

Why I Am for Dewey

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In the Fall of 1938, Thomas E. Dewey was running for Governor of New York State and I was chafing under the inactivity enforced upon me by a broken hip. There was little I could do except read and listen to the radio. Soon I gave up reading almost entirely to listen to the radio, more and more, and with increasing interest as I became aware of the forceful personality of New York's two-fisted young district attorney, as he went up and down New York in his campaign for the governorship.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Dewey

That I am today co-manager of Thomas E. Dewey's campaign to win the Republican nomination for President is due to my earnest conviction that he is the best man for the job. When the Republican Party leaders of New York State made Thomas E. Dewey their fa-

vorite candidate and asked him to become the candidate they said publicly that they were convinced he possesses above all other leaders in the country today, the ability, tem-

perament, training and ideals which the next President of the United States must have.

He has sound and experienced judgment on public question; he has vigor, executive, ability, sincerity and devotion to duty; he has proved all these things by exceptional performance in the public service. He is a fighting champion of the people.

In all these things I concur. When I first heard him over the radio while the gubernatorial campaign was on, I knew he had some of these qualities. I didn't know he had all of them.

I didn't know him then. We had not met. I became increasingly aware of him only through his speeches and his personality as it came through the loud-speaker in vibrant sincerity. I was able to judge him with cold objective, through his spoken words, many hundreds of miles away from the compelling warmth of his actual presence. It is the hardest kind of judging this, passing on the words and ideas of a disembodied voice coming to your ears from someone you have never seen; yet it is a good way to judge candidates, for then one is able to judge them solely on their ability and their skill in presenting their case to the public.

What I heard from Tom Dewey, speaking for himself over the radio matched what I heard about him when I came East after my recovery. That trip was dictated by intense intellectual curiosity as a veteran political campaigner. I wanted to meet this political tyro, this young man who had so impressed me via radio with his ideas and the patent sincerity and honesty behind them.

I wanted to judge for myself, in close-up, whether the man Dewey was everything the voice proclaimed, or whether he was just a skillful campaigner.

And when I met Tom Dewey I was not disappointed. In my first visit, more than I had hoped for. We met several times, for I am an old campaigner, and not easy to convince, and I wanted to check and recheck my first favorable impressions and opinions. I began to see, more and more, with each talk we had, why important and influential persons, as well as a large section of the discerning rank and file of our country, were talking of him as Republican nominee for President.

Then I returned home and let Tom Dewey and all I'd learned about him simmer in my brain. By Fall, 1939, he had come to a boiling point in my mind and I was convinced he was the outstanding Republican for the presidency.

And so, I came back to New York rolled up my sleeves and went to work to sell other other Republicans on the idea of Tom Dewey as a candidate as convincingly as he had sold me on himself.

So much for the way I made up my mind about him. Now what are the specific points that make him outstanding in the lists? Why, in short, am I for Dewey?

Youth An Advantage

First of all, he is young. That, to me—and I am anticipating an opinion—is not only no objection but it is a great and valuable as-

PROSECUTOR DEWEY INDICTS ANOTHER RACKETEER



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set, because it is only through the daring and courage of youth that we can attack the defeatism that is sapping our national strength today. Tom Dewey is that rare phenomenon that occurs once in a generation, a young man with all the courage and strength and drive that belong only to youth, and with the maturity of judgment and soundness of mind that usually are not acquired until well past the 40 mark. Youth, rounded off with experience and intrinsic soundness such as he has, is certainly a valuable asset and Tom Dewey has packed into his 37 years as much experience and leadership as most men of 50.

There have been and may continue to be objections to Tom Dewey because of his youth. I'd like to suggest as an offset to this, that the skeptics recall the early days of America. The Constitution of the United States was written by young men—Alexander Hamilton, before he was 33; Charles Pickney, who was 31; Gouverneur Morris, 37; James Madison, 38, to name just a few. There was nothing amateurish nor callow about them nor about the Constitution they wrote. That document was soundly conceived by young men with vision, common sense and maturity, and it is still the greatest document to guide a living, working Republic after trial by fire through one hundred and fifty-two years.

