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The Desire for Power

THERE are many honest citizens who aren't interested in the personalities of the presidential campaign, who aren't bitterly partisan on a party basis, who refuse to be excited by some of the "issues" most loudly discussed, but nevertheless are against a third term for President Roosevelt simply and forthrightly because of their fear of his desire for power, and what he may do with his opportunities for power if given a third term.

Here to many is the crux of the whole campaign, the thing about which every citizen should do some solid thinking before election, whether he wears a Roosevelt pin or a Willkie pin. If any one has any doubts about this will to power on the part of the president, let him look back over the years, at the things which all of us know about and can well remember.

Let us go back no further than 1936. It was in that year that Mr. Roosevelt ran for and won re-election. We have come to expect presidents to run for re-election after a first term, and that in itself could hardly be viewed as a desire for exceptional power. But after the election, when Mr. Roosevelt was aglow as the beneficiary of a landslide, things began to happen.

Mr. Roosevelt and his coterie of experimentalists and advisers began going about things they had not mentioned in the election campaign. They claimed a "mandate" and when they found legitimate obstacles in their way, their efforts to brush these aside gave ample evidence of a will to greater power that would brook no interference.

They inaugurated the court packing plan—an attempt to clear the way for this streamlined rush to greater control over the government and the people. Fearing the supreme court might balk their schemes, they undertook to fill it with sympathetic friends. Only great popular revulsion prevented this measure from going through. The same overbearing desire for power led the president to attempt to purge, from the halls of congress, important leaders who did not see his way on everything, and who, again, might balk him and his advisers in their plans. Here, again, an aroused public defeated his purpose.

In our system of government we have fundamental checks and balances, designed to prevent any one branch of the government from obtaining too much power. In the court packing plan and the attempted "purge"—did not Mr. Roosevelt attempt to eliminate the two fundamental checks upon the executive branch, which he headed? Is that not plain?

And does it not lead directly to another great bid for increased power—the attempt to win a third term? It all fits into the same picture.

Now, in 1940, President Roosevelt sees opportunity for greater personal power than ever before. There is a great war in the world. The United States is not participating, as yet, but in many ways the country is going on a war basis. That means, inevitably, greater power for the executive, particularly for an executive who wants the power. It would be virtually impossible for Mr. Roosevelt, built as he is, to forego that great opportunity. He has not foregone it. He is running, aggressively, for a third term, and his recent campaign efforts have disposed, once and for all, of the fiction that he is running against his personal desire.

When one of the prominent Multnomah democrats made an address at a democratic meeting here recently, he forecast what the future may hold. He said, in effect, that in meeting and opposing the dictator nations, it may be necessary to adopt some of the dictators' methods. His argument was that in the "emergency" to come, with the executive assuming greater power and responsibility (the dictator methods) the nation ought to have Roosevelt at its head. Here was a democrat talking very close to the possibility of a Roosevelt dictatorship in this country, whether he meant to say it that bluntly or not.

And so we have the fear, on the part of thinking citizens, of what may happen if a man who will not surrender power when his allotted eight years are over, whose every act has shown that he loves power and wants more of it, is presented with further opportunity to enhance his power. That is why it is not idle talk to say that the issue of this campaign is the danger to popular government that exists in this bid for a continuance and extension of the personal power of Mr. Roosevelt, entrenched in a great political machine built up in eight years of "emergencies" and now making political use of the greatest "emergency" of them all.

Little has been divulged by Mr. Roosevelt or his strategists as to what they will do if returned to power. As we did after 1936, we will find that out after another "mandate." It is fear of that unknown future that will lead many a serious, patriotic citizen to refuse to be party to that return to power.

To gain power, to extend power, to abuse power—the steps come in easy sequence.

Those draft numbers must have had us dizzy yesterday. Anyway, apologies for a slight numerical error in our summary of the liquor measures, which we reprint in correct form today:

FOR STATE CONTROL
 Club bill—Vote 310 Yes.
 Liquor Control Repeal—Vote 313 No.
 AGAINST STATE CONTROL
 Club bill—Vote 311 No.
 Liquor Control Repeal—Vote 312 Yes.

FUNERAL

EVELYN ROSEN
 The remains of the late Evelyn Rosen, who passed away in this city on Monday, October 28, will be forwarded by railway, express Wednesday evening, October 30, to Los Angeles, Calif., for final rites and interment. Ward's Klamath Funeral home in charge of the arrangements.

Watch the Classified Page

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30—The Greeks have no word for their army. It is the worst in Europe. Only the Rumanian is possibly as badly equipped. While the mountainous terrain afforded them every prospect of slow retreat, there was no authority here who thought they could look any way but back, when the Italian blow first fell upon them.

The common expectation then was that the Greek government would eventually be forced to retire to the protection of hastily imported British guns upon islands to the south, possibly Crete.

ECLIPSE

Mussolini's stroke will at least stop the Italian people from speculating as to what happened to the so-called terrific drive which General Graziani has been conducting kneedeep in Egyptian sand.

You will remember that terrific thing started September 14 with extravagant advertising in the fascist press. Headlines sponsored by Mussolini's GHQ told of brilliant conquests of British sand dunes which were really undefended.

