

# WAKE UP, AMERICA!

Does America Need a Third Party?

As debated by  
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**MR. DAVIDSON OPENS:** America needs a third party. Both the Democratic and Republican parties have repeatedly demonstrated their incapacity to solve the major problems of American life. Both have held political power; yet, under both, large sections of our population have lacked the food, clothing, housing, medical care, and economic security people need and this country can provide. The fundamental cleavages within the two old major parties prevent their effectuating positive programs for achieving full employment, high production levels, and improved living standards. In the Democratic Party, Senators Wagner and Bilbo are diametrically opposed in outlook and action, and similarly with Moore and Bricker in the Republican Party. The spread of totalitarianism, the danger of a third and a new world war, the virus of religion and racial bigotry and persecution require a political instrument that will enable the people to meet these challenges. The Republican Party, controlled by reactionary Big Business elements and isolationists, and the Democratic Party, dominated by Southern Tories, racists, and Big City machines, cannot serve as this progressive instrument. These times demand that liberals in all walks of life unite in a new, nation-wide third party that will challenge the unholy alliance of Reactionary Republicans and Southern Tory Democrats now dominating Congress. What the present Congress has done on price control, F.E.P.C., Wyatt's housing program, the minimum wage bill, and the Case Bill is living proof a new party is needed.

**MR. BRADLEY CHALLENGES:** I challenge Mr. Davidson: (1) To demonstrate that any country has made as much progress on the road to complete individual liberty and economic security as has been made in the United States under the two-party system; (2) to demonstrate that the successful formation and maintenance of a third party would result in greater individual liberty and economic security for all of the people; (3) to explain the obvious inconsistency in his position in saying that each of the two major parties now in its ranks Senators "diametrically opposed in outlook and action" and, at the same time, claiming that the Republican Party is "controlled by reactionary elements" and the Democratic Party dominated by "Southern Tories".

**MR. DAVIDSON REPLIES:** American progress is due to many factors—not the two-party system. Mr. Bradley's Republican Party was itself a third party—against the Whigs and Democrats. As such it helped preserve the Union and abolish slavery. Even Roosevelt could not reform his party. The last Democratic Congress elected with him has demonstrated its reactionary character. Talmadges, Mays, Hauges continue as Democratic chieftains. The Republican Party didn't invite Willkie, 1940 candidate, to its 1944 convention. Big Business, isolationists thought him too progressive. The two parties represent reaction and privilege. America needs a new party—with a positive liberal program—for freedom with security for all.

### Hinsdale

Reporter, Mrs. Henry Hurlburt  
 Hinsdale, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. John Starkey of West Palm Beach, Fla., are spending a few weeks at their summer home here.

Newton DeGolia of Hamburg spent the weekend with his aunt, Mrs. Josephine Perkins.

Miss Frieda Morris, who teaches at Barre, Vt., was guest speaker at the Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Gilbert A. Farwell was hostess to members of the C. S. T. Club at her home Thursday afternoon. A dessert luncheon was served at 1 o'clock, followed by a business meeting and program arranged by Marion Caverly.

The Women's Home Missionary Society of Pleasant Valley met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. R. Morris. The devotions were in charge of Myrtle Warner and the program in charge of Mrs. Salisbury. Roll Call was answered by a Bible verse and "America's Changing Frontier" in the study book was taken up.

About \$1,000 has been raised for the new home of the Hinsdale American Legion Post, members were informed Thursday evening as plans went forward to stake out the site of the hall. The next meeting will be held Aug. 22.

The Fay Hollow Sunbath Society held its annual wieners roast for members and their families Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

Hinsdale Grange met in regular session in I. O. O. F. Hall Monday evening, Aug. 12.

Hinsdale Grange, 843, held its annual picnic Sunday at Obl. The members of the Grange met at the United Brethren Church at 11 o'clock to attend the morning services. Following the services a picnic dinner was served at the Guilford farm.

