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Roosevelt's War Message

TOP OF THE MORNING If the home is spiritualized the Church is vitalized. W. F. McDermott.

Vote Tomorrow

Do not forget tomorrow's primary election. Five candidates will then be chosen for the City Council.

Selection by a minority would not be satisfactory. You are urged, therefore, not only to remember tomorrow's primary but to go to the polls and cast your ballot for the five you believe can best serve the city during the period between the war and the re-establishment of peace.

Define Aggression

The Star-News is in complete agreement with former President Herbert Hoover's declaration that the San Francisco conference should decide upon the definition of "aggression and that this definition should include 'direct or indirect subsidized governmental propaganda in other nations.'"

Whereupon he called for a new definition of aggression, and said: "The enforcement of such a provision would help cure that cause of wars which grows out of crusading faith, political or otherwise."

EDITORIAL COMMENT

A HAPPY BLUNDER When the form and substance of his first broadcast to the nation are long forgotten by his hearers, they will be able to recount with pleasurable remembrance President Truman's little fumbling of the niceties when he appeared before the joint session of Congress.

TOO MUCH WORRY We are constrained to believe some times that there is too much worry and fud-dub over the problems of the returning soldier who will turn civilian and slip back into civilian life just as quickly as he can shed the OD.

A Toast

Mitler has passed his fifty-sixth birthday. May he never see another.

Yum-Yum

It is reported Arab envoys to the San Francisco conference have given their Okch to American apple pie. Now if the San Francisco chefs will only give them spoon bread.

Convincing The German People

It may be that the Nazis at the top have succeeded in keeping the German people in ignorance of their armies' barbarism and atrocities in the lands they have attacked as well as their cruelty toward both political and war prisoners at home.

We have no way of knowing. But it is obvious that the German masses are surprisingly indifferent to the conduct of Germany's armed forces and local Nazi governments, and are concerned only over the necessary destruction now going forward as Allied and Russian troops penetrate deeper into the Reich.

In other words German armies have succeeded in keeping the fighting on foreign soil. The price of warfare has not had to be paid at home, save for the loss of sons and husbands who have not returned.

This is what holds a reasonable hope that lasting peace may be established in Europe. The people of Germany are learning that they have not only to pay reparations. They are paying by losing their homes, their livestock, their household possessions.

In their ignorance they claim that the German armies never did anything like this, but they have nothing to say when asked about Rotterdam and Lidice, Stalingrad and Sevastopol, or Coventry.

Maybe they do not now what the Germans did to these cities. The Nazi leaders have done what they could to prevent them from learning. But, with their own land a battlefield they are learning what war means at last. It is possible they will remember, they and their children and by legend their grandchildren, the terrible price of war and sow the seed of peace among the people for many generations.

At Swiss Border

Some 250,000 German civilians and workers, according to a Berne dispatch, are at or near the Swiss border seeking entry. What to do with them is the problem. Swiss military units have been mobilized to prevent disturbances and, presumably, herd the throngs to relief stations.

The real danger, as we see it, is that war criminals, disguised and bearing false passports, are among the refugees. If they find asylum in Switzerland and their disguise is not discovered in time, they will escape the punishment they deserve and may escape to other lands—notably Argentina or Japan, where they can live out their lives in safety and comfort.

Switzerland is obligated to deliver to the Allies all know war criminals. But, lacking second sight, Switzerland cannot be expected to penetrate all disguises, if it is true that Nazi freebooters are among the thousands of refugees knocking at Switzerland's door.

The only way they might be discovered is for the Swiss to segregate all refugees under military guard and permit Allied intelligence agents to give all the third degree, without a rubber hose of course, and learn their previous record. It would be a tremendous job, but we know of no other way to catch up with fleeing war criminals who may mingle in this refugees horde.

EXCELLENT CHOICE

The North Carolina Educational Association is fortunate in its new leadership. Mrs. Annie Laurie McDonald, of Hickory, is exceptionally well qualified to serve as president of the N. C. E. A. for the ensuing year.

The planet Jupiter, astronomers tell us, is 1,200 times the size of the earth. That's where Der Furious and his boy friends should have gone to look for that "extra living space."

Zodak Dumkopf, who claims he never gets any breaks, says it'll probably be his luck to be confined to his home on V-E Day with an attack of German measles.

