
Tribute to Hon. James A. Farley

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Hon. John H. Kerr of North Carolina
and
Hon. Samuel Dickstein of New York
and
Editorials from Various Newspapers
Together with an
Address of Hon. James A. Farley

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September 3, 1940

Mr. KERR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. KERR. Mr. Speaker, it has been well said that there is nothing great in this universe but man and nothing great in man but his mind. It is the mind of man which explores the universe and unravels its secrets and mysteries; it is this mind which conceives and creates structures which reflect man's approach to his Creator.

The world is full of rare men and women, some who never enter the threshold of great opportunity but live out their time in unselfish sacrifice that others may be made happy and enjoy the light of knowledge and pleasures of this life. There are many, however, who seize opportunity by its forelock and follow the path of wisdom until they are admired by their fellow men and justly exalted throughout history.

There is nothing so tragic in life as a failure, but success cannot be measured by a finite yardstick. The query will always be, What did the servant do with his talent? And this question alone and its answer will determine man's final judgment and the disposition of his soul. There has just passed from a conspicuous public service in this Nation a rare

character; one who followed the teachings of a godly unselfish parentage and who is so strong that no evil has ever scratched the bright shield of his character and no habit has ever shackled his self-mastery. He, evidently, like most public men, has passed through the fires of temptation, yet the finger of lust has never touched the hem of his garment; he has followed the invisible law of rectitude and is so clean, and has ever been, that his life and his friendship has been a benediction to all of those with whom he has come in contact, and those love him best who know him intimately.

This man, since he was called to conspicuous service in this Nation, has adorned every public place he has ever held because of his great character, and it is eternally true "that character is the diamond that scratches every other stone." He has been chairman of a great political party in the greatest democracy on earth. How well he filled this position may well inspire all others to endeavor to emulate his conduct. No one has ever called him a demagog and no one ever dared to impeach his fidelity to the cause he served. He has sat in the administrative council of this great Nation for more than 7 years, and his advice has been measured by wisdom and his purpose so patriotic that none, not even his adversaries, dares impeach his motive. I shall not carry this tribute in my heart, but I shall record it today in the records of this Nation and feel that I have made no mistake and that I simply share the feeling and appreciation and sentiment of every man and woman

who admire and love the conduct, the personality, and the character of James A. Farley. [Applause.]

August 29, 1940

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. Speaker, the unique career of James A. Farley is a phenomenon in American politics. This is the career of a man who, rising from the humble activities of a local political leader, reached the supreme pinnacle of political achievement by becoming both the State and National chairman of this body in the United States.

In the entire history of political parties no parallel can be found. The reason is obvious. It requires a different type of mentality to be a successful political leader in one's home town and still another type of mentality is required for political leadership of the State and Nation. James A. Farley was able to do both and to accomplish this miracle.

In addition to being a skilled and consummate statesman, James A. Farley was a successful businessman, and through his own efforts rose to leadership in business as well. The principal fact, however, which will be the outstanding achievement of James A. Farley's life will be his sponsorship of Franklin D. Roosevelt for the Presidency of the United States. It was James A. Farley who discovered the great talents of our President and who was able to carry forth his devotion and energy to the promotion of the election of our President in 1932 and in 1936. Farley and the President became thereafter inseparable companions and formed a team which was unique in history, and which gave the two admin-

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istrations of our people a particular flavor of its own.

Farley represents the typical American who rises by his own efforts, achieves results by his own devotion to duty, and whose individualism is unmatched by any other people or nationality. It is only in the soil of America that a man of Farley's achievements could flourish and it is only in the soil of this country that a man like Farley can grow.

For generations Farley's achievements will be a tribute to the opportunities of America, and a beacon light to all those who love our traditions and our way of living.

I hope that the time will come when some gifted individual will take the pen into his hands and depict for the education of our young, and as a means of exemplifying the spirit of America, the career of James A. Farley.

