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Delayed Action

President Roosevelt long ago should have taken a firm stand against strikes. There has been too much coddling by the New Deal administration of rabid labor leaders setting themselves up as czars and being granted every demand.

If we cannot subdue our enemies at home, it is not likely that we can win victory against those who oppose us in foreign lands, except that the politicians do the fighting here and the soldiers wage war over there. After breaking the no-strike agreement and disregarding the general safety of his country, nothing that John Lewis can do now will place him any higher than a fifth columnist in the estimation of the public.

Why Not Liquor?

Having rationed practically all the necessities of life, we note with satisfaction that the government may finally be driven to the rationing of liquor. One of the first steps toward winning the war and protecting the character and morals of the young men in service would be the outlawing of whiskey. It could have been done easily but high government officials were opposed to such action. Some of them were even so stupid as to publicly say that the use of liquor among the armed forces is essential to build morale.

We have in our heart no place for sympathy with those who may thus be driven to endure the hardships of thirsty gullets—if alcoholic rationing does come about. The present Washington administration is the wettest the country has known in many years.

The Merchants' Hard Job

No one is operating business today under more difficult conditions than the merchant, whether his store be large or small. He must work throughout the regular day and then additional hours, keeping track of ration stamps and endless rules and regulations. If he makes a mistake he is under threat of fine or jail sentence. The result has been that thousands of stores are actually going out of business to the real hardship of many communities, because the operators cannot stand the strain involved and for the added reason that it is becoming more and more difficult to obtain merchandise.

It seems timely to us that Chairman Patman of the House committee on small business, has ordered an investigation into all phases of the issuance of orders and regulations by the OPA. He says: "Conditions are forced upon retailers and wholesalers which do not comply with the provisions of the Emergency Price Control act."

Every effort should be made to lighten or simplify the present complications surrounding retailing—not for the retailers alone, but for the consumer, who is the worst sufferer as thousands of necessary stores are forced out of business due to sheer physical inability to meet the complications of operation. If you doubt this, count the number of vacant store buildings in every town you visit.

A Job Well Done

In an appropriate and inspiring Mother's Day sermon we were privileged to hear Sunday, the minister cited one of the characteristics of a Christian home as hospitality, a virtue, unfortunately, that has been largely discarded in the rush of modern living.

In spite of such tendencies it is entirely in good taste, we think, to say that the observance of Mother's Day in our city was a fine expression of friendship and hospitality. The suggestion had been made that homes of the city be opened to the 400 cadets in training here, for the special day since they were separated by distance from their own parents, homes and friends. More homes were offered, and this is an accomplishment of which all who invited guests should feel justly proud. It was a genuine pleasure to have several of the young men in our home, and the same was true with every family in which there were guests.

Not only was it a joy and pleasure to our people to have the cadets in their homes, but they in turn enjoyed the thoughtfulness and hospitality. "Our hearts are filled by this experience," many of them were heard to say.

As a further expression of their appreciation, "open house" on the college campus was observed in the afternoon to give many friends who journeyed there an opportunity to inspect the cadets' spotless living quarters and other facilities provided for their training and comfort. And then, as a further expression of their appreciation the detachment glee club

ably presented a program of music appropriate for the day and filled with patriotic sentiment.

All in all, it was an unusual, happy day, one that gave us an opportunity to show our interest in this group of fine young men. And we know they were as appreciative as any group could be.

No Club Needed

The treasury announced yesterday that a grand total of \$18,533,000,000 in securities were sold in the second war loan drive which was recently completed, \$5,533,000,000 more than was originally sought in the greatest government financing campaign in history.

It is a source of gratification that the quota for our county was doubled.

The results show that practically every town in the country jumped on the "bond-wagon" during the campaign. When the goal was announced it seemed almost inconceivable that this huge amount could be reached. But the people proved they are willing to go the limit to help pay for the war. They want non-essential and political spending ended—they want every energy and every dollar concentrated on defeating the Nazis and the Japs and bringing the war to a speedy and complete victory.

The success of this drive has proved that the people back home are willing to stand behind and support our boys as they are daily writing an enviable chapter in the nation's history by their valor and bravery on the fighting fronts of the world. As a nation we have said to them in unmistakable terms—we are ready to lend our money and do our part without a club being held over our heads.

Japan Will Be Crushed

Ever since history records, there have been laws—written and unwritten—to cover the conduct of war, the most foolish thing in which mankind can indulge. The most recent group of laws was drawn up at Geneva in recent years, and among the signers was Japan for whom the Allies now hold utter contempt. These laws—with a few supplements—were more or less a resume of the decencies which have for centuries been customary in civilized warfare—if we can call any warfare "civilized."

One of the very fundamentals which has been observed in warfare is the protection and proper treatment of "prisoners of war." The reasons are obvious and many, but of outstanding significance is the fact that the soldier is under orders from his superiors. He is not his own master and it has never been considered reasonable that having been ordered into battle he should be executed when and if captured.

With a spy it has always been a different matter. A spy volunteers for his work and when he is in enemy territory he is fully aware of his fate—if captured—which the recognized laws of warfare decree.

