

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

By **RALPH E. CHURCH**

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Washington, D. C., April 2.—The President's letter to an anonymous friend disclaiming any desire to be "dictator" in the United States is one of the most extraordinary pronouncements ever made by a President of the United States. There is hardly any doubt that it was a political maneuver calculated to assist the Administration leaders in Congress in driving the Reorganization Bill through to enactment. It is designed to answer the bitter opposition to this particular bill.

Let it be assumed that the President was absolutely sincere when he set forth his reasons for not having dictator aims. He gave three reasons: (1) "I have no inclination to be a dictator," (2) "I have none of the qualifications which would make me a successful dictator," and (3) "I have too much historical background and too much knowledge of existing dictatorships."

But that is not the point! It is not a question of the inclinations and qualifications of the occupant of the White House. It is not a question as to whether or not we trust President Roosevelt. The point is that the Reorganization Bill destroys the nice balance of powers in the American system of government. It is a system of government and not the qualifications of those who operate it which is at issue. And, if this democracy is to survive, we must preserve the system from inroads upon it, however well meaning each step may be.

All are agreed that there is a great need for reorganization of the government. Bureaus and agencies have sprung up like mushrooms all over the United States. There is endless red-tape and much duplication of work. Our government should be reorganized.

All are agreed that the President should have a hand in the reorganization process. His knowledge of the workings of the machinery of government is essential in any decision as to what bureaus or agencies may be rearranged or disposed of. His recommendations would be invaluable.

But why—just why—can we not set ourselves to this task in accord-

ance with the principles of this government? Why cannot we accomplish an efficient reorganization by close cooperation between the Executive and Legislative branches? Why cannot Congress retain for itself some of its constitutional power as a check on the Executive?"

Let us assume that the President will not exercise arbitrary power if it is delegated to him as provided for in the Reorganization Bill. Let us assume that we trust him and that he will exercise all the powers given him as wisely as any man could. Even so, is there any legitimate reason why Congress should not at least have the power, which perhaps it may never need use, to check some arbitrary or unwise action by the President?

It is understandable why there should be thousands of American citizens who are inclined to wonder about the motives of the President when he does not wish Congress to have any true check on his actions. It is difficult to understand why the President insists upon ignoring the democratic processes of government. The people are alarmed at his actions and that alarm will not be allayed by mere words of assurance embodied in a letter to an anonymous friend.

In his letter he endeavored to convey the thought that he would not veto any bill which Congress may pass rejecting some Executive order he may issue under the terms of the Reorganization Bill. The impression sought to be conveyed by the vague language is that he would heed the wishes of Congress. If then the President believes that the wishes of Congress should be followed, why should he so strenuously object to having a provision written into the bill to the effect that none of his Executive Orders become effective until Congress approves them?

The battle which is being waged in Congress over the Reorganization Bill is over a principle of government. If there are not those who will fight for the principles of this democracy, whatever the cost, then we are certain to follow the course which has meant the downfall of other democracies in the world.

Council meeting in the home of Mrs. Roy O. Nereim, Commissioner. Committee meetings will begin at 10 a.m. Council meeting at 11 a.m. Luncheon will be served promptly at 12:30. The leaders will be the guests of the council members who will provide box lunches.

At 1:30 Mrs. Katie Lee Johnson, director of Great Lakes Region No. 7 will talk on "The New Girl Scout Program."

Troop committee members are cordially invited and urged to attend the afternoon session at 1:30 to hear Mrs. Johnson.

Troop 2, Ravinia School.
Paula Raff, Scribe.

Mrs. Godfrey Eiler, examiner for housekeeping badges for Ravinia Troops, and Mrs. John Brent, chairman of Badges and Awards, have passed and presented badges to Mary Louise Dyer and Paula Raff, who are now full-fledged girl scout cooks, having prepared and served a delicious dinner to the girls of the troop.

Braeside Troop No. 3.
Patsy Millar, Scribe

Georgiana Frisbie, Betty Ann Kloeffer were invested as Tenderfoot Scouts, and Dorothy Salem, Erica Watts, Hallie Harrington, Janet Larsen, Dolores Scheemaecher, Barbara Lynn, Jane Straub, Lillian Dinelli, Jacqueline Day, and Shirley Ann Spence passed and received badges for second class work.

The troop members had invited their mothers to the ceremonies and served tea and cookies to their guests.

Elm Place Troop No. 7.
Peggy Ham, Scribe

Fern Bench, Marjorie Eiver, Dorothy Evans, Peggy Ham, Nancy Henning, Martha Lyon, Nancy Newey, and Suzanne Newman have passed their Thrift tests.

Pictures of Orient Form New Exhibit At Woman's Club

Throughout the year, the walls of the Highland Park Woman's club have been gay with interesting and attractive pictures, brought there by the indefatigable Art Committee headed by Mrs. James Freudenthal and consisting of the following members: Mesdames Irving Stieglitz, Jay Glidden, John Van Bergen, and Ernest Volwiler, under the general chairmanship of Mrs. John Oliver of the Fine Arts Department.

The final exhibit to hang until after the meeting, April 19, is a fitting close to the year's artistic showings. Due to our general interest in the Orient at the present time, these pictures are particularly intriguing. They are the work of a noted California artist, Mrs. Mary S. Falkner, whose oils have been exhibited in New York, Los Angeles, and San Diego. Mrs. Falkner has studied and worked in the artistic atmosphere of three well-known art centers in the country, Ogunquit Maine, Gloucester, Massachusetts and Carmel, California.