### Maple Hill

Reporter, Mrs. Ralph Chambers  
 R. D., Hinsdale

Ralph Chambers, 2nd, is having a cellar dug and will move his house onto it as soon as the wall is finished.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Washburn, former Ischua residents, now living at East Pembroke, have named their baby boy Harold Clair. Mrs. Washburn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Learn, and this is the third child in their family and the first grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Learn.

Laurin Chase spent Monday night at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Chambers, and his mother, Mrs. Heston Chase, accompanied other members of the Ischua Fire Department Auxiliary to Westons Mills, where they were guests of that Auxiliary at a meeting and lunch.

County right-of-way men were looking over our road last week with a view to making improvements in the surface soon. This is a much needed piece of work and whatever is done to make it less rough and stony will be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Chambers of Belfast were guests of their sons, G. A. Chambers and R. G. Chambers, 2nd., Sunday, and attended church services at Maplehurst.

Mrs. Harold Goodyear of Hinsdale spent last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Colley, while Mrs. Colley was helping in Frost's store in Hinsdale during the absence on vacation, of Mr. and Mrs. Frost.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Learn and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Learn and two daughters attended the Learn Reunion in Veterans Park in Olean Sunday, August 11. There were 63 members of the family present including those from Corydon, Pa., Jamestown, Salamanca, and Limestone. Leslie Scott was elected president of the association with R. H. Learn as vice-president, and Robert Learn, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Learn had as their guests over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. John Learn of Jamestown.

### East Cuba

Reporter, Miss Gertrude Blatchley  
 R. D. 1, Cuba

Aug. 4

Miss Gertrude Blatchley returned home Saturday after spending two weeks vacation with her sister, Mrs. Alton Barney of Short Tract.

We are sorry to hear that Clinton Case broke his arm. We all wish him a quick recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Barney of Short Tract spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Blatchley and family.

Robert Robbins and Lewis Robbins of Olean called on Mrs. Mary Siple and Mrs. Urban Gross Tuesday, July 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gross, Urban Gross and Mrs. Mary Siple attended the auction at Ischua Tuesday, July 23.

Mrs. Alton Barney of Short Tract spent a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Blatchley.

Mrs. Mary Siple and grandsons and Mrs. Everett Blatchley spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Barney of Short Tract.

It has been reported that a mother bear and two young cubs were seen above the Bova farm.

### Rockville

Reporter, Mrs. L. G. Chamberlain,  
 Belfast, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams Enders and family visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferris of Rawson Saturday evening.

Deerwood Fuller of Springville returned to his home Sunday after spending several weeks at the Enders home.

Mary Havens has been having trouble with infection in her arm. Shirley Brewer visited her cousin, Cella Gleason, at Cuba on Friday and stayed over night.

Ervin Van Slyke had to go to the doctor recently to have removed a turtle hook which he had run into his hand.

Mr. and Mrs. William Enders and family visited relatives in Springville Sunday.

Joyce Roat and Reta Enders were in Belfast Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chamberlain were in Olean Friday.

Bert Roat's team ran away Friday while hitched to the binder. Mr. Roat was not seriously hurt but the binder was somewhat damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Belcher and Mrs. Louis Ender and daughter Shirley of Springville were guests at the William Enders home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Roat were in Cuba Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cromwell took their son Lee to North Chili on Saturday. Lee intends to work in Rochester and attend Roberts Junior College when the fall session opens.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Olmstead and son Alex of Mt. Kisco were guests at Elbert Baker's on Thursday and Friday.

Several from Rockville attended the Sunday School outing of the F. M. Church on Monday at Letchworth Park. The Belmont Sunday School joined with the Belfast group.

Sunday guests at Herbert Havens' home were Mr. and Mrs. A. Sanders and daughter of Buffalo, Mr. and Mrs. Cohn of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Havens and daughter of Jamestown, and Mrs. Howard of Syracuse.

Rudy Havens of New Jersey, who has been visiting relatives in Rockville, broke his arm while cranking a car recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wilson are spending this week at their cottage here in Rockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Chamberlain called at the George Boyd home in Belfast Friday evening.

