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**Dictatorship by Default**

There is a possibility that this nation may go totalitarian by default. And if that happens, we will see "the beginning of a cycle of tyranny and impoverishment such as other nations have experienced when the individual was superseded by the State." That is the warning of Eric Johnson, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

The danger of America going totalitarian arises from the illusion that government is blessed with an inexhaustible supply of wisdom and cash, which can be drawn on freely without any strings attached to freedom. It is a dangerous illusion, a warped conception of democracy, the result of which has been a staggering growth of bureaucracy, debt, and political domination of private effort. It must be erased before the future can be approached with confidence.

Our republic became great because it has always been a land of individual enterprise. Its people grew strong because they were free and self-reliant. A man who had a good idea and was willing to work to put it into effect, received encouragement and reward, providing he could actually give people something they needed and wanted. Thus industry was built. Hard work by individuals keeps it going. Our bountiful natural resources—the oil, coal and metals so vital to victory—would still be buried in the ground but for the individuals who were not afraid to take risks and back up those risks with a lot of sweat.

The people of many nations are counting on this country. The men and women of America are literally the last hope for a better civilization. It is inconceivable that, with the tradition of greatness which is theirs, they will seek to solve their problems by following the same tawdry path of government idolatry that has destroyed civilization in a large part of the world.

**Wildcat Regulation Dangerous**

Human nature makes people do strange things.

Take for instance the lady who erected two 50-foot poles on top of her house because she lived next to an airport and didn't like to have planes come near her house. She even left the poles unlighted 15 feet above the obstruction lights at the boundary of the airport. An airline was required in the interests of safety to pass up the city with air mail, passengers and cargo until the situation was cured.

In one of our leading cities, a man built a 348-foot stack one mile from the airport. The city has tried for several years to have the stack lowered or, at least, marked with a red light, but so far without success.

With such examples to draw from, it is no wonder the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives favorably reported the Lea-Bailey Bill to amend the Civil Aeronautics Act and establish some additional common-sense Federal controls to aid civilian airlines. Among other things, the Bill would give the Federal Administrator of Civil Aviation the power to formulate a nationwide program of airport zoning to assure protection of the approaches to airports from unreasonable obstructions. The Administrator would be required to cooperate with states and municipalities.

The greatest hazards to air travel are largely due to lack of uniform regulations, and to conflicting laws throughout the country. With civilian aviation destined to expand rapidly, present conditions must be improved at the earliest possible date.

**Scientists of Peace**

Medical science has gone far toward eliminating plagues and epidemics. In the nations were dying like flies from infectious disease, the cynics derided the men who sought to remove the cause of such malignant evils, knowing that if the cause was not found, the human race stood to perish.

War is a plague. It is a disease that threatens to destroy mankind. It must be stopped. Idealism alone won't stop it. Like plague, it can only be stopped by science, in this case the science of business relations between nations. Today we have our cynics who declare that war is "human nature." And since human nature is unchanging, there will always be war. They are no different than the cynics who thought that bubonic plague was a normal and inevitable occurrence.

Fortunately, now as always, there are men who refuse to believe that the human race is licked. There are men working night and day to remove the cause of war. They are not blinded by illusions or ideals

—they are scientists in their field. They are the men who believe that through international trade lies permanent peace. Their belief is founded on research and experiment. At present the work of these men is spearheaded by what is known as the Trade Agreements Act. This Act will be before Congress in June for renewal. If it is not renewed, or if it is crippled by restrictive amendments, the hands of the scientists of peace will be tied.

The people can have peace if they want it. When the present war is won, there need never be another war. Never again need American men leave the girls they love or the homes and families they cherish to die for "Democracy." They need not—but they most assuredly will unless this nation wholeheartedly leads the way in re-establishing peace on a practicable basis. That basis is trade. The world will build the future on that basis, or mankind stands to perish from the earth.