James A. Farley is now concluding another milestone in his public career by relinquishing the Postmastership General of the United States. It was a unique career for Mr. Farley, and he was able to give to this office not only his devotion as a public-spirited citizen, but also, which is more important, the energy of a businessman which was exemplified by his erection of many ornamental and beautiful structures for the post offices throughout the United States. These post offices will be forever a tribute to his ability and achievements. To use the words of a poet, his will be a fame expressed in granite and marble, and will be as imperishable as granite and marble can make it.

It is not only as a Democrat or statesman that James A. Farley has impressed himself upon the people of the United

States. He has the love and admiration of every American, be he Democrat, Republican, or whatever political conviction he may follow. As a statesman, as a businessman, as a public official, his fame and popularity will be forever enshrined in the hearts of the American people, and whatever his future may hold, he carries with him the best wishes of innumerable friends for his success and good fortune.

October 24, 1940

STATEMENT FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the RECORD the announcement made by Hon. James A. Farley with respect to his position in the forthcoming election, which was published in the New York Times of October 23, 1940.

There being no objection, the matter referred to was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the New York Times of October 23, 1940]

Mr. Farley's announcement follows:

"Thirty-one years ago I was elected chairman of the Democratic town committee in Stony Point, Rockland County, N. Y., and down through the years I have served as chairman of my county committee, chairman of my State committee, and I am still serving as chairman of the Democratic State Committee of New York.

"It was my great honor to serve as chairman of the Democratic National Committee during the two great campaigns of 1932 and 1936. I deeply appreciate the honors that have been paid me by my party and I shall

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ever be grateful to the party workers for the loyalty and devotion I have always received during my years of party activities.

"During the period outlined above I have preached party loyalty and pleaded for the success of my party. I did that because I sincerely believe in the Democratic Party, in its principles and objectives.

"At the national convention of the Democratic Party in Chicago—at which I was a candidate for the Presidency—after the balloting was over I pledged my support to the nominees of that convention. That pledge was made in good faith. I shall vote the straight Democratic ticket on November 5, and I urge the members of my party to do likewise."

January 29, 1942

EDITORIAL FROM THE DAVENPORT (IOWA) DEMOCRAT

Mr. HARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, I take great pleasure in including the following editorial from a newspaper in Davenport, Iowa, paying a deserved tribute to our good friend and fellow Democrat and distinguished American, the Honorable James A. Farley.

General Farley went out to the Quad Cities to assist in the dedication of a new administration building and library at St. Ambrose College. The acclaim with which he was received, as evidenced by this editorial, offers eloquent evidence that the name and fame of James A. Farley have lost none of their luster since his retirement from the high service of our Government.

[From the Davenport (Iowa) Democrat of October 24, 1941]

A RAINBOW IN THE CLOUDS

With open arms Davenport today welcomes a distinguished visitor in the person of the Honorable James A. Farley, former Postmaster General, and one of the best known and most beloved American citizens.

It is not Mr. Farley's first visit to Davenport. He was here in 1932 during a tour in which he was engaged in lining up delegates for the nomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt for President of the United States. How well he succeeded is known to all. To Mr. Farley more than any other individual, Mr. Roosevelt owed his nomination and election. Today, in many quarters, Mr. Farley is considered the logical successor to President Roosevelt. He was here the second time on September 10, 1937, when he made a brief stop on his way to dedicate the new post office building at Muscatine.

Today Mr. Farley was the principal speaker at the dedication ceremonies of the new \$125,000 library and administration building at St. Ambrose College. Here the honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred on him.

Certainly Mr. Farley must have had a warm spot in his heart for St. Ambrose to come all the way from New York for the auspicious event. But that is just like him, always obliging, always willing to serve others, or to assist a worthy cause regardless of the personal sacrifice that it might involve.

We unhesitatingly declare that James A. Farley is one of our greatest Americans. Search the country over, we know of no one who stands higher in the esteem of peoples in all walks of life, or is more popular with the masses than is this typical American. And it is not without reason.

