

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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THE REPUBLICAN ATTACK "NEW DEAL FAILURE" FOREIGN RELATIONS QUIET DEMOCRATIC PLANS F. D. R. TO TAKE A HAND DECISION ON CRUISE? ECONOMY NOT CERTAIN NAVAL CONSTRUCTION "EXPANSION" NOT SHIPS SOME NAVAL HISTORY

Recent Republican oratory indicates very plainly the line of attack to be followed during the presidential campaign. The party's appeal to the people will be based upon criticism of the New Deal, with its over-centralized authority in the hands of the Federal Government and the allegation that, despite this and the expenditure of huge sums in pump priming, the plight of the unemployed, the farmer and the nation is about as bad, or worse, than it was seven years ago.

From now on, the Republicans will not be hampered by Democratic strategy to postpone debate on the issues of the day. Uncertainty as to when the Democrats will meet will not deter Republican speakers from lambasting the record of the New Deal. Silence on the part of the President as to his intentions will not preclude acceptance of his challenge to make the results of his Administration the issue. Regardless of whether the Democrats nominate a New Dealer or a Conservative, the essential Republican strategy will be to hammer along the same lines, stressing the incompetence of the Democrats and their unfitness to govern this country.

The Republicans will turn their guns upon the deficit-spending theory, assail the continued line of unbalanced budgets and insist that a victory for their party will decrease interference with business which, freed from restrictions and fears, will take the lead in restoring a permanent prosperity to the nation.

This, it seems, will be the strategy of the Republican leaders, so far as domestic issues are concerned. Upon foreign relations, there seems to be no present crystallization of position and the attitude of the Republican party awaits clarification in respect to the President's foreign policies. With international affairs in the present state of confusion, with no man knowing what the next month will produce, it is difficult for opponents of the Administration to pedantically outline a position to be taken next year. Only the trend of events and the course of the campaign will definitely outline positions on foreign affairs.

The Democrats, after selecting Chicago for their meeting place, left the date of the convention to be fixed by Chairman Farley. This maneuver will permit the party in power, if it chooses, to hold its convention after the Republican convention has named a candidate and framed a platform. Meanwhile, the President will vigorously defend his Administration and attempt to convince the country as a whole that his Administration has made significant progress in meeting the problems of the nation.

The reader may take it for granted that Mr. Roosevelt is more interested in perpetuating the New Deal reforms than in promoting the strategy of the Democratic Party. The Chief Executive is not only sincere in his belief that great strides have been made forward, but equally sincere in the opinion that the nation will take a serious step backward if it abandons the gains which have been made.

Leaving Washington last week for a cruise, the President will have an opportunity to escape some of the pressure which always exists in Washington. Undoubtedly, he will ponder the possibilities of the future, particularly his own course of action in the event that the "Draft Roosevelt" movement in his party assumes formidable proportions. Generally, it is agreed that Mr. Roosevelt can get the Democratic nomination and that he will get it unless he takes action to prevent his renomination. Regardless of the general debate about the third term and the conflicting statements seen in print, there is no reason to change the statement repeatedly made in this column that the President prefers to retire, but will run again if developments in Europe, in his opinion, make it desirable, or if it appears that without his candidacy his New Deal program is facing the threat of being uprooted.

Despite the newspaper headlines, proclaiming "cuts" and "slashes" in the budget estimates, there is no way to tell whether there will be economy or not. Of course, the House has made some reductions in the figures submitted by the Chief Executive, but it must be remembered that these items go to the Senate, where they may be restored. Even if both houses approve the "economy" they may be restored in a later deficiency bill.

The early part of practically every session of Congress exhibits an "economy" drive. Usually the House, acting first, makes reductions and the Senate, acting later, puts back the money. Judging from the past, the House, after making a paper re-

cord, accepts the Senate's figures. For example, last year the House passed seventeen appropriation bills, carrying \$8,291,000,000. The same bills, when the Senate got through with them, had been increased \$703,000,000. The House accepted \$603,000,000 of the Senate increases.