**Financial Adventures**

No description applies more aptly to a smooth type of gentry than does the term "financial adventurers." Because of their practices, increasingly stringent regulatory laws have been passed to assure investors a square deal for their money. As their hunting ground has been constantly narrowed in the field of private financing, they have turned to promoting the doctrine of socialism under which they encourage cities, counties and states to go into publicly-owned business such as electric power projects, which are not guarded by the laws applying to private enterprise. Their activities along these lines are not scrutinized by any Securities and Exchange Commission, corporation commission, public service commission, or any other agency of government such as has been set up to check on the merits of a privately-financed business. As a result, the field of public financing for electric power production is wide open to the financial adventurers who seek fees and commissions for promoting such expenditure of public funds.

In the interest of taxpayers and investors, publicly-owned projects should bear the same scrutiny by regulatory bodies, as does private enterprise.

**A Pitiful Picture**

Newsweek summed up a recent week's news on the food front with dreary words that have a familiar ring to millions of consumers: "... There was still no move in Washington to deal with the critical food problem as a whole."

How much longer is the country going to invite disaster by allowing half a dozen different agencies of government to argue interminably in helpless confusion? As Newsweek points out, the OPA worries about prices, the Office of Defense Transportation about shipments, the Food Distribution Administration about allocation, the Department of Agriculture about production, the War Manpower Commission about farm labor, and the War Production Board about farm machinery. Over all reigns the Washington war of politics, with officials of one agency seeking to grab the powers and prestige of other agencies, while people in some sections of the country face food shortages. It is a pitiful picture for the richest nation on earth to present to the world. The fault for its making does not lie with subordinate officials. They are doing the best they can in most instances. The real fault lies with the Executive branch of government, which has steadfastly followed a policy of balancing the powers of one official against the powers of another. No one has the necessary authority to get a job done. This policy increases the gravity of the food problem.

Representatives of the food industry have long urged the adoption of an integrated program which would rank food production, processing and distribution together in the category of a vital war industry under the supervision of a single administrator.

**Facts from England**

A few facts from England eloquently tell the story of compulsory health insurance. Under the British system of health insurance a physician has a panel of 1,000 to 2,500 patients at \$2.25 each per year. He may have to see 100 patients a day. Frequently as many as 60 persons must be seen in his office in two hours—two minutes per patient, including paper work. There is no time for adequate treatment. If a panel physician keeps patients waiting too long, they report him to his superiors. Unlike American physicians, the panel physician in England rarely has the time or the energy to study, engage in research, attend medical meetings or take refresher courses.

It is easy to see why doctors oppose schemes to emasculate the American medical system. It has its shortcomings, but fundamentally it is the most efficient, far-reaching system yet devised. Infinitely more important, it is a system which inspires initiative and progress. Within its framework doctors are free individuals. Tomorrow, next week, next year, as the future rolls into the present, new techniques and new cures will come from the imaginative, probing minds of American medical men. It would be calamitous to freeze medicine into a compulsory socialistic mold that would kill the souls of these men.

**EVERY DRIVER CAN HELP**

**KEEP 'EM ROLLING**

War 1943 style, is war on wheels. Men, weapons and materials vital to victory must be moved swiftly, safely and without delay.

But each day accidents at grade crossings in America injure or kill 19 motorists and delay 38 trains a total of 22 hours—a drain on manpower and time that a nation at war simply cannot afford.

Will you, as a patriotic driver, enlist in the nationwide campaign now under way to stop these accidents? Here's how you can help:

1. Be extra careful—wartime careful—in all your driving.
2. Be especially alert when approaching a grade crossing.
3. Be sure the way is clear before you cross the tracks.
4. LOOK, LISTEN and LIVE!

Help keep 'em rolling for victory!

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

**Dim-Out**

By Ruth Taylor

Those who live in perpetual darkness, develop acuter perception in other senses. We who are living in dimmed out cities and towns are developing an acuter perception, too.

When the little street lamps blink out, we draw together in closer companionship, in a realization of our dependence one upon the other. Our sense of neighborliness becomes more acute.

When I come up into the darkened Pennsylvania Station or when I walk along the blackened streets of New York, I notice this new feeling of friendliness. There is less hurry, less rush, more politeness, more consideration. People talk together, where before they would have ignored each other's existence. There is a feeling of neighborliness in the air. We are tied in bonds of common danger.

Our manner of living, too, has been dimmed out by war. Those things we thought essential, for which we have fought, are put aside. We are already restricted in many of our liberties and we know that before long we will have to dim out other privileges.