Leadership and success in business and in politics has not marred the high standing of Mr. Farley in private or business life. He is ever a prince among men. His tactful judgment, kindness, broad vision, and ability to

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compromise differences of opinion between men has been outstanding. At all times he is found a rugged man of the people, a champion of their rights and their liberties. He is a devoted churchman, a man of sympathy and integrity, independent and courageous in his views, and mere expediency has never changed his convictions.

With all the demands made upon his time and his services, Mr. Farley remains a home man, devoted to family and fireside. Tolerant in his views of what others may do, he himself neither uses tobacco nor intoxicating liquor in any form. He is a man of great force and strong character.

Just at this time a glimpse into Mr. Farley's early life may be interesting to Davenporters. He was born in New York State May 30, 1888. The groundwork of his political career was laid when at the age of 8 he toted a torch in a Bryan parade. His father died the following year, and young Jim went to work in the brickyards and later clerked in a grocery store which his mother operated for a brief period to support her family. After gaining a college education through his own efforts, he became a bookkeeper in a large mercantile establishment and in time developed several enterprises of his own.

His first political job was town clerk of Stony Point, N. Y. Through succeeding years he served as a supervisor of Rockland County, port warden for the Port of New York, member of the New York State Assembly, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, chairman New York State Democratic Committee, and chairman of the Democratic National Committee. On March 4, 1933, he became Postmaster General in which position he served until August 31, 1940, at which time he resigned to become an executive in the nationally known Coca-Cola Co.

Mr. Farley is peculiarly an interesting person. He possesses that simplicity of manner and mode of life which is the crowning result

of the highest culture and the finest nature. By reason of his bigness of heart, sympathetic nature, and jovial disposition, he has been affectionately referred to as "a rainbow in the clouds."

And this is the man that all Davenport today welcomes as its honored guest. We want him to know that we appreciate his visit with us, and though his stay is brief at this time, we hope he will come again and tarry longer among a people who have learned to respect and to love him for the goodness that is within him.

February 3, 1942

EDITORIALS FROM THE WINSTON-SALEM
(N. C.) JOURNAL AND COLUMBUS
(NEBR.) DAILY TELEGRAM

Mr. BAILEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the RECORD two editorials with relation to Hon. James A. Farley, one from the Winston-Salem (N. C.) Journal and the other from the Columbus (Nebr.) Daily Telegram.

There being no objection, the editorials were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Winston-Salem (N. C.) Journal of September 27, 1941]

MR. FARLEY RINGS TRUE

Friends of former Postmaster General James A. Farley are boosting him for the Democratic nomination for Governor of New York. They gave a testimonial dinner to him the other night, but Mr. Farley quickly turned the attention of the diners from himself to the grave emergency that is facing the country.

According to a report in the New York Times, the dinner "was turned by Mr. Farley

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into a rally dedicated to party unity, in which the former national chairman gave the strongest support to President Roosevelt and his foreign policy." "World leadership," he declared, "is today embodied in the shining spirit of our great President."

Those who know Jim Farley are not surprised to see him backing the President in this crisis. And they are not surprised either by his appeal for unity in the ranks of the Democratic Party.

Back in 1940, which seems a long time ago now—so rapidly have events crowded upon each other in the last year—there were those who expected Mr. Farley "to take a walk" because he failed to receive the Democratic nomination for President. But in spite of the fact that he was one of the staunchest opponents of a third term for any President, the former chairman of the Democratic National Committee did not desert his party when Roosevelt was given a third nomination. He abided by the will of the majority and supported the ticket from top to bottom.

We don't know what the future holds for Jim Farley. He may not have any further political ambitions. The New York Times says it has been known to his intimates for several months that Mr. Farley does not feel that his personal interests can let him make the race for Governor of New York, even if the nomination could be his without a contest. And he is reported to be quietly telling his friends not to press the matter. The Times thinks he has no objection to mention of his name, but says he does not have any intention of making the race.

Whether he reenters the political field as a candidate or not, millions of friends and admirers of Jim Farley throughout America are confident that he will continue to be a powerful influence for unity in the Democratic Party and for victory at the polls which such unity will insure, not only in the State of New York, but in the Nation as a whole.

