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President's Party

(President Roosevelt played host to new congressmen last night at the White House. For The Associated Press and The Herald and News, two freshmen congressmen here report on the festivities. Harris Ellsworth, the republican, is publisher of the Roseburg, Ore. News-Review, and is well known in Klamath Falls. James William Fulbright, the democrat, is former president of the University of Arkansas.)

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, Republican, Oregon
(Written for The Associated Press)

SINCE the president sent out the invitations to the new members of congress to visit him at the White House there has been considerable speculation in the cloak rooms as to what sort of a party it would be. Conjecture ran all the way from the idea that political heat would be turned on to the belief that it would be a brief word with the president in a reception line—that the tired executive would then retire, and the members would talk among themselves over punch and cookies until signaled to leave.

The only single clue that appeared was what one member was told, in response to a letter accepting the invitation, that the occasion would be social.

That was correct. All other guesses were entirely wrong.

We gathered in the great east room at the White House. Speaker Sam Rayburn acted as M.C. (in this instance the letters meaning "master of ceremonies.") In single file we were ushered through a hall to the state dining room. The president greeted each of us with a friendly comment or question.

Informal Party

SHORTLY a small group gathered around the president. Seated up close, the conversation was free and friendly—it was an intimate and social affair. Everyone had a chance to get in at close range, ask questions and generally engage in the conversation. Some congressman was always ready with a light for the president's cigarette. It was that sort of an informal party.

I think the one thing that impressed everyone—the one thing mentioned most in the crowd as we filed out—was the relaxed good health—and good humor—of the president. Take my word for it he is anything but a tired old man. No recent photograph of him tells the truth as I saw it. President Roosevelt does not appear tired. His coloring is good and he appears to be in excellent health. He obviously enjoyed the gathering. He talked freely and seemed willing to talk on any subject and to welcome any sort of question.

We don't, I am told, ever directly quote the president but I may say that he talked with us, not only about the war—on all fronts—but about building a system of highways after the war—and a score of other things. Strangely enough, no one asked him about the fourth term. I guess they just did not think of it—I know I didn't.

Good Sense

IF THERE was any deep political implication in the meeting I missed it. It seemed like just mighty good common sense to me—the idea of the chief executive of our country gathering new members of congress around him to get acquainted with them and for informal discussion. I do not think he charmed any followers away from the opposition—nor do I believe he had any particular intention along that line. He is very sure of himself—is certain he is right and obviously is not worried or really much concerned about what the other fellow thinks.

In bidding us good night—and he stayed until we left the room—the president joshed a bit about doing all of the talking—said he likes to talk—and I believe him.

Nothing quite like this has ever been done before, I am told. Nor have the new members in this congress from both sides of the aisle met "socially" before. I approve heartily of both breaches of precedent—if that is what to call it. The whole thing was a bit symbolic of what we need in government to finish off this war job—more unity and less politics. A good time was had by all.

A Democrat Reports

By JAMES WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, Democrat, Arkansas
(Written for The Associated Press)

SO LONG as human relations are the essence of government, Franklin D. Roosevelt will do all right.

At his informal reception to the new congressmen it was difficult for the most prejudiced to resist the influence of his enthusiasm, his confidence and his essential humanity.

To those who were already favorably disposed, he was quite up to the highest expectations.

It is always impressive to enter the White House from the east wing down the interminable corridors. Arriving a little late as chance would have it, I accompanied the exotic Mrs. Luce down the receiving line. She is quite human at an informal party.

In the magnificent state dining room, the president conversed with all the new congressmen in a thoroughly informal and intimate manner. He discussed freely his trip to Africa, the strategy in the Pacific and the progress of the war in general.

Optimistic

HIS evident optimism, without making any predictions, was heartening to everyone. He was in a rare good humor, which in itself was encouraging to perceive.

Speaker Sam Rayburn directed the proceedings, tactfully and easily presenting the representatives to the president. Vice President Wallace and Hon. John W. McCormack (the majority leader of the house) added much to the easy flow of conversation.

