

The Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party in the First Congressional District has declared a political war on August H. Andresen. The present congressman for the First Congressional District of Minnesota has a record that reveals his complete lack of understanding of the times in which we live and of the issues which are of such crucial importance.

I say that his record is one of a rank isolationist, a bitter opponent of labor, an inciter of racial prejudice and a reactionary in regard to the domestic economic policies of our nation. His record stands out as a glaring example of political ineptitude and downright defeatism.

Here is the evidence. In June of 1938 this congressman, who proclaimed that he was interested in the ~~xxx~~ defense of America, voted against an appropriation to build our navy to treaty strength. In June of 1939 August Andresen voted to eliminate 1283 planes from the United States Army appropriation. In October 1939 he stated, "This war scare has been largely brought about by propaganda to keep our people in a state of fear and confusion".

Yes, August Andresen was so blinded by his own prejudices and his own lack of understanding that even as Hitler marched into Poland and threatened to overpower the world, the congressman from the First District called it but a war scare brought about by propaganda.

August Andresen opposed and voted against Lend Lease. He opposed the modification of the Neutrality Act which provided that we could sell and ship supplies to England and France. A year after Hitler invaded Poland, in September 1940, this man voted against conscription and but two months before the attack on Pearl Harbor, in October 1941, he voted against extending the draft which meant, in effect, that he favored dismissing our army and leaving us totally unprepared. All of this, mind you, just two months before Pearl Harbor.

August Andresen voted against the seizure of foreign ships in American Harbors, ships of countries that Hitler had overrun and occupied. He voted against arming our merchant ships in order that our commerce could be protected from the Nazi submarine.

The congressman of the First District in typical reactionary fashion voted against giving our government the power to seize vital properties necessary

for the defense of our nation. Congressman Andresen voted against the fortification of the important American island in the Pacific, Guam, thereby adding his bit to weakening our Pacific defenses.

Here is the record of a man who, in considering the defense of his country, was wrong on every issue. Here is the record of a congressman who had a complete lack of knowledge and complete blackout of understanding of the threat of fascism and aggression throughout the world. His record on the home front is every bit as vicious and reactionary as his record supporting the battle front. The congressman from the First District, posing as a representative of a rich agricultural region, has repeatedly voted for high protective tariffs which are ruinous to American agriculture and has openly and bitterly opposed the practical and profitable Reciprocal Trade Treaty Program advanced by our President and Secretary of State, Cordell Hull. This, by the way, is the trade treaty program which has restored the export trade of American agriculture.

The record of Andresen is one of consistent opposition to the Farm Security Administration which has so successfully protected and restored millions of independent farmers in America -- the Farm Security Administration which has been responsible for a preponderance of an increase in our agricultural production for the war program.

This same congressman, while on the one hand voting to victimize the American farmer by high tariffs and slapping at the little farmer by his opposition to the Farm Security Administration, has added onto his miserable record opposition to the Price Control Act. He has consistently voted to restrict the activity of the Office of Price Administration and to restrict the amount of funds available for effective price control. At the same time showing his dislike and opposition to American labor, he voted to drastically amend the Wagner Labor Relations Act and support the new infamous and unjust Smith Connally Act. His anti-labor record is one that is scarcely equalled by any congressman in the entire middlewest. In his deep concern for the welfare of those of special privilege and those who have profiteered from this war, August Andresen voted for the Rumel Tax Plan which would have forgiven the taxes on wartime profits for the year 1942 --

the one year in which American industry had its greatest profits. Adding to this tax record, it should be remembered that the congressman of the First District voted to override the President's veto of the wholly inadequate tax law of 1944, a tax which gave relief to the greedy and additional burdens to the needy.

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