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Editorial

TRADITION STRETCHED

The Associated Press stated in a New York dispatch Friday that the death of President Roosevelt carried on an American tradition that Presidents elected at twenty-year intervals die in office. He lists William Henry Harrison, elected in 1840 Abraham Lincoln, elected in 1860; James A Garfield, elected in 1880; William McKinley, elected in 1900, and Warren G. Harding, elected in 1920.

However we believe the press association historian fails in the effort to link Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the smasher of tradition and the setter of precedents, to this tradition, or superstition. For to make his sick in the list it was necessary to put him down as elected in 1940. Of course President Roosevelt was first elected in 1932, while most of the other presidents who died in office were first elected in the twenty year intervals noted.

Now, perhaps, the great Roosevelt has laid this tradition in the shade along with so many others that he sent into the discard. Despite the fact that he had served eight years in the White House, the Roosevelt who smashed the third-term tradition in 1940 was not another leader but the same who at the beginning of his first term challenged and conquered national fear even if he were facing a world that feared the rule of free men was about to pass from the earth.

As a matter of fact, McKinley was first elected in 1896. Between the deaths of Harrison and Lincoln came that of Zachary Taylor, who died in 1850. However, with the exception of Taylor, one can figure back for a century and find men who were elected at twenty-year intervals—though not in all cases did their first term elections fall by intervals—who have died in office. Of the seven Presidents who have died in office, three fell by assassination.

The three great wars in which this nation has engaged in the past hundred years have in effect cost the lives of the war presidents. Lincoln's assassination grew out of passions of the War between the States. Wilson's physical collapse in office could be charged to the great burden imposed by World War I. And surely Roosevelt is a casualty of World War II. McKinley was President in the 1898 war with Spain which was hardly a major conkict.

BONDS FOR MORALE

There is probably no more accurate method of taking the public's war "temperature" than to watch the progress of the sale of war bonds.

It is generally believed that, because of the victories in Europe, war "heat" among civilians has cooled considerably. But we can't think of any thing that would be more discouraging to the boys fighting in the Japanese islands than to think that the war is practically a thing of the past, at home.

Those boys in the Pacific will get reports on the sale of bonds during the Seventh Loan Drive. They will know—when they see those reports—whether we are still wholeheartedly behind them or not.

There are plenty of good reasons for every one of us to continue to buy bonds, but we can think of no more important reason right now than to convince the soldiers and sailors in the Pacific that this talk of weakening morale at home isn't true—that we still know there is a war going on and are still behind them 100 per cent.

FIGHTING OVER PEACE

The arguments which preceded the San Francisco "peace conference" didn't help to build public confidence in the theory that the nations of the world can hereafter get along as one big happy family.

The bickering over how many votes each nation would have in a world governing body made it clear that most of the leading nations will demand all the power they can possibly get. It also indicates that it is going to take superhuman diplomacy, in any world organization, to keep any nation which doesn't get what it considers a square deal from seceding from the organization.

But we shouldn't become too pessimistic over arguments that develop. For in the United States we have the best example in the world of how groups of people with different interests and different problems can live together amicably.

The 48 states of the United States have been able totally to eliminate war as a possible solution to any problem.

SARGE GAVE UP

On the right—form platoon! roared the sergeant.

The recruits carried out some kind of maneuver which left the sergeant speechless

He looked at them a moment. Then his voice returned—and no words can describe the tone of it.

All right—now take your partners for the dance."—Salt Lake City (Utah) Farmer.

