

## EDITORIAL PAGE THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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## Franklin Delano Roosevelt

The utier consternation which every through the nation at the death of trankin Scowerie was proof enough of its greatoses. Only at the sudden and unexpected passing of a leader can a great people feel a sense of fathomiess loss, a time of greatoness. The very reception of the tragic news measurest the extent to which the American people, and the United Nations cause, had cease to depend upon this man.

That he should be taken at the very threshold of victory in Europe, at the golden moment of climax which will bring a bloody struggle to an end, literally stumed the millions who looked to him for leadership. For not only americans, but men and women of all nations, had elsen in him the hope for endering world peace, and had placed in him trust that we would complished the mane which leads to peace. Not since Lincoin lay dead in Washington, sixteen days after Appomation, in the mass which leads to peace. So done man, and the man well-died in the little wiffinely more preclous American hopes in his hands. It was for him to help erect the barriers behind which aggression might be isolated forever, it was for him to help erect the barriers behind which aggression might be isolated forever, it was for him to help an ere from the day a per with the other strong men of the United Nations to plan, and build, for peace in the years to come.

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which he cast for himself at Pearl Har-

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bor is to realise anew just how much of the world's burdens he bore, and to what extent he had carried the American to the world with the stands and the stands are to the world's burdens he bore, and to what extent he had carried the American cause. Almost alone, it seems in retrospect, he spoke for the country among other nations. He surely walked alone as no other American President ever did before him.

It is impossible to evaluate this man and his greatness; that is for the assessment of time, as it is with every man. And it is difficult to force one-self, at this moment, to think back over the years when he was leading Americans on new paths, and toward a new day. For all that the New Deal message meant to our millions, and for all that the surging tides upon which it was launched will run long after him, it is as a world man that we think of him ms.

He was surely the most controversial figure of our time—during all the years since dark '33. He was, we suppose, the most idolized American President, in his own day, as well as the most bitterly denounced. He divided American, the world, and the ways.

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But when he spoke the American
cause to she world, and fought with the
greatest military power ever assembled
by any state in man's bistory, he spoke
for us all, it was not to a Briton or-a
Russian that the hapitess peoples of the stricken countries looked, but to Frank-lin Roosevelt. To most of the world, we suppose, he was America.

## A Man And His Country

That President Roosevelt was the symbol and the whole reliance of the symbol and the whole reliance of the funds that the states it would be fruitless to deny. The first shock of sentiency of the sippalling news was inevitably followed, for most people, by an apprehensive realization that Harry Truman was President—Truman, the Missoual Senator and former Pendergast man who was noministed for the Vice Presidency cally because the South would have none there must be, the country over, a reliable source of the sum of the measure of this man is yet to be made. There have been geter presidents who, because they had not the country behind them, went on to great accomplishments. symbol and the whole reliance of the United States it would be fruitless to deny. The first shock of sentiency of the appalling news was inevitably followed, for most people, by an apprehensive realization that Harry Truman was President—Truman, the Missouil Senator and former Pendergaat man who was nominated for the Vice Presidency early because the South would have none of Wallace and Labor would have none of Wallace and Labor would have none of Wallace and Labor would have none of Byrnes.

think it must give concern to ev-We think it must give concern to every devoted American that so great a crisis in the life of his country is to find at the head of its government one to whose qualifications for that offices little thought had been given. We think it seamed be argued that President Truman is compelled by tragic electromastance to assume a part in history for which he was not notably prepared or equipped. We think it certain, also, that at this moment his head is bowed with the weight of responsibility

And in this hour there should be, as there must be, the country over, a renewed resolution and a rededication for unity. It is our national destiny which is at stake, not that of any political party or persons. We are America. We with our allies are on the verge of creating a new security wroughh at the peril of our national life. We are a people united on two predominant alms: that the war must be fought to the unconditional surrender of our enemies, and that the peace must be worthy of the sacrifice of our sons.

In that spirit, we shall not fall our-

of our sons.

In that spirit, we shall not fail ourselves nor shall we fail the President. Ir
that spirit, he will not fail his country

## Sworn Enemy Of Japan

James R. Young, the Far East correspondent who was once juiled in Japan for libeling Hitchito's army, passed througa, this week, still vigorously waging his campaign against missionaries, the State Department, and all and aundry who plead a soft peace for Japan. This time, in fact, Mr. Young has a new scheme to add to his famed plan of hanging the Emperor from the highest shrine, and destroying the state religion, estimate. He proposes that, lest bungling diplomacy (such as we saw in Japan prior to 1941) or soft-hearted releasionaries cause us to lose the war will be proposed the prior to 1941 or soft-hearted releasionaries cause us to lose the war will be proposed to the prior to the proposed that the prior to 1941 or soft-hearted releasion and the proposed to the prior to the proposed to the proposed

would be allowed to set foot on the is-lands.

He declares that, if we turn the State Department's Japaneae section loose in that land again, we will see a repetition of the present estantiophe. For the men in charge of that section are men who were placed there by Ambasador Greye, and who still advise him. The State De-partment's line is that we must leave Missabito is power, so that we may be able to get co-operation from the little people of Japan. And, further, both the Base Department and returned mis-sionaries claim that there are trust-workly, liberal-minded groups of Japa-

amese we can trust—though not a name has been called.

