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EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. MATTHEW J. MERRITT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 18, 1944

Mr. MERRITT. Mr. Speaker, under leave granted to me to extend my remarks in the RECORD, I desire to include the following editorial from the Journal News, of Rockland County, N. Y.:

FARLEY BIDES HIS TIME

It's interesting to note in words of one syllable that Democratic State Chairman James A. Farley is due to be dumped by New York State Democrats. At the moment of the announcement Jim Farley had nothing to say and he probably will have little to say until later on. This much can be said: Jim Farley will retire as State chairman if he so chooses, and he won't retire if he doesn't so choose.

There is a magic in the Farley name which revives old loyalties by its very mention. * * * Perhaps there aren't as many of those old loyalties as there used to be for Jim Farley has not had the patronage that once he had and old friends in the ranks have been replaced. No matter, there are still enough old friends and enough new friends for him to retain his power in his home State, an area he knows like the palm of his hand, and whence he originally rose to power.

The saying goes that when a politician has once slipped he is a dead duck, and had best not attempt a come-back. That's still true, but Jim Farley has not slipped and has no worry on that score. * * * Jim Farley is a practical politician, a man of his word, and a man of honor, and he stands head and shoulders above those who are now sniping away at him. * * *

Mr. Farley has seen fit to differ with the administration, to hold to the line of the constitutional Democrats. * * * It will be a sorry day for the Democratic organization if ever they succeed, for out with Jim Farley would go all those loyal Democrats who believe as he does. This is not a year when the Democratic Party can afford to lose any votes.

The support of New York State Democrats is a rather important item in a national election for it carries with it a husky block of electoral votes. It would be rather foolish to assert that the loss of Farley and his friends would be offset by American Labor Party support * * *.

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One of Jim Farley's uncanniest gifts is his ability to determine whence and whither the winds of political chance are blowing. He can do more with one cross section than most prognosticators can do with a national poll. * * *. He saw some of his fears of Democratic loss realized 2 years ago when Governor Dewey carried the State. The wind was setting in the direction he had foreseen.

Constitutional Democrats as represented by Mr. Farley will long have a place in the national picture. * * *. Mr. Farley is still a young man and he can well afford to bide his time. When the time comes for constitutional Democrats to climb back into the saddle he will be there to climb.

Meanwhile, he can afford to let the wind that blows * * * whistle as much as it pleases. It takes more than wind to blow him out of his driver's seat unless he chooses to take a temporary rest. * * *

James A. Farley

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. LOUIS LUDLOW

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 1944

Mr. LUDLOW. Mr. Speaker, by unanimous consent of the House of Representatives, I present for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following editorial from the Indiana (Pa.) Gazette:

MERITED TRIBUTE TO JIM FARLEY

By unanimously reelecting him to a ninth term as State chairman, New York Democrats paid James A. Farley a marked and well-merited tribute. There had been some talk of opposition to Farley, but it faded away and the Democratic State committee, without a dissenting vote, approved his generalship in this national election year.

There is no question that Jim Farley is one of the best-liked personalities on the American political scene and that his wide popularity is thoroughly deserved. He is a marvelous party organizer, with an amazing memory for names and faces. He is an affable gentleman, unruffled under pressure. Best of all, Jim keeps his promises. Not even his enemies—if he has any—could accuse him of unfairness or trickery.

We're glad the opposition to his reelection in New York didn't develop and that he will be, presumably, an active leader in this year's campaign.

Something About Jefferson

EXTENSION OF REMARKS OF

HON. HARRY FLOOD BYRD

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

*Wednesday, May 17 (legislative day of
Tuesday, May 9), 1944*

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to insert in the Appendix of the RECORD an editorial published by the Spencer (W. Va.) Times-Record, the title of which is "Something About Jefferson," and relates to a speech made by the Honorable James A. Farley at the annual Jefferson Day dinner of the National Democratic Club in New York City.

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

SOMETHING ABOUT JEFFERSON

James A. Farley, formerly head of the Democratic National Committee, had little difficulty in getting himself reelected Democratic State chairman of New York recently. There had been rumors that certain New Deal interests in the Empire State were seeking to supplant him on the theory that he is opposed to the fourth term and much of the New Deal ideology. The substance of these rumors, if any, evaporated in the spring sunshine and Mr. Farley had no difficulty in being reelected.

