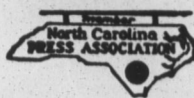


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The Word Comes

Within the week citizens of the United States who have been wondering what the Democrats will do with the "third term" issue should be relieved of anxieties in either direction, for on Monday the Democrats gather in Chicago and it is reasonable to suppose that President Roosevelt's decision will soon be made public—if he does not break the long silence before that date.

We can well understand the motivations both domestic and international which have prompted the withholding of the President's decision from the general public, although we are of the opinion that far more of the influential Democrats know what that decision is to be than has been generally supposed. Regardless of the direction the issue will take, we are more concerned with the attitudes people will exhibit after the announcement has been made. This is no time for display of petty resentments, political or otherwise.

If Mr. Roosevelt were to break all traditions and permit his name to be presented yet again as the party standard bearer, those people who believe in his policies should support them. On the other hand, if the nomination goes to Hull or to some other capable Democrat the same loyalty should be forthcoming. Come what may at Chicago, we shall not be uneasy about the political future of the United States. We can say this with some confidence because it happens that the Republican presidential candidate, Wendell L. Willkie, appears to be a man of integrity and wisdom and if the Democrats should lose, the man who heads the opposition has just as good a chance to be a worthy national administrator.

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Out of Person

The alert Ronald Hocutt, director of the State Highway Safety Division, has this week sent out a news release advising motorists to "Stop before they swat". We are sure that Person residents will have no difficulty in interpreting that phrase, since it was in Person that the accident to which Mr. Hocutt has reference occurred.

The story of that accident, in which a woman received painful head injuries and others in the car were shaken up because the car overturned while the driver endeavored to kill an invading bumble bee and drive at the same time, was printed in the Times and in the state press last week and carried its own moral, even without Mr. Hocutt's well-timed emphasis.

As an editor the immediate interest concerning Mr. Hocutt's version of the warning stems from the fact that events in Person county do occasionally exert an influence outside of the county. On Sunday a week ago another example of news copy out of Person was a long comment on the local ABC election possibilities in Tom Bost's "Among Us Tar Heels" column in the Greensboro Daily News.

Despite Mr. Bost's reference to Person as a "rural" county, folks from Person do "break into the news" and the more publicity we have, the better, although some of us may regret the nature of some of the stories released about us.

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Promises of Good Work

Approval of the Roxboro city budget for 1940-1941 at the City Council session last week carries with it the promise of an excellent fiscal year to come. The tax rate of \$1.35 remains the same as it was during the past year, but there is more taxable property on the books so that revenue is expected to be increased by some \$78,000. Too, there has been a judicious allotment of various funds and provision has been made for wise but careful expenditures for improvements which must be effected if the city is to conserve its existing facilities for the public service.

As was indicated in the well-ordered budget report prepared by City Manager Bloxam and his secretary, Mrs. Hattie Carver, the city must have better street repairing equipment if streets are to be economically kept in condition and it must likewise look after the upkeep and the expansion of its water facilities if savings, with improvements, are to be effected in that quarter.

Members of the City Council have publicly expressed their appreciation for the presentation of this forward-looking budget in which the necessities of economy have been delicately but sensibly balanced against needs of the future.

And an example of a well thought out program we commend this budget report to the attention of all tax-paying residents of Roxboro. A thoughtful survey of that budget should put an end to the always to be expected complaints of those citizens who are disgruntled with the usages accorded to "their" money. When people can go to a municipal, county or state office and read reports like the one under discussion they should have no cause for fears of a frame-up.



Let's Not Deceive Ourselves

Durham Morning Herald

"We will not use our arms in a war of aggression; we will not send our men to take part in European wars. "But, we will repel aggression against the United States or the Western Hemisphere."

The President used those two sentences (made those two pledges, is the way some put it) in his message to the Congress asking \$4,848,000,000 additional for national defense, and in the order above.

Immediately, and perhaps fortunately, the "We will not send our men to take part in European wars" assertion was seized upon as not only the most important statement in the message but as an indication that Mr. Roosevelt has deserted the interventionists to join the isolationists.

And, of course, since the Democratic convention is just ahead, the tendency is to link Mr. Roosevelt's "anti-war pledge" with the Democratic platform as an expedient move to out-manuever the Republicans on the non-intervention illusion.

Such political by-play and surface thinking and writing, we suppose, is to be expected. And out of it may emerge a communal view on the foreign policy issue that will help to make the coming campaign digestible.

It seems to us, however, that we, especially the isolationists, run the risk of deceiving ourselves when we cheer a presidential declaration that our men will not be sent to take part in European wars and ignore the equally as authoritative declaration that they will be used to defend the Western Hemisphere.

