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One thing that Japan will find about Uncle Sam is that the old gentleman can get mighty tough when the occasion warrants.

Anyhow Europe has every reason to expect when this war business is over that American tourists will flock over and help pay for it.

Keep Our Money at Home

Our business and industrial stalwarts have learned a lesson from this war which we hope they won't soon forget. Almost every day's newspaper tells of confiscation of foreign property in the lands that have adopted the Hitler technique.

In Rumania the month-old Iron Guard government, formed and backstayed by Hitler, has been busy trimming things to the Nazi pattern. As in Germany, the property of Jews has been taken over by the government, but the grabbing process has not stopped there. British oil properties have been seized and American investment must also be charged off to profit and loss.

In Mexico American investors in oil properties, individuals and concerns that had developed that industry south of our border are left holding the bag because the Mexican government took over the properties.

In Spain it required some fancy stepping in the way of concessions by our government to save the investment of the American Telephone company, and there is prospect that its security will not long endure.

And so the story goes in almost every country that has come under German domination, and some that have not. If these dollars had been kept at home for domestic development, and goodness knows the field is limitless, it would have been safer and more profitable even in the face of federal taxes and governmental interference with business that has been raved about so persistently. For the investment would be intact, whereas the money invested in foreign enterprises has evaporated entirely.

Our industrial giants have had abundant evidence in recent months to prove the fallacy of sending their dollars to foreign lands to develop the very industries that now have been converted to the use and benefit of this nation's potential enemies, and there is nothing they can do about it. How much better it would have been if these dollars had been kept at home to contribute to the American way of life, and to stand as assets in a time of national emergency.

Pleased From Two Angles

We are very much interested in Dick Reynolds' activity in his job of rounding up dollars for the national Democratic committee and for several reasons.

We anticipate that Mr. Reynolds will have a hard time getting the necessary volume of cash from the sources he is expected to tap. His many friends, where the money is, have in great numbers already committed themselves and their spare dollars to the Willie cause, and while Dick may be able to shake them down on general principles, Paul Leonard has been ahead of him in places and already is out spending cash like nobody's business.

Mr. Reynolds is further disadvantaged because of the Hatch act which some of the usual contributors are pleading as a good and sufficient reason for keeping a knot in their purse strings, but there is prospect that he will have a healthy response from the little fellows who will be glad to shell out to the best of their ability, and in a pinch Mr. Reynolds can make up the deficit without missing it much.

But we are interested from a different angle. This entrance into the political field may indicate that Dick Reynolds has had a sufficiency of the thrill of playing around in little old New York and is about to settle down in his native North Carolina and dip an oar in the political pond. Maybe if he finds the water fine, he'll offer for elective office, in which case we don't know of anybody we'd like to vote for than he. Dick's a fine young chap and is sufficiently fortified with this world's goods, not to be attracted by the usual political bait, that has ruined the usefulness of many an otherwise promising future. He could, and would we think measure up to the responsibilities of any office to which he would be called without pausing to question the political expedience of his tenure.

Lon Folger is to be congratulated for having succeeded in inducing Mr. Reynolds to take a hand, for he won't turn in an empty collection plate, if he has to decorate it himself. And if his interest in politics holds, North Carolina will be the beneficiary

of his political activity. We'd bet our last summer's straw hat on that. If a successful money hunt will encourage him into the political game he can have our two-bits and welcome.

For many years the name of R. J. Reynolds has been one to conjure with here in North Carolina, and we are pleased to note that Dick is not allowing it to be forgotten. For already he has turned some of the tobacco millions back to North Carolinians for the good of the people. As witness that handsome check to the State University which will be used to the advancement of agriculture and through agriculture to the economic betterment of all our people.

Another Great Achievement

We have noted with a great deal of pleasure the evidence of community progress as reflected in special editions of neighbor newspapers in recent months, but none of them deserves more praise than the sixtieth anniversary edition of the Gastonia Daily Gazette whose 132-page issue last week stands out front among them all.

It is not that The Gazette has served for sixty years, but that it has served so well, in lean years and fat, that through the support of its people the paper is recognized as one of the State's outstanding newspapers, and that it starts a new decade with enviable prospects of maximum success.

