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A New Low

The campaign is certainly degenerating. This is particularly true in Southern California. A few days ago "Donald Duck" Ickes delivered an abusive, wise-cracking harangue in the Hollywood Bowl; and last night, Senator Harry Truman, candidate for vice-president, exercised his falsetto vocal chords before a packed crowd at the Los Angeles Shrine auditorium, which we thought reached a new LOW for lack of dignity, relevancy and good taste.

IN short, from the standpoint of Hollywood and Los Angeles the meetings were undoubtedly great successes—knockouts, wows, with standing room only, and the M. G. M. applause machine having an apologetic fit every time the speaker was forced to pause, whether for lack of breath, or to wipe the steam from his bifocals.

Yes, no matter what the speaker said, a pause was enough—that was the agreed signal for another demonstration of overwhelming vocal enthusiasm and revivalist campmeeting fervor.

HAD the speakers talked Chinese we doubt if the outbursts of applause could have been more deafening.

In fact one of the most popular statements by Senator Truman last night as far as the response was concerned, SHOULD have been in Chinese, for it was nothing more than a Democratic endorsement of the basic philosophy of that ancient and crumbling Celestial Kingdom.

Believe it or not, the Senator from Missouri soberly and emphatically stated, that even if Governor Dewey WERE a more ABLE man than Franklin Delano Roosevelt—a fact the speaker, of course, would be the last to admit!—that would be no excuse for choosing the former over the latter, because of Governor Dewey's inexcusable youth and lack of experience.

THAT reasoning carried to its logical conclusion is the essence of China's ancestor-worship and strange family social organization, recognized as one of the chief reasons for the largest nation in the world being one of the most backward and the weakest.

It is also the basis of the seniority rule of the U. S. Senate which may be where Senator Truman picked it up.

At any rate that rule has been more responsible for the reactionary unprogressive acts of the Upper House than any other one factor.

Whether the Republican candidate is more able or isn't, unless he has had previous experience AS A PRESIDENT, experience that can equal that of the incumbent, then if Senator Truman's reasoning is to be accepted, there is nothing to do but re-elect, and re-elect, and re-elect the man of the greater years and the greater experience!

A more completely absurd, illogical and utterly un-American argument for the re-election of a President in this Democracy, has never been offered as far as this department can recall. That reasoning would have eliminated practically every able President the country ever had. Yet those Los Angelesans packed in the Shrine auditorium last night, cheered that pronouncement to the echo as they did every other the speaker offered them.

Yes, the campaign has surely fallen to a new low, when a candidate for Vice-President—who might well be President before his term expires—deliberately urges the electorate to eliminate all considerations of superior ability from the qualifications of President and fall back on the time-honored and completely discredited Chinese doctrine, that whatever is, is best, and change of any kind is the one unpardonable sin!

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Mr. Dewey Should Be Pleased
Governor Dewey really should feel complimented. For thus far there has not been one Democratic criticism of the man's record as a public officer, either as District Attorney of New York City or as Governor of the state, nor of his personal character or his high administrative qualifications.

Not ONE.
Senator Truman, like Secretary Ickes, lambasted all the G. O. P. straw men, even dragging in the aging and inconspicuous William Randolph Hearst presumably because of W. R. H.'s personal unpopularity in Southern California.

BUT not a word against Mr. Dewey himself, nothing to reflect upon his honesty, courage or abilities, merely one blank cartridge after another fired at various and sundry Republicans of the past, from Herbert Hoover, through Ham Fish, to "Bertie" McCormack of the Chicago Tribune.

Not one of them having any more to do with this campaign, or with Governor Dewey, than Rameses II or Charley's Aunt!

Perhaps those favoring a change should not complain, however, for with 3 weeks more of this sort of thing, the rank and file may conclude—and properly so—that a candidate for President against whom nothing damaging can be said, must be pretty well qualified for the job after all!

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 17—Good old Dan Tobin's gentlemen of the teamsters' union are presumed to have become so effulgent at the opportunity of becoming the first audience to be addressed to be addressed by Mr. Roosevelt in opening his campaign in the usual partisan sense that they beat up a couple of naval officers who had straggled into the Statler hotel here after the speech.



The officers were looking for a dance to which they had been invited, the beating being administered because they did not have politics on their minds and declined to answer courteously the inquiries of the teamsters as to whether, as navy men, they intended to vote for Roosevelt.

That is the way it has been presented to the public, but that is not the way it happened.

