

SEEN-HEARD

around the
National Capital

By GARY FIELD

Washington.—The fact that Senator Millard E. Tydings of Maryland is so far out the Roosevelt reservation is of far more political significance than most persons not interested in figuring electoral vote tables realize.

The Maryland senator has just been successfully called off in his Virgin Island inquiry, and his row with Secretary of the Interior Ickes more or less unmasked, but that is not important, not to anyone who knows Tydings and Maryland. Washington opinion about that particular row is that the people Tydings wanted to protect will be protected from the wrath of Ickes, in return for Tydings' piling down on his public utterances.

Maryland has only eight electoral votes, but is interesting because the state always goes Democratic in years when the Democrats win, nationally, and is as independent as the proverbial hog on ice at all times.

For example, in a Democratic sweep, in 1934, Maryland elected Republican governor, the third since the Civil war. And each of the others served only one term. Yet at the same election, the state elected six Democratic members of the house, and a Democratic senator.

To make the situation clear, it should be understood that there were three or four important reasons why Albert C. Ritchie, the Democratic candidate for a fifth term, was not re-elected. He had angered the eastern shore section of the state by trying to prosecute leaders of a lynching mob. He was held responsible, probably unjustly, for the collapse of several important banks. And there was a good deal of sentiment against continuing the same man in office so long. No other governor of Maryland had ever been re-elected once. He was seeking a fifth term.

But it is interesting to note that the one man who was sure Ritchie could not be re-elected, and who as a result tried to get him to run for senator—which would seem at least to indicate the opposition was not personal—was Senator Tydings.

He's Top Dog in Maryland

Tydings very early in the game picked George L. Radcliffe for the Democratic nomination for governor. Later, on a compromise, Radcliffe ran for senator and was elected.

All of which means that Tydings is by way of being the top dog in Democratic politics in Maryland at the moment. Moreover, he is not worried about the immediate future, for he does not come up for re-election until 1938, two years after the Presidential election. And Maryland has a habit of always going Democratic in off years.

It so happens that Maryland is almost the most conservative state in the Union. Five of her six districts—all except that sixth—always send rather conservative men to the house. She once elected a practically unknown figure, Senator Joseph I. France, to the upper house because she was voting against a man she regarded as a radical—David J. Lewis. The chief charge against Lewis was that he was socially inclined—he had fathered the parcel post bill!

Maryland, a border state, always went Democratic in national elections until the free silver issue. She voted for McKinley in 1896 and 1900, split her electoral vote in 1904, voted for Wilson in both 1912 and 1916, and then voted for Harding, Coolidge and Hoover.

There is little doubt that the state does not like the New Deal. If the election were held today, and any fairly unobjectionable Republican opposed Roosevelt, there is little doubt he would get Maryland's eight votes.

There is something ultra conservative about both Maryland and Virginia. It is rather interesting that Carter Glass, Henry F. Byrd, and Tydings are always found voting together. The other Maryland senator, Radcliffe, happens to be a close personal friend of Roosevelt, but, as pointed out, he was put in the senate by Tydings, and has yet to demonstrate either real power in the state or political sagacity.

Brings Up Borah

Talk of William E. Borah for the Republican nomination against Franklin D. Roosevelt next year is one of the most interesting political economic developments since 1932. Not that there is actually very much of a possibility that the seventy-year-old senator will be nominated, but because of the various developments and repercussions which started the talk.

What it really means is that for the first time since the Republicans lost all but six states, in 1932, they are beginning to chirp up. They are beginning to think that there may be a possibility of winning in 1936. Until the last few weeks—in fact, right up to the tax message—they had been saying privately that 1935 was too soon to hope for; that 1940 would be their red letter day.

The whole psychology at the present moment is based on taxes. The American people are becoming tax conscious—federally as well as on the state and local level. When the

message resulting in Woodrow Wilson that the average Frenchman would gladly die for his country, but he would not pay taxes to support it, his very accurate comment appealed to the American sense of humor. But not any more. The average American also is beginning to figure that it may be very glorious to go out and die for one's country on the battlefield, but it's tough to try to do without this or that or the other thing he wants, or his wife wants, just because taxes take so much of his total income.