[From the Columbus (Nebr.) Daily Telegram
of October 11, 1941]

A PARTISAN AND A PATRIOT

Many American citizens—some Republicans—some Democrats—are both partisan and patriotic. A shining example of the partisan-patriot is Hon. James A. Farley, former Postmaster General and former chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

During the past 2 years, following his retirement from his two high posts of honor. Mr. Farley entered the service of one of the Nation's largest manufacturing interests, and in that capacity has visited many foreign shores. He came home recently for a brief visit, and the home folks tendered him an honoring banquet. It would be well for the American cause if the words spoken to his friends and neighbors on that occasion might be carried to the eyes of every citizen of the Republic. Having surrendered his post as practical manager of the Democratic Party, did that surrender lessen his full measure of loyalty to that great party which gave the Republic a Jefferson, a Jackson, and a Roosevelt? Not at all. Back from his wanderings comes our Farley stronger in the democratic faith than before—stronger in advocacy of all principles of government advocated by the fathers of the Republic—stronger in his preaching of the gospel of government which rests upon the firm foundation of our American two-party system. In defense of that system Farley said to his honoring friends:

"The genius of our representative democracy is the two-party system—one party entrusted with power to carry out the will of the majority; the other, vigilant in criticism but always loyal in opposition, always loyal to the fundamental principles of the Republic. The alternative to the two-party system is a jumble of special-interest groups who, even in coalition are in disagreement, and in crisis are too disunited to act. To thus weaken our political system would be

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to destroy the very basis of our democratic government.

That view of our two-party system of government should be entertained by both Democrats and Republicans who earnestly desire the welfare of the Republic. Under our two-party governmental system there will, as Farley says, always be opportunity for both partisan Republicans and partisan Democrats to play a best part in behalf of their country. Discussing his personal contacts with people in the foreign zones which he touched in his travels, Mr. Farley said:

"In some of the countries outside the United States I found that many people are preoccupied with two concepts. One concept is fear. They dread the consequences of a Hitler victory, but they say, 'What can we do? We are helpless.' The second concept is hope and faith—faith in a higher human destiny, and a hope of attaining it, and they find the basis of that hope in America. America is truly the hope of the world today, and we, the people of America, are the living examples of that hope. To us they look for help in man's age-long struggle to establish the dignity of the human race. To us they look to save the freedoms for which man has been making every sacrifice since time began—freedom of religion, freedom of thought, freedom from fear, and freedom from want. From us they hear the message, 'Take heart; all is not lost.' No matter how hard we Americans might try, we could not avoid leadership in the world today, and that leadership is today embodied in the shining spirit of our great President, Franklin D. Roosevelt."

James Farley has no superior as an evangelist in the cause of those principles which, serving as foundation stones upon which the house of the American Republic has securely rested, have found favor with all people, in every country and in every clime where love of liberty lives in the hearts of men. Often I am thinking that the cause of Christianity

will prove pleasant reading to his myriad of friends.

The editorial follows:

[From the Rock Island (Ill.) Argus of
October 25, 1941]

FARLEY AT ST. AMBROSE

You wouldn't think of Jim Farley as an expert on libraries. He grew up in the rough-and-tumble school of experience, was a first baseman, star salesman, contractor, boxing commission head, politician, Postmaster General, and now a businessman and star salesman again.

But Mr. Farley can fill almost any role you name. The address he gave yesterday afternoon at the dedication of the new St. Ambrose College library in Davenport would have done justice to a sage professor of literature. It was packed with good sense and beautiful phrases.

One little slip we might call attention to. Mr. Farley was talking about the great minds we meet in books, and he asked: "How many people do you know and what sort are they? One hundred, two hundred, three hundred? Not that many; well, surely, not that many intimately. * * * But in books we meet hundreds of people with whom our daily lives would never bring us face to face."

That wouldn't apply to Jim Farley. He knows thousands of people, probably as many as there are names in the St. Ambrose library. But we know no one else who can match him in this respect, and the library characters are no doubt more interesting than a lot of the political hacks he had to deal with.

