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OUR PRESIDENT—1944, 1945

OUR PRESENT AND OUR NEXT PRESIDENT

Even a bad Republican will admit that Mr. Roosevelt has shown good judgment in a great many things connected with the administration since he became president in 1933. With so many needs arising he could not well have done otherwise. Likewise, it would have been almost a miracle for him not to have made some mistakes and even blunders. However, with all the good things we might say about him as a man and the highest executive in our country, no one capable to discern and willing to admit the facts will not agree that Mr. Roosevelt has done things that under the circumstances are well-nigh inexcusable.

We believe most of the mistakes our president has made are due to the fact that he in all his life never knew the need or the value of money considerations — how to economically administer big business in a way to save all unnecessary expenditures. Perhaps this is largely due to the fact that he was bred and born in the lap of plenty and never has known what want was or why he should live thriftily. He must believe in these things, but seems to be unable to put them into practice.

We recall in his Pittsburgh speech during his first campaign that he said something like this: For three years the Federal government has been on the road to bankruptcy. Let us have the courage to stop borrowing to meet deficits. Stop the deficits. He further said one of the two most important things he proposed in his administration would be to "balance the budget."

Almost immediately after his

election, a spree of spending began, such as this country never knew. During the first four years of his administration he spent more than \$22,000,000,000 — an average of 25% over the amount spent by the government during the year of his promise to reduce expenditures.

In 1936 the Democratic platform again reaffirms its intention to reduce the expenses of the government. By this time its debt was 14 billions more than it was in 1932. And this was before one cent had been spent in waging the present war.

When the war ends next year, as many believe, our country will face a financial situation undreamed of in 1932. It is next to impossible for any man to visualize how much a million dollars is, much less a billion. But we shall have a debt of billions instead of millions. Of course no one would say Mr. Roosevelt is to blame for all the big debt of the present. There is little if anything any one could do to prevent it. Much, if not most, of it was absolutely necessary. Yet not all. Mr. Truman and his committee did much to stop or forestall much useless spending. Senator Byrd saved the country millions in his efforts to prevent waste of the people's money.

Even lately Mr. Roosevelt made an extended trip to Hawaii and the Aleutian Islands. Many believe it was largely political, though some claim it was to build morale. Naturally our president traveled in the most expensive way. A number of officials and others accompanied him. The cost of this swing around the Pacific, we are told, was the small (?) sum of twenty million dollars. And all this at a time when our citizens see nothing ahead but tax bondage that will keep our country down for many decades. We feel that this seeming indifference or inability of our president to prevent prodigal spending of the people's money is his one great weakness. It is fearful to contemplate the results of another administration with him at its head under the present financial conditions of our country. We need a man who has a lot of hard common sense, one who believes in economy and thrift. The best business men in

America at the head of our government is the need of the hour.

And as much as we admire our president, we do not believe he is the man qualified to lead the country back to a safe and sane basis of governmental operation.

On the other hand we doubt Mr. Dewey's being the man who can do that. It has been proven that Mr. Roosevelt "has a way of his own" and refuses to follow the advice of practical business men who advise him. Mr. Dewey may or may not be such a man. In our opinion had the democrats nominated Mr. Truman and Mr. Wallace, then we would have had one of the strongest possible teams for those trying years that certainly will come immediately after the war ends. As matters now stand we would not dare attempt to advise our people how to vote. We liked Willkie very much as a practical business man, but he is "water gone over the dam." Listening to politicians on both sides gets one nowhere. The only thing left for most of us is to forget political promises and parties, study as best we can the men running for office and then vote as our judgment and convictions may lead or dictate. But as we face the future, we must realize that "the good old times before the war" are gone forever and each of us must face and accept conditions in which necessity and not choice will largely determine the lives of this and the next three generations.

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