Cautiously enough this tax consciousness, though it may have been in incubation for some time past, did not hatch out until the President sent his tax message to congress. It was discussion of the amounts the various levies would raise, on top of all the fuss about processing taxes making the cost of bread and bacon and shirts and underwear and what not higher, that started folks talking out loud. It was the realization that sooner or later it was old John Taxpayer, in the middle walks of life, who would have to foot the bill for all these New Deal experiments.

More About Taxes

You are going to hear a great deal more about taxes, now that critics of the New Deal have realized what is happening. Plenty of oil will be poured on the smoldering fire. Attention will be called to many taxes which most folks pay without realizing they are taxed. For example, the federal levy of six cents a pack on cigarettes. And one cent of each three for a letter is pure tax, levied for tax purposes. Attention will be directed to how much of the cost of a pound of ham or bacon is tax; that the cost of everything is boosted by the fact that the producers and merchants have to pay such high taxes.

Meanwhile Senator Borah is a wonderful bridge between the conservative and progressive Republican wings. He happens to be opposed to most of the New Deal ideas, and no one has hit out more strongly on what the Republicans had been hoping would be the issue—preserve the Constitution.

But talk about Borah serves a very important purpose—it sidetracks speculation about Herbert Hoover. And talk about Hoover is regarded by most Republicans as the high water mark of defeatism.

Truth About Roosevelt

All sorts of weird stories are drifting back to Washington about President Roosevelt. Most of them relate to his alleged reactions to certain recent events. Particularly the Supreme court's NRA decision, and the tax message. An interesting point is that apparently all the stories have as their chief basis the way the President is alleged to have acted at press conferences.

The truth is nothing like as spectacular as the stories, but it is rather interesting. Being as the stories seem to center on the way Mr. Roosevelt acted at two press conferences, perhaps a brief summary of those two particular occasions would be worth while.

In the first, and most discussed, though actually less interesting one, the President met the newspaper men on Wednesday morning, following the decision by the high court of the NRA case on the previous Monday. Thus, he had nearly 48 hours in which to make up his mind what to say to the newspapers.

Many stories have been printed, mostly by columnists who were not present, and their information second-hand at best, though obviously more out of their mental conceptions of how the President should have felt, that the President was visibly angered, and he was approaching the hysterical, etc.

The truth is that the President very carefully sent up a trial balloon, and planted the seeds of some excellent propaganda looking toward a constitutional amendment which would give congress the power to determine hours of labor and minimum wages in intra-state commerce.

He very obviously took the same pleasure from his talk with the reporters that a crack cabinetmaker takes in putting the finishing touches to a job.

Did a Good Job

The other and more interesting, press conference was shortly after his tax message. This was far different, and far more difficult. The President fenced and parried with the newspaper men, because he had decided it was necessary to put over the idea that the White House had not changed its strategy in the middle of the play, but that two senators had entirely misunderstood him.

Roosevelt knew perfectly well, as he talked with more than a hundred fairly sharp newspaper men, that not a man in the room believed what he was saying. Every man there believed the senators had understood him correctly and had expressed the White House views—that the senators were now willing to take the blame as politicians have done from the beginning of time, on the theory that the king is always right.

This destroyed the possibility of the normal Roosevelt approach in handling newspaper men.

Considering the difficulties, Franklin Roosevelt did an excellent job. He forced out to the public what he wanted out, but he was obviously fuming, obviously at high tension. Yet he never lost his temper.

Damming the White Nile to Irrigate Egypt



The second major link in Egypt's stupendous irrigation project is now under construction on the White Nile, 30 miles south of Khartoum, where 8,000 men are at work on the Gabel Aulia dam. When completed, in the fall of 1937, the dam will form a lake 250 miles long and will provide water for 3,000,000 acres of land in Egypt.

