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Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way

CAMPAIGN OF 1944—XIII THE ISSUES AT HOME

IT must be a little discouraging to run for state or local office with a red-hot national campaign stealing all the spotlight. Like trying to whistle Brahms' Lullaby against a brass band giving out with boogie-woogie.

So the men and women we will elect on Tuesday to run our state and county offices haven't had very much chance to make their own personalities felt by the voters, and chances are most of them will win or lose along with the top of their own party ticket. In general that isn't a very happy situation, but this year it is perhaps not as bad as usual, because both parties have put forward pretty good nominees for most offices.

This is especially true of the state tickets. In a good many spots it would be hard to decide, on a basis of individual merits, which of two opposing candidates to choose. We do believe that Judge Emmert has been an excellent attorney-general, and that his record plainly entitles him to another term. The same should certainly be said for Dr. Malan, the superintendent of public instruction. We intend to vote for both of them.

WE ARE NOT, this year, going to endorse a whole slate of county candidates, either. Both parties have nominated some good men, and some we do not consider quite as good. In some places both parties turned down at the primaries men who stood out as far better material for office than the men they chose. That was the result of the general lack of interest in the primaries, and the fact that not nearly enough of us took the trouble to vote. We do endorse Lewis Johnson for sheriff, however. The administration of Sheriff Petit has not been wholly bad. But during his entire term in office gambling has flourished openly throughout the county in direct violation of the law. If Mr. Petit did not know this he has been less observing than we believe a sheriff should be. If he did know it he has not fulfilled the duties of his office. We believe Mr. Johnson would take a different attitude on that subject.

ALL OR NOTHING AT ALL

ORGANIZED labor attained its present strength and influence by following the political doctrine of Samuel Gompers, "Reward your friends and punish your enemies." But the Political Action Committee of the C. I. O. has changed that.

The P. A. C. theme song is "All or Nothing at All." And to the P. A. C. "all" means support of the Fourth Term. That was proved conclusively by the telegram of Walter Frisbie, state C. I. O. secretary, rebuking the Evansville Industrial Union Council for endorsing Rep. Charles LaFollette for re-election from the 8th Indiana district.

And when Sen. LaFollette, a conservative liberal Republican, has one of the best labor records in congress. If labor can regard anyone as a "friend," certainly Rep. LaFollette qualifies. But, according to Mr. Frisbie, his record "is clouded" by his support of Dewey and Bricker.

IN OTHER WORDS, all the votes Rep. LaFollette has cast for labor in congress are less important than the ballot he will mark in the election booth on Tuesday. And the wishes of the labor constituents he has served likewise are less important than an edict from a union officer in Indianapolis. Is this democracy in action?

Samuel Gompers is dead. And so, too, is his time-tested philosophy. The Indiana P. A. C. gospel now is: Punish your enemies and reward your friends. Unless, of course, they happen to be Republicans. In that case, punish them, too.

"ALL RIGHT SO FAR"

A MAN was falling from the top of a 30-story building. As he passed the tenth floor, he waved happily to the people in the window—or so the story goes—and said:

"I'm all right, so far."

The people who talk about "Roosevelt prosperity" are like that man. A prosperity based on continued government borrowing is not real and cannot last. If you could borrow all the money you wanted, would you not seem prosperous—until there was no more money to borrow?

We will not have prosperity until we have a government that knows how to live within its income.

Thomas E. Dewey, as governor of New York, has balanced the budget of that state. Franklin D. Roosevelt, neither as governor of New York nor President of the United States, has been able to balance the budget.

That's why it's time for a change.

FIRST DIVISION

IT may turn out that one of the campaign's smartest moves was the booking of President Roosevelt into the Brooklyn Dodgers' Ebbets field and Philadelphia's Shibe park, which is shared by the hapless Phillies and Athletics.

After many dreary seasons of watching the local athletes, the fans, whatever their politics, were pretty sure to come out to the ball yard for a look at a contestant who can't possibly finish worse than second.