The secret has been fairly well kept even from the outside world, but the fact is Graziani bogged down in the sand about half way from Sidi Barran to Matruh, first fortified British position. Shelling of his single road of supplies through the desert by the British fleet and the problem of water supply made him considerably less terrific than advertised. His failure was covered by almost daily reports from the front that he has been preparing new roads outside the range of British vessels.

NEW GOALS

The substitute goals which Adolf and Benito are seeking in the near east, in lieu of their failure in England, are far below the heights of their primary ambitions.

All that Greece has to offer are landing fields and submarine bases for Italian operations against the British fleet off Alexandria.

The real objective is Turkey, as Turkey well knew. The dream of teutonic expansion there was borrowed by Hitler from the Kaiser. The Kaiser's old idea of a railroad from Berlin to Baghdad and the oil fields of Persia has now been realized and will be useful to Hitler as soon as the road can be wrested from Turkish hands.

The Turks let the British understand beforehand they preferred to fight on their own soil rather than to help Greece or Bulgaria.

SECOND GUESSES

Groans and grunts are coming out of the transom of democratic headquarters here. The lads are arguing among themselves as to how much better the campaign could have been run. Chief inner complaint is that Mr. Roosevelt should have started earlier, especially on the peace line. The threats of crisis involving the United States were promoted vigorously at the outset of the campaign as a justification for the third term. Not until Mr. Roosevelt's long delayed first speech on the stump in Philadelphia was the switch to the peace motif accomplished to meet the "he'll get us into war" charges by republicans.

The technicians are inclined to blame new National Chairman Flynn for the current hiatus. Flynn does not have the personal contacts scattered in every precinct throughout the country as did Farley, to keep in closest touch with what is going on.

Another common complaint is that the party wheelhorses have been taking it far too easy for the good of their cause.

HINTS

Hints are increasing that a secret opposition to the third term may become evident next Tuesday. A democratic figure here, known to have strongly opposed the third term, was

SIDE GLANCES



"Doc, could you lend me a measles quarantine sign for a week? My wife's aunt is planning on a visit!"

KENNEDY BACKS F. R. ELECTION

surprised to find in his mail a letter enclosing 50 cents from a WPA worker. It was folded in cardboard and bound with rubber bands. Several similar contributions of dollar bills have been received by the same source.

The writers asked that the money be considered as campaign contributions and suggested their motive was to obtain better jobs. The contributions will be officially registered.

Courthouse Records

(TUESDAY)

Marriage Applications

COX-LARSON, Henry Charles Cox, 24, clerk. Resident of Portland, native of New Hampshire. Lavina Pearl Larson, 20, waitress. Resident of Portland, native of Oregon. Three-day requirement waived.

Complaints Filed

Hester Ramsey versus S. F. Ramsey. Suit for separate maintenance. Charge, desertion. Couple married Grants Pass, June 6, 1917. Plaintiff asks support money, use of defendant's property. A. W. Schupp, attorney for plaintiff.

Ella Frances Withers versus Alonzo Harris Withers. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married Klamath Falls, June 12, 1937. Plaintiff asks attorney fees, return of maiden name of Ella Frances Colvig. D. F. Hamlin, attorney for plaintiff.

Marjorie Sheridan versus Alden Sheridan. Suit for divorce. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married Cottonwood Falls, Kan., January 16, 1937. Plaintiff asks property settlement, return of maiden name of Marjorie Jones. Lynn Moore, attorney for plaintiff.

Will Blackman, administrator for estate of Philip Blackman, deceased, versus Turner Chevrolet corporation and Kenneth Stuart. Plaintiff asks \$10,000 damages as result of death of Philip Blackman in auto accident. A. W. Schupp, attorney for plaintiff.

Mabel Spence versus Harry C. Spence. Plaintiff awarded divorce by default. Grounds, cruel and inhuman treatment. D. F. Hamlin, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court
 Frank Thomas Babish. Drunk in a public place. Sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, sentence suspended if he leaves state.

OBITUARY

HERSHEL RAY TODD
 Hershel Ray Todd, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman D. Todd, passed away in this city Monday, October 28. Baby Todd was aged four days when called. Besides his parents he is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Atkinson of this city. The funeral service took place in the Linkville cemetery at the graveside Tuesday, October 29, at 10:30 a. m. Ward's Klamath Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

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Telling The Editor

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NOT A MYTH

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I've read with interest several of Elizabeth Alice Thies' letters and have agreed with most of the sentiments expressed in these letters but I can't agree with her letter in your paper of October 28, regarding the third term. She calls it a "myth." I wish to put her straight on that score. The third term is a lot more than a myth to Real Americans, who treasure the real American traditions that have been handed down to us by the founders of our republic. It is the beginning of the decline of real democracy, when one man can set himself up as above and beyond such traditions. I suppose the reply to this will be that FDR is the indispensable man. God help us if he is. And don't be too sure that if he so wishes that your vote or all our votes will stop him from being dictator, with the help of the new deal congress. Remember Germany was a republic with the right of the people to vote when Hitler took over and the people can still vote but they have to vote the way Hitler directs.

