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President Roosevelt and his New Deal government are leading our country towards socialism and dictatorship. They themselves may not clearly realize the fact. We, as individuals, may not be aware of it. It is none the less true. The spirit of the New Deal government, its official utterances, its proposals, and the principal legislation initiated by it, tend to paralyze the American economic system. Furthermore the New Deal government makes light of fundamentals of the American form of democracy. Its trend is to an alien social scheme of classes, an alien economic plan, and even an alien form of government. And that ^{last} means dictatorship. It may be called socialism, fascism, communism, or nazi-ism.

Recovery and prosperity cannot return to us under a government hostile to the American system. Confidence, the profit motive, free competition, individual enterprise and the natural functioning of the law of supply and demand are at the heart of the American economic system. These are the very principles of our system that are strangled and stultified by the New Deal.

Free representative government cannot function as intended by the Constitution under an administration, with an obedient majority in congress, that is hostile to the American system. Independence of government fear or favor, free and impartial courts, a congress responsible to the people, not to the president, and prudent national finances, are at the heart of the American system of government. All these are weakened or thwarted by the New Deal.

Contemporary history shows that when an existing form of government and economic life fails, ~~when-unemployment-~~ then a different form of government steps in. And it is always a dictatorship. The signs and symptoms of failure are evident in America at this moment, under the dominance of the New Deal party. When the American system of government and of economic

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If there is a question whether Americans want socialism and dictatorship it is one that should be thought out very deliberately. Abnormal times are not suitable for deciding wisely upon fundamental changes that will shape the long future. A return to prosperity under the old system, faulty as it still is, affords the only opportunity for approaching our problems in a normal frame of mind. And return to prosperity under the old system is impossible under the blight of the New Deal. Thus to choose between Americanism and dictatorship and socialism, or to make wise improvements in the American system, it is in either case essential to have a period of prosperity, a ~~long~~ breathing spell for thinking. And this means that there must be nominated and elected to congress representatives of the people who may be democrats or republicans, but who are not New Dealers. Otherwise we have no ^{real} recovery, no chance to take stock seriously of the situation, and we drift into dictatorship and socialism.

President Roosevelt's New Deal party is in fact a third party. To defeat it requires that real democrats and republicans act as one. Conceivably President Roosevelt and his ^{friends} ~~party~~ have been consciously seeking dictatorship and socialism. More probably they have been actuated merely by inordinate greed for power and office, with no other consistent aim. The result is the same in either case. America is on a path that leads through economic collapse to dictatorship and socialsim.

life fails, when unemployment is worse, capital not working at all, production is low, and inflation, bankruptcy and chaos arrive, then the government must step in and take over,- and automatically we have dictatorship and socialism. ~~This xxxxxxxx automatically muddles into dictatorship~~ It is possible for a nation to drift into dictatorship, without premeditated seizure of power by some would-be dictator. Thus we may muddle into dictatorship and socialism unless we stop the New Deal ^{very soon.} ~~now, in the impending primaries and elections for Congress.~~

Do we wish to give up our way of life and our democratic government and economic and social system, and our freedom, and to exchange them for some form of socialism under dictatorship? This is the fundamental issue now before the country, however it may be camouflaged. If we do want socialism and dictatorship, then let us vote for them with our eyes open. Let us not blunder into them unawares as we are now doing. Forms of these alien systems are in operation in Russia, Germany and Italy. We can compare the steps by which those dictatorships arose with what has been happening here. We can compare those systems and the life of the people under them with the American system and its results. We can express our choice in ~~the coming~~ congressional primaries and elections. The choice is urgent in itself. It is doubly so because unless we soon elect a congress that will break the strangle hold of the New Deal that paralyzes capital, labor and enterprise, socialism and dictatorship will automatically arise from the New Deal's prevention of employment and production under the American system. The choice will then have been made for us while we hesitated.