The reason for that general reaction is obvious. Everybody who has made a fetish of the slogan "don't send our boys to fight Europe's wars," including the narrowest isolationist, has also to urge defense of the Monroe Doctrine (Western Hemisphere) at all cost. Largest recorded poll on that is the 380 to 8 House vote and 78 to 0 senate vote reaffirming the Monroe Doctrine.

What we fear too many of us do not understand, or care about understanding, is that there are miles and miles of foreign territory within the Western Hemisphere, much of it a greater distance from the United States than is Europe. And while it doesn't seem to register with the "to hell with Europe, let's defend the Western Hemisphere" boys, fact of the business is defending the Western Hemisphere is as big, or bigger, job than defending say, England.

We are not, let us emphasize, objecting to the proposition that we send no men to take part in European wars. On the contrary we subscribe to it. Again we subscribe to the Western Hemisphere defense idea, though we hope we never have to implement it.

Our point is that if in one breath Mr. Roosevelt ruled out sending men to take part in European wars, in the next he committed us to defend the Western Hemisphere. And as between the two pledges, if you want to call them, that the latter, in our opinion, holds a much greater meaning to present-day Americans than the former.

Parenthetically, it might be remarked that whether or not we have to make good on the promise to defend the Western Hemisphere depends largely on the tide of battle in Europe.

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Back To The Bastille

News and Observer

By overwhelming vote the Senate and Chamber of Deputies of France has given Premier Marshall Henri Phillippe Petain unrestricted powers to write a new totalitarian constitution.

The action was taken on July 9, just five days before Bastille Day, the 14th of July, on which France every year since 1789 has celebrated its liberties.

On July 14 in that year (the same year in which George Washington became the first president of the United States) the people of France took the action which has been symbolic of their freedom ever since. The old Bastille prison in which not only men but in a real sense their liberties had been so long kept prisoner was surrounded by a tumultuous throng. The old prison fell and the next day its total destruction was begun.

Now under German domination the French are building its meaning in France back almost stone for stone. For that is what Fascism is despite all its modern machines and methods—the old dungeon for human dignity and the free human mind. Not a new system but an ancient tyranny is promulgated and advanced. But such a tyranny can last long only if in France and elsewhere strength and spirit have disappeared from the hearts of men who would be decent and just, noble and free. If man has lost that spirit he might as well be in a dungeon. If he has not, no prison can be built so stoutly that it will long stand.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON From The Adult Student

The experiences of Job had been most perplexing. He had more than ample reason for thinking Jehovah had deserted him. He could see no reason for all the suffering that had come upon him. It is no wonder that Job should have been perplexed and confused.

In the midst of all this painful situation, however, there was one mighty faith to which he clung. It held him securely. He was confident that the future would bring complete vindication of his loyalty to Jehovah.

Faith Brings Immediate Mental Relief

There is always immediate relief for anyone in the midst of tragic difficulties and spiritual confusion. If, with confidence, he can say: "I know that my redeemer liveth and . . . I (shall) see God."

When we make our own this unyielding trust, there is immediate relief for our mind. We become sure that the individual is of great enough importance to warrant immortality. The prophets of Israel brought it to a further consummation when they asserted the personal ethical responsibility of man and insisted that individual communion with God is a possibility.

We gain the highest kind of assurance when we are confident of a God who loves us. And that steadfast certainty of a future life brings immediate relief.

In the midst of pronounced physical suffering, or of great spiritual confusion, it is exceedingly important that one should win some such trust. This is how we gain great enough power to face innumerable difficulties. Jesus was able to meet the cross be-

cause he looked beyond the cross to the vindication of a God who would see him through. Faith in a future, that will vindicate our loyalty to the right, does sustain us in the perplexing confusions of the present.

Faith in a future means that sometime those who have remained true will receive the commendation of God. It is what has been called God's great "Amen". Here is the ultimate vindication for which all of us long. In our best moments we know that we will never be satisfied with anything else. We earnestly desire the fundamental faith that was Job's when he exclaimed that in spite of all the disturbing effects that would come to him he was sure that he would see God.

The Sustaining Power of Belief In Immortality

This confidence in the character of God is the basic belief which sustains us in our most difficult hours. Believing that God is dependable and trustworthy, we anticipate the future unafraid. We

are confident the years ahead will justify all the trust that we implicitly place in him.

This is the epitome of Christian faith. In spite of the temporary nature of our world, we are convinced that behind all our catastrophes is a Deity who watches over us and who will ultimately demonstrate that righteousness is in the order of the universe. This is the grand adventure of the human soul, for it is in this way that we find resources of poise and unshaken trust. We may be despondent and rejected of men—many of the most loyal followers of Christ have been—but we know that the future will vindicate our faith. We may be perplexed with pain and sorrow that cannot be solved, but we look to a God upon whom we can depend.

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