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Secretary of the Interior Cites Labor's Opposition to the Former Governor of Indiana.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP).—Secretary of the Interior Ickes, who wants President Roosevelt to run for a third term, threw cold water yesterday on the presidential candidacy of Paul V. McNutt, former Governor of Indiana.

**Ickes Urges Third Term for Roosevelt**  
From The Register's Washington, D. C. Bureau.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Roosevelt third term movement is officially under way today, with publication of Secretary of Interior Ickes's call to the president to stand for reelection again.  
The importance of this proposal is emphasized by Ickes's lashing at "red" probes. He asserts that only a "red herring" is being put in the way of the third term.

**ICKES TELLS WHAT THE PRESS NEEDS**  
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By DELBERT CLARK  
WASHINGTON, April 15.—Nearly every large family has one small boy who puts mud in his sister's hair, pulls the chair out from under her, and generally annoys her. Secretary of the Interior Ickes, who would still manage nicely without the pontifications that waddle through the columns of the New Deal newspaper, introduced Mr. Ickes to the gathering, smiling at the favorable comment.

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NEW YORK, N. Y. (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Ickes made a slashing attack today on the "revolt" of the business community against the court's decision in the case of the C. of C. Tactics.

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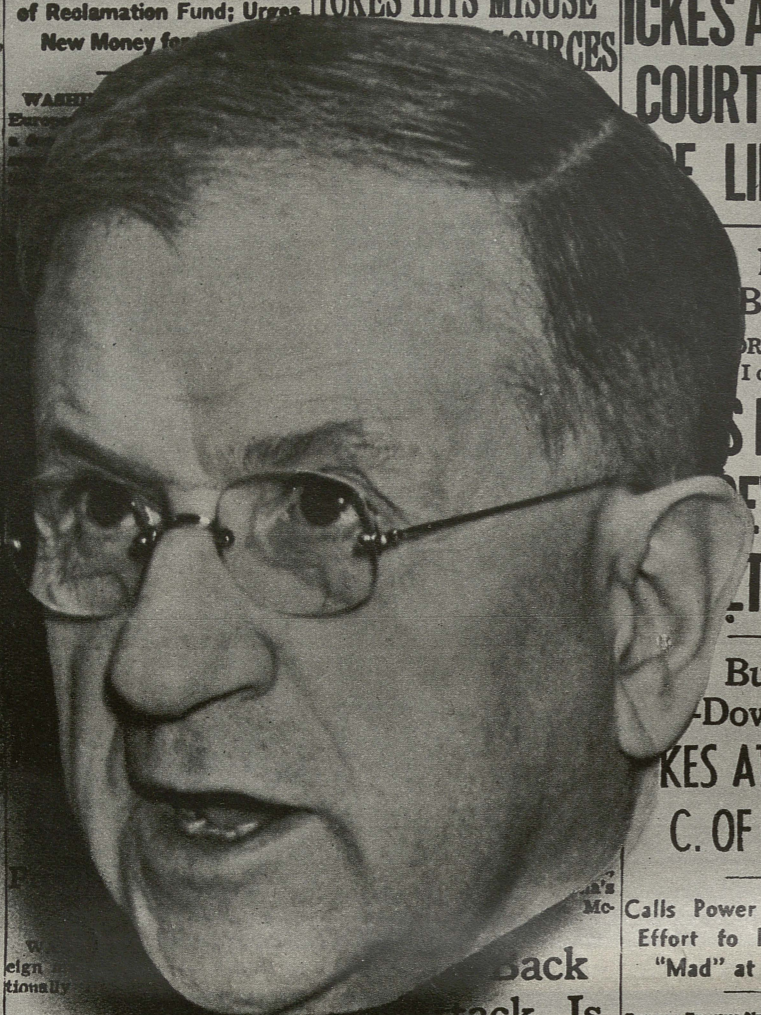
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# ICKES . . . THE HATCHET MAN

by FRANKLYN WALTMAN

(G. O. P. Publicity Director)

IN AN ADMINISTRATION OF PARADOXES and riddles, the outstanding enigma is Secretary of Interior Ickes, hatchet man of the New Deal and President Roosevelt's Heinrich Himmler.