Allied soldiers found no trace of the Pied Piper when they captured Hamelin but let's hope they bagged some of the rats—the swastika species.

CAROLINA FROM THE CAPITAL

By DAVID BRINKLEY Star-News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Senator Clyde R. Hoey is taking every opportunity to speak and work for the Bretton Woods monetary agreements and the Dumbarton Oaks plan for world peace. He still has not broken his silence on the Senate floor, but he has appeared before several Washington political and civic organizations to campaign for his beliefs that the two meetings formed an important part of the foundations upon which the peace must be laid.

From his conversation it is apparent that these two issues now are Hoey's foremost interests and that he plans to talk and fight for them as long as necessary. It is apparent, too, that a great deal of speaking and working will be needed, because in spite of all the thinking of the contrary, isolationism in the United States Senate is not dead. Hoey and all the others who plan to vote this country into a responsible participation in world affairs will not find the job easy. And they themselves would be the first to admit it.

ANOTHER CONTROVERSY

Another controversial issue to come up soon—an issue on which the lines already are clearly drawn and which is expected to bring President Truman's first real tussle with Congress—is the proposal to lower tariffs. The line between endorsement and opposition is clearly and sharply partisan, since the tariff is one of the oldest points of disagreement between the Republican and Democratic parties, one of the few issues on which party lines are clearly separated.

It started out a few weeks ago as Mr. Roosevelt's idea, and presumably President Truman will follow it through. Here again Hoey plans to go along with the administration, since he believes "the President should have the power to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements and to set tariffs at whatever level is to the country's best advantage."

WONDERING

Washington's afternoon teacup balancers are wondering how the Trumans will live on the President's \$75,000 salary. Though that figure may sound big enough, it's relatively small after taxes are deducted and when you remember the scale on which the President is required to live. The White House is maintained by the government, but many expenses including food must be paid by Truman. Most other Presidents, including Roosevelt, have been privately wealthy and could afford the expense of being President, but until a few years ago Truman was still paying off debts from that ill-fated Missouri haberdashery.

BUSY MAN

It looks now as if Senator Hatch of New Mexico is going to be the busiest man in the history of the world. You can get it on the most solemn authority that Hatch, a close friend of President Truman, is going to be Secretary of State, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of the Treasury, Attorney General, and so on. All these rumors come from those who are "close to Truman," and there are so many of these that a group of writers at the Press Club has formed an association called "Men Who Are NOT Close to Truman, Inc."

RUMORS

Speaking of rumors, Washington unquestionably is the hearsay capital of the world. In one afternoon, one news bureau had calls from people saying they'd heard and would like to verify these rumors (all false): That the war was over, former Secretary of State Cordell Hull was dead, Hitler had been captured, Movie Actor Van Johnson was dead, and Von Papen was in Washington.

THIS AND THAT

IN SHORT: Col. and Mrs. John Boettiger, son-in-law and daughter of the late President, have joined Washington's Army of house-hunters, since they no longer can call the White House home. So far, they've had no luck. Nothing was heard from former vice-president "Cactus Jack" Garner during last week's ceremony except a note to President Truman written in lead pencil on blue-lined paper. Washington is being circled by a group pressuring for an independent India. Their ads describe the country as "India, the skeleton at the feast" . . . at the Navy, where abbreviations such as LST and LSM are popular, there's a new one, 3-DMTD. It refers to the instrument of war used by most officers stationed here—the three-drawer, metal-top desk . . . during the last year nearly 9,000 civilian Navy employees quit their jobs. And the Navy, after spending \$176,000 recruiting and transporting new workers to Washington, wound up with a net loss of 283.

GRANTED DIVORCE

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., April 21.—(UP)—Mrs. Ailsa Mellon Bruce, daughter of the late Andrew Mellon, former secretary of the treasury, was granted a final divorce decree here Friday from Col. David K. E. Bruce. The couple had been separated since October 1943. Mrs. Bruce was given full custody of their 11-year-old daughter. No alimony was asked but a property settlement was made part of the record, court officials said.

THEY SEND A BOY TO DO A MAN'S WORK



THREE COMMEND CHARITIES WORK

Three letters commanding the services of the Associated Charities were released yesterday following approval of their publication on Thursday by the agency's Board of Directors, at the motion of Rabbi Mordecai M. Thurman.