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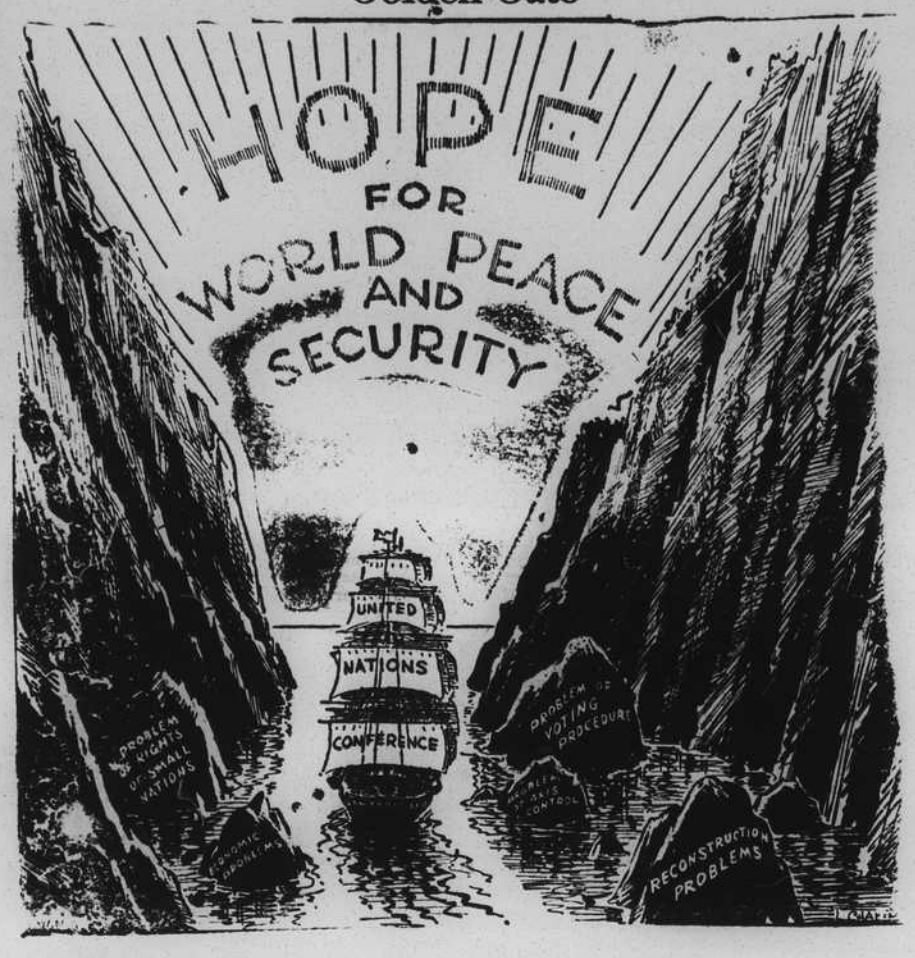
Golden Gate



ETTERS FROM SOLDIERS

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Noles have received the following letter from their son Johnnie Noles:

Somewhere in France
April 1, 1945

Dearest Mother and All:

There are so many things to write about tonight and I have so many letters to write I don't know just where to begin or what to say.

Daddy said that he wanted me to tell him all about this country. Well I can't do that, but I have just returned from Paris so I can tell you something about that gay city.

I got into Paris about noon, and just after lunch I started looking for Jack Houser. After walking all over the place I finally found him. He was at work in a restricted area, so I could stay only a little while. At five-thirty when he got off I met him and went to his quarters. We ate supper and then started out for a little night life. There wasn't much for a couple of small town boys to do but we had plenty of fun.

The next morning, Simon Shires and I went on a tour of the city, sponsored by the Red Cross. We saw so many things, I can't begin to tell you about them I am going to send some pictures of the most interesting, if I can. I'll just have to wait until I come home to tell you about them.

After noon Jack, Simon and I went on a shopping tour and that is where the trouble started. I wanted to get presents for everyone, but it was impossible. There are plenty of things for girls, but for boys there just isn't anything. I got two bracelets for Laura Jean and Joan. They arent the best in the world, but I hope they like them. I got nothing for you, Daddy, Forest, J. H. and the other kids, maybe can find something before I mail the package home. If I don't it isn't because I don't love you, it is because I can't find anything to send.

After supper the three of us went to a variety show at the Casino de Paris. If the censor will pass them I will send Daddy the programme and some pictures, however, no one else must look at those pictures. We had a very nice time, but all three of us were in bed by midnight.

This morning I got up at five-thirty and went to Sunrise Service. It was held right at the Eiffel Tower. Jack and I were supposed to meet and go together but we didn't get together, so we didn't see each other today. We did have a wonderful time while we were together.

The Sunrise Service was well worth while. It was held for Allied service men and women and there were plenty them there I will send you the program for that when I send the other things.

I just finished eating an Easter egg, boiled dyed and presented to me by the Rod Cross. Believe me, they are kind to us. Hello was around here.

While I was in Paris I stayed in the Hotel de Paris. One of the most modern in this or any other country. I will not attempt to tell you how much I enjoyed being there.

The mattresses on the beds were about one foot thick. The rugs on the floor were about two inches. About half the room was walled with mirrors from the floor to the ceiling. The bathroom was as large as any room in our house. It had both shower and tub and the walls were about half mirrors, Ha! Gee, it was devine.

Folks, I wish I could tell you about the people of Paris but I can't this time, I will say though I have seen some of the most beautiful women in the world, maybe later I can write you all about them.