War is horrible enough as it is, without adding to its frightfulness. Try to imagine the results if every military prisoner was slaughtered. The next step would be the slaughter of every civilian who fell into the hands of an enemy both at the beginning of the war and during invasions. It wouldn't be long before the world reached such a state of bestiality that its human population might cease to exist.

Now we have the spectacle of a great and supposedly civilized nation, officially acknowledging that it has broken, and intends to continue to break, the one law of decency which even the wild hordes which periodically overrun Europe were wont to observe. Such is the action, and further threat, of Japan.

Experience with Germany during the last two wars has taught us that the life or death of the enemy civilian doesn't mean much to that nation; but they have—at least officially—respected the laws which protect the prisoner of war. We doubt if Germany would descend to the depths of military infamy to which Japan has now dedicated herself. It is shocking, and makes one's blood boil, to read of her approval of Japan's execution of the American aviators. If it must come, we had far rather see our young men fall victims of the Germans rather than the dastardly Japanese. The marvelous work being done by the International Red Cross is a protection to those who unfortunately become prisoners of war.

When Japan executed those American aviators it drove the cold steel of determination deep into the soul of every one of 130 million Americans. It made the Allies more determined than ever to crush that nation, as will be done in short order once we are ready to start the final devastating offensive in that area. Japan will pay, and dearly, for the lives of

"Meet the People..."

(Each week in this space will be presented a picture and word portrait of someone whose name is news.)



Tom Connally

With much public attention centered on numerous plans for a postwar world, from the United States senate comes word that the foreign relations subcommittee, headed by Tom Connally of Texas, is working hard at trying to formulate such a policy. To draft an international plan that would be strong enough to be of value and be acceptable not only to the senate and the citizens of the United States but to the peoples of the other United Nations is—putting it mildly—a plenty tough assignment.

Tough? Yes, but Tom Connally's record as district prosecutor, state legislator, congressman and senator is strewn with "tough" jobs he has tackled with a stolid spirit.

In congress for over a quarter of a century, he is 66 years old. His commanding figure adds color to the senate membership for his dress of frockish coats, white stiff shirts and a wide black ribbon for his glasses, sets him apart.

If his committee can do only a reasonable job in helping reach an agreement on a post-war world that would insure peace, Tom Connally's international reputation will one day overshadow his record of service.

these aviators, for the spirit of fellowship which this nation once held for Japan is now gone—dead forever. Not only will this be true of America's adult population but of every child who reads his American history. For just as long as it is recorded in that history there will be not one spark of sympathy for Japan's animism.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS

By GEE MCGEE

The Agriculture Blues In "C" Minor

I have a case of congested blues today. First, it's either so dry or so wet I can't plant cotton. Second, it's been raining off and on for a week or so, and being a farmer, I'm getting uneasy. It stops raining every year in time for us to plant and sow, reap and hoe, but this looks like a different condition. But by the time I get ready to plow, the ground is too hard.

Another thing: John Lewis and his CIO and somebody else with his AFL are striking. We have a war on our hands, but labor leaders regard a war as the other fellow's business. We can't win the war if we have too many strikes, meaning too few folks at work. It's mighty hard on our boys "over there" when they can't get 100 per cent cooperation from "over here."

While we don't use our car very much, probably to the extent of 20 miles per week, we observed that the cloth or cotton fabric was showing through two of the tires. That's bad with summer coming on and this writer being exactly 45 years, 5 months, 3 weeks and 2 days behind with his fishing. The nearest fishing hole to his home... where there's anything except a few mud-cats and an occasional carp... is 15 miles as the road winds.

Still another thing: as this piece is going to the printer, the Ruml plan of taxation has not passed. (I want my \$4.20 back if I can get it back). And our last summer's clothes (that we carried over from year before last) don't look quite good enough to conceal us thru the next 4 months. We had a nearly new straw hat late last summer and now that thing is out of style; no feather sticking in it, no twisted band on it and besides that somebody at the house let a suitcase sit on it from October 1, 1942, till 7:30 last night. Woe is me!

The Fight On the Home Front

We have two wars on our hands at present. The Allies are fighting Germany Japan and Italy; but the other war is being fought by us here at home fighting one another. Labor is fighting the public and capital. Labor racketeers are fighting each other. Boss is fighting boss.

There is a fight going on in various departments of our government. Leader fighting leader. WPB is fighting OPA. Department of Agriculture fighting the farmer and the farmer is fighting crop pests and politicians. The Republicans are fighting the Democrats and the Democrats are fighting the Republicans.

Our president is being fought by selfish interests. Prejudice and hate are fighting our democratic form of government. Department heads are fighting department heads. The public is fighting against and is fighting for the black markets. Business is fighting for more money and industry is fighting high taxes.

The world is turned upside down. Our country is in an uproar all of the time. Every person has his own ideas about everything. Every other person knows how to do everything better than it is being done. Strikes, arguments, shortages, and politics have a strangle-hold on our United States. Men in high places will lie and misrepresent, distort and exaggerate, in order that they might carry their point.