THE teamsters did not assemble here for union business purposes of their own, nor did they come voluntarily to cheer Mr. Roosevelt. They were ordered to Washington by Mr. Tobin for the special and sole purpose of becoming a background for the president's "first" partisan effort.

Many of them were drafted all the way across the country by their union boss, and did not like it. Aside from the tribulations of travel these days, a few of the oast unions actually did not have the cash in the till to make the trip and sold government bonds from their treasuries to get the funds.

These especially did not care for the honor. They cheered, as required, but the way they talked when they returned home (my information comes from union sources), indicates not only that L'Affaire Tobine was less of the gala political festival than advertised, but that there is a dark partisan unrest within the labor crowd that has been assumed to be wholeheartedly for Roosevelt.

THE best possible nonpartisan authority recently has made a check of inner union campaign trends and returned here with doubts that put even California and Washington in unsure categories. Mr. Roosevelt is holding a good portion of the C. I. O. satisfactorily, but the A. F. of L. is pretty well split. To hold the coast he must keep the A. F. of L.

The diverging elements are not running off haphazardly but are moving deliberately and solely on the question of what is best for their own unions. The Hillman leadership is directly unpopular among all A. F. of L. people, even those union-brothers who intend to vote for Mr. R. They foresee Hillman and his associates gathering from a Roosevelt victory increasing power over all the labor movement, possibly absorbing it if he can muster the power.

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The wisdom of his course lay in the odds that sooner or later, by strictly partisan political alignments, labor would one day suffer political defeat and do its major interest irreparable damage. Even as far as matters have gone in this campaign, it is evident that A. F. of L. will have Washington backing to assume leadership in labor to the detriment of C. I. O., if Dewey wins.

Personally, I do not fully accept the evidence that the strongest class support Mr. Roosevelt enjoys is critically breaking up, but certainly the evidence is sufficient to warn of the possibilities of a November 7 surprise.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although the use of a pen name is invited for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

Phasant Hunting And The Farmer

To the Editor: Some time ago you had an editorial regarding deer hunting, in which you said, "that if you had your way you would leave the deer hunting to the residents of the hills."

you should have made this inclusion. "Let the farmers take care of the pheasants and ducks." Our reasons for saying this are given below.

We have some farm property in the Table Rock district and on the first morning of the pheasant season shortly before good daylight, after an unusually heavy bombardment on one of our places, we went up to take a "look see," and we counted 14 hunters on about eight acres of ground. (A little better than one and one-half hunters per acre, which, considering the manpower and gas shortage, was not a bad yield.)

Later on that same day we saw three cars pull up to a neighbor's gate and disgorge 11 hunters, to hunt one little seven acres of cornfield.

We don't believe the game birds or the farmers' patience can be expected to bear up under any such conditions.

We farmers take no particular pleasure in being hard boiled with townfolks, but our place of business is in our fields and pastures and we can no more afford to turn our premises over to an invading army for three or four weeks out of the year than can a storekeeper or any other businessman.

JOHN L. NEALON, Table Rock, Oct. 15.

CHECK EPIDEMIC SWEEPS COUNTY

District Attorney George W. Neilson reported today an epidemic of spurious checks is again sweeping the county, and he urges merchants and others to exercise care in cashing paper, particularly for strangers and transients. Close to a dozen complaints were made yesterday.

The district attorney explained that many of the bogus checks were crudely written and endorsed and were obviously forgeries. The amounts were small.

The authorities also said the governor has announced restrictions on extraditions, as the fund for that purpose is running low. The district attorney said Los Angeles authorities were holding a man there by the name of Wilson for a \$10 spurious check. Neilson said he would not be returned here, as the cost would run over \$100.

Wife of Navy Man Killed in Foyer Of S. F. Apartment

San Francisco, Oct. 17—(UP) A 23-year-old mother, wife of a navy man at sea, was attacked and savagely strangled to death with her own slip in the foyer of the downtown apartment house where she lived early today.

The body of the dead woman, Mrs. Angas Agnon, was found sprawled at the foot of the stairs, her clothes—including coat, dress and underwear—ripped off and her hair knotted about her neck.

Police said they had failed to turn up a single clue as to her murderer's identity.

Friends said she left her apartment about 8 p. m. last night, dressed in the same blue and white dress and red coat found ripped from her body. Her 13-month-old baby girl, Tanya, was believed left in the care of a friend, Sophia Kearns, for whom police were searching.