MR. ROOSEVELT SAID—

"JUDGE parties and candidates, not merely by what they promise, but by what they have done, by their records in office, by the kind of people they travel with, by the kind of people who finance and promote their campaigns. By their promoters ye shall know them."

That was said in 1938, before Communist Leader Browder had been jailed or pardoned, or had endorsed Mr. Roosevelt.

REFLECTIONS—

Hard to Fool

By James Thrasher



THIS WAS the year, the statisticians told us, when the women voters could swing the elections. Well, maybe they could and maybe they couldn't. It would take a nation-wide check of registration to tell. But the very threat of such a possibility should have shocked the candidates into a complete revision of campaign strategy and tactics.

It didn't, of course. Electioneering followed the old traditional pattern, and there's nothing to be done about it now. But wait till next time, as the Brooklyn Dodgers fans are in the habit of saying. The women voters will still be with us, and the wise office-seeker will start right now to build an entirely new system of political fences.

So this is going to be a little sermon to them on how to win votes and influence women, or vice versa. The text is taken from the words of a great and wise magician who explained why he refused to perform for an exclusively feminine audience.

"They don't want to be fooled," he said. "They sit there cold-bloodedly and try to see how the trick is done. With an audience of men I can raise a cigarette to my lips with my right hand and make three moves with my left while I'm taking one puff. But the women just sit and stare at my left hand."

True in Politics as Well as Magic

NOW THIS, we contend, is a great and fundamental truth which is true in politics as well as magic. Politicians have ignored it since the 19th amendment was passed. But the fact remains that women in general don't want to be fooled.

They don't go for smoke screens. The old mumbo-jumbo of name-calling and half-truths and pious protestations, which was old stuff when Andy Jackson first went to the hustings, doesn't confuse or divert the ladies worth a darn. They're inclined to keep their eye on the hand that's doing the trick and ignore the cape-swishing.

The trouble is that men (including politicians) let themselves be fooled by women as well as by magicians. They're inclined to dismiss women's political choices as another example of womanly intuition. They forget that on occasion this intuition is a matter of deciding on the basis of fundamentals, while the men are mistaking their own absorption in the political sideshow for deep-dish thinking.

Moral Is Pretty Obvious

THEY ALSO tend to confuse a diplomatic silence, maintained in the interest of domestic tranquility, with a wily submission to the lord and master's suggestions on how to vote.

The moral of this highly generalized sermon is pretty obvious: Let the next batch of candidates woo the feminine voter by sticking to the issues and the record and laying off the red herrings and rabbits pulled out of the hat. The candidates who do it best may find themselves elected.

And in doing so they may raise political campaigning to the adult level on which it belongs.

WORLD AFFAIRS—

What of Austria?

By William Philip Simms



WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Diplomatic recognition of Italy by the United States and Great Britain raises the problem of what to do about neighboring Austria, now within striking distance of the Red armies in Hungary.

The Nazis admit that if the Russians take Budapest, the back door to Germany will be open and allied occupation of Austria cannot long be delayed.

Other tests for the statehood of the United Nations. She can hardly be treated with less consideration than Italy, a charter member of the Rome-Berlin axis, and Italy has been promised any kind of democratic government her people may desire, whether a constitutional monarchy or a republic.

It Might Be Archduke Otto

IF THE AUSTRIANS are given the same choice, stranger things have happened than that Archduke Otto, son of the late King-Emperor Charles, should eventually mount the throne of a new and enlarged Austria. (After the last war, Italy annexed the Southern Tyrol. She will probably have to give it back.)

The future of Austria, however, depends a good deal on how the allies interpret the word "democracy." Assuming that Austria will be independent again, will she become a democracy American style, British style or Russian style? The answer is to say, will she be a republic like the United States, a constitutional monarchy like England or a Soviet state like those of the U. S. S. R.?