The work of the Associated Charities was complimented in his communications received from B. P. Adkins, superintendent of Community hospital; Dr. E. P. Custer, Consolidated Board of Health; and William H. Montgomery, area director of the Boys' Clubs of America, New York.

Rocky Point Soldier Is Killed In Action

Pfc. Samuel J. Langston, son of Mrs. Sam Langston, Rte. 2, Rocky Point, died March 9 of wounds received in action on Luzon, according to a message received by his mother from the War Department.

Pfc. Langston entered the Army in July, 1942, and left for the Pacific theater in January, 1943. He was stationed in Australia in the spring of 1943. Since that time he has been in several major engagements on New Guinea and Leyte. He had been in the Philippines since last fall.

Pfc. Clyde B. Case Is Wounded In Action

Pfc. Clyde B. Case, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Case, of 1111 Grace street, has been wounded in action in Germany, according to word received by his parents.

Case, who was hit by shrapnel, had been serving with the First Army since D-day. A letter written by a Red Cross worker stated that he underwent an operation and was now improving.

ROMEO POINTS TO CIVIC OBLIGATIONS

Robert R. Romeo, incumbent for a City Council seat, declared yesterday he felt he was obligated to the people of Wilmington to remain in office until "a number of items pending before the Council" are dealt with.

He named these as city limits extension, completion of the water works system, incinerator, auditorium, and in addition, the important task of conversion from war to peacetime conditions.

"My decision to offer for reelection to the City Council was reached after a careful study of the various problems involved. There are a number of items pending before the Council, such as city limits extension, completion of the waterworks system, incinerator, auditorium, etc. Also we are faced with the most important task of conversion from war to peacetime conditions. In this connection there are a number of decisions which must be made very soon."

SAMPLE BALLOT OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT City of Wilmington, North Carolina

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.

- () GEORGE W. ALLEN, JR. () ROBERT S. LEGWIN () GARLAND S. CURRIN () ERNEST R. MAYHAN () JOHN H. DAVIS () BEN MCGHEE () WILLIAM HENRY EZZELL () THOMAS E. MURRELL () KINGSLEY LEE KING () ROBERT R. ROMEO () W. RONALD LANE () J. E. L. WADE () W. E. YOPP

FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL (VOTE FOR FIVE)

Primary Election April 23, 1945. H. G. Carney Chairman City Board of Elections

Interpreting The War

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR. Associated Press War Analyst

The American armies on the western front appear to have completed their job insofar as central Germany is concerned. Patton and patch are turning south. Simpson and Hodges are busy cleaning up the territory they have overrun so rapidly.

The Russian occupation zone has been described as east of a line running slightly west of Berlin. Following through on this, the line of the Elbe and Mulde rivers would seem the logical demarcation.

There are any number of reasons why the various armies should themselves conquer the area they are going to occupy when fighting ceases, and it appears to be shaping up that way. A much similar situation is possible as the Americans turn south, Austria and Czechoslovakia do not involve the occupational zoning problem (at least so far as we know about Austria). But when we meet in Europe will be over.

LETTER BOX SAVE IT FOR VETERANS

What I have to say has no intended bitterness and it is not meant as fault finding. I do not know the facts and, therefore, am not in a position to criticize anyone's action. If I were in the seats of those who make the plans for the government of the city, I would certainly like to know what all the people think and say.

Enough has been said about the cutting of the trees on Chestnut street. Vast numbers of the citizens were angered but the explanation of those who had it done has been accepted and all but the sufferers felt better about it.

All of the tax payers have not benefited by the unprecedented wave of prosperity. Widows living on the charities of their deceased husband's life savings are in far worse shape now than when the dollar bought a dollars worth. The price of everything required for living is sky high and taxes are a burden. Local taxes should decrease as federal taxes mount.

It is heard that the city's surplus is very large. Some say by bonds with it and some say cut the tax rate for it is not the business of a city to build up surplus. No one says undertake a parking program as an outlet when the cost of the program is at a maximum.

There is nothing closer to the heart of the people of Wilmington than that boy doing a man's job with his heart back home in Wilmington. Doesn't Wilmington need enough of him to hold a job for a while? Can't that paving be postponed? Some seven thousand men who really deserve far better than even this. But judging the future by the past, there were many apples sold on street corners in the early nineteen twenties by men who had been promised better. Promises are now being going to pave streets with money which would help them?