But he seems to have been right, at that, for he asked how many "you" knew and made no disclaimer about himself.

Mr. Farley wasn't a happy man about this time a year ago, for he had been denied the Democratic nomination for President and had stepped out as national chairman. But the old joviality that friends recall in 1939, when he attended the postmasters' State con-

might be better served if God should raise up in this day evangelists of the type of Father Marquette, Phillips Brooks, and Peter Cartwright. Unfortunately humanity often suffers spells of lack-loyalty to religious tenets. Too often Americans suffer spells of lack-loyalty to the foundation principles of free government. In such times the coming of the true Christian evangelist lifts men away from the service of Mammon and trends them in thought and action toward the feet of the Master. In such times the coming of an evangelist in the cause of pure Americanism lifts men away from momentary thought-marriage with the sirens of un-American "isms." Comes now James A. Farley in that evangelistic effort, and his eloquence, his logic, and his appeal cannot fail to fan into effulgent flame the fires of devotion to the cause of Americanism—fires temporarily smoldering. And now I am thinking that next time I may join in singing God Bless America I shall feel like adding an additional plea to that inspiring pean of praise and prayer, and the added line will read: "God bless James A. Farley in his evangelistic effort to revive in the hearts of Americans greater devotion to the cause of America in these dark days of danger."

EDGAR HOWARD.

February 3, 1942

EDITORIAL FROM THE ROCK ISLAND
(ILL.) ARGUS

Mr. HARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, I take great pleasure in including an editorial from the Rock Island (Ill.) Argus, commenting on the visit of the Honorable James A. Farley to the Quad Cities area. I am sure the happy allusions to Mr. Farley's present state of health and joviality

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vention in Rock Island, is back on his face. He no longer has to worry about political obligations and is recouping his private fortune.

Mr. Farley can look back over his career in politics without bitterness. Although he failed to gain the presidential nomination, he has said that the greatest honor he ever received came at the 1940 convention, when the Virginia statesman, CARTER GLASS, placed his name in nomination. But we see no reason why he should give up hope of the main goal.

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EDITORIALS FROM THE DAVENPORT
(IOWA) DAILY TIMES AND THE OT-
TUMWA (IOWA) COURIER

Mr. HARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, I am privileged to include editorials from the Davenport (Iowa) Daily Times and the Ottumwa (Iowa) Courier, felicitating the Honorable James A. Farley in connection with his part in the dedicatory ceremonies at St. Ambrose College:

[From the Davenport (Iowa) Daily Times of
October 24, 1941.]

A COMMUNITY EVENT

The Quad city community joins with the Davenport diocese of the Catholic church in the dedication of the new \$125,000 administration building and library at St. Ambrose College today. It is an event which transcends religious and parochial interests and distinctions since this rapidly growing educational institution now extends its influence to communities and cities hundreds of miles away.

The presence of the Honorable James A. Farley, former Postmaster General, as the principal speaker at the dedication cere-

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monies denotes the place which St. Ambrose has come to occupy in the field of education. No happier selection could have been made than that which found this most genial and popular American personality gracing the events of the day.

This community is gratified indeed to be host to this "plumed knight" of the political wars.

The new library building was made possible through both a community and diocesan appreciation of St. Ambrose College. More than \$40,000 of the amount was subscribed by the non-Catholic friends of the institution, as a token of recognition of its worth as a community asset.

At a dinner last evening at which those who took a leading part in this phase of the fund-raising campaign were guests of the college, opportunity was afforded anew for an expression of the spirit of cooperation which made possible this contribution.

[From the Ottumwa (Iowa) Courier of Octo-
ber 25, 1941]

MINDS AT WORK

Former Postmaster General Farley rightfully used the occasion Friday of his dedication of a library building at St. Ambrose college, Davenport, to voice a plea for national unity.

