

A FRANK FARLEY.

An important development of 1948—and a significant one—is the return of James A. Farley to political activity. He, who had been the foremost politician or political general of the decade beginning in 1930, passed off the stage by his own decision at the end of the decade. His had been the guiding hand of political maneuvering that led to the first nomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt. His had been the hand applied to the political machinery of the first administration of Roosevelt and to the things incident to the renomination and reelection. But when the second administration neared the end, Farley dropped out. He was opposed to a third term. Whether he thought he should have the nomination himself or not is of no particular importance, although it offers an interesting sidelight on his attitude.

Now, Farley is showing up more or less frequently with observations and with speeches. The former national chairman and postmaster general spoke at Colgate University in his home state the other day. He bluntly blamed the third and fourth terms of Roosevelt for "many of the ills which beset the world today." Farley said that the record breaking terms "brought a great mind, but one worn by the weight of years and cares of state, to the all important conferences of Teheran and Yalta." He said America had a "worn leader dividing the world in a series of concessions embodied in secret agreements, which, having arisen from the Pandora box of secret diplomacy, are plaguing the world's children with blood, death and fears."

He added that the mind that did this was not the mind that tackled domestic questions in 1933.

Thus we have the noted general of politics speaking out frankly the things that are on his mind and revealing the thinking that led to the separation of Farley and Roosevelt.