Mr. Young is actively fighting that outlook, He says that we will immediately lose the active support of Filipinos, Chinese and Koreans in the Far East five leave Hirolitos evil house standing, and that unless we impose rigid restrictions on Japanese political, military and economic life, we will once more be faced with a powerful enemy in the East. He goes this far:

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"Let's alop all trade between the U. S.,
and Japan, If they have to buy anything, let 'em go to Manila and buy R.
from a Naval supply station. That will help
keep down that sympathetic feeling for
they have beavy investments at slake.
And let's keep the oil from them, or let
them buy what they need from our military baxes. Lau't it safer to leave that
trade to the Navy than to the big oil
companies?"

Mr. Young is still fighting mad, and he challenges anyone who even pretends to suggest anything less than plowing under the entire Japanese system. He undoubtedly knows Japan inside-out, from his thirteen years service there. We respect his knowledge and imparsioned sincerty, but we suspect that he is waging a losing battle, if for no other reason than that he is so obviously

# Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record).

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I know of nothing more important in the years to come than for this Nation to perform the necessary research work so that we will know about, and be prepared to we will know about, and be prepared to the second of warfare.

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# The Merry-Go-Round

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represented by Maj. Gen. Carl Harding of the Quartermaster Corp. chiefly took it on the
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tarted the ball rolling when he produced figures showing that lest year,
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He pointed out that the Army is taking 100 per ent of the poultry in the Delmarva area—Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. Vineon supported Anderson, telling Rarding, "Try to work that out with the War Food Administration, General,"

Mysterious Suicide,

Early this week, Loon Fraser, head of the First National Bank of New York, popular, able, in the prime of his life, went up to his clid boyhood home in New York State, carefully penned three notes, and shot himdens of the state, went with the control of the mental depression. I have exprelling to his for. The mental control of the mental control of the state of the shot of the s

Late clean for Germany financially.

Later in the same year, Fraser met again with German bankers, and in 1935 he conferred with Hiller and received a gift from the grateful Natl Government. And when he retired from the Bank of International Settlements that year, the Natis gave him another gift—a large antique silver plate.

Two other governments also gave Pracer presents when he retired—Japan and Italy. Aside from these three Axis partners, it was considered significant that none of the other 28 countries on the bank's board gave Pracer a larewell token.

#### Hitler Fooled Him

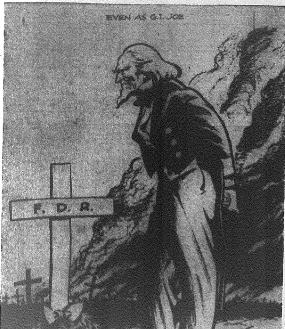
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Fraser kept up his correspondence with Hillers finance minister, Hajimar Schnecht, until 1941, two years after the European war started. Commenting on his visil with Allieller, Fraser centily said, "I contries that he had been as the said of the Haller fraser cannot be an an anon-securities in the Direction Fraser also held a small amount of German Government bonds and some securities in the Direction Fraser also held a small amount of German Government bonds and some securities in the Direction Fraser was acheduled for a rehearing before a committee some, where several Congression, Fraser was acheduled for a rehearing before a committee some, where several Congression in longiving Nasi war obligations. Their cententies is that Bretion Woods is almost to cure some of the international money machinations which went on secretly in Berlin and Rase in which Fraser participated.

Whether this had anything to do with Fraser's many second of the control of the control of the control of the control of the known. But it is known that a color well-meaning bankers also were fooled by Hiller.

Leon Fraser was one of those contaiguits personalities everybody liked, and this is written only in the hope that other sort peace disciples may not repeat his disastrous ministee of the last decade.

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# What Congressmen Think

IN February, this "informal" poll of Congressional opinion on a number of vital issues was reprinted in
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The Congressional Record, credited to Look Magazine:  1. Do you believe the objective of 60,000,000 peace-
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time jobs is attainable?
Yes
No
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2. Do you favor a guaranteed minimum annual wage
for American workers?
Yes 47.8% No 43.4%
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<ol> <li>Do you believe post-war full employment requires</li> </ol>
Government expenditures for direct work?
Yes 48.2 cc.
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4. Should Congress pass legislation providing con-
trols of labor unions similar to the controls of business
firms and organizations?
Yes77.1%
No18.1%
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Should unemployment insurance coverage be ex-
tended to the employees of all business establishments?
Yes69.9%
No
No opinion 10.8%
6. Should old age benefits start at 60 instead of 65?
Yes 48.2
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7. Do you favor socialized medicine?
Yes14.5%
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9. Do you favor repeal of the excess-profits tax.	
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10. Do you favor requiring all young men to devote	
one year to military service in peacetime?	
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ment service for all young women?	
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12. Do you favor a constitutional amendment for	
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the House?	
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13. Do you favor Government price guaranties and	
crop insurance to farmers?	
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period after the defeat of Japan?	
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15. Do you believe the Roosevelt Administration is	
in favor of private enterprise?	í
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16. Do you favor a constitutional amendment to	
abolish the electoral college and to provide for election of	
the President by popular vote?	
Yes49.4%	
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17. Do you favor a constitutional amendment limit-	
ing future Presidents to two terms of four years each?	
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By Samuel Grafton

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