Once a newspaper reporter, Ickes has made the press, particularly columnists, his pet peeve. Vested with more power than any other cabinet officer, he still suffers from the inferiority complex so evident in a man who, afraid he will not be noticed, constantly screeches imprecations at the top of his voice . . . His biggest contribution to the waning New Deal has

been to castigate, to scold, to call names, to use the hatchet—and strike with it from behind.

He does not know what it means to fight fair. Every totalitarian government has such a man. He says things "the Chief" wants said, and takes the rap for any backwash, knowing that his position is secure and that he will enjoy full protection from "Mr. Big."

He has kicked the shins of other New Dealers with impunity and gradually has siphoned the powers of other departments into his own. For a year he has been plugging hard for a bill that

would make him dictator of oil in America. Eight governors, both Democratic and Republican, came to Washington to oppose the bill as destructive of the rights of their states.

"Anti-social profligates" was the epithet Ickes hurled at them, adding: "To fight this essentially patriotic bill, its opponents have dragged out an old and smelly red herring."

That is typical of Donald Duck Ickes. His policies and ambitions always are "essentially patriotic." Those who question him, whether Democrats or not, are "dragging out red herrings."

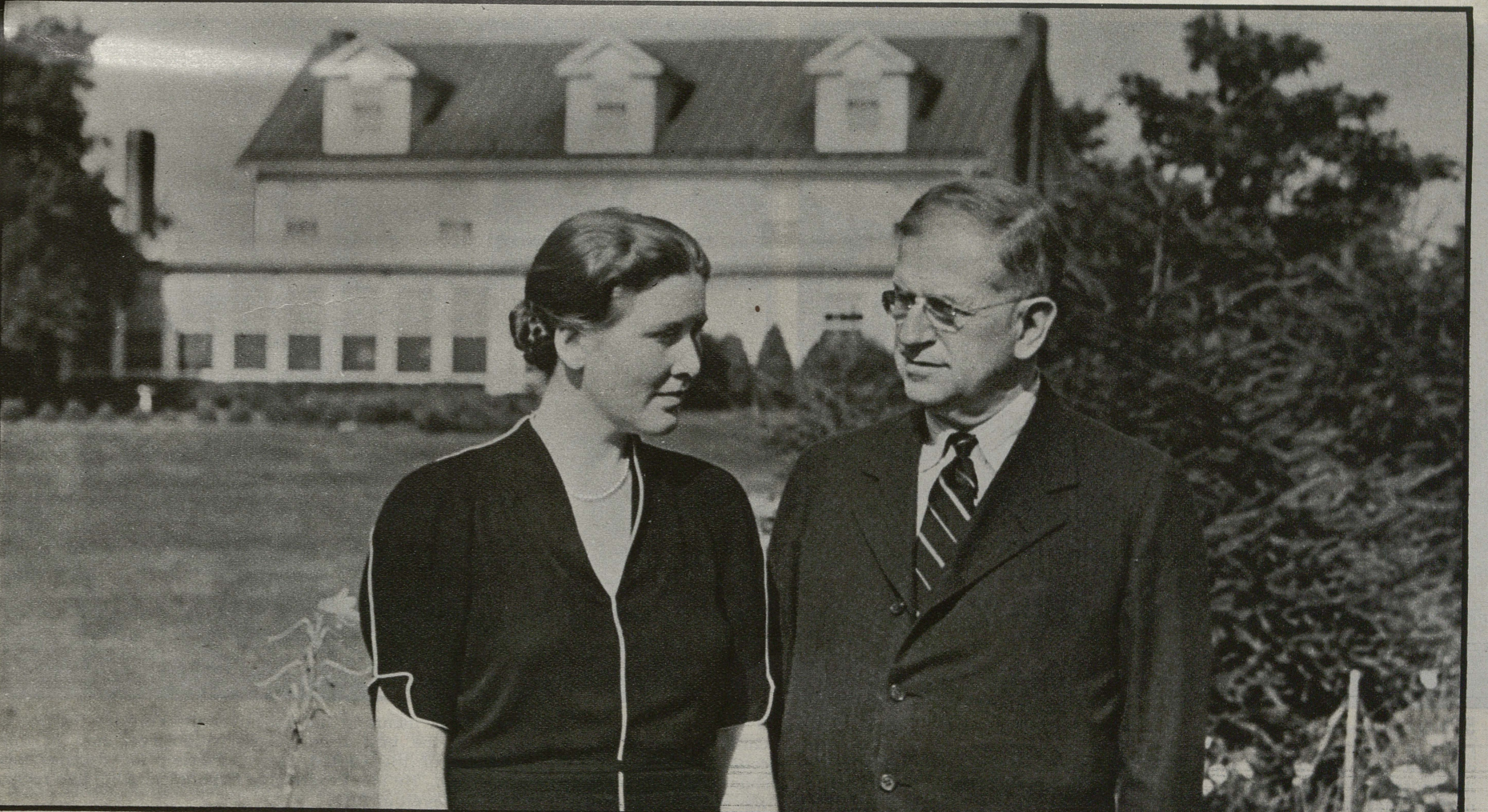
EDITOR'S NOTE: Though some of Mr. Ickes' sharpest scolding has appeared in LOOK, we wish to make clear again that we are entirely neutral, that this is Mr. Waltman and Mr. Ickes' fight—not ours.



