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A Republican Takes A Walk.

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(Through the courtesy of the Forum, in which the original article appeared, and the Reader's Digest, in which it appeared as condensed below, The Mercury has the privilege of presenting to its readers this calm, practical estimate of the accomplishments of the Roosevelt administration by a former Republican who has stuck to his party in the belief that it would bring to the average man and woman, Mr. High being the former editor of the Christian Herald and author of numerous books on foreign affairs, has written an impartial appraisal of the Roosevelt policies in "A Republican Takes a Walk," a humorous, marked by such sanity and calmness of judgment that it will appeal to the serious minded people devoted irrespective of your political allegiance, we think you will find it a most interesting expression of an honest, sincere man.)

I have never voted for a Democrat for president. This year, however, I shall vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt. The campaign has still months to go, but nothing that can be said or done in the campaign will cause me to embolden my own ethical and choose my mind.

Certain emotions involve those that are themselves. Such a political party, Franklin D. Roosevelt is not the issue. He has come to stand not chiefly for a program but for a tendency in American life. It is to be defended that tendency will go with him in the movement. I, for one, do not want to see that happen.

From the beginning of the depression it has seemed to me that an economic system which has come to be based on mass production and mass outings things could happen that happened to ours stood badly in need of overhauling. Back in the dark days almost all of my capitalist friends assumed that too. However, I never took their economic pessimism seriously. My father, a minister, used to remark that of all conversions the deathbed kind was the least to be relied on. He came to stand not chiefly for a party but for the