

# SUPPORT OF F.D.R. AT ALL-TIME HIGH

71 Per Cent Say They Approve of Him 'in General';  
38 Per Cent of Those Who Voted for Wendell Willkie  
In Index; Several Factors Involved.

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PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 27.—As Franklin D. Roosevelt took the oath of his Presidential office for the third time, a newly completed national survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion indicated that the President had reached the greatest heights of personal popularity ever measured in the seven-year Roosevelt "vote of confidence index" of the Institute.

The Institute found 71 per cent of those with opinions saying they "in general approved" of Franklin Roosevelt as President. Only 29 per cent said they disapproved.

Several factors, of course, explain the phenomenal increase in the President's support today, as compared with the 55 per cent vote cast for him Nov. 5. A few of these are:

1. With two years to go until the next Congress, a national race—strictly partisan—controversy is at a minimum.

This, of course, squares with established American political custom.

2. At inauguration-time especially, both parties tend to emphasize national interests and aims rather than party interests.

3. Finally, millions of Americans who voted for Wendell Willkie are—by this time—fully satisfied with the American political system.

4. The nation's foreign policy, which has stressed Saturday night by Sean Lemass, Minister for Supplies, was brought home to the Irish public this morning by a Government announcement that only brown bread is to be obtained from now on and that coal is to be rationed at half a ton per household.

Gasoline is strictly rationed and Lemass warned that there would be no assurance that supplies could be maintained indefinitely.

Eire's present stocks of wheat are sufficient to last at least until midsummer, if strictly rationed. Hence the brown bread.

Tea is the only other food which is likely to run short.

Speaking to the Institute of Journalists Saturday, Lemass said: "Our position is very grave indeed."

SCHOOL FOR HANDICAPPED  
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 27 (U.P.)—A school for handicapped children will be opened here next fall, following a gift from E. M. Morris, local financier. The former mansion of the late Col. George M. Studebaker will be used.

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## WILLIS CRITICAL OF TRADE PACTS

Urge Return to G. O. P.  
High Tariff and  
"Sound Money."

Times Special

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Senator Raymond E. Willis (R. Ind.) today urged a return to a stalwart Republican high tariff and "sound money" principles as the best economic defense for America in a post-war world.

The Hoosier Senator was joint speaker with Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.), isolationist leader, at a convention luncheon of the American National Coalition of Patriotic Societies.

Sen. Willis roundly condemned the Hull reciprocal trade agreements. He urged protection of the American market even at the sacrifice of foreign trade.

He also warned that "the temptation to become an aggressive commercial imperialistic nation must be resisted by the United States."

Has Four-Point Program

The junior Senator from Indiana laid down this four-point program:

1. A stable national currency for the United States whose value shall be determined by a criterion of both national and international stability, subject to modification only with the approval of Congress.

2. An international monetary conference to facilitate clarification of relationships between national and zone currencies.

3. Preferential concern with maintenance of the American standard of living.

4. The nation to become an aggressive commercial imperialistic nation must be resisted by the United States.

In developing the third-point in his program, Senator Willis said:

"Unprotected domestic markets and depreciated foreign currencies always spell the danger of drastic floods of imports when wars are ended. Can't Offer Bargains

"We may find this danger greater than ever as a result of our trade policy of recent years. And we shall now be in a position to offer many trade bargains to other nations after this war because we offered so many before the war."

"For we have already made trade agreements with every industrial nation in the world except Germany, and have little to offer a war-torn world but concessions on more agricultural goods."

Since foreign trade represents but 6 per cent of the normal American production it can well be sacrificed for the 94 per cent home market, Senator Willis concluded.

**Resented Casting**

More than his hatred of music is understood to have caused the author's boycott of "Pelleas and Melisande."

The historic fracas of 1902, when Mr. Maeterlinck, armed with a stick, threatened the French composer Claude Debussy with a beating because he cast Mary Gardener in the role of Melisande instead of his protege, Georgette La Blache, caused Mr. Maeterlinck to swear he would never see the opera.

In 1922, upon the request of Mary Gardener herself, he went to see it, pronounced it "terrible" and left before the ending.

"Singers are better looking than they were," he said, "but they still aren't as good as professional actors."

His wife, French actress who has been married to the white-haired, heavy set writer for more than 20 years, said that as yet Mr. Maeterlinck was not used to American audiences.

St. Louis City, but the redecorating and renovating are to be done by the North Side Latter Day Saints numbering about 200 persons.

John Sullivan, president of the North Side congregation, is a native of Hooiser and a convert to Mormonism, but Mrs. Sullivan, who came from Utah, has always been a member of the denomination.

Sunday school, a women's relief society and young people's organization are among the activities to be carried on by the new church. The congregation now worships in the Lain Business College.

Dr. Richard R. Lyman, an apostle of the Church of Latter Day Saints, spoke at the Indianapolis District Conference meeting yesterday at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. in the South Side Chapel.

Dr. Lyman is touring the Northern States Mission dedicating new chapels and inspected the newly purchased chapel here. He was accompanied here by President Leo J. Muir of the Northern States Mission and Relief Society representatives.

The replies suggest merely that in the face of problems now looming for the country Mr. Roosevelt has the "confidence" of about seven voters in every ten. The small group of Roosevelt voters who now disapprove of him probably reflects dissatisfaction with the specific course of Mr. Roosevelt's defense and anti-Britain policies since the election.

## MEEK IN CAPITAL, TALKS TO MINTON

J. Perry Meek, Indianapolis insurance man, conferred with former Senator Sherman Minton here last week to enlist his aid in trying to get former Ambassador William C. Bullitt to speak under the auspices of the Indianapolis Civic Theater. As a White House administrative assistant, Mr. Meek is not, but no immediate date was set. The former Ambassador said such a date might be filled some time in the future, but at present he is too busy at the State Department.

After serving as Ambassador to Russia and then in France, Mr. Bullitt was still in Paris when the Nazis arrived. He doesn't like them and said so very forcefully in urging all-out aid to Britain in an address at Philadelphia.

Mr. Meek, accompanied by his wife, came to Washington to attend an Acadia Life Insurance Co. convention. They witnessed the inaugural parade and attended some of the social festivities.

**FULTON RECORDER DIES**

ROCHESTER, Ind., Jan. 27 (U.P.)—Mrs. Mabel Dubois, Fulton County Recorder since 1935, died yesterday after an illness of several months. Mrs. Dubois was the widow of Edward Dubois, former Rochester postmaster and one-time Fulton County Republican chairman.

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