There are rumors that even Moscow will agree to Otto if the people of Austria want him. Russia has raised no objections to King Michael of Romania, nor apparently to former King Carol, Michael's father now on his way back to Europe from Mexico. A word from the Kremlin would probably have been sufficient to cause the Mexican foreign office to refuse Carol the necessary visa. The United States would not let him step ashore at New Orleans.

'Fish Out of Water Can't Live'

TWO DECADES ago, in Vienna, I interviewed Dr. Michael Haimisch, the Austrian president. "See that!" he exclaimed, pointing at a map of Austria. "That is not a nation. It is a fish out of water. And a fish out of water can't live."

What he meant, of course, was that the treaty of St. Germain had reduced Austria to economic independence was impossible. Her army had been shrunk to a mere police force. She had been left at the mercy of any strong neighbor. From the day Hitler came into power, Austrians saw their peril clearly as did the uneasy Italians. Prince Starhemberg and Benito Mussolini tried their utmost to interest Britain and France in a plan to stop Hitler and prevent Anschluss, but did not get to first base.

In London in 1936, the prince begged the British to do something, but was informed that it was British policy to "discipline" Italy. And when he replied that a strong Italy was needed to offset the growing power of Nazi Germany, he was told that "if we defeat one dictator, the other will be disposed of more easily." Still he persisted: A snub to Italy, he warned, would drive her into the arms of Germany. The rest is history. And while it is rarely given either to individuals or nations to wipe the slate clean and make a fresh start, the allies may now have that opportunity, both in Austria and Italy.

To The Point—

NEVER ASK a judge to give you a little of his time.

JUNIOR HAS troubles too, what with geography changing as rapidly as women's fashions.

THE QUESTION is raised of what to do with those German generals. Oh, just toss them on the Junker-pile!

SOME PEOPLE need a good belt before they'll buckle down.

Not Running in the Usual Sense!



The Hoosier Forum

I wholly disagree with what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it.—Voltaire.

"THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK"

By Thelma Lyons, Indianapolis

If the Republican party ever nominates a candidate who can outline a better program for the government of this country than the present one, or can do something besides criticize everything even pertaining to the Democratic party, that candidate may have a chance of being elected. But I have never heard a worse smear campaign than the one being carried on by Dewey and his cohorts. It's an insult to the intelligence of the American public.

Your newspaper editorials are just as bad. For instance, on Oct. 27 you say that "in each of Mr. Roosevelt's campaigns there has been at least one cute little trick for raising money. One time it was the Democratic convention book, etc." What about the latest convention book the Republicans have published? On the back cover the booklet carries a coupon which, with \$2.00, entitles the reader to a year's subscription to a magazine called "The Republican." How is that for "a cute little trick for raising money?"

being an unprejudiced paper but from the editorials that have been appearing in your paper, I would say that you have been following a course that is distinctly partisan. I must admit that I was very surprised to see the above-mentioned article. Let us have many more of these fine unprejudiced articles on your editorial page.

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MY REASON—
By Mrs. Dorothy Hamilton, Muncie
I, an independent voter, am submitting my reason for believing that Mr. Thomas E. Dewey should be elected, with the hope that other undecided voters will sympathize and make the same decision.

As the daughter of a fanatical New Dealer, the wife of a "solid" Republican, and the mother of seven children, I have, to save myself from being torn by dissolving opinions, studied the last two presidential campaigns with more than usual seriousness.

I believe that in this campaign, we should consider the obligations of American citizenship before the obligations of political partisanship. And this is my reason. We, the people of the United States, who work for what we have, and live on what we earn, have a real, but perhaps not clearly defined reason for voting against F. D. Roosevelt.

The reason is: The New Deal philosophy, or the Rooseveltian theory that our industrial plant is built, that our country can grow no more, that we have a mature economy, will undoubtedly stifle the incentive and ambition of our children, leave undeveloped their abilities, and thus limit their lives. Parents should recognize this trend toward a stagnant society and be concerned.