Records tell us of the olden world's struggles. Today's records will tell those who follow of our burdens. The records, as other American institutions, must be defended by all our will, our strength, our intelligent cohesion. We cannot have the intelligence we need without lamps of learning. Libraries are such lamps. The placing of these facilities in the hands of all the people becomes a duty, a trust taking on an atmosphere of sacredness.

Nations which have gone barbaric in the face of these opportunities of learning should put us on guard against inside-the-house

disputes while graver danger approaches from without.

Americans are intelligent, inside and outside library opportunities. When the two are combined a condition is created which should overcome all obstacles in the active path of grasping the real picture.

February 26, 1942

EDITORIAL FROM THE BROOKLYN
CITIZEN

Mr. MARTIN J. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the RECORD, I include the following editorial from the Brooklyn Citizen:

[From the Brooklyn Citizen]

MR. FARLEY'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

Mr. James A. Farley, who directed the Greater New York Fund this year, has reported that \$4,250,000 has been raised, which is \$500,000 more than was raised in any of the previous campaigns. Mr. Farley expects that in 1942 the goal of \$5,000,000 will be reached.

This report is a great credit to business, which is the largest contributor, as well as to the organizing ability of Mr. Farley.

Although Mr. Farley has many interests, he is always ready and willing to sacrifice his time for the good of the people of this city. His name, at the head of any movement, is a guaranty of the unselfishness of the movement and an assurance that all funds collected with the exception of the necessary administrative expenses, will be allotted to the people most in need of them.

This is a great charity and it is solely for the people at home. The American people are the most charitable people in the world, and their donations are distributed by the American Red Cross and other organizations to all parts of the globe where there is suf-

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fering. It is distributed to them irrespective of nationality, race, or creed.

Brooklyn has done its part in raising the \$4,250,000, and Mr. Farley, in a letter to Mr. William J. Wason, Jr., who was active in the Brooklyn campaign, expressed his gratitude, not only of the fund, but of the many in this city who are benefited by the money raised.

Although Mr. Farley no longer holds any public office, he is still regarded as one of the outstanding citizens of this country and his name at the head of any philanthropic movement is one to conjure with.

March 16, 1942

EDITORIAL IN SYRACUSE (N. Y.) HERALD-
JOURNAL

Mr. MARTIN J. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, the views concerning Jim Farley expressed by the press of Syracuse are views of every Member of Congress:

[From the Syracuse (N. Y.) Herald-Journal
of September 20, 1941]

JIM FARLEY IN SYRACUSE

The Herald-Journal takes pleasure in extending a welcome to James A. Farley, chairman of the Democratic State committee and former Postmaster General, who is being honored by 1,200 upstate Democrats at a Hotel Syracuse dinner tonight.

Jim Farley is no stranger to Syracuse and Syracusans. When he comes to town most people forget—at least until the next election—that central New York is a Republican stronghold. Paradoxically, everybody cheerfully and enthusiastically turns out to greet this tall and capable gentleman whose hard work and shrewd political strategy contributed much toward putting the Grand Old Party in the dog house.

So once again we greet Jim Farley, trusting that his brief stay may be as productive of political harmony in the upstate as was the visit of the celebrated Hiawatha to this same section many years ago, which brought peace to the embattled upstate Indians.

As Mr. Farley makes his current bow here, it should be emphasized for the benefit of the misinformed, that "Big Jim" is no ordinary politician, shelving his opinions for personal gain. He holds some pretty strong convictions on what is right and not right—as observers familiar with the inside story of recent political developments are thoroughly aware.

Jim Farley comes upstate at a time when whispers are going around that he may be the next Democratic candidate for Governor. We do not know whether there is anything to it. But if there is, it seems quite possible that the miracle may happen and that in 1942 numerous upstanding citizens of the upstate may forget that they are Republicans until after election day.

March 19, 1942

EDITORIAL FROM THE JACKSON (MISS.)
DAILY NEWS

Mr. McGEHEE. Mr. Speaker, throughout the history of the Democratic Party, we have read and know of many of its loyal outstanding leaders. We have referred to them with pride. Their indefatigable fight to carry on the principles for which it stands, their loyalty to the leadership and many times great personal sacrifices made. Times when they sacrificed personal ambition and financial success for the party's sake.