The greatest peace-time Navy supply bill was placed before the House by a committee last week. The measure appropriates \$986,722,878 which, besides the regular expense of the naval establishment, provides funds to continue the construction of eight battleships, seven cruisers, two aircraft carriers, forty-two destroyers, twenty submarines and eighteen auxiliary vessels. In addition, it provides for new ships to be laid down during the 1941 fiscal year as follows: Two additional 45,000-ton battleships, one aircraft carrier, two cruisers, eight destroyers, six submarines, one submarine tender, three seaplane tenders and one minesweeper.

Readers should understand that this is an appropriation bill, not to be confused with an authorization program. There is pending in Congress a Committee-endorsed bill to authorize construction within the next two years of twenty-one additional warships, twenty-two auxiliary vessels and about 1,000 more airplanes. This measure carries no appropriation and unless Congress subsequently provides the money, it means nothing at all.

The size of the Navy of this nation is established theoretically by an authorization just as the size of the debt of the nation is limited to \$45,000,000,000. Authorization of a Navy of stated size does not initiate the construction of a single schooner. After the authorization has been passed, setting the size of the Navy by law, Congress appropriates money for the construction of ships.

The history of the Navy reveals fits and starts in the process of constructing a fleet in being. In 1921, nearly \$300,000,000 worth of fighting ships were sunk in the disarmament parley. For eleven years, we expected the world to shape itself toward peace and during that time the United States laid down a grand total of thirty-six ships, against 156 by Japan and 123 by England. President Roosevelt, in his first year in office, allocated \$238,000,000 from emergency funds for the construction of 32 ships. The next year, the Vinson-Trammell Act gave us 94 additional ships, 45 of which are now in service and the rest in various stages of construction. In May, 1938, came the billion-dollar building program, but, up to the first of this month, Congress had actually appropriated only \$70,000,000 and the Fleet has been increased by exactly two oil tankers, purchased ready-built.

However, under construction are the vessels listed above, some of which will take their places in the Fleet this year, and the complete program is expected to be finished by 1944. The present authorization program raises the top limit of the Navy, as now set by law, to the extent stated above.

NEW HOPE NEWS

Mrs. Percy Webb, her daughters, Mary Blanche and Joyce, and small son, Lloyd, and Miss Bernita Williamson, of Norfolk, Va., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Webb on Sunday.

J. Rupert Banks, of Manteo, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Banks.

Ray Perry, of Buxton, was at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Perry, over the week-end.

Mrs. Melver Ward and children, Jecola and Mac, of Edenton, and Mrs. Alphonso Chappell, of Belvidere, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Webb, Sunday.

Miss Celia Blanche Dail, a student at E. C. T. C., Greenville, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dail. She had as her guest her room-mate and they dined with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Darden, in Hertford, on Sunday.

Mrs. Sue Banks continues ill at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Banks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Robbins, their son, Frank, and two daughters, Ruth and Katherine, of Smithfield, Va., visited Mr. Robbins' mother, Mrs. Mattie Robbins, Sunday. They also visited Mrs. Robbins' father, J. P. Webb.

Mrs. Guy Webb and Mrs. S. T. Perry are both ill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Spencer were in Elizabeth City Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. S. D. Banks, Miss Vida Banks, Mrs. R. R. Perry, Miss Carmen Perry, Ray Perry and J. Rupert Banks motored to Elizabeth City on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hunter and children, R. R. Perry and Edges Haskett were in Elizabeth City Saturday afternoon.

Due to almost impassable roads and inclement weather Sunday the attendance at Sunday School and church was small.

4-H Calendar For Year Is Announced

Dates of events important on the North Carolina 4-H Club calendar for 1944 have been announced by L. R. Harrill, State 4-H leader of the Extension Service. The list begins with the period from April 27 to May 4, which has been designated as Boys' and Girls' Week.

Harrill has called upon the 4-H leaders in the counties to cooperate with civic clubs and other organizations in presenting programs on 4-H work during that week.

Leaders' schools will be held during the month of May. The first will be at Millstone 4-H camp from May 7 to 11, the next at a place yet to be selected for Eastern Carolina from May 14 to 18, and the third at the Swannanoa 4-H camp from May 21 to 24.