If we had the ability of foresight and the ability to say in exact words just what it is we wish for our children, we would probably say something like this: "We want them to have a broader opportunity to choose their own profession or vocation, suited, ample education to fit them for their choice, and freedom to use and enjoy the use of their abilities."

The New Deal philosophy and its devious practices do not offer this opportunity nor allow this freedom.

"GOOD MAN SHOULD BE RETAINED"
By Alonso J. Colt, Indianapolis
In my judgment the businessmen of Indianapolis who have in any manner occasion to transact with any of the very many government departments, and do not know their way around Washington can always be assured of the faithful and painstaking help of good old faithful Louis Ludlow who regardless of their political affiliations is ready to drop his work and go half-way across the city with anyone from Indianapolis in need of help in reaching the right party to solve his trouble. Because of Louis' long acquaintance in Washington, he has a wide and valuable number of local friends with the department heads who always greet him with a smile, and appear to enjoy doing him a favor.

A good man who has been representing our people regardless of race, religion or color for these many years should be retained in office, providing he is square-shooter and everyone who knows Louis Ludlow knows he is just that.

SOMEHOW I'M ALL MIXED UP
By E. W. Partington, Indianapolis
I just listened to Franchot Tonne's Democratic sponsored illustrations of what an awful freedom-hating, low down filthy bunch we Republicans are. You know, I never realized what a collection of fifth columnists we are!

Why, come to think of it, the Democrats have been the only peace-loving people in America, for wasn't it they who sent large shipments of oil for Italy's war machine and vast quantities of scrap to Japan so that they would have something to dump on us American at Pearl Harbor? And it was Mr. Roosevelt, wasn't it, who sponsored these and similar acts until some of us terrible enemies of freedom began filling the congress in ever-increasing numbers to help put an end to these gallant moves toward peace?

But somehow I'm all mixed up on what the Democrats' conception of peace moves are, so I guess I'll just stick with this filthy Republican crowd and help that awful little gangbuster, Tom Dewey, to go to Washington so he can straighten us all out on a lot of things.

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POLITICAL SCENE—

Indiana Campaign

By Thomas L. Stokes



THE PICKUP for President Roosevelt noted in the industrial midlands since he started his active campaign—in Ohio, Michigan and Illinois—is reflected also in Indiana. This is borne out by polls.

But it won't be enough, in the judgment of the politically well-informed. Indiana seems safe for Governor Dewey and probably by a much more comfortable majority than the 25,000 which the late Wendell Wilkie's hood state gave him four years ago.

This won't be conceded, of course, by Fred F. Bays, the alert and energetic Democratic state chairman who claims President Roosevelt finally will pull through here. But the weight of evidence is against him.

Indiana has a little different political pattern than the other three states—Ohio, Michigan and Illinois. It lacks a Cleveland or a Detroit or a Chicago where the Roosevelt vote still is heavily entrenched with labor, and it has a proportionately larger population in small towns and rural areas where the Republican tide is running strong this year.

P. A. C. Has Done a Good Job

REGISTRATION in Marion county, in which Indianapolis is located, will run about 10,000 under the 306,000 in 1940, even with the soldier vote included, it is estimated. The total state vote is expected to approximate the 1,800,000 in 1940. The C. I. O. Political Action Committee has done a good job of registration, particularly here and in Evansville. Here it is organized with two centers so much interested to get out the worker vote which, in the 1942 congressional elections, was inclined to be lax.

One factor noted generally which is disturbing to politicians is intensified here. This is the so-called "doubtful vote," which means the people who won't tell pollsters how they are going to vote. The Republican organization poll indicates about 378,000 doubtful voters in Indiana this year, with 62,000 here in Marion county. Each side interprets that group to its own advantage.

As usual in this state, perhaps the most politically-minded in the union, there is keen interest in local races, including senator and governor. In fact, Democratic candidates were so much interested to themselves this year that they almost forgot, until sharply reminded, that President Roosevelt also was running in this state, which bodes no good here for Mr. Roosevelt. The same thing was found earlier in Ohio.