Reese Creek Livestock

Reese Creek, Oct. 17—Mrs. William Walsh returned home from Virginia Sept. 27. She has been visiting her husband, who has gone overseas. She intends to stay with her parents for the duration.

A shower was given at the home of Mrs. Truman Collins Oct. 6, guest of honor being Mrs. Keare. Guests present were Mrs. Broughten, Mrs. Sharon, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Stults, Mrs. Dunlap, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Keare's mother, who is visiting here from Berkeley, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Quick from Stockton, Calif., have been visiting the Wilson family recently.

Mrs. Collins' brother, Mr. Swift of Los Angeles, is visiting the Collins family.

Mrs. Adeline Smith returned home Oct. 12 from Monhuc, Calif., where she had been visiting her daughter.

Ladies Home Extension unit met Oct. 3 at the home of Mrs. Hatcher. The unit will meet again Nov. 7 at Mrs. Gardner's place at 10:30 a. m. Everyone is urged to attend and bring salad or pumpkin pie.

Mr. Williams of Twin Falls, Idaho, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Williams here.

Mrs. Waddell's sister of San Diego is here on business.

DEMO BICKERING CITED BY DEWEY IN SHARP TALK

Roosevelt Failures Due to Internal Dissension Says Republican Candidate.

Aboard Dewey Campaign Train, Oct. 17—(UP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey added today to his charge of Roosevelt administration failures at home an accusation that its conduct from "constant bickering, quarreling and back-biting" and internal dissension.

The republican presidential nominee, speaking last night on a nationwide radio hookup from St. Louis, said the failures he complained of abroad could be traced to the same conditions which has made Roosevelt administration's record at home "one long chapter of failure."

12 Years of It
"For 12 years the New Deal has treated us to constant bickering, quarreling and back-biting by the most spectacular collection of incompetent people who ever held office," Dewey charged.

"We must not trust our future to such people as Harry Hopkins, Madame Perkins, and Harold L. Ickes. Certainly America can do better. I propose that we will do better."

It was a fighting speech with which the New York governor made his bid for the support of border-state Missouri—home of Democratic Vice-presidential Nominee Harry S. Truman—in the November election.

He charged that "the New Deal has been taken over by the combination of corrupt big city bosses, communists and fellow travelers." He renewed and elaborated his charge that "the New Deal has been afraid all along that when the time to let men out of the army there would be no jobs for them."

Roosevelt Report
This response to the White House disavowal as "unauthoritative" his previous quotation of Selective Service Director Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey on the subject of demobilization, Dewey contended Hershey got the idea from "a report made public last year by Mr. Roosevelt himself." Dewey identified it as the report of a conference on post war readjustment of civilian and military personnel, said it was "submitted by Mr. Roosevelt's own uncle Frederick A. Delano," and quoted it as saying:

"Despite compelling reasons for rapid military demobilization, the prospects of economic and industrial dislocation at the close of the war are so grave and the social consequences so far-reaching that a policy of orderly, gradual, and if necessary, delayed military demobilization has been strongly advocated."

The crowd estimated at 15,000 which packed Kiel auditorium loved it. When he asked whether postwar period must bring a return of "leaf raking and doles," and the W.P.A. his audience shouted a vehement "No." They boomed the mention of Hopkins, Perkins and Ickes.



Smiling happily, Mrs. Frances Andrews sits beside her husband in their car as they left Salinas, Calif., court after she was acquitted of charges of murdering Jay Lovett, 19-year-old Carmel Valley farm boy.

Portland Produce

Portland, Oct. 17—(UP)—Wholesale market prices: Eggs—to retailers: AA, 58-59c; A, 57-58c; B, 56-57c. Cabbage—No. 1 green, round type, 52-53c per crate. Celery—Oregon, 52-53c-75c. Corn—Northwest, 52 sack. Cranberries—McFarlane, 57-75c. Grapes—Concord, 51 lug. (Call.)

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Oct. 17—(UP)—Wheat market: Dec. 1.64, 1.65 1/2, 1.63 1/2, 1.64 1/2. May 1.59, 1.60 1/2, 1.59, 1.59 1/2. July 1.48 1/2, 1.49 1/2, 1.48, 1.48 1/2. Sept. 1.47 1/2, 1.48, 1.47, 1.47 1/2.

