

Dictatorship

**No people ever recognize
their dictator in advance.**

**He never stands for election
on the platform of dictatorship.**

**He always represents himself as the
instrument of the incorporated national will.**

**When Americans think of dictators,
they always think of some foreign model.**

**If anyone turned up here in a fur hat,
boots, and a grim look, he would be
recognized and shunned. ...**

**But when our dictator turns up
you can depend on it that he will be
one of the boys, and will stand for
everything traditionally American.**

Dorothy Thompson, 1935