1 Once a Republican, Ickes seems to find his greatest delight today in assailing and smearing members of that party. (Arrow here identifies Ickes with a group of fellow Bull Moosers in Chicago 24 years ago.) So obscure was Ickes when his appointment was announced that not a clipping under his name could be found in the files of most newspapers. Bewildered reporters in their quest for biographical information found that even President-elect Roosevelt knew little about Ickes. Indeed, Mr. Roosevelt had first set eyes on him only the day before.



2 Possessor of the most elaborate and luxurious office bathroom in Washington (this is the shower corner), Ickes poses as a man of simple tastes—a man of the people. A good administrator, he does not inspire either confidence or loyalty among his subordinates and, indeed, gets along with few of them. Men leave Interior with a sigh of relief. So suspicious is his nature that it is said he once had his own telephone tapped. So contentious is he that he has quarreled with virtually every other major New Dealer, except President Roosevelt himself.

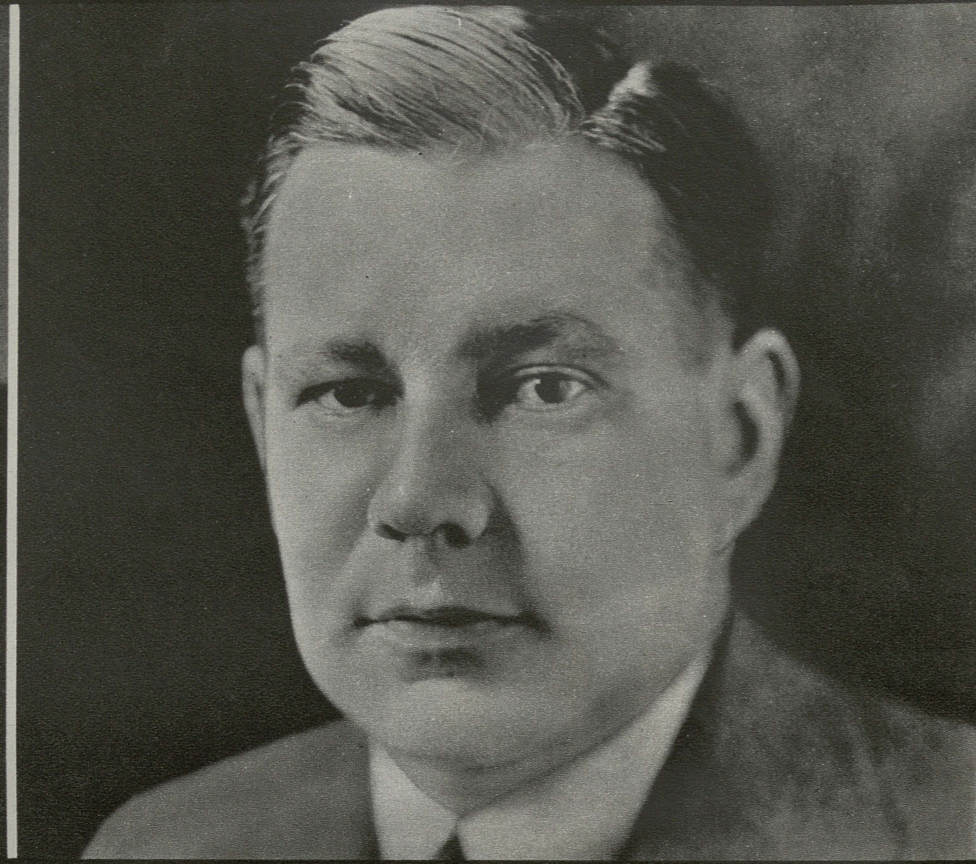


