

The Hoosier Forum—Continued

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sendees, Liberty Leaguers, Communists, etc., made it possible for the candidate of a party which is 63 per cent liberal by the Poll of Public Opinion to be replaced by the candidate of a party 80 per cent conservative, reactionary, ready to undo what Roosevelt attempted for the man on the street.

DEPLORES TREND TO MEATLESS DIETS

By Fay Corn

I am calling your attention to something vastly more important to the nation than anything I know of history recording. This situation has never confronted any civilized nation before except in time of war. I heard a discussion over the air. The question was as to whether this nation is becoming a vegetarian nation. The man interviewed stated: "The antique shops and second-hand stores of the large cities are buying the old meat platters which once dominated the center of every American table." Perhaps it is a fashion like that of the past war—short skirts—or what is the cause for the people to discontinue eating meat?

Every degenerated tribe of African pygmies which grow to be 5 and 3½ feet tall are vegetarians.

According to official reports on school children throughout the United States about one-half of the children between the ages of 6 and 14 years old are undernourished. The larger cities have a greater number of undernourished children in proportion than do the smaller towns and country. What will be the effect on this nation if the young generation now coming on discontinues eating meat?

Have the young mothers of America been informed that they are rearing a new nation of young men and women who will be subnormal in physique and energy?

I am certain that if you would print a series of articles explaining what the results of meatlessness will be, every physician would gladly explain to parents that their children should have meat at least once a day.

TIRED OF OLD PARTY ALIGNMENTS

By F. G. T.

Will traditional ideas of the Republican or Democrat Parties still control our votes? Absolutely not. The voters are being awakened to the fact a new or third party is needed and will insist on supporting such.

If my father or grandfather supported these old parties, perhaps they were right then, but now problems are entirely different. A new age or era has arrived. Changes are rapidly made in invention, both chemical and mechanical. Transportation is contributing to the change.

Why not fall away from these old traditional ideas of Republicans or Democrats only? Let the voters line up in a formation in November and turn out both the donkey and the elephant in pasturage.

Under Harding's Administration the seed of distrust was perhaps sown. We saw Hoover's Administration slowing down all activity, and slowly placing millions on unemployment lists. The Roosevelt regime was elevated to control. After almost four years we see the New Deal system failing to decrease unemployment. We now find by reports two to three million more unemployed than under Hoover's completed term.

Can a new party at controls handle with less efficiency?

I think the bulk of new voters would gladly support any new ticket or program if only partly reasonable.

In a park Sunday a poll was taken of a small crowd. The following results were shown: Democrats, 5; Republicans, 6; Socialist, 5; Communist, 1; new or third party, 29.

HEARST ATTACKS ARE ANALYZED

By Clyde P. Miller

The Times quotes Harry Fenton, Secretary of the Republican State Committee, as saying that Gov. McNutt should have attacked Hearst four years ago. Rather an unsophisticated comment for a politician! Why Harry, the reason Democrats did not attack Hearst four years ago was because he did not attack them. In nearly all wars, Harry, soldiers attack those they are fighting against, not those who are marching with them—regardless of motives. Do you hear of any Landon Republicans attacking Hearst now? That would be rather silly, wouldn't it?

And if Mr. Fenton means that because Gov. McNutt did not attack Hearst four years ago this indicates that Gov. McNutt then endorsed all that Hearst is and ever has been, then by the same token, Mr. Fenton who now fails to attack Hearst, but defends him, must certainly now approve all that Hearst is and ever has been.

If this is true, then Mr. Fenton, as a Republican Party official, owes an apology to Mr. Hearst for the vicious attacks he and his crowd made on him four years ago. If what Hearst is and ever has been is now approved, does this approval include Hearst's support of Roosevelt four years ago? To be consistent in theory, if Gov. McNutt should have attacked Hearst four years ago, then Fenton's crowd should do it now.

But seriously, what is Hearst? I would say that he is in most congenial company at present—check to Jowl with predatory selfishness, exemplified by the interests supporting Landon. But the fact is that no association is congenial to Hearst that is not subservient to Hearst. If he can't have his way he won't play.

