

A Elections are over. We have just ended the first year of our war. During the past six months many citizens and their organizations have campaigned for a "Victory Congress," without defeatists and isolationists. They were subjected to vicious attacks, their loyalty impugned, by individual Congressmen who were not representative of Congress.

B Regardless of results of elections, Congress is constituted, by democratic means at least in those places where all citizens were allowed to vote, and what went before the election is gone and must be forgotten. This Congress has its jobs to do, a job greater than the great institution has ever faced before.

C There have been similar situations in the past. Presidents have had the same troubles with their Congresses.

- 1 Washington-opposed by the Tories, the landed aristocracy, the people who fought against the bill of rights.
- 2 Jefferson-the great democrat was called a foreign agent (French) by those who were against democracy, thus his enemies.
- 3 Jackson-really a people's president, and the campaign against him by the vested interests of his day.
- 4 Lincoln and the Copperheads-Vallandigham.
- 5 Wilson and the little band of wilful men- results to America and the world of their successes. Story of John Sharpe Williams

D But our great war leader, FDR, has faced a more evil and dangerous coalition than any of his predecessors: (in and out of Congress)

1. Secret Hitler and fascist sympathizers, men who believe in the evil philosophy of fascism, part or all. ~~Mussolini~~ Members of both Houses have openly paraded him, said he was a good man and a good force, "had a date with destiny"; Mussolini, praised for "accomplishments"- "made the trains run on time." Thorkelson, who constituted himself the American Goebbels and tried to make an American Voelkische Beobachter of the Congressional Record, who loaded it with the most vicious anti-American propaganda.
2. FDR haters, men who hate the president more than Hitler, who use their bailities and influence against him publicly and privately. Taft last week-dont obey the law, etc.
3. Labor haters- who would jeopardize the nation to beat down the working man, today the bulwark against Hitler- quote McArthur- and use the war as their excuse.
4. Red-baiters and Russia haters- who hate our great and noble ally more than our enemy, and would risk a Hitler victory in hopes of a Russian defeat.

E. The efforts of this coalition hinder the war effort and may bring about our defeat. Unless they are stopped immediately, we may soon be living under a Hitler or Vichy-America government. They must be stopped, and with them all who play Hitler's game here-we cant win atbit, only he can.

F. We must win the war. Congress can be and must be an important Victory factor.

G. Congress, to win the war, must immediately:

1. Immediately stop fomenting discord and disunity. No loose talk, but direct, constructive action. No more jibes and lies about the president. We can't afford for them to have this "fun". Even if they dont like him-and there are crazy if they dont-our freedom and future depend ~~entirely~~ on his success. Stop sniping at administration, too.

2. Stop making the speeches Hitler enjoys. See to it that the Goebbels branch office on Capital Hill, recently closed by the Dept. of Justice, is permanently shut down. No more Hitler propaganda by the Members of committees.
3. What to do about those who keep it up-privilege carried beyond intention of privilege or rights of free speech. The security of the country can't be risked to indulge the seditious or treasonable whims of a small minority.
4. Government has and is making mistakes. Congress must do something about this. Not politically, viciously, but in the democratic way. Action must be constructive, for the sole purpose of strengthening the war effort and achieving victory.
5. No more isolationism and defeatism. FDR didn't make the war, Hitler did. We didn't attack at Pearl Harbor. The Jap-fascists did. None of us wanted war, but all of us have it, and all of us must win it, including labor, Jews, Catholics, Negroes and all other minorities.
6. Aggressive, militant, strengthening action. Defense of isolationists and defeatists is they voted every appropriation the president asked. Even if this were true, at best it brands Congress a rubber-stamp, a ~~R~~ ja Reichstag, which it must never be. Congress has a bigger job than approving executive requests for money.

It must:

- a) end special privilege for the few at the expense of the many. We must suffer and pay-all of us-in line with our ability. Corporation and individual profits from the war must be cut to the bone. We are in the war not for profit but for victory. The masses must not be made to bear the yoke. This is a job for Congress alone.
- b) Safeguard and extend the fruits of our freedom and democracy. Strengthen and deepen the democratic rights of free Americans, and abolish all restrictions on these rights, such as the poll tax. This is a job for Congress alone.
- ~~and~~ c) End all politics as usual. We must stop fighting each other and combine against the common enemy. Congress has been doing most of it and must stop it. And Congress alone can set an example for all of our people in achieving complete unity for victory.
- d) Become truly representative of the people, and to initiate the things the people must have and demand. Refer to inflation bill, deplore fact that after 3 years of war president had to demand action. Special seekers.
- e) Give vigorous support to the president, who is the leader, and who, to win the war, is forced to take vigorous and drastic action. Help him, by support and by legislation.
- f) Congress, too, must sacrifice, though to date it hasn't. It must be courageous and motivated only by the needs of the country. It must ignore political necessities (Pepper's speech)

*Discriminate against opponents to help in small business*

The mistakes of the past are behind us, even though we still pay for them. The country can afford no more such Congressional mistakes, and if Congress is to protect the country against all enemies, it must make no more.