Mrs. Will Chamberlain is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Roeseke, in Cuba for a few days.

Burton Howell of Hornell called on his mother Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Johannes called at the Raymond home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Carl Raymond and Mildred Dick and Hubert Howell called on Mrs. John Peterson on Monday.

Robert Hendricks is visiting his brother Herbert at the Stanley Chamberlain home for a few days.

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Reporter, Mrs. Cecile Frost  
 R. D. 2, Cuba

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lawrence and daughter Margaret and Diane Rankin of New York City are spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cole.

Oscar Johnson and Leo McMahon of Olean spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McMahon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Blakeslee and son are spending the week at Lime Lake.

Audrey Emerson is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kellogg of Binghamton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Frost called on Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Flak of Obl Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Emerson entertained the following guests for dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lawrence and daughter and Diane Rankin of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price and daughter of Hinsdale called at Arthur Frost's Sunday afternoon.

Elizabeth McMahon is spending a week's vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McMahon.

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Reporter, Mrs. Glenn Gleason  
 Belfast, N. Y.

Ada Truesdell called on Glenn Gleason and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Washburn and nephew and W. Briggs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gleason, Mrs. Glenn Gleason, and Max Histed and family spent Sunday in Letchworth Park.

Mrs. Madge Karns is spending a short time with Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Haskins.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Poor spent Sunday with Maurice Gleason.

Jerry Gleason spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Haskins.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCaffery spent Thursday evening with Richard Gleason and family.

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By the Fox That Walks Like A MAN  
 WALTER FOX

It's refreshing to observe President Truman's sudden conversion to the old time religion of saving instead of spending. However, a person even as innocent and unsophisticated as the writer can't help but wonder if the President's recently acquired interest in the matter may be inspired by something a little less altruistic than concern for the nation's taxpayers. Can it be that the day of judgment next Nov. 5, has bearing on his conversion? If his party succeeds at the polls election day, will he still possess his newly found fervor for economy? Or will he backslide as so many other sinners have done. Time will tell.

Here's a word for the Hon. Daniel A. Reed, Member of Congress from this New York State district. The writer was irked at the beginning of the latest conflict, by Mr. Reed's refusal to cooperate with President Roosevelt in preparing the country for war abroad, instead of waiting until it was brought to our shores. As it is now, I wish that Mr. Reed could conscientiously see his way clear to work more cooperatively with the present administration in foreign affairs. But before criticizing his course even mildly, let's reflect for a moment on the fact that our representative undoubtedly sees behind the scenes more clearly than can any of us who likely are less informed on the subject than a member of the Congress ought to be. Forces undetectable to the writer seem to be trying to precipitate us into World War 3, with Soviet Russia, before we've started picking up the pieces of the second World war. Can we condemn Mr. Reed for voting accordingly to his own judgment, in case he more clearly foresees than most of the rest of us can foresee that the national alignments proposed by Mr. Truman's administration may be the very means of provoking conflict?

But aside from his stand on foreign questions, there remains the fact that for many years Mr. Reed has been almost the only advocate of government economy in congress with enough courage to stand up on his hind legs and shout right out in meeting on the subject of saving instead of spending. At a time when profligacy has imperiled the solvency of the national government and its citizens, can Mr. Reed be fairly blamed for his opposition to such extravagance? Despite the fortunes of politics the Truman administration still has nearly a three year lease on life. Because it has nearly three years to go, and judging by the record of the last several months, a competent informed critic of the Truman administration is one of the necessities of the present and the near future. Would Mr. Reed's primary opponent, about whom little or nothing is known to the writer, be as capable of assuming the role of a "No" man, as Mr. Reed has repeatedly demonstrated his ability in that regard? Being a yesser is easy in any walk of life, but it takes an independent mind and forthright courage to consistently play the part of a no-er, when every instinct of self preservation may scream for an opposite course. Congress needs a few more members rather than one less of Mr. Reed's particular genius. It's up to the voters of the 45th New York District to see that our one is returned to a position where he may more effectively play whatever part the turn of fortune may assign him to.

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