When one does this—that is, sacrifices personal ambition, financial success, and

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the chance of leadership, for the party's unity, he who does so is a great man.

In my opinion, since the inception of the Democratic Party, no man has made more sacrifices for it than James A. Farley, formerly Postmaster General. No man lives within the borders of our great country that is more beloved by the general public than Jim Farley. His connection and work with the party will live on long after he has passed away as an example of loyalty to a cause he believed in.

Jim Farley's friends are numbered by the millions, and one of his most loyal is the Honorable Frederick Sullens, editor of the Jackson Daily News, Jackson, Miss., and, under leave to extend my remarks, I include an editorial from the pen of this, the most dynamic editor it has ever been my privilege to know.

[From the Jackson (Miss.) Daily News]

FARLEY FOR GOVERNOR

Here's a bit of long-range forecasting. "Big Jim" Farley is far from being out of the political picture up in New York. The gubernatorial campaign takes place next year and if "Big Jim" cannot be prevailed upon to offer for the Democratic nomination he will designate the party nominee to succeed Governor Lehman.

Just at present "Big Jim" is not thinking much about politics. He is engaged in private business and is said to be making money—something he was not able to do when his rare genius and political generalship were employed in piloting Roosevelt to two victories and keeping the Democratic Party in power. If the time and energy used in those years devoted to politics had been spent in business he would today be rich beyond the dreams of avarice.

But in the great American game of politics "Big Jim" is a "natural." He takes to it

like a duck to water or a hound dog to "pot likker." This Nation has never produced his superior as a campaign commander. He is shrewd, resourceful, far-seeing, a complete master of strategy, and gifted with a pleasing personality that endears him to the multitudes. At the Democratic National Convention in Chicago last summer he was easily the most popular figure in the vast body of delegates, and there was genuine regret when he surrendered command. He was greeted with an ovation each time he appeared on the platform, and after he surrendered the gavel the convention became a tame and commonplace affair.

There are many lovable traits about "Big Jim" Farley that carry irresistible appeal. One of them is his remarkable memory for names and faces. He never seems to forget any person he ever met. It is doubtful whether there is a man anywhere in the world more gifted in this respect. Always the gladness of his greeting and the firmness of his handclasp seem genuine. He really loves to meet and mingle with people and never grows tired of crowds.

Of course, all political prospects today are more or less complicated with the international situation, and that renders any form of prophecy hazardous, but if "Big Jim" Farley enters the political arena in his home State next year the public may as well get its ears tuned for shouts of victory.

March 25, 1942

EDITORIAL FROM THE FAIRMONT
(W. VA.) TIMES

Mr. RANDOLPH. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the RECORD, I include the following editorial, appearing in the Fairmont (W. Va.) Times of March 16. I am delighted to

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see reference made to the sound sentiment expressed by General Farley. He continues to merit the confidence and genuine esteem of those of us who have cherished for many years his friendship.

[From the Fairmont (W. Va.) Times of March 16, 1942]

FOUNDATIONS FOR OPTIMISM

Gen. James A. Farley has a happy faculty of expressing his sound opinions in a most convincing manner. We like to follow the trend of thought of the former Postmaster General and it is still possible to do so because he is far from being outside public life. He frequently makes public appearances. Yesterday he addressed the annual breakfast of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Indianapolis.

A portion of his address merits the attention of everyone. That portion said:

"I do not pretend to be an expert on the national psychology of the Japanese. I have never given much thought to their ability or their mental processes. However, if I were a Jap, I would regard my ultimate future with misgivings. Looming up ahead, I would see the prospect of soon having to cope with the full fighting strength of the most powerful Nation in the world. But where I would really see the handwriting on the wall would be in the ominous fact that all America has reacted so spontaneously and unanimously when threatened by a foe. For the first time in a generation the United States is solidly united on a major issue. Victory for the United States may not come soon. Victory will be costly in materials, money, and men. But as certain as is the righteousness of our cause, I am sure our sacrifices will be crowned with unmistakable and glorious victory.