Throughout the evening I could not help but think that here we have the true symbol of our democracy. The chief executive of the most

powerful nation in the world joking and talking to the newest representatives of the people, many of whom, only six months ago, were on farms, in law offices, or small business throughout this land.

In spite of all the differences of opinion one may hear any day on Capitol Hill, one came away from this gathering with a feeling that there is a fundamental unity in this great democracy; that in the crisis now facing the world, free men will prevail over the slaves of Hitler.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 11—This much we know about Ambassador Standley's accusation that Stalin has played down our billion and a half aid to Russia before his own people:

Standley is an adult personal representative of Mr. Roosevelt, and all such know enough not to criticize a diplomatic host without word from the boss.

It is difficult for any observer here to believe the old friend of the president would have dared to speak even the simple truths he did without authority. Of course, occasionally, diplomacy requires a government to officially deny what it unofficially knows to be true.

This much we know despite all the official and congressional efforts to becloud and smooth over the incident:

At Casablanca, Stalin was worse than absent. He was unrepresented, and he explained the vacuum he left there in a very peculiar way. He said he was busy fighting.

He left out all mention of American aid in his speech to the world last week, saying Russia was carrying the brunt of the fighting alone.

But more important to skilled phrase-fencers in the diplomatic world at this end, all Stalin's recent speeches have taken the position that he is not warring on Germany, that he has no intention of destroying Germany as a nation, or even Germany as a military power—but only Hitlerism.

These Moscow winds have sown the seeds of suspicion, not only here, but among all the American people, that Russia may be fighting for herself alone, and therefore might consider a different kind of peace than we would, perhaps an earlier one.

It is only simple, truthful reporting to set out these facts, none of which is secret, although the official reaction to Standley's very limited statement here was a beating of the bushes in congress demanding Standley's return.

Whether Standley returns is unimportant by comparison with the fact that he has thrown out into the open a situation which must be met by both Moscow and Washington fairly and honestly on the open table. The time for pretending by both sides has long since passed.

To let such seeds grow unnoticed under a plea that no questions should be asked concerning an ally, would only plant a real distrust which could never be adjusted. Open questioning brings answers and genuine understanding.

The only thing remarkable about Standley's views to me was their suggestion that while Russia knows everything going on in the United States and has \$1,500,000,000 of our planes, tanks, etc. We know nothing about what is going on in Russia.

Stalin can easily prove that he is not fighting a war for himself and will not expect a peace for himself by his deeds in the immediate future—including the sending of an authentic representative to the coming Welles meeting here on the post-war world.

Communitic Preference

THE matter is of far greater importance to us than may yet be generally appreciated, because a number of our own people actually prefer Stalin's purposes to ours.

The longshoreman's bulletin of the CIO, No. 20, issued February 24 at San Francisco, tells of a union meeting addressed by "Bro. B. B. Jones," a torpedoed American merchant sailor. Mr. Jones related that all survivors from his torpedoed ship were picked up by a Swedish vessel "whose crew, seamen and officers were good rank and filers" (red language for international communists). Bro. Jones counselled the workers:

"If the people want to win the peace, political action on a broad front must be gotten underway at once."

Then the bulletin concludes by saying: "Bro. Jones pointed out why the red army and Russian people were able to hand Hitler a licking was because the Russian workers own the means of production and did not have profiteers to hinder limited war production."

The allegiance of Bro. Jones and his sympathetic hearers, who now eagerly print his views, is obviously not primarily directed in this war toward winning for our way of life.

MOST confusing aspect of Standley's observations was the simultaneous speech of Vice President Wallace, warning Americans they would never attain post-war peace "if they doublecross Russia."

Standley and Wallace seem to have the official shoe on opposite feet.

But juggling of shoes is the order of the day. Mrs. Roosevelt announced that fourth term talk should be cut off, because it would hurt the immediate war effort. Her friends, like Senator Mead, of New York, who would not for the world say a word she would not want said, simultaneously endorsed the fourth term.

All the talk has been coming from such sources which are obviously convinced that despite what Mrs. Roosevelt said, she will not be displeased to any serious extent.