That genial Jim still regards Jefferson as the patron saint of the Democratic Party, or at least his own political mentor, is evidenced from an address which he delivered at the annual Jefferson Day dinner of the National Democratic Club in New York City. In part Mr. Farley stated:

"Jefferson believed that it was better for humanity to progress slowly, to learn from its own mistakes, than to take from the average man the liberty to make decisions for himself. He saw that while a dictator might for a short time provide great benefits and bounties for the people, ultimately the interests of a dictator and the interests of the people were deadly enemies. He would rather make progress slowly and be sure that it ended in security than to seek the illusion of security through the dictation of any one person or any small group.

"Moreover, he believed in local government. He believed that an infinite number of services should be reserved for the communities and the States. He believed that a proper distribution of power between the States and the Nation and between the States and their subdivisions was essential not only to liberty but to efficient government."

Here are some sound if homely truths which many of the left-wing Democratic leaders might do well to take to heart if they are

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still to regard the sage of Monticello as the patron saint of their party. Because in spite of some opinions to the contrary, Jefferson's views on individual freedom are as applicable today as they were when enunciated. In the waging of a mighty war to preserve our traditions of individual liberty against totalitarianism we are apt to forget some of them. As Mr. Farley pointed out "in fighting that war it is well to keep in mind that if freedom falls here it cannot be secured anywhere in the world."

Hon. James A. Farley

EXTENSION OF REMARKS OF

HON. PHILIP J. PHILBIN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 1944

Mr. PHILBIN. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the RECORD, I include the following newspaper items:

[From the Boston Post of April 22, 1944]

FARLEY CALLS IT GOLD BRICK—BLASTS NEW YORK STATE SOLDIER VOTE LAW

NEW YORK, April 21.—James A. Farley, State Democratic chairman, tonight called the New York State soldier vote law a gold-brick law and urged Gov. Thomas E. Dewey to call a special session of the legislature to remove its obvious defects.

Farley spoke over the same CBS State-wide network on which Dewey, a week ago, reviewed his administration, and termed the State war ballot "a simple, workable formula for soldier voting."

[From the Boston Post of April 19, 1944]

UNSOLICITED

It was not that James A. Farley was unanimously reelected as chairman of the New York State democratic committee, despite the efforts of the O'Connell machine in Albany to drive him out, that was so surprising. But the fact that Mr. Farley did not ask for a single vote, or in no way campaigned for reelection, makes his selection an outstanding event. But New Yorkers know Jim Farley. They value his worth to the party. That he was again selected as State leader is a glowing tribute to his ability and his honesty.

[From the Hampshire Gazette, Northampton, Mass., of May 5, 1944]

James A. Farley, a rugged American himself, pays a nice tribute to Americans in general for their soundness of character in this

war both at the front and at home, after their careless and pleasure-loving ways in peacetime. Let us hope that the attitude taken at this time will be carried into peace and into the years that follow so that America may never again be found as weak as she was in 1914 and in 1939. Both weaknesses had something to do with our getting into both wars.

Mr. Farley Retains Post

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. WILLIAM B. BARRY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 1944

Mr. BARRY. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the RECORD, I include the following editorial:

MR. FARLEY RETAINS POST

Retention of James J. Farley as chairman of the Democratic State Committee in New York is scarcely a surprise. Expected opposition failed to materialize at the annual meeting, and he was the unanimous choice for the ninth consecutive year.

Although Mr. Farley does not see eye-to-eye with the powers in Washington, New York would find it difficult to replace him. He is among the Nation's shrewdest politicians and one of its most popular. Only a man of his stature could break with former associates and increase his prestige.

Mr. Farley not only is a loyal Democrat, but he is a good American. With him, his country always comes first, although he has been in the thick of party politics. If he had been willing to compromise he might have been in Washington today.

As chairman of the Democratic State Committee in New York he will continue to play an important role in national politics as well.