The State Older Youth Conference, for Service Club members, will be held at N. C. State College June 4 to 8. The National 4-H Club camp in Washington, D. C., will be from June 12 to 19. North Carolina will send a delegation of two boys and two girls.

The No. 1 event of the year on the 4-H calendar is next on the list. It is the annual 4-H Club Short Course to be held at State College July 22-27. Following this will be the State Wildlife Conservation Conference, to be held at a camp not yet chosen, from August 27 to 31.

The State 4-H Dress Review at State College is set for October 4, and the N. C. State Fair in Raleigh will be held October 8 to 12. The National Dairy Show is scheduled October 12 to 18, and the State contest at the short course will determine the North Carolina representatives. Concluding the calendar are the National 4-H Achievement Day radio program on November 2, and the International Livestock Show and National Club Congress at Chicago December 1 to 8.

It's Time, Or Almost Time To Plant Garden

Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service, illustrates the value of a garden by telling this story: "A man decided to attend the horse races, but before starting out he bought a round-trip ticket so that he could get home no matter how much he lost gambling."

The same philosophy should apply to North Carolina farming, Dr. Schaub declared. "If we are going to gamble with tobacco and other so-called 'cash crops,' we should buy a round-trip ticket by planting a garden so that we will have something to eat if we lose our tobacco bet."

It is time now to start planting home gardens in all parts of the State except the mountain region. By March 1, it is usually safe to set out lettuce, cabbage, onion sets, and the hardier greens in the mountains.

Elsewhere in the State it is safe now to plant cabbage, lettuce, spinach, garden peas, beets, carrots and mustard.

Dean Schaub recommends that for a family of 7 to 10 persons, a one-acre garden be planted. It should be laid off in 70-yard rows. For a family of five or less, a one-half acre garden will suffice, or 35-yard rows.

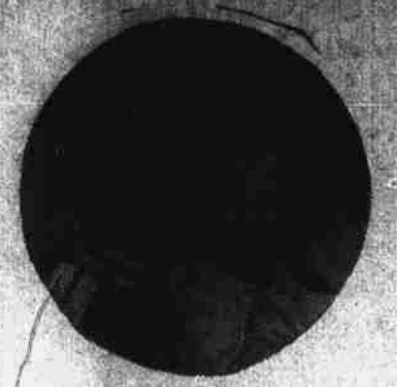
The number of plants or amount of seed needed for a 70-yard row follows: Cabbage, 200 plants; lettuce 200 plants; spinach, 2 ounces of seed; wrinkled garden peas, 1 pound; beets, 2 ounces; carrots, 1 ounce; mustard, 1 ounce; Irish potatoes, two bushels for 10 rows; turnips, 1 ounce; snap beans, 1 pound; corn, one pound for four rows; tomatoes, 100 plants; sweet potatoes, 200 plants for 10 rows.

UP-RIVER W. M. S. MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of Up-River Friends Church met on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. L. Winslow. Mrs. Winslow conducted the devotional which consisted of Scripture reading and prayer. Miss Pearl White gave the lesson "Women in China." Mrs. Roy Winslow gave an interesting report of a lecture that she had heard by a Chinese lecturer, Dr. Koo. Fifty-eight visits to sick and shut-ins were reported. "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again" was sung as the closing hymn. Delicious ice cream and cake was served and a delightful social hour followed.

LOTTIE MOON G. A. MEETS

The Lottie Moon Junior Girls' Auxiliary of the Woodville Baptist Church met at the church Sunday. The president, Marguerite Cooke, called the meeting to order and conducted the devotional. After the business session, Frances Anne Cooke had charge of an interesting program with the following members taking part: Peggy and Marguerite Cooke and Mildred Bogue. It was decided to have a Home Mission program on the first Sunday in March. The program will be presented after Sunday School and an offering will be taken. Miss Bogue dismissed the meeting.



Nelson Eddy and Iona Massey "Balalaika" brings you the golden voices of Nelson Eddy and the sensational new singing star, Iona Massey, teamed in a thrill-packed and melody-filled adventure drama of Russia before, through and after the Revolution. Based on the London stage success, the new picture opens at The State Theatre, Hertford, where it will remain for two days, Monday and Tuesday.