All this seems to be confusion. But is it?

SIDE GLANCES



"I'm baking these pies because I dreamed Bill was coming home! Don't laugh—remember when I dreamed about the mule and next day one kicked you?"

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcomed.

THERE ARE DOGS AND DOGS

DORRIS, Calif. (To The Editor)—Have been reading in your paper about the dog question among the residents of Klamath Falls and think if all could take a medium view of the subject it would be better for all of them.

Many people are dog lovers and many are not and I've known people to grouch if a dog just happened to walk across their lawns.

For years we have owned a dog and sometimes two, and I've come to the conclusion that dogs are just like people, in some ways. They have their personality, some dogs are bad. And no doubt some neighbors' dogs are a source of annoyance to others but those dogs are generally dogs that are not well-trained and do not receive the right care at home. But the pioneer spirit is so strong in me, I do not like to see even a dog tied up. Freedom even to a dog must mean much, and many people are so inconsiderate of a dog, as I have seen dogs tied out on a rock pile without any water on a hot day. It would be better if such people didn't own a dog.

I am sending in a poem about our dog Jack. Perhaps many have seen him at the quarantine station, and it may touch a soft spot in someone's heart and mind. We have lived in many localities and in houses without fences and have never been bothered with dogs. Perhaps we were just lucky.

Sincerely,
MRS. CARRIE A. ENGLISH.

TWO WAR DRIVES PLANNED

The president's war relief control board has approved a plan for only 2 war fund drives during 1943: (1) combining USO, community chests and councils, certain state war chests and major foreign relief organizations; (2) American National Red Cross war fund.

Always read the classified ads.

BEND WINS SAFETY TRAFFIC CONTEST

SALEM, March 11 (AP)—Bend, La Grande, Springfield and Union won in the state department's 1942 cities traffic safety contest, it was announced today. Bend took first place in the first population group for the second straight year, having no fatalities and reducing the number of accidents 34 per cent during the year. Eugene was second, followed by Astoria, Medford, Klamath Falls, Salem and Portland.

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At something he doesn't like
To eat or drink
He growls and scolds too
When you put him out of doors,
As much as to say,
"How can you do this to me?"

He likes to hunt and loves a gun
And water too, barks and says to
His master in his doggie way,
"Come on, kill your ducks, I can
Bring them in all day."
So I'm quite sure you will all
Agree, our dog Jack is a funny
dog.
But still I pat him on the back
And say he's just the dog for me.

Proceedings Against Citizenship of NW Lumberman Start

TACOMA, March 11 (AP)—Proceedings to cancel the citizenship of Henry Gustave Reinsch, widely known northwest lumberman, were instituted in federal court here today by Harry Sager, U. S. district attorney, under direct authorization of Francis Biddle, attorney general.

Reinsch, a resident of Tacoma for 16 years, is charged in a complaint with having "procured his certificate of naturalization by means of false and grand fraudulent sworn statements set forth to obtain the rights and privileges and protection of American citizenship." Reinsch was born in Mortitzberg, Germany, on July 4, 1888, the complaint states.

OREGON IRRIGATION PROSPECTS BRIGHT

CORVALLIS, March 11 (AP)—Water supply prospects for Oregon's irrigated lands are still bright despite a dry February, according to the March 1 report on snow and reservoir conditions just received at Oregon State college.

The report is by A. R. Work, Medford, in charge of snow surveys and water forecasts for the soil conservation service and the Oregon experiment station.

Total water stored in all reservoirs is about the same as a year ago, largely because water is being passed through to care for later inflow. The number of reservoirs half or more full is greater than in any recent year, the report shows.

German Transport Sabotaged While in Trondheim Harbor

STOCKHOLM, March 11 (AP)—Advices from Oslo tonight reported a German transport had been severely damaged by a bomb explosion aboard in Trondheim harbor and had been run aground to prevent sinking.

The explosion apparently was caused by a time-bomb placed in the ship but while none was arrested for sabotage, six persons were taken into custody as hostages.

Some others had been arrested recently at Trondheim for "illegal activity," among them several taken from a technical high school.



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