A Man of Action

I am for Tom Dewey because he is a man of action, a fit leader for the Republican Party which has distinguished itself as the party of action. And by action I don't mean great movement in a vacuum. Action that gets on its hobby horse and gallops off in all directions at once is just a meaningless ride with Alice-in-Wonderland. The kind of action America wants and needs today is action that is direct.

Youth and action! These are essential attributes of today's leaders. Tom Dewey has both. What else does he have that the presidency requires? Well, let's

go first to the Constitution for fundamentals, and see what is expected of a president. The Constitution is explicit in its definition of the president's functions. To quote exactly, it says that the president shall from time to time give to Congress information on the state of the union and recommend to their consideration such measures and expedient; and that he shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

Now that is an executive job. It's not a job for an ordinary executive nor for an ordinary man. Neither is it as frighteningly complex as it has been made under this administration, when centralization of governmental powers in the hands of the president, his bureaus and special appointees, has reduced Congress virtually to a shadow and an echo of the boss.

The president's job is a big job, the biggest, most important job in America. But if we follow the Constitution in defining its functions, we shall see that it is a job which can be done by an experienced executive with ability and training and does not require the services and ministrations of a superhuman giant. Nor does it call for someone with a dispensation from a hierarchy of intellectual saints, and a mandate from the people to possess the only functioning brain in America.

We have plenty of brains in America earmarked for presidential service. Tom Dewey has such a brain. He has in addition to intelligence, high principles and purpose. He has honesty, vision, conviction and a clear sense of direction. He is a man who does his own job well and has the pure sense to pick men qualified for the tasks he must delegate to the job. He is a leader who has inspired confidence in himself as well as those working with him and for him. He has sound judgment and a sense of discrimination about persons and things. He can and does make decisions after proper examination of the facts, and he has the courage then to stick to those decisions. He has an open mind but not a wavering one. He is a practical man who can get things done. He is not a dreamer, an intellectual visionary, nor a salesman of charm. He has a high sense of personal idealism with respect to his office and his responsibility to the people. He thinks of the people of America not in divisions and classes with an eye to ingratiating himself with this or that powerful group, but as free-born citizens whose rights are equal, as they should be and shall continue to be, in this, the finest working democracy in the world today.

Proof of Tom Dewey's executive and leadership qualities as well as of personal courage and idealism, are found in his record in public office. The New York District Attorney's office is one of the biggest jobs in the country. Dewey has 76 assistant district attorneys on his staff, and the responsibility of his office is to several million people. What he has done for the people of New York he can do for the people of the broader field of national government.

The Man who Gets Things Done If anyone can slash through the maze of bureaucracy in Washington, and cut down the forest of patronage, inefficiency and waste, so that Americans can once more see the three big trees of constitutional government, the legislative, executive and judicial oaks of America, it is one Thomas E. Dewey, the man who gets things done.

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WASHINGTON SENT TO AID STAMPALE Tuskegee Institute, April 4 (AN P)—Sent here from Washington to assist Postmaster R. H. Harris in the first sale of the new Booklet T.

Washington stamp Sunday is Geo. W. Peterson, audit clerk in the division of stamps, bureau of the third assistant postmaster general.

Mr. Peterson, a partner in the law firm of Peterson, Tignor and Branson in Washington, will return home April 8.

CANDIDATES EXCEPTIONALLY COURTEOUS AS NEGRO VOTE WOOED

WASHINGTON, April 4 (AN P) Having maneuvered himself into a strategic spot the colored citizens of America who possesses the all important ballot will find himself a much sought after man between now and November.

Candidates all over the country, seeking the presidential nomination, are being courteous and cautious toward the Negro whom they realize holds the balance of power in certain border states.

It is reported that two candidates whose aspirations are somewhat overshadowed by the present incumbent in the White House, clashed mildly in a matter of a photograph of a Negro with a potential candidate.

During a certain convention here one of the colored leaders in the meeting, had a visiting friend who held an important job in a governmental department.

Both Negroes were photographed with an opponent—or a would be opponent—of the boss of the two Negroes, who immediately jumped them.

Letters passed back and forth on the photographer, who had been called in for the job of taking the pictures, was asked as a matter of protection to say that he had just happened in on a matter of routine and hadn't been sent for.

