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**The National Election**

If Mr. Roosevelt makes the grade next Tuesday and is elected to the Presidency for a third-term, it will be in the face of the greatest combination of contradictory factors in the history of this nation. For he is being opposed from more angles and for various reasons than has ever been the case with any other candidate. And if Mr. Willkie wins it will not be because he has convinced the people of his superior leadership; not that the people love him more, but Roosevelt less. And conversely, if Mr. Roosevelt wins, it will be in spite of himself.

Mr. Willkie has shown a surprising strength in the closing days of the campaign. It reminds of his ascendancy at Philadelphia where he came up from behind in what appeared to be an up-surge of the grass-roots, but which later was appraised as a well-managed campaign by his utilities buddies in particular and big business in general. After his nomination he apparently went into eclipse, from which he now emerges, smiling serenely and with confidence that may or may not be justified. Certainly each succeeding day lately has been marked by the addition of a new bloc of voters whose leaders have sought to deliver in his camp—just as others were delivered at Philadelphia. Indicating, may we say, that a super-organization, well-greased with money, has been effectively at work. For certainly the character of Mr. Willkie's campaigning has not been of the kind calculated to invite the enthusiasm of the American people to the point of landslide proportions.

And these blocs include: Those who are honestly, sincerely and conscientiously opposed to a third-term for anybody, and there are many of these; the Negroes in certain states hold the balance of power by virtue of their voting strength, and curiously enough, many of their leaders have been converted to the Willkie cause. Notable among these is a Chicago Negro newspaper with a circulation of 175,000, whose editor is a former North Carolina Negro who is now a millionaire as a result of his "business" acumen. This paper, along with a dozen other Negro publications, is going down the line for Willkie. And then there is the appeal, from every platform, to the mothers of the land to save their sons from war by voting against what the speakers are persistently referring to as a "war-mongering" President. And many mothers will be gullible enough to swallow this. And for one reason or another, it seems that the Catholic vote, under somebody's leadership is being diverted from Roosevelt to Willkie, with the intimation that the Pope is against the President, even in the face of his appointment of Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative at the Vatican.

And then there is John L. Lewis' attempt to deliver organized labor into the Willkie camp, certainly a case of the lamb lying down with the lion. For it means that John Lewis, labor leader, is in lock-step with Weir and Girdler who have been out front in every attempt to crucify organized labor and rob it of every gain that has been made under the New Deal. But Mr. Lewis may turn more votes away from Willkie than he gains for him, because he has promised to resign as president of the CIO if Roosevelt is elected—and there will be many on the fence voters who would like nothing better than that.

In the face of such a combination of effective political groups it would not be surprising to see Mr. Roosevelt go down in defeat. Or if elected it would demonstrate one thing very definitely: that he actually had been drafted by the voters of the land for a third term. Anyhow, Mr. Willkie's apparent growth in strength has served to put fight into the Roosevelt forces, including the President himself. And that is as it should be. No election should be allowed to go by default, or mire into indifference.

There is everything to indicate that Hitler & Company have been doing everything they can in Europe to create a situation unfavorable to Mr. Roosevelt's election. Although it is hard to figure how they can improve their lot by electing Mr. Willkie, for in spite of his protestations against war, he has said more to offend the dictators than Mr. Roosevelt. Probably it is only a case of not hating Willkie less but Roosevelt more. As a matter of fact there is every reason to believe that much of the European pattern has been cut to the blue print of our

American national election, and right now there is even more to emphasize this fact.

Anyhow, this time next week the thing will be over and whoever is elected President will be your President and mine, and we can all be our real selves again for another four years. But whoever wins will be riding no gray train. If it is Willkie, he will have to deal with a Democratic Senate; if Roosevelt he will face a still more antagonistic Congress, and we may expect plenty of confusion as the result of the election of either man.

**Should Be Considered Seriously**

Before another issue of this paper comes to you, the voters of this nation will have made their selection of the man who will occupy the White House for the next four years—what may well be counted the most important period in the history of this nation.

For important decisions will have to be made, some of them in rapid-fire order: decisions that involve the nation's future security. For that reason it is timely to warn the voters that they should think loud and long about this important matter, even here in North Carolina where unless a miracle happens, there will be only one answer to this question.

Assuming that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Willkie are both honorable gentlemen; both patriotic, equally sincere and honest in their convictions, and equally capable and each holding much the same thought regarding this nation's foreign policy, there still remains a difference that should not be overlooked.

