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"Weasel Words!"

The late Theodore Roosevelt—not the "New Deal" but the "Square Deal" President—had a word for it. When "Teddy" ran into someone who lacked the forthrightness to say what he thought, or said something which could be interpreted a number of ways and gave the speaker a back-door "out" so to speak, he accused them of indulging in weasel words—words that sucked out the force and application of other adjoining words.

WELL, the perfect example of this sort of thing has now been presented toward the end of this campaign by the "New Deal" Roosevelt. It is contained in the statement made regarding the President's unwillingness to campaign for a 4th term in the "usual partisan political sense."

That statement, was made in a letter from President Roosevelt to Chairman Hannegan, prior to the former's nomination at Chicago. There was no qualification, whatever, made at that time.

LATER, however, in his radio acceptance speech, delivered to the convention the President repeated the statement with the following amplification: We quote:

"I shall not campaign in the usual sense for this office. In these days of tragic sorrow I do not find it fitting. Besides, in these days of global warfare I shall not be able to find the time."

So that was that.

Not only the American press, but the American people took that to mean what it said, that the President would NOT take any trips around the country that could be termed campaign trips—for it would neither be fitting nor as Commander in Chief of the army and navy would the President have the time.

LAST week, however, as everyone knows President Roosevelt made a special trip to New York City. While there he not only made a typical campaign speech but toured the streets of the great metropolis city, in spite of a heavy rain, in typical campaign style, receiving in fine fettle the plaudits of the multitude.

A few days later it was announced from the White House that the President would not only travel to Chicago to make a speech in answer to the request of his friend, Boss Kelly, but he would also make speeches or "appearances" at Philadelphia, Wilmington, Delaware; Camden, N. J.; Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Cleveland, Detroit, possibly Buffalo and Boston.

Incidentally all stops in districts are of vast political importance in this campaign. Small wonder that at a subsequent press conference it was asked whether or not the President considered THIS campaigning "in the usual partisan political sense."

The President in great good humor replied it was not. Moreover he contended the press had been guilty of only quoting a portion of his statement regarding the matter that he had also said in the same pronouncement, we quote:

"I shall, however, feel free to report to the people the facts about matters of concern to them and especially to correct any misrepresentation."

IN other words what would appear to be campaigning in the usual sense, by a President running for reelection is not that at all but merely reporting to the people, particularly in the way of correcting misrepresentation.

And one might remark in passing that to "report" properly and "correct" adequately, Boss Kelly has found it necessary to engage Soldiers Field and declares it will be packed with 100,000 cheering Democrats when "Our Next President" arrives!

But even this insisted the President, in answer to an inquiry of his press conference, is NOT campaigning in the "USUAL sense!"

HO hum! So it goes in this quadrennial hippodrome, known to all and sundry as a presidential election.

We certainly have no quarrel with the President as a candidate for a 4th term, making as many political speeches as he wishes to make; touring as much of the country as he may desire, or his campaign managers may deem advisable.

But it does irk us considerably to have him PERSIST in his contention that even NOW he is not campaigning "in the usual sense" of the term, but merely touring the country to inform the people and correct misrepresentations!

WHY didn't—why doesn't—the President frankly admit that when he made that original statement about not campaigning—in the "usual sense"—he honestly believed it. He thought then it would NOT be fitting and even more important it would NOT be NECESSARY.

But as matters developed and the Republican tide grew stronger and stronger, the President changed his mind. That is anyone's right. He became convinced that unless he did get busy, abandon everything including his duties as Commander-in-Chief and take to the road and campaign IN the usual sense, he and his party faced defeat, and that was something that of course could not be tolerated for a moment, no matter what might happen elsewhere.

SO campaigning in the USUAL accepted sense WAS taken up, and having left that loophole—employed the weasel-word technique his 27th cousin thrice removed so scathingly denounced—the President persisted in maintaining it was and is nothing of the sort, but merely reporting "to the people the facts about matters of concern to them and especially correcting misrepresentation!"

The word "MISREPRESENTATION" certainly provides a PERFECT "stop!"

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 26 — The hoopla campaign speeches of bolting Senator Ball are relating that Mr. Roosevelt has taken a strong foreign policy and Dewey a weak one, but this generalization does violence to the facts of the matter. Here is the way it happened: Ball, a 39-year-old republican not very widely known, became identified with a world peace propaganda organization as its senatorial spokesman some years back. The secretary of the peace promotional outfit is Ulric Bell, long a close new deal nevwman here, and a worker for the White House. Both Ball and the organization represent an extraordinary if not an extreme viewpoint which has been quite clearly presented.

