COMMENTS ON CURRENT TOPICS BY NATIONAL CHARACTERS

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY By REV. DR. DANIEL POLING East Orange (N. J.) Clergyman.

WE MAY fairly ask, where else than in Englishspeaking lands, or in nations der a similar form of democratic rule, are men and women free, in orderly fashion as provided by the Constitution, to change governm itself to meet new occasions and needs? Where else are they protected in challenging the authority administering law or when they differ with the government in power?

In the last decade I have visited the nations of the great new experithat under no other social or political plan than ours are there fewer abuses than we confront, while with us there are libertles and opportunities immeasurable, beyoud those achieved under any other system,

DANGER OF HASTE By CARL W. ACKERMAN Dean of Columbia Journalism

School. WHILE the NRA is now largely historical, the example of what could be accomed by the mobilization of emotion, hysteria, fear, hatred and revenge faces us still today. Taking advantage of the overwhelming sentiment of the American people for better social conditions, those whose object is a new social order based on governmental control tell us that we must make haste or all will be lost.

That is not true. All will be lost if we make haste, Haste precipitated the World war. Haste made communism, fascism and nazism possible in Russia, Italy and Ger-

TAMMANY PROTEST

By MARTIN J. KENNEDY

HAVE voted for President Roosevelt's propositions and have walked down the corridor of despair and defeat with him on his "death sentence" for the utility holding companies. I see undeserv ing satellites who have deserted him receive rewards and his loyal friends go unrewarded

Something must be wrong. I think the President needs another rest. He went to the West Indies once and then to Hawali to get in touch with the common people. I suggest he let congress go home as soon as we wind up all essential business and take a trip to Alaska on a bat-

UNCONSTITUTIONALITIES

By JOUETT SHOUSE President, American Liberty League.

THE present administration is perverting the form of the American government, and either it must stop itself or it must be stopped. It has fostered legislation that is utterly unconstitutional and every lawyer in America knows that it is unconstitutional The Presidential compulsion as to new legislation is wrong. The President should advise congress and leave it to congress to accept or reject. The legislative branch of the government is being destroyed.

THE RECKONING

By LEWIS W. DOUGLAS WHEN that day arrives, regardless of what the interventions may be, whether an apparent recovery or a slow process of disintegration, the terrific impetus of the economic forces created by an insolvent Federal Reserve system, a bankrupt bank ing system, a destroyed middle class and no credit with which the unemployed may be relieved, it is difficult to conceive the method by which we may escape from the despotism of a dictatorship.

THE TAX PROGRAM By WILLIAM E. BORAH U. S. Senator from Idaho.

IT IS absurd to call the President's tax program a sharethe-wealth program. It is, in fact, nothing more than a share-theburden-of-government program. It is not only sound econe is sound in morals to take care of our vast expenditures to a larger degree through heavier taxes. If the taxes are wisely laid, such program will be more conducive to recovery than the reckless voting of bonds and the increase of the interest burden.

A BUSINESS CONSPIRACY By FRANCIS J. GORMAN Labor Leader.

OUR daily reports assure us that hours are being increased and wages reduced. creased and wages reduced.
The employers are only waiting for
congress to adjourn to get in their
dirty work. One of the greatest
conspiracies in the history of the
country is under way. Big business
is urging congress to get through
in Washington because of the heat.
That's not the reason.

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## Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1-Rancho entry in the Spanish Days Flesta parade at Santa Bar-bara, Calif. 2—Howard C. Hopson, utilities magnate, defying the sen ate committee investigating lobby ing. 3-Field artillery officers observing the firing at Pine Camp dur ing great army maneuvers.

## **Army Begins** Greatest War Games Since '18

### 35,000 Troops Take Part in Maneuvers

The largest peacetime concentration of troops in the United States was held recently at Pine Camp, N. Y. More than 35,000 men took part in the games. Military attaches from Germany, Great Britain, Japan, China, Spain, France and Cuba

were present to watch maneuvers. The peaceful countryside took on all the characteristics of a countryside arrayed for war. Farmhouses were taken over to quarter officers, schoolhouses were made corps headquarters, and entire fields were lined with guns,

## Cooking World's Largest Omelet



Gov. Clarence D. Martin of the state of Washington stirring the world's largest omelet, prepared and served as a feature of the annual celebration at Chehalis, center of the nation's outstanding egg producing areas. The omelet, which required 7,000 eggs, was mixed in a huge concrete mixer before being poured into the giant skillet.

