

The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, April 17.—The two phases of greatest political interest in Washington at this stage of the presidential campaign might be called the "Draft Roosevelt" movement and the "Stop Dewey" movement.

The politicians of both parties are divided in each case. The draft Roosevelt movement is focused entirely in Washington and is being conducted by administration officials, most of whom stand to lose their jobs if any Democrat except Mr. Roosevelt or any Republican at all, becomes the tenant of the White House next January.

It is led by the secretary of the Interior, Harold Ickes, who was a Republican until President Roosevelt made him a member of his cabinet. This movement has been going on for months, and shrewd observers here think they see signs that it is waning.

The best opinion among Washington soothsayers today is that Mr. Farley and Mr. Garner have succeeded in demonstrating to the President's satisfaction that it would be ruinous to his party for him to run for a third term.

The same prophets are predicting that Mr. Roosevelt's influence will be thrown to Secretary of State Hull for the presidency and Attorney General Robert H. Jackson for second place on the ticket. Such a ticket would go far to avert a serious split in the party, since both Mr. Hull and Mr. Jackson are well liked and respected by almost all factions of Democrats.

Eligibility Increased
Mr. Hull's eligibility is regarded as having been increased by his victory in congress in obtaining a majority vote in both houses for the extension for three years of executive authority to continue to nego-

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Watson said there is little excuse for any farm family failing to plant a garden now. "It is almost imperative that we grow something to eat this year to offset an inevitable decline in income from tobacco," he declared.

The vegetable garden will be worth far more to the farm family than an acre of tobacco given up in the control program. The vegetables which can be grown on an acre of garden land would cost the housewife \$450 if bought at retail prices. This compares with the average acre value of tobacco of about \$135, and an acre value for cotton of \$35, and corn \$20.

Watson pointed out that the agricultural conservation program is offering this year a payment of \$150 for each home garden of at least one-tenth acre for each member of the family. Details of this AAA practice, and other valuable information on home gardens, are contained in extension folder No. 45, which is free upon request to the agricultural editor at State College, Raleigh.

late reciprocal trade agreements with other nations without having to submit them to the senate for confirmation. It had a close squeeze in the senate, several Democratic senators from the agricultural states voting against it.

The belief here is that the Republicans will make these trade agreements a major campaign issue in the agricultural regions of the Mississippi valley. The farm vote may easily decide next fall's election, and there is a strong element of farmers who believe that Mr. Hull's trade agreements opened the door to foreign competition with American farm products.

District Attorney Thos. E. Dewey of New York, made himself many friends in the agricultural states of the middle west by his speeches on the farm situation, in which he took exception to the Hull policies. But Mr. Dewey did more than that. He gave the leaders of his party the surprise of their lives by his success in the primary elections of delegates to the Republican national convention.

Everybody in Washington almost was certain that Senator Vandenberg would get at least two-thirds of the Wisconsin voters. But Mr. Dewey got the whole 24 of them. This clean sweep was the most convincing demonstration Washington has had yet of young Mr. Dewey's popularity with the voters of his own party. Added to his other primary victories, it has given his party leaders something to think about seriously.

Regarded as Outsider.
In Washington where Senators Vandenberg and Taft are familiar figures the tendency has been to regard Mr. Dewey as an outsider who might be good enough for second place but whose youth—he is 33—and alleged inexperience in the administration of public affairs ruled him out as the nominee for the head of the ticket.

So the Republican leaders are beginning to study Mr. Dewey's other qualifications much more seriously. In international affairs he recently talked like an isolationist, but he still believes that congress was right in repealing the arms embargo in agricultural matters he has satisfied the Republican spokesmen of the farm group, Senator McNary, that he is the friend of the farmer and understands farm problems.

Mr. Dewey's friends are vigorously promoting the proposition that when it comes to administrative experience, neither Mr. Taft nor Mr. Vandenberg has any record to compare with that of Mr. Dewey in administering the office of district attorney in the nation's largest and most corrupt city and winning his war against politically protected crime.

Democrats Active
It is significant that some prominent Democrats, as well as Republican backers of other candidates, are taking a more or less active part in the effort to stop Dewey. Whether he is regarded as the most dangerous opponent, from the Democratic view, is not quite clear.

There are some who say that if Mr. Roosevelt should decide, at the last minute, to seek a third term, Tom Dewey is the only Republican with a strong enough personal appeal to have a chance against him. But the conventions are still more than two months away, and Senator Taft is believed to have a very large number of delegates already safely pledged to himself.

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F. D. R. SOUNDS WARNING OF HANDS OFF AMERICA

Washington, April 15.—President Roosevelt told the rest of the world today that the American republics, committed to the way of peace in relations among themselves, would stand together to repulse any assault, direct or indirect, from overseas.

Addressing the governing board of the Pan-American Union, the President declared that "whoever teaches one of us touches all of us." Then, observing that it was necessary to be prepared to "meet force with force if challenge is ever made," he said:

"We have adopted procedures that enable us to meet any eventuality. . . . I pray God that we shall not have to do more than that, but if it should be necessary, I am convinced that we shall be wholly successful. The inner strength of a group of free people is irresistible when they are prepared to act."

His address, besides cautioning nations abroad to keep hands off the

Americas, was also an invitation to them to forego war as an instrument of international adjustment. "We have only asked," he said, "that the world go with us in the path of peace."

In his first public address since the European conflict was extended to Norway and Denmark, the chief executive was grave in his words and in his bearing. His remarks were gravely received by an audience which included the ambassadors or ministers of England, France, China, Australia and Finland, as well as those of the 21 American republics.

Nations not represented included Germany, Russia, Japan, Italy, Norway, Sweden, the Netherlands and Denmark.

In addition to being broadcast in this country, the address was rebroadcast around the globe in Spanish, Portuguese, French, German and Italian.

Three-fourths of the drivers involved in accidents in North Carolina last year had been driving a year or longer.

Sherwood Items

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Mast were Miss Mildred Mast of Johnson City, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clay Mast of Morganton; Misses Sallie Miller, Lily Joe, Mary Moore and Sue Mast of A. S. T. C., Boone; Miss Geraldine Bingham and Miss Betty Collins of Sherwood; Mr. and

Mrs. Clint Mast and Daughter, Lesley Mast of Vilas.

Mr. Fred Mast of Winston-Salem, who underwent an appendix operation at the Baptist hospital, is spending sometime at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Mast. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mast and daughter, Marie, of Johnson City, visited with relatives on Cove Creek over the week-end.

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