3 Occupant of a country estate in Maryland (this is the garden, the house and the second Mrs. Ickes) and inheritor of reputedly close to a million dollars, Ickes makes the wealthy—except those in the New Deal—a special target for vituperation. Claiming the title of "Honest Hal," he has been not only careless with the truth on occasion, but, like so many crusading New Dealers, closes his eyes to misdeeds within the Roosevelt administration. CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

AN UNKNOWN OF THE "LUNATIC FRINGE," HE BECAME POOH BAH OF THE NEW DEAL



4 Ickes became Secretary of the Interior because Roosevelt wanted to pay his debt to the Progressive Republicans who had backed him. First he offered the secretaryship to Senator Johnson of California (left above) and when he refused to the late Senator Cutting of New Mexico (right), who also refused. Johnson and Cutting in turn recommended Ickes for some of the spoils. His friends really wanted for Ickes the job of Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

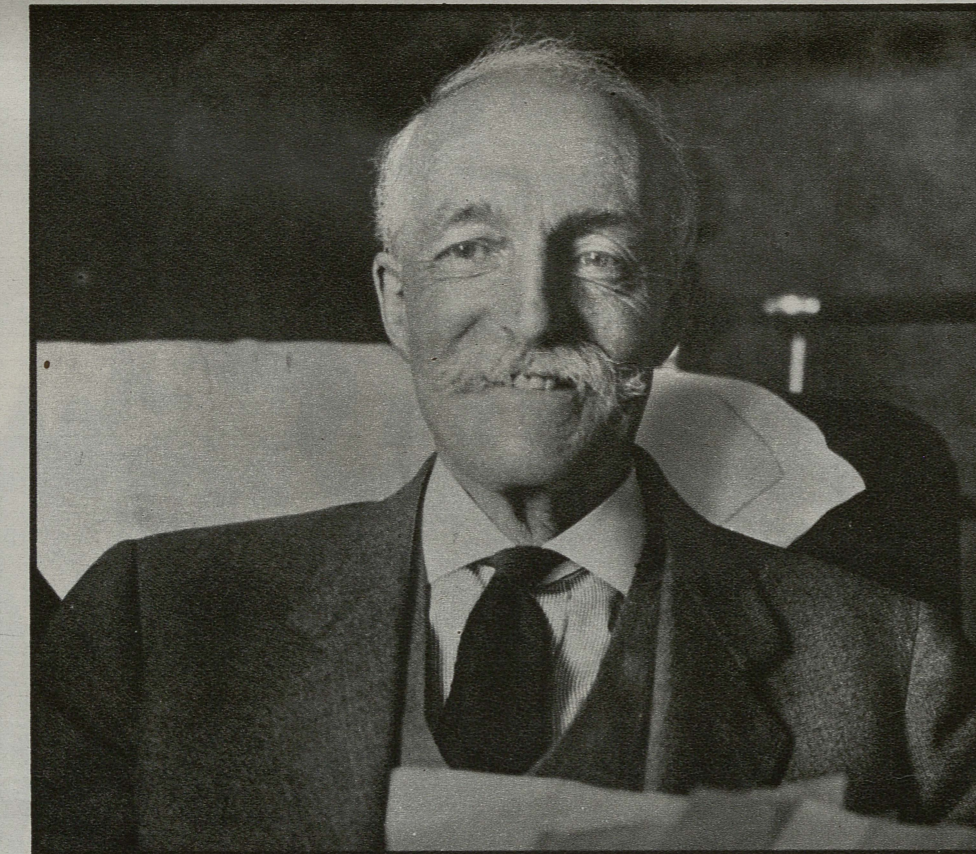


That was about his stature—and, anyway, no one has ever seemed to care what happened to the Indians. When Roosevelt offered him the cabinet post, Ickes grabbed it like a kitten drinking milk. At that time, as far as the United States was concerned, Ickes was not much more than a name in the Chicago city directory. Inquiries, however, disclosed that he had for many years been on what was generally regarded as the lunatic fringe of politics.