Things have quieted down considerably and there is little activity on that front now—but, an explosion of some sort is due shortly and the brothers are wondering where it is going to hit.

But with all of it, the American Negro, is in the best of the final victory of the Civil war and the subsequent freeing of the slaves.

NAACP Opposes City Contract With Lily White Subway Engineer's Union

New York—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People notified the New York City Board of Transportation Thursday, March 28, that it will appear before the board in opposition to the City's entering into a closed shop agreement with subway workers who are members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, an A. F. of L. Union on the ground that this union has a constitutional provision barring Negroes from membership.

The union, which has 1,400 members (motormen) who work on New York subways is one of two subway unions which recently won a victory, when Mayor LaGuardia announced that he would recommend to the transportation board that it assume "all terms and conditions" in the transportation board that it assume "all terms and conditions" in contracts between the BMT and the IRT subway systems and labor unions, when the city takes over these lines May 1 under the unification plan. Both the Brotherhood and the Transport Workers Union, the latter with a membership of 27,000 have closed-shop contracts which do not expire until June, 1941.

Prior to a conference between representatives of the two unions and the Mayor, LaGuardia had said that the city would permit an open-shop, no-strike operation of the unified subway lines, under the jurisdiction of the city. The N. A. A. C. P. sent the Mayor a telegram while the conference was in session, urging the consideration of discriminatory clauses in the brotherhood's contract, which bars Negroes from membership.

Commenting on the action taken by the Association, Walter White, executive secretary said:

"This is a fundamental issue. The NAACP is strongly in favor of labor unions must come into court with clean hands. Any and all unions that continue to bar Negroes from membership, will be

opposed by the organization to the end that discrimination may be wiped out of organized labor."

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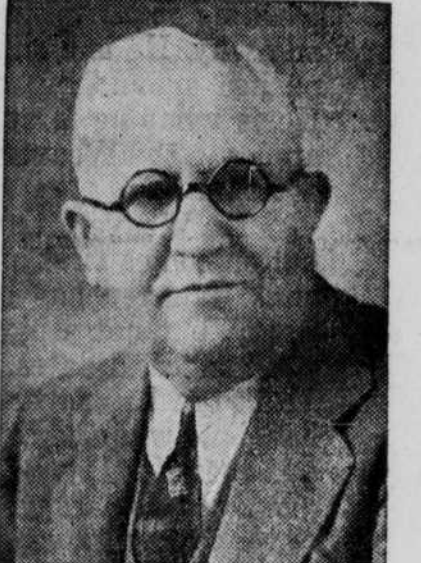
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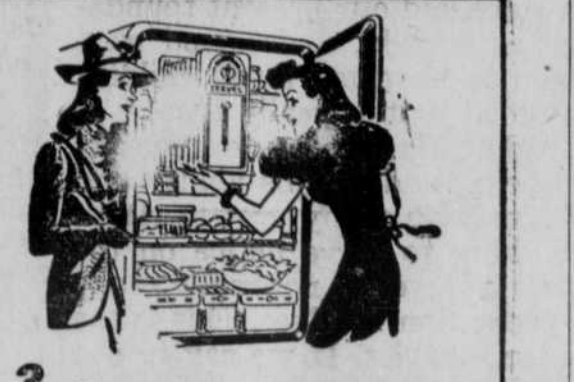
Poll shows the swing is to the gas refrigerator... the only "automatic" that freezes silently with NO MOVING PARTS!



1 "You bet we're getting silence this time," says one woman. "Servel simply can't make a noise. After our experience with another make, that's all we need know!"



2 "No wearing parts for us in our new Servel," answers another couple. "You see, a tiny gas flame does the work of moving parts in its freezing system... so nothing loses efficiency."



3 "I want conveniences, too..." decides another woman. "The most modern there are... and from what I've seen of Servel, that's the refrigerator for me!"



4 "Change to Servel!" That's the vote of the majority in this poll... and from coast to coast. People who've had experience want its permanent silence and all the other advantages of its freezing system with

no moving parts. And they know gas refrigeration alone can give them these things. Whether it's to be your first or your second... before buying, see the 1940 models now, and get the full story of Servel's silent freezing.

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