We have made this war secondary in our daily walk and conversation. We are investing in bonds and stamps when we find it convenient to do so. We have made no sacrifices as yet that might be considered worthwhile. While we are holding our own, we are not winning the war. We all know that we will win the war, but

we are depending more on the downfall of Germany than we are on ourselves. We won't be able to put up a real fight abroad until we have stopped fighting at home.

TODAY... TOMORROW

By Don Robinson

WAR ADS—Sponsors

Just as most of us don't pay much attention to the name of the sponsor when we listen to a radio program, often we don't give proper attention to the signature on war bond advertisements and other war messages published in newspapers and magazines.

Our natural reaction to a war bond advertisement is to think about whether we can afford to buy more bonds than we are buying now—and of course that is the primary purpose of such advertising.

But a considerable habit to form during these times would be to note the name of the sponsors too—just so we can give a nod of recognition to those individuals or business men who are digging into their pockets to pay for advertising to make the bond sale in their town a success.

Actually the people who pay for these ads are making more of a contribution to the war program than are those of us who simply buy bonds. For when a business man or a newspaper publisher spends money to push the sale of bonds he doesn't get his money back in ten years with interest nor does he get any other personal benefit from it. All he gets is the satisfaction of having donated some of his hard-earned money to a worthwhile cause.

GIFTS—Newspapers

It is impossible to get any accurate figures on just how many millions of dollars have been donated to support government war advertising, but the total figure would be staggering.

A lot of us, when we see bond advertising, or war messages about rationing, scrap collections, tire conservation, victory gardens and countless other wartime subjects, are apt to think that the government pays for these—if we think about the cost at all. But actually the government hasn't spent a nickel for such advertising. It has all been contributed by men and women who realize such campaigns are necessary and are willing to pitch in and help foot the bill.

Probably the greatest donation of all has been made by the newspaper publishers themselves. At a recent newspaper meeting, it was estimated that the newspapers have so far donated approximately \$50,000,000 in advertising space to the war. This is in addition to the mass of stories and editorials, sent to them by Washington, which they have published as news.

It may be argued by those who don't analyze the situation that newspapers can give this space away without it costing them anything. But to a man who publishes a newspaper you might as well say that a steel company can afford to give away the steel for battleships.

A newspaper publisher's only stock in trade is his advertising space. When he gives that space away instead of charging money for it, he is making a real dollar-and-cents donation. And there are plenty of publishers who are practically being forced out of business because they are giving too generously of that white space.

MERCHANTS—Citizens

The general procedure, when the government has an advertisement it wants to run, is to send a copy of it to each publisher. With the copy is a note from the interested government agency asking the publisher to try to find someone, or some group, to sponsor that advertisement in his newspaper.

Since the newspaper thinks first of

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the merchants in his town as advertisers, he usually takes it to them to see if they are willing to pay part of the cost. Some merchants are glad to do this occasionally, but most of them must wonder why they are singled out for such solicitations.

Actually it would seem as if such advertising messages should be backed by all members of the community. For it is of just as much concern to Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Smith that war bonds be sold as it is to the long-suffering merchants.

In some towns there have been organized Citizens' War Advertising committees which raise funds to pay for these advertisements and determine which ones are most essential to run in their communities. This seems the fairest way to spread the cost of getting necessary war messages to the people.

RATIONING BOARD BULLETIN (OPA)

(Compiled to date for information of The Chronicle's readers).

COFFEE—Stamp No. 23 in war ration book one good for one pound of coffee.

FOODS—Blue stamps in war ration book two are used to ration processed foods—commercially canned, bottled and frozen fruits and vegetables, and including juices, all soups, dried fruits, dried beans and lentils. Dried peas recently were removed from the list of rationed foods and now may be bought without surrendering point stamps.

Blue stamps D, E and F expired April 30 after having been valid since March 25. The only blue stamps now good for processed food purchases are G, H and J, which became valid on April 24, and which will expire on May 31.

Red stamps in war ration book two are used to ration meats, fats, oils, cheeses and canned fish. Poultry, game and fresh fish are not rationed. During May these stamps may be used:

Red stamp E (16 points), stamp expires May 31.

Week beginning May 2, red stamp F (16 points), stamp expires May 31.

Week beginning May 9, red stamp F (16 points), stamp expires May 31.

Week beginning May 16, red stamp H (16 points), stamp expires May 31.

Week beginning May 23, red stamp J (16 points), stamp expires May 31.

GASOLINE—Coupon No. 5 in "A" book good for three gallons but must last through July 21—four months instead of two, as was formerly the case.

SHOES—Stamp No. 17 in war ration book one can be used to buy a pair of rationed shoes through June 15. Some types of shoes are not rationed.

SUGAR—Stamp No. 12 in war ration book one will be good for five pounds through May 31.

TIRES—Owners of passenger cars and commercial vehicles using tires smaller than 7.50 by 20 may get their casings recapped with reclaimed rubber comeback without applying to their local war price and rationing boards for certificates. A driver with a mileage ration of more than 240 miles monthly is entitled, beginning May 1, to new Grade I casings when he needs replacements. Certificates for tires and tubes may be used at any time convenient to the holder.

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Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on or before that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred.

PIERCE HENDERSON,
April 13, 1943.—6-4c. Committee.

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