For 30 years he had been in ineffective revolt against someone or something. In 1912 he followed Theodore Roosevelt into the Bull Moose movement. During the twenties he attached himself to whatever insurgent movement was going on in Illinois politics. In 1924 he agitated for the Republican presidential nomination for Senator Johnson, then supported La-Follette. Finally, in 1932, he supported Roosevelt for president. He cashed in on his first winner.



5 Ickes proceeds on the basis that he is the New Deal's Pooh Bah, with the right to criticize all other cabinet officers and aggrandize himself at their expense. Right now he is engaged in a desperate struggle with Secretary of Agriculture Wallace (above), trying to have the Forestry Service—or a part of that service—taken from Wallace and given to him. For seven years he has carried on unceasing efforts to grab onto functions of other departments—not only Agriculture, but War, Commerce and others. And he has publicly expressed opinions on matters under the jurisdiction of his cabinet colleagues, much to the chagrin of those officials.



6 One of those opposing Ickes' power mania in the fight over the Forestry Service is Gifford Pinchot (above), perhaps the best friend conservation ever had in this country. One-time Chief Forester of the United States, Pinchot for decades has championed the cause of conservation. He is a Progressive Republican who, like Ickes, was at Armageddon with Teddy Roosevelt in 1912. But not long ago Ickes went out to Chicago and in a speech there orally gave Pinchot half a dozen kicks in the stomach, berating him as he would one of the Sixty Families. That is the kind of fighter Ickes is. With venomous spite he strikes at anyone who dares oppose him, hitting back in colorful but not always accurate language.



7 When the Dies committee began to uncover the vast network of subversive activities in this country, and to link them unmistakably with the Roosevelt administration, Hatchet Man Ickes sprang up to mow down Dies (above) and his committee. The investigation was lifting the lid on Ickes and his motley assortment of totalitarian fellow travelers, and he was both angry and scared. But his castigation of the committee backfired into such a wave of popular support for Dies that all the administration efforts to kill the committee were in vain. Dies shot back at Ickes: "Ickes couldn't be elected dogcatcher by a convention of disgruntled cats. Many of his friends have been exposed in this investigation. This, no doubt, nettled him."



8 Vice President "Cactus Jack" Garner is one man in Washington the Secretary of the Interior has been unable to bulldoze. It was he who cut short Ickes' fight with Dies. So bitter did Ickes become about Dies a year ago that he agreed to make an address entitled "Playing With Loaded Dies" before the American League for Peace and Democracy, subsequently branded by the Dies Committee as a Communist "front organization." Garner heard of the plan and blew up. He is said to have protested vigorously against a cabinet officer denouncing a committee of Congress. The White House decided its hatchet man had gone too far and called him off.



9 One school of thought in Washington explains Ickes' assaults on the press, some of which have been indisputably false, as pure spite. The delectable "Cissy" Patterson (above), publisher of the *Washington Times-Herald*, is chief spokesman for this group which holds that Ickes' attacks are a natural reaction of a frustrated man. (Ickes started out in life to be a newspaperman, but soon fell by the wayside.) Stung by attacks Ickes made on her grandfather, Joseph Medill, founder of the *Chicago Tribune*, Mrs. Patterson let loose a few choice tidbits: Ickes, she said, showed himself to be "a purveyor of more baseless gossip" than any columnist he attacked and as "one too incompetent to hold a job on any paper with which I am familiar."



10 The newspapers treated Ickes well until they tired of his venomous attacks. Only recently has he been ridiculed as in this H. I. Carlisle cartoon which appeared in the *Des Moines Register* and other newspapers. The fact that the obscure Chicagoan of seven years ago is today the best known man in the Roosevelt administration is due to the generous space which the newspapers have given to him. In turn Ickes has insisted that he wants "freedom of the press"—provided the press "deserves" freedom. Those words have a familiar sound. Come to think about it, that's what Stalin, Hitler and Company are saying. END