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THE CASE OF MR. BROWDER

Earl Browder is the head of the Communist party in America. The envoy of Moscow. As such he is dedicated to the overthrow of the American government. And Mr. Browder is very nearly at his best when exhorting his followers against the Constitution and the Supreme Court.

But Mr. Browder ran into trouble in Terra Haute, Ind. When he went there to speak the police chief threw him into jail to prevent the speech. So what does Mr. Browder do? Why he files suit against the city officials. And, believe it or not, he alleges false arrest. Which means nothing more or less than that he now says his constitutional rights were violated. Mayhaps he will even appeal to the Supreme Court for justice.

Under Mr. Browder's own theory of government there would be no appeal. Surely if he went up and down the highways of Russia denouncing the government, he would land in jail quite quickly and not for just one day.

But here, Mr. Browder finds, as Calvin Coolidge said, that "the Constitution is the final refuge for every right enjoyed by any American citizen."

FEW WANT THE "DOLE"

The fear has been expressed that governmental old-age pensions which have been endorsed in principle by both major parties, would be a blow to the life insurance industry.

But serious students of the question doubt that it will—for two reasons.

The first reason is practical. Neither party has gone on record in favor of big pensions—both favor rather small payments, that would must buy their old-age security. Persons who want a few luxuries simply provide for necessities.

Secondly—and this reason may be the most important—the American citizen doesn't want to be a pensioner unless he has to. He inherited the individualistic character of the pioneers. And he is going to make every conceivable effort to assure a financially comfortable old age through his own efforts, thrift and ability.

Whether we have government pensions or not, men will still invest against the future in life insurance and other saving programs.

POLLS INDICATE SMALL MARGIN FOR VICTOR

As the campaign enters its closing days, it is becoming the liveliest and most aggressive in many a year. Not since the war have both the principal figures in a presidential race referred so directly or cuttingly to each other. Recent Landon speeches offer the New Deal no quarter. And recent Roosevelt speeches have pulled no punches.

Hoover almost never referred to his opposition, either in 1928 or 1932. And Harding and Coolidge did not have to put much effort into campaigning—their elections were foregone certainties, with the betting odds running as high as 40-to-1 in 1920.

This aggressiveness on the part of the candidates is serving to clear the air and bring the issues into relief. It is dissipating some of the tremendous vagueness that characterizes both platforms, with their cautiously worded "escape clauses."

But there is considerable question as to whether the candidates closing drives can enlist new followers in any number. Polls show relatively little change in recent weeks. All the polls indicate that the vote is extremely close in most of the big states, and that the winner will emerge victorious by a small percentage of the ballots, so far as popular vote is concerned. Electoral vote is another matter—a candidate who received only a little over 50 per cent of the popular vote could attain a large majority in the Electoral College.

NATIONAL APPLE WEEK OCTOBER 3-NOVEMBER 6

Election casualties, since November's first Tuesday falls in the middle of National Apple Week, should be slight. Baldwins will be bitten at the ballot box and Pippins will sustain politicians.

Dry throat, candidate's ague, straw vote jitters and other pre-election and post-election maladies will be alleviated by apples. Apples in profusion—big apples and little apples, red apples and apples in pastel shades—will roll out of their boxes and pile up in mountainous displays three days before election day. The man who can pare his Hood River Delicious with a steady hand should win eleventh hour political arguments in the country store.

It appears that National Apple Week, October 31 to November 6, comes to the aid of both parties.

Apple growers have resolved there will be as much apple sauce on hand after election day as before. The growers are promoting Apple Week in a strictly non-partisan way, not featuring the "Ben Davis" or any other apple with a political background.

If your candidate loses, be nonchalant—nibble an apple.

David H. Fertig ATTORNEY Failing Bldg., Portland, Ore.

The history of our country from the beginning shows that many of the keenest minds of every generation have been attracted to the legal profession. This is, perhaps, a natural condition, since in that field exists the greatest opportunity for the exercise of intelligence and talents to service of mankind. Whatever may be the chief factor contributing to this condition, it is an established fact that in mentioning the names of a given number of people who are entitled to classification as the most useful citizens of this community, the members of the legal fraternity loom large.

Among the members of the local bar, who by their achievements are entitled to more than ordinary reckoning, is David H. Fertig, one of the prominent attorneys of Portland.

Broad of vision, keen, resourceful energetic, he has advanced to his present position of leadership in this profession by the constant pursuit of those ideals which actuated the efforts of the early lawyers of the province in founding the bar of this state.

He has achieved his standing in the profession by constant and continuous fair, dealings, loyalty to his clients and the tireless, painstaking efforts which he exerts in their behalf.

U. S. Corn Imports Imports of corn during the first four months of this year were greater than the total corn imports for the five full years preceding 1935.

Import Labor While Texas Pays Relief

Chicago.—The necessity of importing Mexicans to pick a bumper Texas cotton crop while 133,404 persons are on work relief in the Lone Star state is too much for one former Democrat. He is E. F. Baxter, of Chilton, Texas, who wrote to the Republican National Committee headquarters here announcing his conversion and enclosing newspaper clippings which described queer goings on in his home state.

"The article striking me most forcibly is that where right here in Texas with thousands on relief the people in the lower valley section are asking for permission to ship in Mexicans to pick a bountiful crop," Mr. Baxter wrote. "So much for the Roosevelt relief."