You ask who Wendell Willkie is and what are his qualifications for the presidency. I'll tell you. His qualifications are stronger and more numerous than FDR's were in 1932 when he was elected and I'll go farther and say they are stronger than the president's are in 1940, after having eight years' experience at the expense of the taxpayers.

The president's background prior to being elected president was all political with the exception of a couple of business ventures which resulted in bankruptcy and a total loss to the stockholders. As governor of the state of New York, he left the finances of that state in bankruptcy. I suppose you will call all of the above as qualifications for the presidency.

Wendell Willkie has been a business man and as such commanded a salary equal to the president's and as such brought his company out of the red and had the company paying dividends before he resigned.

I myself will take the business man to run our government in preference to the politician. Willkie has worked with his hands and has earned his money and knows the value of the dollar. On the other hand FDR raised in luxury, inheriting his fortune, really doesn't know what economy is and has proved this in his reckless spending of the country's money in trying to SPEND the country back to prosperity.

She speaks of the road to the presidency as a long toilsome road of earnest endeavor. Our history doesn't show that our presidents had to be groomed and trained for the job. How about Lincoln and most of the earlier presidents? After all this is a democracy and men aren't trained for the presidency as the kings of Europe were fitted for their divine right.

And don't call the third term or any of our traditions as myths and still say you are patriotic. You as well as all the rest of the new dealers brush these things aside the same as FDR will brush aside your franchise to vote if he so desires.

PEGGY BROWNING,
 Southern Democrat.

CRITICAL OF ASHURST

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—Please permit me a little space in your paper for a letter about Judge Ashurst.

Going back to the year he was elected to office, his headquarters was in one of the leading pool halls, where he shook hands with anybody and everybody and called them all fine people. Well, \$600 a month changes a

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man. When Ashurst was running first for circuit judge people felt sorry for him and gave him a lift—that is why he was elected.

Now it's about time to forget Ashurst, for the simple reason he hasn't been a judge—he has tried to be a dictator. Isn't it a fact he has repeatedly attacked some official or individual, with never a good word for any other public official, while he was really the one who was inefficient. He is always shooting his mouth off but he hasn't proved a point yet.

Remember when Judge Ashurst gave Ralph Peyton a year and parole after he was convicted of involuntary manslaughter after an automobile accident? Don't you think a year in the big house at Salem would have been more appropriate?

Isn't it a fact, Judge, that more than 100 affidavits of prejudice have been signed against you at 4 cents a mile both ways and \$4.50 a day for room and board?

There was a county judge in Jackson county a while back who tried to set himself up as dictator and in the end it was the judgment of the people he was sent to the Oregon penitentiary. This state does not want prejudiced dictators sitting in the halls of justice nor does the public appreciate paying additional expense of having outside judges in to try a large number of cases in which affidavits of prejudice are filed.

Anybody in public office should attend to their own duties and let others attend to theirs.

CHARLES A. PAULK,
 1912 South Sixth Street.

WORD FOR CORNETT

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I have been reading with much interest your timely comments on the candidates and measures on the ballot. But there is one office to be filled by the voters, you haven't mentioned, that is of vital importance to Klamath county and should be of interest to everyone in the county. I am speaking of state senator.

Klamath county's candidate for this office is Marshall E. Cornett and for direct representation in the senate and for the best interests of the county, the voters should send him to the senate.

Marshall Cornett is in business here. He is a civic leader and has given generously of his time

and money in support of all civic and community activities. He is vitally interested in the progress and growth of the Klamath basin. Agriculture, lumber, business and labor will all have a representative in the senate if Cornett is elected.

He is a World War veteran, enlisting early in 1917 and is active in veterans' affairs. He served as the first president of "Klamath Buckaroo Days" for three years and it was due largely to the time and energy he devoted to this activity, that made it the success it has turned out to be.

A victory for Marshall Cornett means a voice in the state senate for Klamath county. Let's keep this office in this county, where it belongs, as this is the largest county in this senatorial district.

THOS. B. YOUNG.

LEWIS ANSWERS WAGNER ATTACK

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 (AP)—John L. Lewis, the CIO leader who last week gave his support to Wendell L. Willkie for president, said today that he would not accept the secretaryship of labor "if in the future, it should again be tendered to me."

He made the statement in formal comment upon a radio speech by Senator Wagner (D-N.Y.) last night, which was announced as a reply to the speech in which Lewis announced support for Willkie and gave his views on the Roosevelt administration.

Lewis described the Wagner speech as a "futile attempt" at answering him.

KLAMATH PROJECT WILL BE OPENED BY ROAD GROUP

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 30 (UP)—Twenty projects totaling more than \$1,000,000 will be opened by the Oregon highway commission at the next meeting to be held in Portland, Nov. 12 and 13, it was announced Tuesday. They included: Klamath, furnish 10,800 cubic yards crushed rock; Multnomah, grade and surface 3.55 miles Barbur boulevard, Boones Ferry road section west Portland-Hibbard highway.

Thieves stole helmets from a Los Angeles fire house while the boys were answering a call. Now the firemen are burning up.

ENDS "LILLIAN RUSSELL" ALICE FAYE



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