President Roosevelt has his faults. He has made mistakes, and his New Deal program is not altogether what it ought to be, although Mr. Willkie honors his opponent by subscribing to much that has been achieved and offering little to replace that which he condemns in generalities. Except for the die-hard isolationists, it is generally admitted that Mr. Roosevelt has an unusual grasp and perhaps a better first-hand understanding of foreign affairs than any other man in this nation today. And that means that he has a special fitness for a ticklish job, in a perilous hour that Mr. Willkie does not have.

For assuming that Mr. Willkie is President Roosevelt's equal in all of these respects: honor, patriotism, sincerity and ability, he still lacks experience and knowledge of the details of international problems.

And if that is not enough to give pause, as one approaches the polls next Tuesday, then consider this: A few weeks ago one of Mr. Willkie's advisers suggested that he propose to retain Mr. Hull, and probably Knox and Stimson, in his cabinet if elected. He turned a cold shoulder on that, declaring that he would have none of the old tribe. Evidently he would call in all of Mr. Roosevelt's ambassadorial appointees, and name others to take their places—others who might turn out to be better diplomats after they got the run of things—but then it might be too late.

Between next Tuesday and January 1st momentous questions may come up for decision. If Mr. Willkie is elected, Mr. Roosevelt would hardly commit or compromise his successor by definite action, and Mr. Willkie couldn't act. And there might be much at stake for America in that period and while Mr. Willkie would be getting his house in order after inauguration.

To which of these men will the voters entrust the reins of their government in this hour of trial and tribulation? To ask that question in all seriousness should be the purpose of each voter. When considered seriously it can be answered in only one way.

**September's Toll**

North Carolinians engaged in the pleasing and peaceful business of coming and going turned in a tragic total of 101 highway fatalities during the month of September—ten more than in the corresponding month in 1939, according to the records of the State highway safety division.

And mark you, no bombs were encountered in this tripping, these precious lives were just snuffed out mostly because of somebody's carelessness, hurry or indifference. But the victims are just as dead and their going just as tragic as if they had been strafed from the air or blown to bits by hostile guns.

Measured by that record written under peaceful conditions, the drafting of our young manhood for military service is not so horrible and deplorable by comparison. If and when they actually go to war, the chances are that a year's service will not find more of them sacrificing their lives than will have been killed on our highways in the same time.

Not much to be done about it: little use for sermonizing when nobody heeds. We have a division of our State government devoting itself to the task of cutting down the highway toll by every method known to those who have studied the problem. We teach safety in the school and the newspapers give freely of their space in an effort to educate the motorists away from this slaughter. None of it seems to do any good.

Since human life seems so insignificant and valueless, why not make approach through the pocket book? That program of September killing also brought heavy property damage. Maybe if the highway safety division would quit talking in terms of human toll and listed the number of dollars lost in these crashes, somebody might be brought up with a jerk; might decide to be cautious—for the sake of economy.

**This Week IN WASHINGTON**

Washington, Oct. 28 — Over-shadowing all domestic issues, even that of a third term for the President, the major issue upon which the people of the United States will vote next Tuesday is that of America's participation in the war.

As Washington sees it, the election of Mr. Roosevelt is most apt to tend toward early and active entry into the war by the United States. Mr. Willkie has given his pledge that if elected he will not lead the nation into war, but will do everything in his power to give aid to Great Britain, short of actual fighting.

The difference between the two points of view is one of personal temperament. Mr. Roosevelt has already gone a long way toward helping the British resist the Nazi blitzkrieg. Mr. Willkie has criticized him for not going far enough or fast enough in that direction. While the Republican candidate has not said so in so many words his attitude reflects a widely-held opinion among Washington observers. That opinion is that Mr. Roosevelt wants to take this nation all the way into what the wisecrackers call a "shootin' war" against not only Germany and Italy but also Japan.

Just how far the belief has spread that Mr. Roosevelt's election would be more likely to take the country into war than would a victory for Mr. Willkie nobody can be sure, but reports coming into Washington from all parts of the country indicate an increasing popular confidence in Mr. Willkie's intentions and ability for preserving peace.

**Pronounced Upswing**  
Even among the Democratic party strategists there is recognition of a sharp up-curve of Willkie sentiment in most of the critical states, in this last week of the campaign. This upswing is so pronounced that it has led some of the most able political forecasters to begin to talk about a possible "landslide" for Willkie. That is passed on for what it may be worth, but it comes from Emil Hurja, who was the statistician and forecaster of the Democratic National Committee in 1932 and 1936, and whose predictions of the results in those two campaigns were precisely 100 per cent. accurate. Mr. Hurja now has no political or party connection of any kind but is the independent publisher of a weekly news magazine. And in that connection he has made the same sort of intensive survey of the election outlook that he made for Chairman Farley of the previous two elections.