THE accounts of his bolt neglected to say he submitted three questions to both Roosevelt and Dewey, according to his own story. These questions represented what he considered the important matters of the hour.

(1) The world organization should be set up before the peace is signed; (2) No reservations should be permitted; and (3) The United States agent on the big four council should have the power to order the use of American troops without the consent of congress, or possibly even of the president (the latter aspect has not been mentioned).

Ball says both Dewey and Roosevelt answered the first questions satisfactorily to him. As a matter of fact they did so publicly, and not in connection with the Ball inquiry, which Mr. R. shunted aside at a press conference as "premature."

But a few days later in his foreign policy speech, Mr. Roosevelt advocated the use of war power by the United States agent on the council, saying it would take too long in these days of undeclared wars to get congressional consent.

SO Ball aggressively pierced the units on foreign policy between the republican and democratic leadership to raise an issue which certainly transcends the importance of his bolt. (He has no personal political following of importance in Minnesota, where the prevailing Stassen organization of which he was a member is saying that "Ball got the big head.")

The question then is not whether there shall be a weak or strong foreign policy, or any other question than whether an American diplomat shall have the unrestrained power to declare war. That is an issue which might well have been delayed for settlement after this campaign is over.

It was pressed into this campaign not by isolationists or fascists or disruptionists, but by Ball and his organization. Obviously they do not want unity on foreign policy unless it be unity behind them on the third point.

The only issue then is "Shall the United States agent on the peace board declare war?"

It seems to me that question could have been resolved amicably and satisfactorily without disturbing the unity which State Secretary Hull and Dewey have worked so long and hard to preserve.

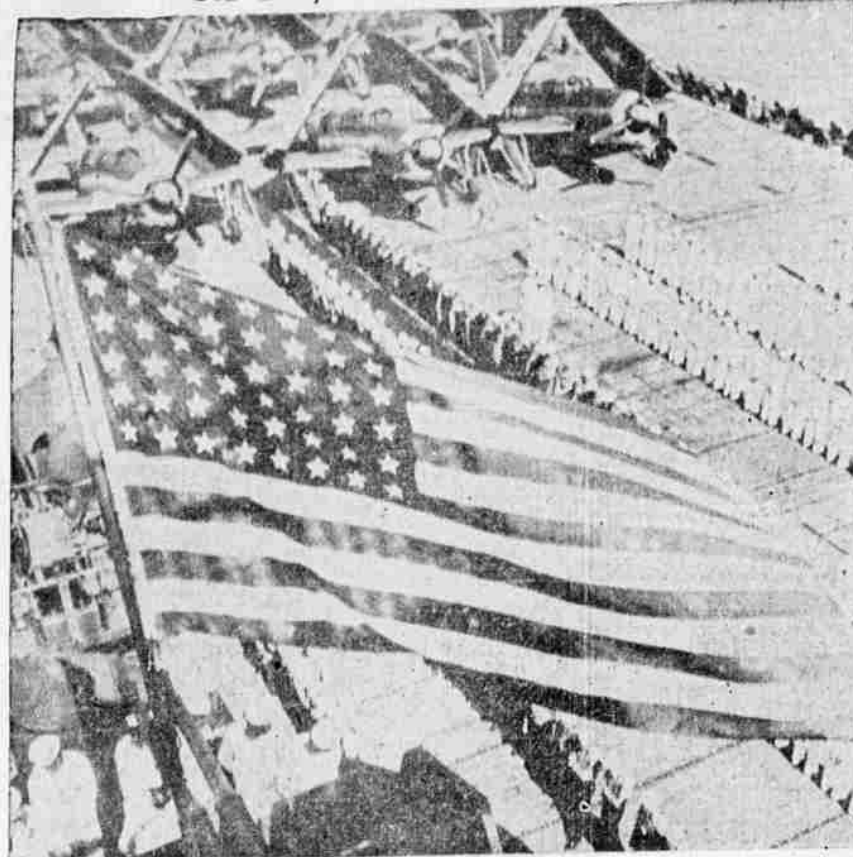
The constitution gives the power of declaring war to the representatives of the people in congress, and the constitution cannot be amended by a majority of congress. Ratification by three-fourths of the states would be necessary, a long and in this case, needless procedure. Ways could be found to prevent the agent from getting the country involved wrongly or stupidly. But whatever way is found it must be in conformance with the constitution.