STICKY DIMES

Oklahoma City.—The Junior Chamber of Commerce will be a little more careful next year in the selection of a barrel to collect dimes for the national infantile paralysis campaign. To their dismay, they discovered that the barrel recently used was an old molasses barrel and they had to dig more than \$100 in dimes, nickles and pennies from the sides and bottom of the barrel.

A Double Miss

"I shall miss you while you are on your hunting trip, dear," said the young wife affectionately, "and I shall pray that the hunters you are going with will do the same."

New Disease Attacks Irish Potato Tubers

Here's a warning to North Carolina Irish potato growers from Howard R. Garriss, assistant Extension plant pathologist of State College: A new bacterial wilt disease, called "Bacterial Ring Rot," has attacked Irish potatoes in 26 states, and disastrous losses have been suffered in several areas. The disease is spread through seed potatoes; therefore, Tar Heel growers should be careful where they buy seed potatoes, and should take definite steps to control the disease when it is found. The disease attacks the tubers, causing a grayish to brownish discoloration of the vascular ring, which is quite often followed by soft rot with a final loss of the whole tuber. Symptoms in the field are best detected 80 to 90 days after planting, or just before the tops begin to die. A rather sudden wilting of the tops takes place with final browning and drying.

To prevent the spread of the disease, Garriss recommends that the knife being used to cut the potatoes be sterilized frequently by dipping for a few seconds in a germicidal disinfectant solution, or be dropped into boiling water for a short time. Experiments have shown that if you cut through a potato with ring rot, the next ten and sometimes more healthy potatoes cut with the same knife will become infected.

"If possible, get seed from a locality that is free from the rot," the Extension specialist advised. "We, here at State College, will be glad to furnish the latest available information on disease-free sources. It is wise to buy from a State with a good certification system, and to buy with a flat money-back guarantee that the seed potatoes are not infected with ring rot. If you think the disease is present, treat the seed pieces by dipping them in a solution of Semesan-Bel or Mercural (prepared according to manufacturer's directions), and dry before planting."

CENTER HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ellis, Miss Thelma Ellis and Mrs. I. O'Reilly, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Chappell and daughter, Joyce, Otis Ellis and Miss Garnet Jernigan spent Sunday with Mrs. Ida Ellis. Mrs. Ellis celebrated her 70th birthday on that day and she was the recipient of many nice gifts.

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children, Robert and Peggy, and Mrs. J. P. Byrum, visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Copeland, of near Hertford, Thursday. Jesse Harold, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, is very ill with whooping cough and pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Nearest Jordan and children, Frances and James, visited Mrs. Jordan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dail, near Hertford, Monday.

Carey McNider, of Newport News, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McNider. Mrs. J. M. Turner and children, Mrs. Ida Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goodwin and children and E. C. Perry attended the funeral of Mrs. Betty Parker, near Sunbury, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byrum, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Byrum and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Nearest Jordan and children and Miss Tommie Goodwin attended the funeral of little Sarah Alice Jordan, near Gatesville, on Sunday.

Misses Lillian Ellis and Garnet Jernigan spent Thursday in Norfolk, Va., with Mrs. J. L. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Jones, of Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday with Mrs. Ida Reed.

Mrs. Emmett Parker and daughter, Jymy, of Sunbury, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Boyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hollowell and daughter, of Sunbury, dined with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner Wednesday. They were accompanied home by their daughter, Bernice, who had been visiting Peggy Anne Turner.

Mrs. N. Bunch returned home on Sunday from St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va., where she had been recuperating following a serious operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner and two children, Robert and Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Byrum and daughter, Shirley, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byrum Sunday evening.

Mrs. Betty Bunch was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jordan, in Green Hall, Sunday.

Mrs. J. S. Turner and daughter, Peggy, and Mrs. J. P. Byrum spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard

Copeland, of near Hertford.

Mrs. H. T. Hollowell and son, H. T., and Mrs. J. E. Rogerson visited Mrs. Edward Byrum Thursday afternoon.

Miss Lucy Myers White is visiting Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Walston, at Pink Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Long, of Hertford, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lane and Mrs. W. H. Lane Saturday afternoon.

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