Governor Schricker Might Win

LESTER M. HUNT, assistant editor of the International Teamster, the organ of the Teamsters' union, set so aroused about this that he delivered an ultimatum to Governor Henry F. Schricker, who is running for the senate, and Senator Sam Jackson, who is running for governor, that if they didn't help to elect President Roosevelt he would have the president of the union wire every local to scratch their names. Mr. Hunt decided not to carry out his threat. Both candidates have been mentioning the President, but moderately.

If Governor Dewey's margin is not large in the state, Governor Schricker might win the senate seat. He's a folksy type of politician who proved his extraordinary vote-getting abilities when he ran some 15,000 ahead of President Roosevelt in 1940 and was elected governor by a 3000 margin, though Mr. Wilkie carried the state, and other Democrats went down.

His opponent is Homer Capahart, one of those quick-rising businessmen who turn to politics and are ready to spend their own money, as Mr. Capahart did in winning his nomination at the state convention, and as he is doing now to try to get elected.

Senator Sam Jackson, a well-known lawyer who is serving out by appointment the unexpired term of the late Senator VanNuys, seems likely to be defeated. A number of Republicans will split their tickets with the consequence that Ralph Gates, the Republican candidate for governor, and Mr. Capahart are expected to run behind Governor Dewey.

IN WASHINGTON

Kick-Ins Are Slow

By Peter Edson



WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—If the now-famous "One Thousand Club" of the U. S. A. fails up without achieving its objective of 1000 members, each having contributed \$1000 toward re-election of Franklin D. Roosevelt, don't be too surprised.

The admitted fact is that the club leaders are finding it a little difficult to find 1000 with 1000 extra dollars, and may be forced to run in a lot of singers who have contributed the equivalent of \$1000 in services.

On paper it looked easy. An average of only 20 members in each of the 48 states would bring the membership to 960, and it should have been a cinch to get the other 40 in the District of Columbia.

Oklahoma was the first state to crash through with its quota of 25 oil and cattle men, but after that initial success the going was slow and Dewey's blast at the club in his Chicago speech probably won't help the rushing and pledging of neophytes for this blue chip fraternity.

All Contributions Gratefully Received

ORVILLE F. McPHERSON, former Kansas City publisher who was called to Washington headquarters of the Democratic national committee to help put over the One Thousand Club's membership drive, hasn't let the \$1000 per man contribution goal stop him from accepting lesser amounts in helping the Democrats' coffers. McPhereson went into a Washington grocery store the other day to do some marketing for his wife, but he had a little trouble finding supplies to match the number of points he had brought along. Finally he got it worked out and the grocer asked him what else he could do for his new customer.

"Who you for in this election?" asked McPhereson, "Roosevelt?" said the grocer. "Put it in writing," said McPhereson. "Put it on the line."

The grocer called to his wife and told her to make out a check for \$50, then asked McPhereson how he spelled his name.

"Oh, don't pay me it payable to me," said McPhereson hastily. "Make it out to the Democratic national committee."

McPhereson turned in the money, but it should be made clear that it takes bigger dough than that to crash the One Thousand club.

Prosperity Argument Is Used
SOME OF the enthusiastic Washington backers of the One Thousand club argue that businessmen, instead of giving their money to the Republicans, should be crazy for Roosevelt instead of crazy against him because they have prospered so greatly under the last four years of Democratic rule, making up all their losses of the depression.

"The people we're interested in getting into the One Thousand club, however," said one of the club's promoters, "aren't the multi-millionaires, but the middle-sized businessmen, the fellows who do business in the \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 a year class. They're the backbone of American business and they're the men who should be for Roosevelt 100 per cent."

Putting the touch on businessmen that have profited or stand to profit under any given party is of course an old political trick, indulged by state and local organizations of both parties.