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That third term again!

With the national political campaign really swinging into the home stretch, radio listeners and newspaper readers are having a difficult time trying to find anything but reports of speeches and orations.

President Roosevelt's obvious mastery of oratory, plus a few cold figures and some quotations taken from the Congressional Record have given him a good hammer with which to ring the bell.

On the other hand, Wendell Willkie's business leadership and confidence-producing personality, pumped up to balloon-like proportions by republican publicists have kept him in the running. . . yeah, he's really formidable.

The two campaign platforms are so much alike that the parties could exchange them with little trouble. Campaign promises are abundant. Both groups are going to help the farmer, the business man, the laborer. Both promise to work for peace, for hemisphere defense. Both promise to build up the army and navy. Yes, according to each party, this country will be the strongest, the most efficient the world will have seen since the dawn of history. So the first thing we think ought to be done is to pencil out the promises, the propaganda, the spellbinding . . . and look at the record. If it is a good one, let its producers remain in office. If, all in all, it has been harmful, vote them out.

And so we look at the record; Roosevelt administration's which consists of many things previously untried in this country, but which had been sorely needed for many years. Whether the republican administrations overlooked them or didn't want to institute changes is a question of debate among republicans. Perhaps, in all sincerity, they thought some of the changes that

should have been wrought were the wrong changes to make. Now, after almost eight years of democratic administration, the republicans accept and are willing to continue social security, unemployment compensation, minimum wages, C.C.C., and other features of the new deal. The main republican cry was "wasteful and needless expenditure," but as the campaign progresses, that cry becomes weaker and weaker. The G.O.P. realizes perhaps that when new things are tried they cannot work perfectly, but must undergo a sifting process which will show which features are good and which are bad.

So the republican cry has centered around the third term issue, broadening into a huge and strenuous campaign which warns us that a third term means dictatorship, that a continuance of the democratic administration means war, that a third term means abolition of democracy and freedom in the United States.

The whole argument is founded on the premise that the administration plans to entrench itself, through semi-fascist methods, at the head of the government for generations to come. The premise goes deeper than that. It is based on the mind reading ability of the republican campaign managers.

Against their word is the word of the president and his campaigners, who swear up and down that their's is nothing but a campaign to keep that party in office which knows best how to run things, which has experienced the problems and carried the burden of solving them these eight years.

Who to believe? Well, personally, we never have believed in mediums and mind-readers. That the president wilfully and wantonly plans to seize all powers, that the democratic party asks return to power only to be in a position to perpetuate itself through forceful and unconstitutional means seems to be an alarmist's assertion and one in which we can hardly concur.

Scrap Irony

By Chris Petersen

CONCERTO FOR TYPEWRITER.

Seated last night at the typewriter, I was weary and ill at ease. And the quick brown fox and the lazy dog raced and chased and jumped over each other after they had about-faced. And with maddening regularity, fell down on the noisy keys.

And legions and legions of good men. And corporal's squads and platoons of them, and companies and regiments and divisions and brigades, marched over three reams of paper to get to the aid of their party. But none of them ever came to the aid of me. In my travail over what I was doing then, damn I can't remember when. Oh, I know not what I was thinking, or what I was doing then, but I struck one note on that typewriter, like the sound of a great chin falling on the keyboard of any typewriter.

Clashing, mashing, dashing keys. Setting down those things I please. Hop a space, skip a space, verily a hopscotch for when it comes to typewriting, I am not topnotch. But I hunt and I bump and peck a white letter until I think my existence is for the worst, certainly not for the better.

Yet I am glad, you see, that the typewriter is not me. For I would dislike very much to sit around all day and just slowly pound myself away.

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GIRLS' RIFLE CLUB.
Members of the Girls' Rifle club will meet at 5 p. m. today on the range in Andrews.

AG STUDENTS.
All ag students interested in the ag demonstration square dance team should make an appointment for a try out with Mrs. Danielson before Friday at her office. Two squares of upper classmen and one square of freshmen will be selected. All ag students, who know how to waltz and two step may try out.

CORN COBS.
Corn Cob actives and workers will meet in the Union at 7:15 p. m. in room 316.

UNITARIAN CHURCH.
The Young Peoples Religion Union will present a radio play, "The Ghost of Benjamin Severt" at their Halloween meeting in the Unitarian church tonight at 5 p. m.

PI LAMBDA THETA.
First meeting of Pi Lambda Theta will be held tomorrow at 7 p. m. in Union 313. Discussion topic: "American Women and their Attitude."

BRIDGE TOURNEY.
A contract bridge tournament for men and women will be held in the Union next Saturday. All entrants must register at the checkstand by Friday night.

BARB WOMEN.
Folk-dancing will be sponsored by the Fun Group for Busy Barb Girls at 7:30

p. m. Wednesday in room 316 in the Student Union. All unaffiliated girls are invited to join in the dancing and have refreshments served by the Student Union. Dick Putney and Robert Laubs will call the dances and Betty Hutchison and Betty Cox will be in charge.

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