Four years ago Al Smith, raging with jealousy and disappointment—willing, like Hearst, to subvert party fealty to personal preference—tried to "stop" Roosevelt and called him a weakling. Ah! that was the kind of man for Hearst. So he threw the support of his 30 newspapers to

Roosevelt. But after the election the strings of twisted newspapers somehow wouldn't make the man-kin dance!

So now Hearst is in a rage, but he evidently brushed up his canniness for his next bet and has gotten his dope straighter. So he scouts around and picks Landon as the best Hearst prospect. Then he tells the Republicans: "If you will nominate my man Landon, I will throw the support of my 30 papers to the Republican ticket." Well, why wouldn't they jump at this? In such an extremity as the Republicans are to beat Roosevelt, they were of course willing to let Hearst pick their nominee in exchange for the support of his papers.

Yes, Mr. Fenton, if the Governor should have attacked Hearst four years ago, why don't you do it now?

STATE BARNYARD?

By a Taxpayer

Have you seen the Statehouse yard recently? Who is responsible for its present deplorable condition? Having recently returned from a trip through several states in the Northwest where the Statehouses and yards are shown with pride to visitors, I am wondering if we Hoosiers can point with pride to our own Statehouse and its surroundings?

In a conversation overheard recently in a North Meridian bus, one man referred to the Statehouse yard as resembling nothing so much as a barnyard, and I personally feel he is doing the barnyard an injustice.

Again I say, who is responsible for the present condition of the Statehouse yard?

BELIEVES COUGHLIN WAS CORRECT

By Fred Marlowe

But Coughlin was right—did not Franklin D. Roosevelt say over the radio that he would do this and do that if he was elected and he was?

Did he not fail to do these things? He did. He even obstructed legislation that he had promised to put through.

Is he then, not a liar and a double crosser? I believe he is.

I am not Catholic, but I believe Coughlin is at least sincere.

WRITER REPLIES TO CRITICISM

By Rev. Daniel Carrick

I believe that Mr. Messmer is mesmerized, because he said that my criticism of Franklin D. Roosevelt was uncommon and unfair, and he objected to my saying that the WPA men dug little holes in the ground and then had a bunch of men come along and fill up the little holes. But he didn't prove this statement to be untrue, for that is one of the things that the records show, and my eyes have seen it.

He objects to "hog-killer" and "cotton-destroyer," but the hogs were killed and their meat was burned. And the cotton was destroyed and people by the millions didn't have even a suit of underwear and little girls didn't have school dresses.

Past records show that the WPA was never needed, any more than the saloon is needed. The records show that Roosevelt promised the saloon back. It came back and the majority of the people would like to get rid of it.

And the records show that Roosevelt promised economy in the handling of the government, but we are in debt so much that 200 years would not pay us out at the rate we are going now. The records show that the farmer is not satisfied with the Roosevelt regime, and they also show that the government has not kept its pledges with the farmer, because many farmers have not received payment for letting their land lie idle.

I want to say to Mr. Messmer that Mr. Roosevelt is President for Wall Street and is not humanitarian, and is not interested in the common people. No humanitarian in the world would plow under cotton and burn up pork with a fourth of his nation on starvation.

I am non-partisan. I have no more use for Hoover than I have for the New Deal. I am defending the American people and trying to keep off a bloody revolution by stopping Roosevelt before he declares himself Dictator.

I wish to thank The Times for so liberal a discussion of these facts, for The Times is a great paper, and this discussion is honest and friendly.

SPEAKS GOOD WORD FOR APPRENTICE SYSTEM

By Jimmy Calverton

Once upon a time we had what was known as the apprentice. He worked every bit as hard as the expert but was paid in small change. Every expert took a certain pride in the kind of workmen he seasoned and prepared for the world. A blacksmith was a real blacksmith. A wheelwright was a wheelwright. And a brewmaster knew his beers.

Unless one served his apprenticeship at the hands of a master he remained without an occupation. Things were more rigid in those days. Maybe it was better. Maybe not.

Today we have folks that man the wheels of industry that have a lot of technical and theoretical training (observe the grinding mills of the universities and how they ceaselessly carry on) and with an insufficient amount of common sense and prudence that is garnered through years of experience.