## It Was Roper's Treat for the Cabinet



Secretary of Commerce Roper gives an annual watermelon party in his Washington home for his fel low members of the cabinet. Here, left to right, are Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, Secretary Roper. Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace and Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, enjoying sections

#### There's No Doubt About His Party



Dawson Martin Yerkes of Upper Darby, Pn., being a candidate for the post of county commissioner, decided to let everyone know on what ticket be was running. So he obtained an elephant and went out cam-paigning as though he were hunting tigers in India.

### Heads a New Federal Board

Theodore Krebs, professor of bus-lness economics at Stanford uni-versity, California, has been made chairman of a new federal central



relief board that will function is a board of review to co-ordinate any veys proposed by federal, state and local governments as part of the works-relief program.

# JATIONAL CAPITAL Carter Field

Washington.—Herbert Hoover is not going to say anything about his possible candidacy for the Republican nomination next year for some time to come. That may be accepted as a fact, regardless of various stories to the contrary. This statement is based on the impression obtained from the former President by one of his close friends, who had a long talk with him. long talk with him.

While no single word can be put in quotation marks of what Mr. Hoover said to this friend, the impressions the friend obtained are highly significant. In a word they

1. That Mr. Hoover craves a vin dication.
2. That he therefore wants the

nomination very badly.

3. That he would prefer to have the nomination come to him without effort, either on his own part or

4. But that if it becomes apparent that the nomination will not come that way, very little coaxing would be required to induce him to get out actively for it.

As this is written-anything can happen to change it—the famous public utility holding company leg-islation seems destined to die, so far as this session is concerned. Strangely enough, a mere lifting of a hand by the President would re-sult in Mr. Roosevelt's getting more than half a loaf-really nine-tenths of a loaf. Even without the death sentence the bill is terrifically drastic. There would be no trouble put ting the measure through both houses of congress if the conferees of the two houses should report the bill back without the death sen-

#### Very Much Exaggerated

Actually the importance of the dously exaggerated by the publicity over the fight between the President and the utilities. The utilitie ncentrated on this one objective and as far as congress is concerned, they won the fight. But its impor-tance can best be illustrated by the simple statement of the alternative, or house, provision. The senate draft forces the end of the certain holding companies on a certain day. The house provision leaves discre-tion as to whether the sentence shall be executed in each particular which are appointed by the Presi-

So that Mr. Roosevelt could obtain his objective without the slightest difficulty—IF—he would acknowledge defeat in this spec tacular battle. The utilities would emerge with some glory, but with-out the fruits of victory. The President would have the fruits,

but little glory.
Yet betting odds at the moment are that he will wait until next year, when he expects to win both fruits and glory.

#### **Downward Revision**

Processing taxes and farm bene fit payments are both due for i sharp downward revision next year. High AAA officials, in private discussions, explain this on economic grounds. Actually President Roosevelt will force their hands on political grounds.

Experts who have studied the Rhode Island situation—so disastrous to the New Deal in its implications-bring back a remarkabl cations—bring back a remarkable story. They say that the price of ham and bacon had more to do with the result than even the cotton processing taxes, although the latter are blamed, together with Japanese imports, for the closing of so many textile mills.

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These reports flabbergasted the administration and delighted the Republicana. Both the New Dealers and G. O. P. leaders had figured that while the conditions affecting the First Rhode Island district extended to Massachusetts and New Hampshire, they were not general. On the other hand, resentment against high prices for pork products, it is figured would be just as apt to be strong in California or Michigan as in Rhode Island.

In this connection there was much interest in the apparent healing of the breach between Governor Davey of Ohlo and the New Deal. All the bitterness sgainst Davey fellowing his caustic comments on Relief Administrator Hopkins was carefully concealed. Davey had in his power to force a state-wide election in Ohlo to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative-at-large Trunx, and most political observers believe that if an election were held today in Ohlo the state would go strongly Republican.