"This is not jingoism. I have no patience with wishful thinking. I believe in being realistic and in facing hard facts. A few weeks ago I listened—just as you did—to the

President's report to the Nation on the state of war. We know the seriousness of the temporary set-backs that our armed forces have experienced. But we also know how magnificently our men have fought against great odds.

"To balance the scales completely, there is a great satisfaction in the temper of the American people. We may be slow to start, but we have never left a job unfinished. We are as one in our determination to preserve the heritage of the God-given rights of man, which finds its home—and almost its last hope—in our beloved America. One hundred and thirty million Americans forget all differences, as they pledge their entire loyalty to our Commander in Chief, the President, Franklin D. Roosevelt."

That kind of sound faith in the determination of America and its people gives all of us something to which to cling. General Farley is right. We are united. We are determined. We are putting our every effort behind the wheel of the war effort. By our every action we will give the lie to the enemy propagandists who would divide us.

National Unity Is Our Goal

ADDRESS OF HON. JAMES A. FARLEY

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Mr. MARTIN J. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, the former Postmaster General, James A. Farley, in keeping with his usual custom on election night, addressed the citizens of our great Nation. In my opinion, the address of Mr. Farley on the importance of national unity embodies the fine spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship that has always characterized his utterances in the hour of victory. It would be well for every citi-

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zen to read this address, whether he was with the loser or the victor.

The address follows:

Four years ago, on a similar occasion, when the election returns were in and the result was known, I expressed the sincere hope that the bitterness and ill-feeling engendered in the heat of campaigning would soon be forgotten. As victors, we Democrats promised there would be no reprisals and that no American should have fear of the future.

Four years have passed. Tonight I make the same appeal to my fellow Americans. I ask the victors to be moderate and considerate of others in their joy of victory. I ask the losers, in the traditional spirit of fair play, to overcome their disappointment and to pitch in like the loyal citizens they are for the common good.

Now, perhaps more than ever before in its history, the United States has need for national unity. The excitement of the campaign must not blind our eyes to the dangers of the perilous world in which we live. We must go forward without delay or interruption along the path which we have been following as a nation since the ugly form of total war engulfed the nations of Europe and the Orient.

While many things are said and done in political campaigns which are later regretted, I am sorry that an excessive note of bitterness has crept into the campaign just closed. Perhaps it was inevitable in view of the excited state of public feeling. Yet I wish it could have been avoided. I doubt if such bitterness makes votes for any candidate or any party.

I am hopeful that the scars of this intense campaign will heal quickly and leave no soreness. And I am also hopeful that in future campaigns we shall find some way of avoiding these extreme and disturbing methods of appealing for votes. In making this statement I am not pointing my remarks at any political party or any group in the coun-

try. I am simply expressing a feeling in which I believe every citizen may concur.

The voice of America has spoken. The people of America have once again expressed their will and selected the man whom they consider best fitted to guide the destiny of the United States for the next 4 years. As patriotic citizens I urge every single individual in the land to accept the supreme judgment of the majority. The people made the decision and the people may be trusted to do what is right.

During the few months remaining in his present term, President Roosevelt will face problems of broad scope and magnitude. He needs your full, earnest, and sympathetic cooperation. He will be the President of all the people just as he has been the President of all the people during the past seven and a half years.

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When the new administration takes office in January, this spirit of cooperation must be carried on. We have a common stake in America and we must present a solid front before all the nations of the world.

In the past the people of America have demonstrated a remarkable capacity for rising above factional and party strife when the electorate has spoken. We have accepted the verdict of the majority with the utmost of tolerance and good will.

This is our solemn duty tonight. We must realize that the United States is greater than each of us and greater than all of us. We must lay aside personal feeling for the cause of a better, fuller, finer America.

National unity is our goal. Let us realize this goal in the ties of our common citizenship.