Trades change. Occupations change. But there is no expert without his experience. And there is no master without his years. Rather than mill out armies and armies of inexperienced in the trades and professions, it would be far more desirable to have these ladies and gentlemen serve their apprenticeship at the hands of masters. No man should be allowed into a highly responsible profession or trade unless and until he has served his apprenticeship.

PREDICTS DESPAIR IF LANDON WINS

By John Carier, Putnam County

The comment of many, including Republicans, after carefully reading Gov. Landon's acceptance speech, was that it was one of the most evasive, contradictory and poorly delivered acceptance speeches ever made by any presidential candidate.

He stated "that it is not my belief that the Constitution is above change," and then in the next paragraph said, "The Republican Party, however, does not believe that the people wish to abandon the American form of government." He has but to consult the recent American Public Opinion poll on the minimum wage scale amendment to realize what the majority of the American people wish.

Every voter should take the time to read and compare the Landon and Roosevelt acceptance speeches. If one is not too politically prejudiced, he will readily admit that the election of Landon would mean a return to the want, misery and despair from which Roosevelt delivered us.

That eminent Republican, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, says the present Republican platform is the most reactionary in history. Think these facts over, Mr. Voter.

URGES WHOLESALE ADOPTION OF MERIT PLAN

By N. W.

If you've been wondering just how much the activities of government have expanded in recent years, consider the fact that one job in every 10 is a government position.

In no other "industry" has there been such activity, says the Civil Service Reform League. From the lowest units of government upward, the trend in the last decade or so definitely has been toward more and more public administration.

But the trend is significant, too, for its shifting character and immense turnover. For politics makes and unmake most of these jobs. There still is a large mass of government employees who labor under the shadow of the spoils system, with the result that efficiency and economy are thrown out the window.

It is not the fault of any particular administration, but a common weakness of all. It is time that the electorate became smart and plugged harder for wholesale adoption of the merit system.

HOLDS IT'S FUTILE TO QUOTE THOMAS JEFFERSON

By James C. Barnett

In the Hoosier Forum Tuesday the Rev. Lester Gaylor in quoting Thomas Jefferson failed to use some of Jefferson's most appropriate sayings. Jefferson wouldn't have liked to be quoted as either for or against the present Democratic Party. He

had a saying for that. It was "The earth belongs to the living."

Mr. Gaylor suggests by his quotation that the present government should be frugal and simple. Jefferson lived in frugal and simple days. We don't. He also had a saying for the human failing of using the words of dead men to regulate the lives of later generations. He called it "beating the living with the bones of the dead."

Mr. American Democrat has an abundant supply of quotations from Jefferson that would apply to 1936, one of which was the prophetic utterance about the ever-increasing power of the Supreme Court, amounting to a "judicial oligarchy." Mr. Gaylor insults our intelligence by assuming that we would believe that in the course of a lifetime Jefferson uttered only one saying that could be applied to the political situation of 1936.

URGES ROOSEVELT'S RE-ELECTION

By William Lemon

In the near future we will hear much said about the ruthless spending of the Roosevelt Administration.

This spending has enabled the working man to survive, the business man to stay in business, and has kept the bank doors open.

They will tell us that we have bridged the lives of our children; even so our children will enjoy and benefit by our parks, recreation centers and modern highways and grade elevations.

And in that case they will only be paying for their own enjoyment. For the average man to take a chance now would only prove Bar-num's philosophy.

The average voter has always been classed as an imbecile by the Republican Party, and their hopes are all based on the third party movement. I admit some of the third party ideas, but not enough to support them and let the "Old Guard" slip in the back door with the empty dinner pail.

With us who have only our labor to support us, family and home should come first, and to preserve it we must not take a chance on a change at this critical time.

Those who wish a change should not forget their park bench bed and soup house diet under the former administration.

BELIEVES COURT MEMBERS BRIDGE PLAYERS

By W. L.

The august members of the court of appeals at Warsaw, capital of Poland, must be bridge players. If they aren't, bridge players everywhere will agree that they at least have a rare understanding of the emotional side of the game.

It seems that a Polish gentleman named Josef Ijas, having bid three

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