

# EDITORIAL . . . . .

## Own Words Unpalatable

If the present campaign is proving nothing else, it is giving editorial writers, commentators and partisan statisticians and historians an opportunity to drag skeletons out of the closet, one of the most potent of which are the statements of the fourth term candidate whose noble purposes and wise statements are reechoing to his embarrassment.

At Sioux City, Iowa, September 1932, Candidate Roosevelt, then on the outside looking in had the following to say about government expenditures and bureaus: "I accuse the present (Hoover) administration of being the greatest spending administration . . . in all history. One which has piled bureau upon bureau, commission upon commission. Bureaus and bureaucrats have been retained at the expense of the taxpayers."

That was in 1932. Succeeding events lead one to believe that Candidate Roosevelt merely held contempt for Hoover, who was a piker, to say the least. How do previous administrations rate compared with the record of the fourth term aspirant? There were created (approximately) under: Wilson 60; Harding 30; Coolidge 44; Hoover (the wastrel) 30; Roosevelt more than 2,200. (We have a list of some 150 of these bureaus, many of them created for the war emergency and which doubtless will be dropped even if Roosevelt is retained.)

But to quote the candidate further: "I know something of taxes. For three long years I have been going up and down this country preaching that government—federal and state and local—costs too much. I shall not stop that preaching.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Chicago, July 1932. "The people in America demand a reduction of federal expenditures. It can be accomplished by reducing the expenditures of existing departments; by abolishing many useless commissions, bureaus and functions, and by consolidating many activities of government." Franklin D. Roosevelt, Brooklyn, November 1932. "But remember well, that attitude—the way we DO things—is nearly always the measure of our sincerity."—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Brooklyn, September 1932.

Great words, indeed. But do we have to probe the record farther to tell you how those pledges have been carried out? If so, look at this imposing list of former office holders rejected by the people but placed in lucrative jobs by the President. These are the better known names. The first ten were former United States Senators: Prentiss Brown, Michigan, OPA, \$12,000; Wall Doney, Mississippi, Sgt-at-Arms, \$8,000; Clyde Herring, Iowa, OPA, \$8,000; Josh Lee, Oklahoma, CAB, \$10,000; H. H. Schwartz, Wyoming, NRCMB, \$10,000; Henry F. Ashurst, Arizona, Board of Immigration, (?); Fred Brown, New Hampshire, Comptroller General, \$10,000; F. Ryan Duffy, Wisconsin District court, \$10,000; Sherman Minton, Indiana, Circuit Court, \$12,500; James Pope, Idaho, TVA, \$10,000.

Congressmen: James M. Barnes, Illinois, Asst. to President, \$10,000; Thomas H. Elliott, Massachusetts, OWI, (?); John M. Houston, Kansas, NLRB, \$10,000; Raymond McKeough, Illinois, OPA, \$8,000; Charles McLaughlin, Nebraska, Claims Commission, (?); Francis Smith, Pennsylvania, U. S. Deputy Marshal, \$6,000; Thomas R. Amlie, Wisconsin, ICC, \$10,000; Alfred F. Beiter, New York, Asst. to Secy. Interior, \$6,000; John J. Dempsey, New Mexico, Maritime Commission, \$10,000; Michael Igoe, Illinois, District Court, \$10,000; George B. Kelly, New York, Dept. of Labor, \$5,600; John C. Lehr, Michigan, U. S. Attorney, \$7,000; David J. Lewis, Maryland, Natl. Labor Board, \$10,000; John J. McGrath, California, Immigration Commission, \$5,600; Maury Weaver, Texas, SWPC (?); Claude Parsons, Illinois, USHA, \$8,000; John Uiterach, Maine, U. S. Marshal, \$4,000. The list could be run into hundreds by searching the appointments for judges, postmasters, minor executive departments, bureaus, and countless other patronage jobs. Senatorial and congressional lame ducks only were checked. There are many names of defeated governors and other state officers, among them Frank

Murphy who was defeated for governor of Michigan and was later appointed U. S. Attorney General at \$15,000 and then to the Supreme Court at \$20,000.

Who should stand before the microphone and tell the people of this land that his opponents are indulging in a campaign of falsifying and hypocrisy. On the record can we not look forward to 4400 bureaus by 1948 if the fourth term aspirant is successful in 1944? What assurance have the people that if certain New Deal candidates are defeated they will not be appointed to positions where they will pass upon the very existence or survival of those who have opposed them?

