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Today America faces its first real problem as a world power.

Italy lies before us. General Eisenhower, as commander of the Allied forces of invasion, suddenly becomes a statesman. He is a soldier. He can win battles. Now, he is the man ultimately responsible for directing American world policy. What is American world policy?

Eisenhower is firm in his decisions, certain in his own procedure, because he s responsible only to his Commander-in-Chief.

But who is his Commander-in-Chief? Roosevelt. A man who may suddenly leave the scene in the midst of a battle, if the American public so decrees.

And then? Has America any firm foreign policy, unfettered by partisan political restriction, a clear-marked path that a fighting man or any other man can follow?

In a few short weeks from now, a group of busy, hard-pressed men are going to sit down on Mackinac island and try to write what American foreign policy they think ought to be sponsored by the Republican party.

These men have to face the question of committing the Republican party to a definite foreign policy. And paradoxically, by committing their party to a definite foreign policy, they may free both political parties of all commitment on foreign policy. For if the Democrats frame similar resolutions, they can save America from a vicious split—one which, if it is not avoided, will crash party lines and can destroy the two-party system, the rock of our democracy.

The issue which America faces is simple: shall we, as a nation, underwrite a policy which will implement our participation in world affairs or shall we retire unto ourselves and pursue the nationalistic policy which says in effect: let the rest of the world stew in its own juice?

Until we took the Phillippines, America was able to leave the great and vital problems which should have no political tinge, outside partisan politics. We have had other problems which have remained essentially non-partisan.

The Problems

Take Labor. A vital question. But has labor ever voted solidly for one ticket or the other? No. The AFL will cast its traditional Republican votes in the coming election as it always has. Some of the CIO members will vote to support the administration. Others will vote as they darn please.

Slavery—really a labor question. That did nearly wreck the republic because it was made a partisan issue when it was not an issue at all! Many of the influential southerners were just as ready to free their slaves as the rabid abolitionists, heated with emotional fervor, failing to grasp the economic significance, were to force them to.

Again, unless a cold, calm discussion and understanding of the question of foreign policy takes place, we may face another split which, although it need not mean civil war, may mean a horrid dislocation of our whole political system.

When we went into World War II after Pearl Harbor, the word "isolationism" was forgotten. Today it has come back into our vocabularies and is being batted about, like other political footballs, by people who really don't understand its implications and are woefully ignorant of what dissension it may cause.

Politicians want to overlook it.

They can't. This group of Republicans, headed by Deneen Watson, and a whole flying squadron of Democrats, too, are insistent that they be allowed to "let the people know." They are going to speak their pieces. And the only hope of lifting this discussion out of partisan politics is a "settlement out of court," an agreement by both parties on a single foreign policy.

Let's get back to that hot and perspiring day in Washington late last month when Deneen Watson and his colleagues from this self-appointed Republican organization, the Republican "foreign policy association," walked across quiet Lafayette park opposite the White House and presented themselves to Chairman Spangler of the Republican national committee.

Results Of Session

It was some time before the results of this meeting between Watson and his colleagues and Chairman Spangler of the Republican national committee leaked out. Those with an anti-Republican slant, wove the words dropped into a threatened split in the Republican party, a drive to nominate Wendell Willkie for president.

To the person who tried to be objective, it was neither.

Mr. Spangler has one job—to keep the party together, to eschew any favoritism for any policy or any person. Naturally, these persistent persons who called upon him were presenting a problem. I believe it was that fact rather than what his critics said that indicated there was a leaning toward the "status quo" attitude, the desire to remain a purveyor of platitudes and follow the tide rather than to face it.

This issue—full participation in world affairs versus a return to nationalism or isolationism, if you will—is, according to our most earnest non-partisans, the most important issue which has faced the public and should not be a political football.

Briefly, what the men with their sleeves rolled up at Mackinac in September have to face is this: shall we, good Republicans, come out frankly for world co-operation or dodge the issue?

What the Watson association demands is more than that and something the Republican national committee must face: will the party officially get behind a nation-wide campaign to "educate" the people on the international issue?

Unfortunately, personalities do get mixed up in these things and Wendell Willkie has become the symbol of the international view.

That is why it is essential, if the party is to take the issue out of partisan politics and disassociate it from any of the indivduals aspiring for the Republican candidacy, that they must go on record.

The Monroe Doctrine

Walter Lippmann has written a book called "American Foreign Policy", and the point he makes is this: until 1900, politics did stop at the water's edge. We had a foreign policy (or thought we did) which was the Monroe Doctrine. According to Lippmann, we are living under a delusion. Namely, that we had under the Monroe Doctrine declared our whole policy—America for Americans (period) which implied, of course, that the rest of the world could do what it pleased so long as it kept off our grass.

We believed that we could enforce that policy oursleves. That was not correct. We were really depending on the British fleet to enforce it. It happened to be to British advantage to agree, so there was no trouble.

Then we mixed in world affairs, found we had to fight our own battles, and did it—took over Hawaii, the Phillippines. But we didn't provide the means to hold them. And so, disagreeing on the various steps necessary to carry out our foreign policy, we failed to provide the means to do so—Britian was busy elsewhere, and one morning we lost the Philippines and came within an eyelash of losing Hawaii.

And so we now face the necessity of framing a new foreign policy which must include the willingness to provide security for our own shores and those other contiguous shores (South America and Canada) which might be used by an enemy against us. Or we have to take part in prophylactic measures—to stop the danger to our security in advance.

That issue once clarified by the two political parties will leave us free for a good, old-fashioned free-for-all political campaign, and if the best man wins, or the worst man wins, his politics can't effect the international welfare of the nation.

Failure of both parties to clearly set forth their views on foreign policy may well create a third party movement which could wreck the two-party system, the rock on which our Republic is founded.

Briefs

Awards amounting to $1,000,000 will be given to Chinese inventors for the production of science and technology for successful research on products vital to the national defense.

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