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EXPECTATIONS

Unless all signs fail Ralph E. Church will be the next representative in congress for the Tenth district. He won the nomination by a sizeable majority, and nomination is practically tantamount to election.

In a radio address over KYW on Friday evening, April 13, Mr. Church made public a declaration of intentions which will have the earnest approval of his constituents. Embodied were certain definite pledges which those constituents will confidently expect him to fulfill. Among other things he said:

"When elected, I will go to Washington with the following main objectives:

"1. To do everything within my power to serve the best interests of the government of the United States;

"2. To represent, ably and impartially, every citizen of the Tenth district.

"I will go to congress to fight for the maintenance of the sound fundamentals of American life and government and for the preservation of the American constitution.

"I will work at all times for clean, economical and efficient government, for lower taxes, a balanced budget, a sound currency, the elimination of all unnecessary governmental expense and the abolishment of all unnecessary governmental functions.

"I pledge constant attendance and serious attention at all sessions of congress.

"I will support every sane and sound measure to bring normal economic conditions to relieve unemployment. I will oppose the domination of special interests in government.

"I will use my sixteen years of legislative experience for the good of the Tenth district.

"I will stand in congress, as I have always stood throughout my public life, as a loyal and steadfast Republican."

Those are forthright words, pointing a course with which no one could find fault. Mr. Church has himself expressed, probably more succinctly and definitely than could anyone else, what is in the minds of the electorate of his district. They do not anticipate that their expectations will be unfulfilled.

KILL IT!

The Sinnett bill, introduced in the Illinois House of Representatives on April 18 by a democratic member, Thomas P. Sinnett of Rock Island, should be drowned before its eyes are open. Determined efforts to do that very thing are to be made by influential republicans who will probably receive some support from democratic members.

As we view it, the measure has two objects. The first is to protect the unwarranted, illegal an unconstitutional interference of the federal government in intrastate business. The other is to turn the state into an enforcing agent for the NRA. Either of these objectives is sufficient ground upon which to demand its defeat.

Short as our memories are on matters political, few have forgotten the abortive attempt to saddle

the enforcement of prohibition amendment and Volstead act upon the various states. While many states enacted supporting legislation, only half-hearted efforts were made to enforce them. The general attitude was that it was a national proposition and enforcement was, therefore, up to the federal government. It would seem to apply with equal force to the NRA.

It is charged that the Sinnett bill would bind all state and municipal employees in one body for the purpose of enforcing business codes. This, it seems, would open the way for graft and corruption as great as existed in the prohibition era, when few officials could resist the temptations offered for illegal personal profit, for the simple reason that the profit was very large. But aside from the profit angle, there is serious danger that the power of officials would be used to discriminate against business concerns thought not to be as enthusiastic in support of NRA as desired.

There is little to recommend the bill and much to condemn it. It should be killed pronto.

A \$50,000 FOLLY

Wilmette has acquired a monument. If we desired a monument we were not conscious of it. This one was thrust upon us. While not fashioned out of glistening marble or everlasting granite; while no spire penetrates the sky to form a guidepost and landmark for the countryside, it is nevertheless some monument and likely to endure for a long time.

Not pretty, this monument. On the contrary it is repellent in its cold, gray drabness, an unsightly, unlovely thing, an offense to the eye and an irritation to the spirit. It is formed of a group of outworn houses, some now reduced by wear and tear to little more than tumbledown shacks, located on the plot of ground cornering on Central and Park avenues, purchased by the federal government for a post office site when the fever to spend vast sums of money on public works was running high. Our rich uncle has now decided to abandon the project and we are not to have a pretty new post office structure. Instead, the doors are to be locked, the windows boarded, signs tacked all over the place to warn off trespassers, weeds left to grow in wild luxuriance, and a sorry picture of desolation presented to passersby. The buildings for the most part, are unfit for tenancy, and if they were no provision has been made for renting them. There is danger that nothing will be done with them for at least ten years, the period for which the present post office quarters have been leased.

We are not munching sour grapes, understand. Most citizens were opposed to building a new post office at this time, and we were in accord. But what are we to think of federal officials who pay \$40,000 for ground, employ architects to draw plans and when these are approved, or ready for approval, suddenly abandon the entire project?

This \$50,000 folly is a mistake for which the taxpayer will eventually have to dig down in his pockets. Of course, \$50,000 may be a small sum when compared with the billions in which the administration is dealing, but it is not small enough to be ignored by men of sound business sense.

The least that Washington can now do to prevent an eyesore that will disgrace Wilmette for years to come is to tear down the buildings and permit Wilmette to maintain the lots as a small park. By doing this the folly may be mitigated and that part of the village saved from a situation that will eventually have a depressing effect upon property values.

Mr. Ford of Detroit furnished the money with which the Soviet government built a plant to manufacture Ford cars, under a signed agreement that no cars be sold outside of the Soviet Union. Now the bolsheviks are exporting cars and underselling all comers. Their bond is evidently as good as their word.

NEWS—COMMENT

Spring is here. If anyone dares to dispute it we can prove it. The Cubs are winning ball games. A circus at the Coliseum. The aroma of burning leaves and the screech of the siren as the fire ladders run to put out blazes that a little care would have prevented. Homeless men wandering the streets while housewives go through the annual attack of insanity. It's spring, all right.

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The TVA, if you know what that is, certainly has courage if nothing else. It is to undertake teaching newlyweds the things they should know. First time we ever heard that there is anything newlyweds do not know.

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The elusive Mr. Dillinger is becoming quite a danger to the Central West. If one feels comfortably safe from his artillery he is likely to be bumped off by some inexperienced sleuth who is on the desperado's trail. One man is dead and two wounded because of such a mistake. An Indiana man had to leave the state because he resembled Dillinger and was in constant fear of being shot. Meanwhile Mr. Dillinger roams about at will, occasionally robbing a bank to keep the exchequer filled and visiting the home folks for a chicken dinner. One of these days, though, John Law will meet up with the versatile bandit and it will be curtains for him and his band. Funny that he hasn't made an effort to cross into Canada. Is it possible that the reputation of the "mounties" deters the bold, bad man from Indiana?



France has rejected a request of Mussolini to reduce arms. What? Refuse a request by Mussolini? The idea!

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"Two-gun" Voliva is shouting defiance at all who question his authority and proclaiming to the world that he is a "tough guy." Mr. Voliva should remember that dictators, like the measles, run their course and are soon forgotten.

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Wisconsin has come forward with the latest business recovery plan, in which old fashioned individualism and private enterprise will be given opportunity to show their stuff. Its purpose is, as stated, "to develop new products, new demands; new markets and to restore pay rolls." It is financed by private capital, has no code, no commissar, no governing bureau, no dictator. Tories! Traitors! Chiselers! That's what they are!

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Anyhow, that saloon brawl in which two were killed and one seriously wounded, did not take place on the north shore. Our voters decided at recent elections that if other towns crave that sort of advertising they are welcome to it.

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Allen Hammel, the Brink's express guard who forgot and walked away with \$39,000, is still forgetting. If it is a trick to avoid conviction he certainly is doing a good job at it.

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A moot question, "who has the biggest job in the New Deal?" can now be answered. It is a lad named Coyle, who is cataloged as "PWA engineer and wind resistance expert."

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It is encouraging to note that the railroads are preparing to meet the competition of the airplane and the bus by means of the new streamlined Diesel powered trains which combine speed with low operating cost. Thus industry gives evidence that it can still take care of itself if not hampered by bureaucratic regulations and threats of confiscation.

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"Movie Director Swats Two Chorus Girls," headlines a dispatch from Hollywood. Thanks, Mr. Director!

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