I was in some of the modern department stores of Paris and I only wish I had a million dollars. The things are beautiful, dresses, hats, sweaters and everything else that any woman would want. It is just too expensive for us though.

I had a couple of pictures made one is a group, the gang that went on the sight seeing tour, the other was made in hotel, just me Jack and I had one made together. I'll send them as soon as they are ready.

If I write anymore I will have to send this letter in a package, so I will close. Good night. Lots of love to all. JOHNNIE.

Six-Inch Sermon

REV. ROBERT H. HARPER

The Founding of the Nation
Lesson for April 22: Exodus 18:19-24; 19:3-8
Memory Verse: Exodus 19:8.

Four hundred years after the days of Joseph, there arose a new king over Egypt that "knew not Joseph." It was during those centuries, perhaps, that the Shepherd Kings were expelled and a native dynasty restored to the throne. The new king, claiming the Hebrews were a menace to the state, began the oppression that led to the Exodus.

Moses, trying alone to administer to the people, under the wise advice of his father-in-law, began the organization of the nation, giving laws and regulations, appointing rulers and establishing a judiciary.

On Sinai Moses communed with God, entered into the covenant, and received the Ten Commandments, honored through all time since.

The tabernacle was set up in the wilderness, with its priesthood and elaborate ritual—to become the center of the people's life. When the ark set forward the host took up the march; when the ark rested, its tabernacle was set up, and the people pitched their tents around about, according to the tribes.

In this period we see the hand of God under Moses,, forming the Hebrews into an organized nation which, after 40 years, reached the borders of Palestine, ready for the conquest of a homeland. Let us realize the need of God in the affairs of nations and in the lives of individuals.

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BLUFF FAILS IN THE END

Some years ago a boy who had been born and reared on a farm near Ripon, Mich., got on a train and went down to Chicago to make his way in the world. The boy's name was H. Gordon Selfridge.

He tried two places and finally got a job in the department store of Marshall Field & Company, in the furniture department. He worked hard but he didn't do well. At the same time there was another clerk in the some department who was a whiz. He made a showy display of his knowledge about furniture. On the other hand the Michigan farm boy did know something about it, for he had not only studied furniture and the woods from which it was made, but he had also got books on the subject, studied them, asked questions, and tried to master his product. But still the showy salesman put it all over him.

One day the ex-farm boy asked the other salesman how he managed to make so many more sales than he did. The showy salesman replied:

"It's really very simple. I bluff. When I don't know the answer to a question, I give one that I think is correct. They never check up on you. If you'd do more bluffing, instead of admitting ignorance, you'd get along faster."

Selfridge said something like, "It seems to me it's better to admit you don't know than to pretend you do know."

The other clerk laughed. "Well, you see the difference between us. I'm getting promotions and you're standing still."

Pretty hard medicine to take but Selfridge took it and continued his course of learning all about the subject he possibly could and, when stumped, admitting that he didn't know the answers.

What was the result? Well, after a short time Selfridge, in spite of his slow start, was promoted. Finally he was made manager of a department. At last he become a partner in the business.

And the self-confident young man who believed in bluff? Well, in a little less than a year and a half he was fired for incompetency.

Selfridge went to London, England, later, and opened the first London department store. That store made him famous.

The man who bluffs is kicking his own chair out from under himself. Sooner or later he is bound to be found out and then he has to pay for all his glib words.

JOBS OPEN UNDER THE MERIT SYSTEM

DURHAM, N. C., April 19, 1945.—Jobs offering opportunity for rapid advancement with the State Department of Public Welfare and County Welfare Departments are to be filled by examinations to be given by the North Carolina Merit System Council on May 12, 1945, according to an announcement made by Dr. Frank T. de Vyver, Merit System Supervisor. If a sufficient number of applications is received, examinations will be held in nine centers throughout the state. Examinations will be given to fill vacancies for the following positions: Case Work Aide, War Emergency, Case Work Assistant, Case Worker, Case Work Supervisor, Child Welfare Case Worker, Child Welfare Case Worker and Supervisor, County Superintendent I and II, and Field Social Work Representative.

Dr. de Vyver urges all qualified persons to apply for entrance to the examination and gain a place on the register, whether or not they are interested in immediate placement. The closing date for receipt of applications for these examinations is April 28, 1945. Applications postmarked after this date will be held for future examinations for these positions. Application blanks and other information concerning these examinations may be secured by writing to the Merit System Supervisor, Box 2328, Durham, N. C.

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