But we don't think this special edition, along with all the others, calls for congratulations to the producers alone. The community, the State, and even the nation, each is to be congratulated, for these successful efforts would not be possible, if business conditions and public morale were not so favorable. Not one of these anniversaries would have been observed in such a big way, a few years back, because it costs money as well as time and toil to produce hundred-page papers, and advertisers and patrons then were not in a mood to help.

And so we think it significant that on The Gazette's front page was a congratulatory letter from President Roosevelt, who frequently has been criticized by The Gazette's editor, yet who has had much to do with today's improved conditions that makes such achievements possible.

It appears that the more they come the better they get—these special editions that tell of community, State and National progress, for The Gazette's sixtieth anniversary edition reflects credit on everyone who had a hand in its production.

Answers the Challenge

Wendell Willie's protest that President Roosevelt's tripping around at this time is at the expense of the taxpayers, had hardly reached the echo stage, before the President, from his train at Dayton, Ohio, was giving utterance to what he conceives to be the American purposes and policies, in an address that is acknowledged to be one of his masterpieces, and for which no taxpayer in America should begrudge his contribution. For Mr. Roosevelt was accepting the challenge of a trio of governments that have banded themselves together to scare Uncle Sam into a duck fit.

He made it plain that the United States is determined to prepare for war as the best insurance of continued peace; that this country proposes a total defense of both Americas, no matter what the price; that the Americas will not be scared or frightened into the ways the dictators want us to follow; that we are mustering men and resources, arming not only to defend ourselves, but in co-operation with other American Republics to help defend the whole hemisphere. And there was this significant declaration, which in its essence, may well be considered America's answer to the creation of the German-Italian-Japanese alliance: "No combination of dictator countries of Europe and Asia will halt us in the path we see ahead for ourselves and for democracy; will not stop the help we are giving to almost the last free people fighting to hold them at bay."

Obviously that represents the sentiment of ninety per cent. of the people of this nation who are not tied to other policies by kinship with the brigands of Europe and Asia or committed to their philosophies of government. And we dare to say that these should not be allowed the least consideration in the formulation of any national purpose to which they cannot subscribe. Mr. Roosevelt was talking about something that only real Americans have any right to even discuss, and on this occasion Mr. Roosevelt was giving voice to what is in their hearts and minds, and his address, broadcast to every nation in this hemisphere is calculated to breed confidence among our neighbor republics in our profession of friendliness and neighborliness, which Mr. Roosevelt since he became President, more than any chief executive before, has striven to impress on them.

Mr. Roosevelt reminded that here in America we do not have any dual citizenship. "Here the descendants of the very same races, who had always been forced to fear and hate each other in lands across the ocean, have learned to live in peace and friendship." And they could be living together in peace and friendship in Europe today, were it not for ambitious jackals who do not find it profitable to them to have it that way, and who stir up strife, because they thrive only on conflict.

Measured by the yardstick of future values, Mr. Roosevelt's utterance on this occasion, will be worth all his tripping is costing the taxpayers, because Europe and the world now knows where we stand. Mr. Willie probably would subscribe to every word the President said.

This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Oct. 14—In the belief of the most careful observers, the main question confronting the people of the United States is whether or not we will get into the European war. And that question has nothing whatever to do with the question whether Mr. Roosevelt is reelected or Mr. Willkie is chosen to take his place.

The next Administration, whatever its partisan complexion, is expected to find itself in the grip of circumstances over which it may have no control. The reaction of the people of the whole United States, as reflected in the reports which come into Washington, is one of resignation to an unpleasant prospect, coupled with a considerable degree of impatience with the politicians of Washington who are believed to be throwing monkey-wrenches into the machinery of defense preparations, to serve their own personal ends.

Roosevelt Advantage

In the light of that state of the public mind it seems that Mr. Roosevelt has an advantage over Mr. Willkie in the prospects for the coming election. He has been in a position to do things, whereas Mr. Willkie has only been able to say what he will do if elected. That advantage is reflected in the latest polls of electoral sentiment, which indicate that the President has regained some of the support which, six weeks ago, he seemed to have lost.