Thus suddenly it now becomes clear the isolationists are not the only ones who could wreck the peace. A stubborn persistent stand by international extremists for an unwise or unconstitutional method could bring the same unhappy and unrequited result.

AIR TRAVEL HEAVY
New York, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—Air transport command planes crossed the Atlantic at a rate of one every 19 minutes during September, carried 2,900 passengers to foreign theatres, and returned more than 2,700 wounded or ill service men to this country, the north Atlantic division of the ATC announced today.

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Old Glory Flies Proudly in Pacific



Old Glory, shown flying over U. S. aircraft carrier for captain's inspection as ship made her way back from recent action against Japs in Pacific, is again flying proudly over warships of U. S. Third Fleet now in a great showdown struggle with enemy fleet off Philippines that may decide length of the Pacific war. U. S. Navy photo.

LAST SON OF FAMILIES EXEMPT FROM COMBAT

Washington, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson today announced a new army policy whereby the remaining soon in a family which lost two or more boys in the war will be kept out of combat service.

In a recognition of "the sacrifice and contribution made by a family which has lost two or more sons and only one surviving," Stimson said, the war department will keep or place the surviving son on non-hazardous duty or discharge him from the army.

HEADS COLLEGES

Chicago, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—C. S. Boucher, chancellor of the College of Agriculture, University of Nebraska, was elected president of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities today. He succeeds Dean C. B. Hutchison, of the University of California, who was appointed to the executive committee.

Expands Atomic Research

The electron micro-analyzer developed in 1943 reports on atomic composition of submicroscopic particles to minute to be seen by microscopes!

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 3:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

A favorite lunch club topic these days is "What Should Be Done With Germany?" Another school of thought is arguing (without eating), "What Should Be Done To Germany?"

One of the Older Girls, while motoring, yes, rammed into a parked vehicle so hard, her fall hat was knocked on straight.

"The annual reports of the school board are so full of financial sleight-of-hand that only a corkscrew could serve as a proper bookmark." — (Chicago Daily News)—Or a dog's hind legs as book holders.

Tobacco bootlegging threatens the metropolis. Any day now smokers fear oak leaves will start showing up in the cigarettes and plug cut.

Editorial protests to the "pulp rhetoric" used by Gen. MacArthur in his liberation speech to the people of the Philippines. At the same time recent events in the same area, unhappy Jap admirals and generals have made the air blue in Tokyo.

FAIR ENOUGH (Eugene Register-Guard)
"Mrs. Seybolt wants a technical consultant on the Welsh passages. She says the duties will not be arduous. If the Welshman can't come to the campus somebody from the drama department will go to the Welshman."

The Vice President and Frank Sinatra, the crooner, will be on the air tonight at one and the same time. It's a grave question which will cause the most swooning—the crooner with his warbling, or the vice president with one of his fancy Utopian notions.

"Heppner is slowly but surely becoming a law-abiding town." — (Heppner News Items). — Civic pride surges.

In several California cities, there is an epidemic of juveniles shooting beans in bean-shooters, with a great waste of beans, and considerable accuracy. With a paper shortage the kids cannot be expected to return to the horse & buggy tricks of their Paws, and use paper-wads.

COULD BE! (Oakland (Cal.) Tribune)
To Editor Tribune:
Harold Ickes, Harry Truman, Tom Pendergast, Earl Browder, Sydney Hillman, Pat McDonough, etc.; sixteen years with this crowd may corrupt an innocent man.

Will someone please save our President? — LAURA STUHLMACHER.

Republicans in Spain are in revolt against Gen. Franco. What a republican is doing in Spain is not known, but he should be home where his vote will count.

IRRESISTIBLE MAN
"Mr. Rose was the most flourishing farmer for miles an miles. He was handsome too which always helps. His eyes were big and flashing his eyelashes swept on to his bright ruddy cheeks like a ripe juicy apple, his nose was aquiline and a beautiful shape. When he opened his mouth his teeth glistened like real pearls. His hair was glossy black and stood up in graceful wavy plumes. It shone too without any brilliantine and his voice—his voice was like a rolling organ.

Mrs. Rose was plain." — (From a letter.)