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Oct. 17—(UP)—Dairy market: Butter: 93 score 43c, 92 score 42 1/2c, 90 score 42 1/4c, 89 score 41 3/4c. Cheese: Wholesale prices, loaf 27.9, triplets 27.2. Eggs: Large grade A 54 1/4c, 55 1/2c, medium grade A 49 1/4c, 50 1/2c, small grade A 24 1/2c-25 1/2c, large grade B 37 1/4c-38 1/2c.

Wall Street

New York, Oct. 17—(UP)—Strength and activity in low-priced automobile shares and liquors today featured a firm, quiet stock market session. The main list recovered more than half of yesterday's recession and the utility average came back to a minute fraction of its best figure since 1940. Today's closing prices on selected stocks: American Tel. & Tel. 164. Anaconda 27 1/2. Chrysler 31 1/2. Curtis Wright 6. General Electric 39 1/4. General Motors 63 3/4. Montgomery Ward 32 1/4. Penn. R. R. 40. Phillips Petroleum 44. J. C. Penney Co. 107 3/4. Radio 10 3/4. Southern Pacific 30 3/4. Standard Oil of Cal. 36 1/2. Texas Gulf Sulphur 34 1/2. Transamerica 9 3/4. United Aircrafts 30 1/2. U. S. Rubber 49 1/2. U. S. Steel 58 1/2.

THE GRANGE

Central Point Grange
Ben Schmidt, executive secretary of Y. M. C. A., will speak on "Youth" at the Central Point grange meeting Friday at 8:30 p. m. The program will open with special music and a picnic social closes the evening. Members of all Granges are invited. Central Point grange drill team practice will be held at the grange hall, Wednesday, Oct. 18. This team is still open to all grangers and everyone is urged to attend. Women are asked to bring a lemon pie.

P.-T.A. Activities

Washington P.-T. A.
Washington P.-T. A. will meet Friday, October 20, at 2:30 p. m. in the school gymnasium. At that time Mrs. Gertrude Hamblin will discuss "Girl Scouting" and Lester Gilmore "Boy Scouting."

HEADS ACCOUNTANTS

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 17—(UP)—Samuel J. Broad, New York, partner in the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., today was elected president of the American Institute of Accountants, national professional society of certified public accountants.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

October 17, 1934
Mrs. Stoll, kidnaped Kentucky society woman, returned home, and former asylum inmate sought as kidnaper.

Portland has "kiss and run" burglar.

Bruno Hauptmann to be extradited to New Jersey for Lindbergh kidnaping trial.

Northbound Shasta Limited to arrive two hours earlier in morning.

Los Angeles has quake and sudden storm.

Medford high to journey to Marshfield Saturday for game.

Sterling company seeks to eject 13 miners from property.

COFC. plans good will tour into northern California.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

October 17, 1924
Dirigible Shenadoah beset by hard winds on coast trip to Seattle, and expects to reach Camp Lewis late today.

LaFollette denies his campaign as third party presidential campaign aided by Communist funds.

Cloudy and cooler. High 50, low 48 degrees. Precip. .56 of an inch.

Fred Scheffel returns from deer hunt in Umpqua divide country, with four pointer.

Associated Oil company to have special tanks to provide plenty of smudge oil in future.

Gold Hill district farmer apprehends three tourists from Ohio who shot and killed one of his turkeys.

Gov. Al Smith assails silence of Democratic party on prohibition.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

October 17, 1910
Wets and dries stage egg fight in Pendleton over local option. Hillcrest pears win prize at Spokane fair.

No paper tomorrow because Gold Ray power plants will be closed for the first time in six years.

Athletics defeat Cubs 4 to 1 in first World Series game.

King George Tours Dutch War Fronts

Somewhere in Holland, Oct. 17—(UP)—King George of Britain will discuss "Girl Scouting" and Lester Gilmore "Boy Scouting."

Themes for the year is "Citizens of Tomorrow." Pre-school children will be cared for by Girl Scouts.

From the Allied line southeast of Nijmegen, the king got a glimpse of Reichswald forest, his first view of Germany since the war began.

The trip was the king's third tour of the Allied battlefronts in Europe.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classified 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

Good News! for folks with sniffly Head Colds
Quick relief from the sniffly, sneezy, stuffy distress of head colds is what you want. So try Va-tro-nol—a few drops up each nostril—to reduce congestion, soothe irritation! And Va-tro-nol also helps prevent many colds from developing if used in time. Try it! Follow directions in folder.
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