But on the other hand Mr. Willkie, now that he has got into his stride, is apparently regaining the confidence of many who were disappointed in his earlier radio speeches. The plain fact is that Mr. Willkie is at his worst when he is reading from a manuscript, as a radio orator has to do, and at his best when he is talking extemporaneously with only a few notes to guide him.

Mr. Roosevelt, on the contrary, has the gift of reading a carefully prepared manuscript over the radio with such tones and inflections, pauses and hesitations, as to give the effect that most of it is the result of sudden inspiration.

Mr. Willkie is learning, and his later radio talks have been much more effective than the first few. He and his party are handicapped, however, by lack of funds to pay for time on the air. The President has a distinct advantage. By announcing that his talk on any particular occasion is to be "non-political" the broadcasting companies are required to give him the time and facilities without charge. Everything that Mr. Willkie says is, of course, political, and so it must be paid for. A half hour's time on a nationwide hook-up costs an incredible number of thousands of dollars.

Monetary Limits

The Hatch Act limits the amount of money that any political party can spend in a campaign, with the result that fewer people have had the opportunity to hear Mr. Willkie over the radio than has been the case with any candidate of either party since 1920, when broadcasting was first used in political campaigns.

The Republicans are also handicapped by the fact that they have no issue to compare with the issue of preparedness for war, and on that Mr. Roosevelt took the play away from them. There has been nothing to do about it from the Republican point of view but to accept the Administration's policy and criticize the manner in which it is being carried out. This would be a hopeless effort if it were not based upon a reaction against the present Administration which has been growing steadily for four years and which has been heightened by the President's effort to be elected for a third term.

The third term and the alleged inefficiency and extravagance of the past seven years constitute really the major issue on which the election will be decided. And no attempt to forecast the result is valid, for the simple reason that nearly 20% of all the possible voters are keeping their mouths shut.

Never in private discussions nor in response to questionnaires has such a large proportion of the voters refused to tell how they intend to vote. While there are more people, apparently, wearing Willkie buttons than wearing Roosevelt buttons, there is a surprising number refusing to pin any label on themselves.

Fear Reprisals

This is being interpreted by some impartial observers as indicating that a great number of persons who intend to vote for Willkie are keeping their intentions to themselves because of



People's Column

The Tribune does not necessarily endorse any article under this heading but welcomes at all times communications of interest to its readers and the general public.

ENDORSE CANDIDACY OF C. G. MATHIS

Editor The Tribune:

As we have a man in Jonesville who has been honored with a place on the ticket in the coming election we feel like the people of the county should know more about him and if you will permit us space in your paper we want to say a few words about him.

He is Mr. Charlie G. Mathis, who is a candidate for County Commissioner in this district, which we believe is composed of North Knobs and Boonville. We have known Mr. Mathis for more than 20 years and have lived near him during that time. He is a Christian gentleman, a member of the Methodist church and a regular church attendant. He is always interested in anything that will help our churches, or anything that will help our town or community. He has been a merchant and business man here for more than 25 years and has made a success and helped many others when in need.

Knobs has not had much voice in the county government, the officers usually coming from other sections, and now that we have a candidate, and a good man to vote for we feel like every man and woman should vote for Mr. Mathis in the coming election. Being a good business man we know he will make the county a good commissioner, and save the taxpayers money whenever he can.

It also seems to us that if this district of Knobs and Boonville is to have a commissioner he

fear of reprisals of some sort from some Federal Agency or other. There may be nothing in that idea, but it is certain that there is not the volume of popular enthusiasm for Mr. Roosevelt's re-election that was displayed in 1936.

As these dispatches have pointed out before, the man who will really decide this election is Adolf Hitler. His aid is being invoked both publicly and secretly by the Democratic spokesmen. Publicly the assertion is made that Hitler wants to see Mr. Roosevelt defeated. Privately, an undercover whispering campaign has been started against Mr. Willkie based on nothing but the fact that his grandparents were born in Germany. It is questionable how much effect such campaign tactics will have, but a good many veteran political observers here think that their use is evidence that Mr. Roosevelt's supporters are not as confident of his re-election as they profess to be.