DEMOCRATS DENY F.R. LINKED WITH THOUSAND CLUB

Hannegan Says Organization Never Discussed With Chief; Independent Group

New York, Oct. 26.—(U.P.)—Democratic leaders said today that President Roosevelt had no connection with the "Thousand Club" which Gov. Thomas E. Dewey said had been promised special privileges for \$1,000 campaign contributions. They denied that it was authorized by the national committee and said its instigators already had been criticized by party officials.

Robert E. Hannegan, national Democratic chairman, said the club was never discussed with President Roosevelt, and "any notation contained in the letter read by Gov. Dewey attributed to the president is wholly without substance."

Nothing Mysterious
"There is nothing mysterious about the 'Thousand Club,'" Hannegan said. "It is entirely independent of the Democratic national committee and the statement attributed to the president in the letter read by Gov. Dewey is, I repeat, wholly without foundation and unauthorized."

H. L. McAllister and Samuel J. Watkins, Arkansas Democratic finance directors, whom Dewey said signed the letter from which he quoted, issued a statement at Little Rock in which they assumed full responsibility for the letter and said it had been misinterpreted by the G. O. P. presidential candidate.

Their statement said: "We assume personal responsibility for the 'Thousand Club' letter. The interpretation Mr. Dewey placed on the sentence 'members of this organization undoubtedly will be granted special privileges and prestige by party leaders' is entirely foreign to ours."

"The words 'prestige and special privilege' do not mean to us what has been inferred by him."

Closing time for Classified ads 3 p. m. — Too Late to Classify, 12:30 p. m.

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 26, 1934
(It Was Friday)

Mrs. Roosevelt to take stump in New York state for woman candidate for Congress. She defends New Deal in impromptu speech at Buffalo.

Mrs. Hauptmann, wife of Lindbergh baby kidnaper and killer, moves to Flemington, N. J., to be near her husband while awaiting trial.

Marshall N. Dana, associate editor of Oregon Journal writes President favors Gen. Martin for governor of Oregon.

Unsettled with rain. High 63, low 40 degrees.

Cranberries to be high priced for Thanksgiving due to shortage.

Corvallis named for next state convention of WCTU.

Medford football squad introduced to crowd from stage of Craterian, on eve of game with Klamath Falls tomorrow.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
October 26, 1924
(It Was Sunday)

Russia demands apology from England and denies authenticity of Zimoneff note to Premier MacDonald.

Former Bull Moosers urge people to vote for President Coolidge.

Rain. High 64, low 46 degrees. Precip. .12 of an inch.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Newman return from trip to Marshfield.

Waters to be impounded in Emigrant Dam in two weeks.

Oregon is tied with Washington.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Soldiers' Wives and Returning Husbands

You may have seen in the papers where a writer cautioned Army wives that their returning husbands would be "strangers" to them—because they've been through experiences that their wives could never share.

Well, a high-ranking officer wrote an answer to that; he called it nonsense. "What do our men want most? To finish the war and come home... What are they fighting for?... for everything the word home means."

Of course, the word "home" means something different to every fighting man. For home is a lot of little things! A garden or a work bench—well-thumbed books... a mellow glass of beer with friends.

But whatever they are, it's the memory of these small familiar things that he takes with him into battle. And it's these little things that link his thoughts to home—and to the familiar life that he looks forward to returning to.

Joe Marsh

ton in Northwest football conference.

Prohibition expenses in Jackson county so far this month totals \$931.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
October 26, 1910
(It Was Wednesday)

Registered voters in county total 4848, with 837 in Medford. P & E lost \$15,400.23 past year report shows.

Provisions of Salerno and Naples in Italy swept by tidal wave, thousands drown.

ELECTRICITY IN MINES
The mines of the U. S. have 50,000 miles of electrical haulage—more than the total for electrical railroads and street railways.

FIRST FIGHT BROADCAST
The first world's heavyweight championship bout to be broadcast was the Dempsey-Carpenter fight, July 2, 1921, from Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, N. J.

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You bet John cheers what I'm doing...

When John's address became c/o Postmaster, I volunteered to be a Nurse's Aide. The Red Cross needs you, too. If you'd like to volunteer, call your local chapter. Aides are especially needed during the daytime.

The important part is I'm releasing graduate nurses for services only they can do... and I'm storing away a fund of knowledge for post-war days when John and I have a family of our own.

It's work you, too, will be proud of. Why not volunteer today?



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