This exhibit is the result of a two years' sojourn in China, where she spent most of her time in Shanghai, Peking and Hankow. They are mostly character studies of the Chinese coolies and scenes of junks on the Yangtze River. Among the most interesting are her coolie studies and a colorful street scene of Nan-king Road, Shanghai. Mrs. Falkner's artistic eye and sensitive soul has caught the essential characteristics of the Chinese and released them in charming portraits.

Good News, Contest Fans! The Official List of Winners in THE AMERICAN WEEKLY Reader Test Competition is Now Ready. You'll Find it in THE AMERICAN WEEKLY, the Magazine Distributed with NEXT SUNDAY'S CHICAGO HERALD AND EXAMINER.

Daniel Cobb Is Awarded Prize in Radio Contest

Being an amateur is sometimes profitable—at least, being an amateur detective. Daniel W. Cobb of 284 Park avenue, this city, was the recipient of a \$50 check from the Philco Radio and Television corporation as one of the final prize-winners in the \$50,000 "Phyl' Coe Radio Mystery contest.

The mystery contest was started last fall and was broadcast over

243 radio stations throughout the country, with contestants entered from every state in the union. Sixteen mysteries were presented weekly for solution by the nation's amateur sleuths, with \$2,500 offered in weekly prizes. Winners of one or more weekly awards were eligible for the final prizes.

If a man be endowed with a generous mind, this is the best kind of nobility.—Plato.

Nobleness of character is nothing else than steady love of good and steady scorn of evil.—Froude.



JAY B. MORSE

Republican Candidate for
County Clerk

PRIMARY — TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1938

I Will Appreciate Your Vote and Support

Children's Drama Classes End Season With Program April 2

The children's dramatic classes of the YWCA, taught by Gertrude Butler, closed their season last Saturday afternoon with a program in which all the members took part. Two casts presented Hansel and Gretel, one at the beginning of the program and one at the close. Each cast was directed by a member of the class. The dramatization, properties and costumes were all worked out by the children themselves as the class work for the past term. The younger children recited individual pieces and a group played dramatic games with musical accompaniment.

A large group of the children's parents and friends attended.

Ravinia Club to Launch Community Conservation Drive

A most constructive and far reaching campaign to preserve the natural beauty of Ravinia has just been announced by the Ravinia Garden club. With that purpose in mind they announce publication of a book on conservation written and illustrated by May Thielgaard Watts. This book which will be of interest to all residents of the community not only boasts of conser-

vation but enables residents through the use of illustrations and maps to locate various species of shrubs, trees and wild flowers contiguous to this territory. A distinctive cover was designed by Hazel Crowe Ewell. The book will be launched at a meeting to be held on Friday, April 8, at 2 o'clock at the Braeside school. Mr. Jens Jensen, the noted landscape artist and educator who has long advocated preservation and appreciation of our natural beauty will address the club. Tea will be served with Mrs. Small as hostess assisted by Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Straight.

GIRL SCOUTS

Last week Miss Jane McWhinney, leader of the high school troop, was unable to be with the troop because of a slight illness. But the girls met in the McWhinney home, as usual, and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. McWhinney, and they all had a grand time.

Nancy Henning and Dorothy Evans and Marthy Lyon of Troop 7 Elm place, presented a skit on "The Does and Dont's of Fire Prevention." This was a "follow-up" on their recent visit to the Highland Park Fire Station in connection with work on Fire Prevention.

On Wednesday, April 13, there will be a Highland Park Girl Scout

A Capable Woman for An Important Office!

NOMINATE and ELECT ESTHER C. SINGER

(Mrs. Mortimer Singer)

of

HIGHLAND PARK

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

for

County Judge

OF LAKE COUNTY

Her nomination will mark the first time a Highland Park or Highwood citizen has ever obtained a place on the regular November ballot — Democratic or Republican.

FOR THE FIRST TIME—A WOMAN FOR A COUNTY OFFICE WHICH TOUCHES THE HUMAN SIDE OF LIFE IN ALL ITS PHASES

Highland Park, Highwood, Deerfield, and surrounding Territory comprise 1/4 of the voting population of Lake County. Yet no citizen of this section has succeeded in obtaining a place on the November Ballot — Republican or Democratic.

With the present strong stand being taken by the women of Lake County in her favor, and against corrupt machine politics, a large Democratic vote in the South End of Lake County will insure both the Nomination and Election of Esther C. Singer.

Capable — Fearless — Impartial

"Here is one justice who no man can blindfold!"

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ASK FOR A DEMOCRATIC BALLOT!



THOROUGHLY QUALIFIED THROUGH EDUCATION - EXPERIENCE TEMPERAMENT

ESTHER C. SINGER (Mrs. Mortimer Singer) was born in Chicago 30 years ago, and has resided in Highland Park since her marriage eight years ago. She has been engaged in the active practice of law for nearly ten years.

She is the mother of two children, a boy six years of age, attending Lincoln public school in Highland Park and a girl aged two. Mrs. Singer graduated from the Chicago grade schools before she was 12, and completed her high school education before she was sixteen. She received her pre-legal training at Crane College and at the University of Chicago.

She graduated from the DePaul University Law School in June 1928. Passing the bar examinations immediately thereafter, she was admitted to the Illinois bar at the next session of the Supreme Court which was in October 1928. She then took graduate work at Northwestern University Law School.

Since her marriage, Mrs. Singer has been associated with her husband and her father-in-law in the practice of law in Lake County, maintaining offices in Highland Park under the law firm name of Singer & Singer.



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