It would be going far beyond the facts to say that the election is in the bag for either Mr. Willkie or Mr. Roosevelt. This is the sort of a campaign in which anything can happen, and it is entirely possible that some last minute development may change the whole picture. Indeed, there have been mysterious hints carefully planted among the newspaper correspondents, by gentlemen who often speak for the White House, that the President has something up his sleeve which will be sprung at the last minute and which will change the whole election outlook. The hints seem to indicate possible international developments, a suggestion which is strengthened by the coincidence that the British Ambassador to the United States, Lord Lothian, suddenly decided to fly back to England just at the time that the American Ambassador to Great Britain, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, decided to fly back to Washington.

**Help for Britain Certain**  
Putting these two facts and the President's previous actions in lending aid to Britain into one package, some of the shrewdest guessers in Washington wonder whether there is not some deal afoot which would amount to an actual alliance with Great Britain.

The one thing upon which practically the whole nation seems to be agreed is that the safety of the United States from European aggression still depends in the first instance upon Britain's strength as our first line of defense, and the integrity of the British Navy. Whichever way the election goes it can be regarded as certain that very much more help will be given to Britain in the way of war materials and supplies. Already we are shipping about \$1,000,000 a day of munitions from private factories to England. This includes about 300 planes a month, which is about one-third of our total airplane production.

**May Send "Flying Fortresses"**  
There is strong pressure being brought to transfer more materials from our own army and

**Crucial Decision**



**Dale Carnegie**  
Author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

**APPRECIATION**

In May, 1915, Raymond Gram Swing was the Berlin correspondent of the Chicago Daily News. The World War was raging, and the people of the United States wanted to know what Turkey was going to do.

A message was laid on Mr. Swing's desk. It read: "Interview the Sultan of Turkey." Interview the Sultan of Turkey! Impossible! Never in the history of the Ottoman Empire had the Sultan given an interview to a newspaper man.

Mr. Swing packed up and went down to Turkey. When he arrived he hunted up the American consul. The consul threw up his hands: "Go back. Don't waste your time."

But an order is an order. Even if the Sultan wouldn't talk, to see him, at least, would be a step in the right direction. He started in to see if he could arrange an interview. Finally the Royal Palace sent back word that he would be admitted into the Sultan's presence.

Mr. Swing got into correct attire for the occasion—his evening clothes (it was eleven o'clock in the morning) and went to the Sultan's palace. At last he was ushered into the presence of the Sultan, surrounded by his guards and royal chamberlain and an interpreter.

Mr. Swing asked a question he had prepared in advance. It had to do with Turkey's relations with Germany. The Sultan spoke. "He is sorry but he cannot answer," said the interpreter. Swing asked another question.

Same answer. The Sultan glanced toward the door. Mr. Swing did a bit of quick thinking, and recalled something that had happened when the Allied Fleet had attacked in the Dardanelles and bombarded the Turkish towns. Mr. Swing told the Sultan the following story:

He said that he had been in the town of Chanak-Kale, and had been terribly frightened. He happened to be near an elderly Turk, and they walked along a wall together. Each time a shot hit, Mr. Swing gave a jump, but the ancient Turk went calmly along. "It's Fate. If your time comes it comes," he said. "They can't hit you if your time hasn't come."

The man's lack of concern had bucked Mr. Swing up, and finally he had left without being harmed.

He now told this story to the Sultan, who was greatly pleased. What! One of his men a hero? Braver than a Christian! He began to talk. Words poured out. Etiquette demanded that Mr. Swing back away from the Sultan, but the Sultan rose, put his arm around Mr. Swing and the two walked out together, side by side! It was the first interview in the history of the world given by the Sultan.

**Dangerous in Spring**  
Why is it dangerous to go out in the spring?  
Because the grass has blades, the flowers have pistils, the leaves shoot, and the bulrush's out.

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**LONGTOWN**

Miss Ila Holland, of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Hall, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hobson visited relatives in Taylorsville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gorrell Swaim and Mr. and Mrs. Olen Swaim, of Winston-Salem, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Mamie Seagraves, of Winston-Salem, is spending a few days here with her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Shore.

Miss Billy Sue Reinhardt is ill at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Long, of Yadkinville, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Jane Long.

Misses Magdalene Long and Lillian Reinhardt, of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with their parents here.

**Shuffled Napkins**  
Mrs. Teawhiffle: "Did you change the napkins as I told you?"  
New Maid: "Yes'm. I shuffled 'em and dealt 'em so's no one gets the same one he had at breakfast."

There is perhaps some ground for the statement often made that this is the most important election since 1860. Whether that is true or not, it seems probable that it will be the closest.

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