with Bryan day on Wednesday.

J. D. Graham expects to have the building on Front street completed in about three weeks and plans to install garage equipment thereafter, with W. S. Graham in charge.

M. H. Hersey was appointed as night marshal to take the place of John A. Jackson, who resigned this week.

Logan Kay, who recently sold his vulcanizing plant in Bandon, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Von Pegert returned from a six weeks' visit at Napa, California, this week.

he believed it would be better for labor to have a comfortable yearly income, a sustaining wage, than to insist on a high hourly scale and work intermittently. He visioned steady employment the year around at wages less than the union rates rather than a smaller and uncertain annual income at the scale. When the non-federal public works program was in the making, Harold Ickes expressed the same idea and made tentative proposals to that effect but the unions strenuously objected.

It is no mere coincidence that while skilled workers on WPA are protesting, the anti-trust division of department of justice is investigating to discover why building construction is in a slump because of high prices. There is a suspicion of an understanding among manufacturers of building supplies to keep prices up. If this is a fact and the department of justice can bust up the agreement, administration believes construction will boom and skilled craftsmen need not depend on WPA.

Arguments on the best methods to keep America free from entanglements in the vent of foreign wars promise to consume senate time for a month, at least. President Roosevelt believes America should sell munitions to any country that can pay

Mrs. L. C. Noah came over from Marshfield to visit her husband, who is working here.

Rev. W. B. Smith, of La Grande, has been here visiting with his daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Oddy.

Miss Ruth Stanley came home from Albany last week, having accepted a position in the local telephone office.

Dr. C. W. Endicott and family and T. J. Walker and son left Wednesday for a vacation trip into the hills above Powers.

Mrs. C. J. Fuhrman and Mrs. Emma Lyons returned last Saturday noon from San Francisco, where they had been visiting Mrs. Fred Kronenberg.

The returned soldiers are being warned not to wear their uniforms more than three months after the date of discharge.

The Admiral Wainwright, formerly the Grace Dollar, is at the bay loading 1,200,000 feet of government spruce from the Boutin tract which the Beuhner Timber company has bought and which will be shipped to Cuba.

Lots of people watched from the beach at Bandon as the Pacific fleet of U. S. warships went up the coast from San Francisco to Seattle. Not all vessels were visible but from the higher levels along the beach, some of the ships were observed.

cash and transport the materials. He contends such a provision would scare Hit and Muss as it would enable Great Britain and France to obtain all the supplies they require, and such policy would mean peace in Europe.

More than one-third of the senate opposes the president's theory; believe neutrality is best assured by a mandatory embargo on munitions. These senators argue prohibition of arms to belligerents will save America from becoming involved. Such is the contention threatening to result in a long and tiresome debate. In the mandatory group are Oregon's McNary and Holman; Washington's Bone; Idaho's Borah and Clark; California's Hiram Johnson. Sharing the administration view are Washington's Schmallenbach; California's Downey.

One of the reasons Archibald MacLeish was confirmed as the new librarian of congress (librarians everywhere objected to him; he was called a "red"), was because of wirepulling by the chief of the archives. Price MacLeish will pay for the support will be the surrender of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. These documents (viewed by thousands daily), are in the library of congress. For years the archives bureau has endeavored to have the

relics released by the library and placed in a marble-gold shrine especially built for them. Just a little inside politics with the Constitution and Declaration as the pay-off. For a century these documents knocked around in dusty drawers and their existence was almost forgotten until they were accidentally found one day.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes is still lobbying to have control of Bonneville power. He complains that while the administrator is responsible to the secretary, still the administrator is a free agent and does what he wants. Ickes is asking congress to change the Bonneville act and make the administrator take orders from the Secretary. Implying that Bonneville has been poorly administered, Ickes says that in the interest of good management there should be more closely knit administration relations between the project and the department of the interior.

Baseball is celebrating its 100th birthday and remains tops of American games. Only one foreign nation has taken to the sport and in a big way—Japan. It's a common occurrence for a college game to attract a crowd of 50,000 people. Sand lot games are popular with the kids in every town.

San Francisco fair has been such a financial flop the management will ask congress for an appropriation of \$600,000. . . . When an emergency occurs, such as the death of Secretary of the Navy Swanson, the operator at the White House switchboard connects all press associations and news bureaus and when all are on the line Steve Early, presidential secretary, states the information. One statement reaches the entire news corps.

Elliott Roosevelt, who has been boosting Jack Garner for president in 1940, invited listeners to his broadcast to write him their views on a third term. He says 70 per cent of the letter are for Papa.

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GERALD SMITH

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