#### **Must Cut Food Prices**

In the first place, Ohlo was never very strong for Roosevelt. Its del-egation did not even-vote for him on the final ballot at Chicago. On election day, when most states were pilling up record-breaking majori-

wives well before November, 1936.
Reduction of benefit payments on hoga would naturally have the effect of enormously increasing hog production. Similarly, reduction of processing taxes on pork would help to reduce prices on ham, bacon and other pork. But danger threatens from several other angles as far as the grocery bill is concerned. Reports from the Northwest and Canada about the ravages of black rust ada about the ravages of black rust ada about the ravages of black rust on the wheat crop are alarming. Some of the AAA experts are fearful that wheat may touch \$1.50. This would be fine for farmers not affected by rust but would bring the same kind of clamor from housewives. So a sharp soft pedaling of the wheat reduction program, ac-companied by a reduction to the processing tax on wheat, is in order.

In fact it may be taken for granted that regardless of all past the ories, the administration will do its best to have food prices down by next summe

#### To Make Concessions

President Roosevelt will make concessions in the present labor war on relief projects. The con-cession will not be to pay union scale wages on work relief projects. this. It will be to remove present restrictions which limit jobs to people now on relief.

Very little has been heard from

union labor sources on this last phase, but it has been vitally im-portant to the unions. Not only to the rank and file, who need work in many instances, though they may have had sufficient pride and sufficient savings to stay off relief, but work are not apt to be reg-ular in paying their dues, and thus the union treasuries get hurt. Especially as union leaders have been forcing in the check-off system wherever possible for years now, with the result that union workers, in more than a majority of cases are not used to paying dues per-sonally. They are educated up to having their dues deducted from their pay envelopes. Hence, no pay

envelopes, no dues. Work relief jobs, under the origleaders object so strongly, were to be given only to persons on relief rolls last May. The job could not be obtained unless the United States employment service so certi-

In the near future orders will go out from Washington that the employment service must certify union men who need jobs, whether they were on relief last May or

This will meet a very important point in the present controversy between the government and union labor, but it will by no means leave a good taste in the mouths of the

#### May Cause Feeling The situation makes for artificial

discriminations—likely to raise bit-ter feeling. For example, two groups of bricklayers may be working scross the street from each other. neross the street from each other.
One group will be on a public works
project—one approved by Ickes under the old "spend our way out of
the depression" theory. Those men
will be drawing the prevailing wage.
The other group will be working under a work relief project—approved
the Monthless Those will be by Harry Hopkins. They will be drawing relief wages. Under the Hopkins schedules the highest rate permitted at present is \$94 a month! Obviously every man drawing the Obviously every man drawing the lower wage will be sore for they will be union men in each case; the administration may be fairly brave at times, but it is not going to employ many non-union bricklayers in big city projects. The man drawing the lower wage will have a grouch against the government to start with.

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But John Taxpayer also enters the situation. He is being taxed for relief, and knows it. The average middle class taxpayer has more or less of a fixed opinion that union wages in the building trades are too high. He resents the day wage rates for carpenters, brickingers, plasterers and plumbers, though he thinks it fine that Heury Ford has raised minimum wages in his plant raised minimum wages in his plant to \$6 a day.

#### As to Huey Long

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All this talk about Huey Long is food and drink to conservative critics of the administration. There is nothing they would like better than for Huey to be an independent than for Huey to be an independent candidate for President, and to run in as, many states as possible. They figure be would not get any electoral votes, save possibly those of Louisiana, where his machine controls the election machinery. But they also figure that in certain radical states, particularly in the West, every vote he would draw would come from Rooscreit's strength, thus alding in the election of the Republican nomines.

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THE HOUSEWIFE.

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#### Plant Improvement Held

Tedious Task Years Ago Until the start of hybridising by Knight in England, somewhat more than a century ago, all plant in-provement was by "selection," says Little's Industrial Bulletin. This Little's Industrial Bulletin. This meant that the seeds of the choicest grains and fruit were carefully preserved for the planting of the next crop and when grafting was used for increase of woody plants the buds or branches were from the finest trees and bushes. This system unquestionably kept up quality and ably advanced it. In the hands of certain "wizards," with keen appreciation of what is of value in plants and how to attain this, there have and how to attain this, there have resulted notable discoveries, such as the Baldwin apple and the Bartleti

pear. Selection was effective, but it was exceedingly slow. For centuries most attention was focused on standard types and the taming and develop-ment of wild forms was almost out of the question.

Real progress began when the pollen of the plant was placed on the stigma of another to produce hybrids consciously instead of waiting for the same thing to occur by the chance efforts of bees, files o

#### BOYS! GIRLS!

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