These are questions the people will have to settle for themselves on November 7. The President's foreign policy is about the only leg he has to stand on and the New Dealers are working that overtime to camouflage his domestic weaknesses. The power-hungry crew will have to do something besides "Clear everything with Sidney."

## No Comfort From President

One may sense the political sentiment of his own community, or perhaps his state, but often wonders what people in distant states think. There came to the editor's desk the past week a copy of the Chicago Daily Tribune. It is with regret that we cannot reprint much of the editorial page, for to do that would require most of the copy space in our little paper, but one item was pencilled for our benefit which we will pass on to our readers. It is headed as above and under date of Oct. 1, is written by a Chicago woman.

"One night, during the last week, my husband and I sat in a darkened theater and the President of the United States was flashed on the screen. We sat up, hoping to get a word of comfort to take home with us, but our hopes were soon dashed. He was playing to the grandstand as usual.

"With great tossings of his head and very coy looks, he read aloud all the wisecracks, just to get a laugh from his cohorts. His dog, Falla, seemed to be uppermost in his mind.

"I thought of my two sons, one spending this third Christmas thousands of miles from home, homesick and weary of the whole bloody business of war; the other, just 17 1-2, putting away his football regalia, his tennis racket, and all the other things dear to the heart of a boy, to enlist in the navy.

"I couldn't help but think, how can any parent vote for a man so callous and indifferent to the fate of boys in his own land that he could make such sorry jokes at a time like this, while mothers' hearts are breaking over the fate of their sons, killed and wounded in all theaters of war.

"How very nice it would be to have a family in the White House we could respect, one with dignity, a little humility, and some ordinary horse sense."

## Should Hear This Man

On the occasion of his previous visit to Heppner, Wayne Morse had no opportunity to speak to the voters, spending his limited hours in personal contacts. There is no doubt but that that visit whittled down the majority that previously had been allotted to Senator Holman and it is possible that had Morse been privileged to meet more voters his total vote here would have been larger.

While this paper did not support Mr. Morse in the primary campaign it did not offer unalterable opposition to him. In all candor, following the primary, it was stated that his pleasing personality and fairness in conducting his campaign were attributes which should send him to Washington in the fall. We have not diverted from that belief. In truth, we are more than ever convinced that he is the man for the job and urge the voters of Morrow county to hear him Saturday when he will discuss issues of the campaign at the Masonic hall in Heppner.

A chestnut tree in Sicily was 304 feet in circumference in 1936. It's probably half that now with all our GI's carving initials on it.

There little lame duck, don't you cry;  
You'll be a bureaucrat bye-and-bye.

## ATTENTION LEGIONNAIRES

American legion installation of officers is scheduled for next Tuesday evening. Dinner will be served at 6:30 in the lodge building. All service men and their ladies are invited to attend.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

Ralph Akers was taken to Eugene the past week where he submitted to a major surgical operation. He was accompanied by his daughters, Mrs. Heald and Mrs. R. K. Miller, Mrs. Heald to nurse him and Mrs. Miller to take care of Mrs. Heald's children.

## SEWING MEETING

Sewing for child welfare will be the work of the American Legion auxiliary in a meeting to be held at Legion hall at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday, Oct. 24.

## VISITS PARENTS

Florence Becket of Portland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becket of Eight Mile, over the week-end.

## AT CAMP ROBERTS

Wilbur Worden who entered the army during the summer, is now stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif. where he is receiving training in the motor mechanics division. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Worden of Eight Mile.

## CHETWOODS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chetwood of Baker are spending a few days here this week. Chetwood indulged in some bird shooting and also took the first degree in Masonry Tuesday evening.

## MORE DRAFTEES CALLED

Ten draftees left Heppner Tuesday morning for Portland for pre-induction physical examinations. Some of the group were transfers who were employed in the county.

## HOME ON LEAVE

Russell O'Donnell came in the first of the week to spend a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell.

## GO TO SEASIDE

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Ready have gone to Seaside to place Mrs. Ready under the care of a physician.

Francis Bailey is now a patient at McCaw General hospital at Walla Walla recovering from a broken leg which he sustained in action on July 2. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Bailey, drove over to visit him Saturday and spent the day in Walla Walla.

Rev. Bennie Howe, pastor of the Methodist church returned last Saturday from California where to he and Mrs. Howe had been called to attend the funeral of her brother. On the return trip Mr. Howe met up with a serious touch of food poisoning which has caused him much misery and confined him to his bed for several days. He hopes to fill his pulpit Sunday morning after an absence of several Sundays.

Mrs. Emery Coxen is again at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blake as her husband has been ordered overseas.

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Knocks**



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