At best the election will be a close one. All observers are agreed on that. A few thousand votes may turn the trick.

Getting Old

Opera Star—"Yes, twenty long years I have sung in ze Metropol."

Admirer—"Gee, you musta known Madame Butterfly when she was only a caterpillar."

should be rotated between the two townships and Boonville has had a commissioner for eight years. We are sure the rank and file of Boonville voters will agree with us in this.

So let's all vote for Mr. Mathis in the coming election.

Signed,
MR. AND MRS. ROBY CASTEVENS,
Jonesville, N. C., Oct. 16, 1940.

Eggs of a single house fly in one year would cover the earth with flies 3 feet deep if all hatched.

WANTS

Lost: Navy blue felt Dobb's hat Saturday, near Belk-Dough-ton's. Return to Tribune office for reward. 1tc

For rent: three-room apartment, bath and heat. Electric stove and Kelvinator. Outside entrance. Call 65.

Why be unemployed? We guarantee our students positions. Write the Winston-Salem Barber School. 11-7c

Wanted 2 or three room furnished apartment, close in. Write Box 560, Elkin, N. C.

For Sale—1930 Model Ford Coach. In excellent condition throughout. Cleanest and best running Ford in town. Priced for quick sale. Call 371 or see Dr. M. O. Fox, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

We buy scrap iron and metals. Double Eagle Service Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc

Lost At Boonville Fair—Lady's yellow gold Elgin wrist watch. Name, "Sadie" engraved on back. Reward for return to Miss Sadie Hobson, Boonville, N. C. 1tc

For Rent—Two furnished bed rooms, private entrance, steam heat, connecting bath. Herbert Dockery, telephone 374-W. 1tp

For rent: 6-room western bungalow on North Bridge street. Dr. W. R. Wellborn. 1tc

Wanted: Eggs, hams, butter, chickens, all kinds of country produce. For best cash prices see Earle Combs, South Bridge street, Elkin, N. C., Phone 308. 1tc

For Sale—1934 Ford V-8, in excellent condition. Shorty Collins, Elkin, N. C. 1tp

For rent: three and four room apartments. Newly finished. Private bath. Carl Chappell. Telephone 126-M. 1tc

Unexpected Vacancy in Surry County. Raleigh Products well known. North Carolina dealers doing fine. Splendid opportunity for man with car between 25 and 50 to get established in a profitable business. Write at once Raleigh's, Dept. NCJ-64-201, Richmond, Va. 11-21p

Attention Coal Buyers: Coal for all types of heating. Reasonable prices, honest weight. Prompt delivery service. Elkin Roller Mill. Telephone 20. 10-17c

For rent: 2-room downstairs apartment, available at once. Mrs. Will Willard, Gwyn avenue. 10-17c

Wanted—Several refined middle-aged ladies for special work. Chance to make money in your spare time. See Claude Farrell, at Graham & Click 5c and 10c Store, Elkin. 1tc

Everyone who needs good, green oak heater wood, see George W. Smith at Cashwell's Department Store, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

For sale or trade, good 4-room house and large lot in State Road. Empty now. Can move day you buy. Phone 119-W. S. E. Newman. 10-17p

Free! If excess acid causes you pains of Stomach Ulcers, Indigestion, Heartburn, Belching, Bloating, Nausea, Gas Pains, get free Sample, Udga, at Turner Drug Co. 12-5p

For sale—pair matched mares, seven and eight years old, 1 mule colt, 1 wheat drilling disk harrow. A. C. Phillips, Thurmond, N. C. 10-17p

Do you want plenty of eggs from strong, fast growing young chicks? If so feed Panamin. We have it. Abernethy's, A Good Drug Store, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

Kill destructive insects with proven insecticides. Arsenate lead, magnesium arsenate, Paris green. Turner Drug Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc

Wanted! Refined girls for Beauty Culture Training. A complete course for only \$50.00. State accredited. Mae's School of Beauty Culture, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Mrs. Jake Church, Prop. 1tc

Wanted to repair — radios. Our expert thoroughly knows his business. Prices right. Harris Electric Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc

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