Artist Sells Shares in Himself



Shares in the talents of young Richard Crist, Pittsburgh artist, shown here in his studio, sold at par of \$5. He wanted to go to Mexico on a painting expedition, and to finance his trip offered to bring back a water color or oil painting for each of those who would buy one or more shares in Richard Crist, Inc. This may be the cue for more struggling young artists.

Heads Canadian New Deal Move

Hon. H. H. Stevens, former Canadian minister of trade and com-



merce, who has accepted the leadership of a new political party based on reconstruction and reform.

Chained His 3 Children

This is Jacob Miko, fifty-one years old, a farmer near Uniontown, Pa., whose children, three little girls



and a boy, have been kept chained in a dungeon of the Miko farm home, according to statements made by the children who were rescued by Pennsylvania state troopers.

Her Birthday Party in the Air



Because Jean Schmidt of Newark, N. J., obtained good marks in school, her father gave her a special treat on her fifteenth birthday. He allowed her to have a birthday party in the air in one of the Airline planes. Ted Schmidt, father, is head of the American Airlines flight department at Newark airport. Here is Jean cutting her birthday cake.

Leaving Italy for the Ethiopian Front



Members of the 30th Italian Infantry departing from Naples on a transport for the colonies in East Africa and for service in the war against Ethiopia. It is that country's war to a head.

"COINCES"

COMMENTS ON
CURRENT TOPICS BY
NATIONAL CHARACTERS

FILE PROPAGANDA

By JAMES W. BERNARD
Chairman Finance Committee, Demo-
cratic Party.

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BANKING CONTROL

By LEBLIE C. McDUGALL
New Jersey Banker.

A GRAVE problem today is whether the public or political parties shall control the banks of America. Do we want the credit of this country to be controlled and dispensed for whatever the administration of today or tomorrow considers desirable, through the political control contemplated in the banking act of 1935?

Silence and concealment do not win restraint. The seal for reform remains active. The idealists would dispense increasing charity with other people's money. The government still borrows tomorrow's savings for today's expenses. Continued long enough, this means inflation and further devaluation. We must fight for sound and constructive action in congress in hope of stabilizing our monetary system so that business may go forward.

1936 AND 1937

By EDUARD BERNES
Czechoslovakian Foreign Minister.

NINETEEN hundred and thirty-six and 1937 will be the critical years. If we pass safely through these next two years, peace in eastern Europe is guaranteed for a long period.

New forces such as national socialism in Germany convinced me the Soviet union should be in the league, and I think Germany should have stayed in. The danger has been augmented recently by economic developments.

It is my idea that the League of Nations is one of the greatest forces in maintaining equilibrium in Europe. I believe we must have collective security agreements either in the League of Nations or regionally with as many nations as possible participating.

SAFETY IN FLYING

By DONALD DOUGLAS
American Aircraft Maker.

STATISTICS show that the foremost cause of accidents is still the forced landing. The multi-engine airplane capable of flying with one or more engines not operating is the direct answer to the dangers of engine failure.

It is quite apparent that for an airplane incapable of flying with one engine dead the risk increases with the number of engines installed. Therefore it is not desirable that an airplane be multi-engine unless it can maintain altitude over any portion of the air-line with at least one engine dead. Furthermore, the risk increases with the number of remaining engines needed to maintain the required altitude.

RESOURCES OF CANADA

By LORD TWEDDEN
Governor-General, Designate of
Canada.

A COUNTRY may have immense and undeveloped resources, but they do not become wealth until and unless they are related to the demands and uses of the rest of the world. A fresh economic and social mechanism has to be created and new countries are in difficulty as compared with older ones—they have had less experience in this kind of creation and have to improvise in a brief time the machinery that old lands may have already constructed at leisure.

PIGS IS NOT PIGS

By DR. JOHN ANDREW HOLMES
Clergyman, Writer, Lecturer.

IF YOU had the necessary capital, the government would pay you to not raise pigs, and if you had been on relief, you could be employed in public works, but if a young man graduates tomorrow with neither poverty nor riches, perhaps I can give him a better counsel than this: If you can find a girl with a steady job, travel at her feet and tell her frankly and with real emotion that you cannot live without her.

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