The story to which he referred, an Associated Press dispatch in the Dallas News, said the Mercedes chamber of commerce had asked Congressman Milton H. West to seek suspension of the immigration rulings to meet the labor shortage. Growers feared damage to the crop if it were not picked at once, but no local labor could be obtained.

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Democratic Candidate County Sheriff

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He is a member of a Forest Grove church a member of the executive committee of the Boy Scouts, a member of K. P. Lodge and supporter of every effort to raise the standard of citizenship in the country.

Mr. Abraham pledges common sense law enforcement with favors for none. He pledges co-operation with the other law enforcing agencies. He will give serious study to the tax collection problem, especially unsecured personal taxes.

If elected he will enter this office with a clean slate as far as politics are concerned and will accept full responsibility for the administration of the office.

Who Will Elect the President?

Continued from Page 1 mean that the number of voters in 1932 amounted to 64,000,000. Yet approximately only 40,000,000 votes were cast! Readers will be startled as I was to learn that 24,000,000, or over one-third of the voters in this country, were too lazy to register and to vote in that important election. Stay-at-Homes Control Election Mr. Roosevelt's plurality four years ago was just 6,000,000. If the Republican organization had been able to get 6,000,000 of the 24,000,000 non-voters to the polls, they would have swung the election on a plurality to Mr. Hoover. Estimates are already being made as to how many votes will be cast on November 3 of this year. The President of the National Get-Out-The-Vote club thinks the total will be between 41,000,000 and 42,000,000. Disregarding the fact that 3,000,000 more citizens have reached the "age of reason" since 1932, this estimate would prove ridiculously low if every citizen would exercise his franchise.

The figures which I have quoted clearly show that the twenty odd million stay-at-homes will elect our next President! The figures also make it plain why astute political managers work like mad to tap this vast reservoir of votes on election day. The party which can get the largest number of indifferent voters to the polls is the one which stands the best chance of being elected. The weather man also has something to say about the final outcome. It is generally supposed that a good rainstorm helps the Democrats; while a bright, sunny day is a good omen for the Republicans. However, I think the weather will have less effect than usual this year. Feeling is running so high that not even wet feet will hamper the Republicans.

How Unfit Men are Elected No wonder that some of my readers are seriously disturbed as they study these non-voting figures. For centuries our ancestors fought for this precious voting franchise. They believed that the best government was a government by all. The greatest privilege and the greatest responsibility of every citizen in the United States is to express his views on the handling of national affairs every four years. The fact that one-third are thus slackers and quitters is one indication of why public administration—local, state, and national—is today at the lowest ebb in half a century. If Fascism comes—through the breakdown of democratic government—it will be the fault of these non-voters.

Now, what about the probable effect of the election on business and the markets? In the first place, we are in a fundamental industrial upswing. Business has just crossed the X-Y Normal Line on the way upward for the first time in fourteen years. Thorough studies of past campaigns

and administrations show that conditions make Presidents rather than Presidents make conditions. Basically, therefore, I believe that the outcome of the election, per se, cannot alter this basic recovery. Let me repeat that the above statement refers to the long-term trend only. The election may have some effect over the immediate trend, particularly from a psychological standpoint.

Immediate Effects

If Mr. Roosevelt is elected there will be two influences at work. First, spending will undoubtedly continue. Stock and commodity markets might interpret his election as a definite promise of some kind of inflation. This would be bullish. On the other hand, many business men who fear further experiments would hesitate to expand plants and employment because of the possibility of further New Deal measures. This would be a bearish influence. In summary, a Roosevelt victory should, temporarily be bullish on consumer goods industries; but it could hold back the capital goods industries.

If Governor Landon should win, there would also be two possibilities. The business community, which is 90 per cent hostile to the New Deal, would regain confidence and invest money in new enterprises and building. This would be bullish. At the same time, Governor Landon's election would mean the cutting down of government costs and hand-outs. This would be a bearish influence. In summary a Landon victory would be bullish on capital goods, but bearish, temporarily, on consumer goods. I purposely am not saying how I shall vote, but I do promise to get some of the lazy and unpatriotic 24,000,000 stay-at-homes to come out and vote with me. Copyright 1936

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Portland Oregon

The man who can pursue a peaceful path through this life, consistently sidestepping friction, is a genius. The man who can administer the affairs of others entrusted to him in such manner as to eliminate that disagreeable element or reduce it is more than a genius. In this respect it is gratifying to note that there are a number of lawyers who have earned a reputation for settling cases out of court whenever it is possible to do so. A splendid example of this type is Chester A. Sheppard, of Portland. Were it not for lawyers of this ability every large city would be a hot bed of litigation. The meeting of many divergent interests in this world is a constant cause of friction and only a few people realize how really dependable is our social welfare upon the services of those attorneys who devote their lives to a study of the working principle of peaceable contact. In the person of Chester A. Sheppard we have a type who is a true example of the type of lawyer described in the foregoing sentences; one who follows the dictates of his conscience and upholds his profession as a medium expressing the best that is in him rather than as a means of personal advancement. Chester A. Sheppard is unquestionably a leader in Portland, and a very helpful factor in the surrounding territory.

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