Free Speech in Newark, N. J.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. ARTHUR WALSH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

*Monday, May 29 (legislative day of
Tuesday, May 9), 1944*

Mr. WALSH of New Jersey. Mr. President, I as unanimous consent to
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have printed in the Appendix of the RECORD an editorial entitled "See Here, Mr. Farley," published in the Newark, N. J., Evening News of May 15, 1944.

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

SEE HERE, MR. FARLEY

No stranger to Jersey City, its mayor, and its ways, James A. Farley returned to Journal Square last week. He returned not in his old capacity as Democratic national chairman bearing gifts, but as a guest speaker before the local Kiwanis Club. Introduced by Harry Moore, an old friend, who knows Mr. Hague, too, the former Postmaster General spoke, in part, as follows:

"My name is added to the rather cosmopolitan list of those who have spoken, started to speak, or attempted to speak here despite the rigorous restrictions against speeches delivered and undelivered. This has served to make Journal Square known throughout the Nation. From the conflicts that have occurred, history is bound to note this spot as one of the battlegrounds where free speech was firmly established, together with the American way of life."

Ah, but "those conflicts," Mr. Farley, were in the long, long ago. In the intervening years Mr. Hague has seen the light, also a Federal court order and the fourth term. The old ban on Communists no longer exists. The C. I. O. comes and goes without hindrance and more often it stays. His honor is a last-ditch defender of the Constitution—New Jersey's old one, that is. The Communists, New York branch, have adopted Mr. Hague as one of their own heroes, only slightly to the right of Brother Browder and Pravda. C. I. O. organizers and speakers are no longer driven into the outer darkness and the Erie ferries.

So you see, Mr. Farley, times have changed and Mr. Hague with them. And no more cracks, please, about free speech in Journal Square. It's practically as free as air, if sometimes not so clear.

James A. Farley's Visit

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. MATTHEW J. MERRITT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1944

Mr. MERRITT. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the RECORD, I wish to include the following editorial which appeared in the Batavia

Times, Batavia, N. Y., Thursday, June 1, 1944:

JAMES A. FARLEY'S VISIT

One of the pleasant and profitable gains of the summer are the acquaintances we make. Folks are friendly, more friendly after passing through another winter. Such was the case last Saturday when this outstanding gentleman of national prominence paid a visit to Batavia to honor the editor of this paper on his fiftieth anniversary in connection with the printing industry. The event took place at the Stafford Country Club, which was a beautiful setting for such a party.

Much color was lent to it through the appearance of Mr. Farley, a close friend of long standing of the editor of this paper. All those present knew what a busy man Mr. Farley is, and when he left Batavia, it was his sixth straight night on a Pullman and for him taking the time out to come to this event, was another thing that not alone pleased ourselves but the many people who attended the event. There were many prominent Republicans present and even the Republicans were very democratic and came out to greet us.

Appearances fool you. A fellow like Jim Farley comes along in an informal dress like the rest of the folks and to your surprise, he really is somebody. Often the loudest are the least and the homeliest are the highest. Nature calls for naturalness and the most important are usually the last in posing.

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That, perhaps, was the opinion of many, but we know that always they have had a real admiration for Jim Farley's name.

One who does the work and shares few honors when the job is done, a plugger, he, and a plodder and a patient performer, so we say that many learned the great admiration for Jim Farley because he is one of those who has always carried the load and brought his party into pleasant places. Faithful is his name and loyal is his nature. It was really typical and pretty to see the friends that Jim Farley made. Perhaps that is his great gift, because all who met him at the Batavia Club prior to this event showed him much respect.

It has been said of Mr. Farley that he never forgets a friend, which was proven on this occasion to come this distance to pay his respects to the editor of the Times. As far as we are personally concerned, we thank him for his presence and we would like to tell our friends that he has an amazing memory—so much sagacity he shows which is almost more than human and we know, to our many friends who had not met him, it was a pleasure and that he left an impression of a very interesting, natural man—rightly named.

He is admired by all for his uprightness and his honesty. The words of truth he speaks, the fair way he has always dealt with the public in his high political activities, and his honesty of purpose. Few men like him are living today, so that is him, Jim Farley, the man.