Interview with Sabath for story for his byline fr Picture Scoop, 9/30/42, 2.15pm.

After end of last war, little band of wilfull men made this war inevitable by their fight against the American participation in the League of Nations :

#### Hearst

Lodge (conceited) reminded Sabath of the statement of John Sharpe Williams, first Congressman then Senator, that he loved his country but was for the South first. He was majority leader when Uncle Joe Cannon was Speaker of the House. Was a well-read man, an intellectual.

Responsibility of Republican Party, which initiated a campaign of slander and misrepresentation which kept us out of the League of Nations, thus weakening it because it did not have our strength behind it. Had we been in the League when it began to crumble, the anti-fascist American people would have seen to it that the people of China, Ethiopia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and all the others who have since been bent to Hitler's yoke would have had out support, etc.

American's would not have allowed Munich-minded rulers of England to play the game of playing with fire, trying to divert Hitler eastward against Russia, and building their entire policy around this. This policy doomed to failure, but as a consequence light went out in Europe, and England, whose defense was this phony policy, found herself unprepared for the military emergency.

What can Congress do today?

Not enough to say that Congress has passed all appropriation bills asked by President, which is far from truth (argument of isolationists, defeatists and obstructionists, men who prefer a Hitler victory to an American victory with a successful Russian ally, men who hate Roosevelt more than Hitler). If their claim is an answer to the charges, then Congress is a Reichstag, a rubber stamp. Congress must be aggressive, concentrate on winning war, enact constructive legislation which will help win the war. Must not let itself be used as a source and forum for Nazi propaganda as many members have been.

Hitler's chief weapon: disunity, and in this red-baiting, repeating a big lie, etc. Doublecrosses everybody. Before assumption of power made deal with Thyssen to give him a steel monopoly-deal and meeting in Thyssen's home- promised labor better pay and conditions. Today Goering has Thyssen's steel trust and labor is in chains or graves.

Traditional policy of drang nach oesten, etc. Industrialists thought he was their tool, but all but a few of the greatest have since found out otherwise.

Our policy with respect to Russia, what it must be. Always championed best relations, etc. Communist Hitler's bogey, fake issue.

Free speech important, nothing must interfere with it. But there is a point where sedition and treason come in and where free speech stops. Some of the intentional or unintentional attacks on president, administration endanger war effort, cause disunity, must be stopped, as must lots of other loose talk. Members who have sworn to uphold constitution, "protect and safeguard"... "against all enemies, foreign and domestic". We should arrest a man, whether or no he is a Congressman, if his statements and acts cause disunity and endanger the war, when it is proven that he is wilfully trying to disunity the nation and its people."

Part of papers in playing Hitler's game, esp- McCormick-Patterson axis. Papers have raised phoney issues, ran campaigns of slander and misrepresentation against Members

who were not isolationists. Some of them like nazism and fascism more than democracy, hence the origin of their positions. Have campaigned against Sabath for years, and many times I was threatened "We Will get you!" But they haven't, because of people, common people, who are not long deceived.

Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln, Wilson, and now FDR, all the presidents who were sincerely interested in improving the lot of the American masses and to protect the country for its enemies, foreign and domestic, were the victims of such abandoned attacks, maligning by powerful, selfish groups. FDR ignores these jobs, lies and base attacks, which are really helping Hitler carry out his plan for America's conquest. These native fascists and nazis follow Hitlerian line.

"We must not emulate those actually responsible for the war, and the false and devious attacks on our allies must stop. Our country must not suffer because of the hatred of selfish, unpatriotic groups of our great pres., FDR.

Last war many mistakes, like monopolists of eastern and New England industry gobbling up all juicy war contracts. Menaced out security and was ruining small manufacturers, broke up homes, and skilled midwestern labor went east. Sabath saw Wilson and said these conditions were terrible, etc. and something must be done to keep the big manufacturers from corraling all the business. Wilson: This is a big war, and we need these men. Sabath. Yes, but there are more of the small business men, and we need them too.

Within 10 days many of the contracts were cancelled and renegotiated, with many of the frozen out smaller plants being brought in.

Similar situation in this war. Shortages predictable, and Sabath predicted many of them year and half ago.

"no politics that effect the security of the nation."

In a war mistakes and statements that help the enemy, no matter how well intentioned, hurt the country. Whether or not wilful and deliberate, effects the same, etc.