But—as our eyes have become accustomed to the darkened streets, to the absence of the strong lights which detracted from the details of the every day scene, we have learned to see with other eyes, to know what we truly believed. As the material things have been taken from us, we have learned to use the senses of our hearts and minds.

Only in material things does the dim-out prevail. Our faith is not dimmed out. Our spirit is not dimmed out. We know that it is up to each and every one of us to make this dim-out a temporary thing—that it is up to us and to our work, to turn the lights on again.

In this darkened period we need to be a united people, to hold hands with our fellow men, to work with them regardless of race or creed or color. We are no longer rich or poor, worker or employer, black or white, Catholic, Jew or Protestant. We are, each one of us, simply Americans, believers in a common credo of Democracy, in the freedom of all mankind, in the sanctity of the individual.

In the dark hours the barriers of pride dim out first. We are at last free to meet as neighbors, ready to serve, comfort and befriend one another regardless of whom our neighbor may be. Let us resolve, therefore, that when the lights go on again, we will carry this friendliness into our daily lives, living as bravely in the light as in the darkness!

**PULPWOOD NEEDED**

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trees should be cut into those products which bring the greatest return—but all cutting should follow good practices. Remember that careful cutting and protection from fire are just as important in times of war as in times of peace in order that the woodlands be kept in continuous production. Harvest the mature trees and thin and improve the younger stands.

**If YOU RAN OUR STORE...**

It is our sincere desire to run this store precisely as we would like to have you run a pharmacy, if we were your customer. If we fall short in our efforts to serve you—or if you have a suggestion to make for the improvement of our service, we shall be most happy to hear from you. Meanwhile, we hope you'll bear ever in mind that we are prescription specialists, offering the services of skilled registered pharmacists. Each prescription is filled from fresh, potent drugs. Yet it costs no more—often less—to have a prescription filled here.

**Mrs. Tindal Named Service Corps Head**

Mrs. Hughey Tindal has been appointed director of the Camden Citizens service corps, according to announcement made this week by Chairman W. R. Bonsal of the Kershaw County Council for National Defense.

Mrs. Tindal is replacing Mrs. A. C. McKain who resigned in order to take over the duties of the chief clerk of the County Rationing board.

Mrs. Tindal will be presented to the Citizens Service Corps at a monthly meeting to be held in the Presbyterian church Sunday school auditorium Monday evening, May 31 at 8:30 o'clock.

Chairman Bonsal urges all block leaders and members of the corps to be present.



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**ENSIGN TROTTER GRADUATES IN SPECIAL NAVAL COURSE**  
Charleston, S. C., May—Ensign Augustus Massenburg Trotter, USNR, 1508 Lyttleton St., Camden, recently was graduated here with a class of Naval officers and men selected for special training in detecting and destroying enemy submarines. The anti-submarine training is a part of the Navy's comprehensive preparedness program in which regular duties are supplemented by intensive courses in various phases of Naval warfare. Ensign Trotter was commissioned in July, 1942, and has been stationed at Mayport, Fla. He was graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1942 and is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Trotter.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

—AT—  
**Camden Theatre**  
FRIDAY, MAY 28  
Alice Faye, John Payne, Jack Oakie and Lynn Bari

"HELLO, FRISCO, HELLO"  
Filmed in Technicolor

SATURDAY, MAY 29  
Lupe Velez—Michael Duane  
"REDHEAD FROM MANHATTAN"

A tuneful tornado from the tropics sweeps Broadway off its feet!  
Added: "Smilin' Jack"

Sat. Night, May 29, 10:30  
"LADIES' DAY"

SUNDAY, MAY 30  
All-Time, High-Time of Musical Entertainment!

"FOLLOW THE BAND"  
With Leo Carrillo, Leon Errol, Mary Beth Hughes, Anne Rooney, Alvin Rey and The King Sisters

Francis Langford, The Kings Men, Skinny Ennis and The Groove Boys  
MONDAY and TUESDAY, MAY 31-JUNE 1

This Is Your Picture!  
Unforgettable! Overwhelming!  
John Steinbeck's  
"THE MOON IS DOWN"

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2  
Joan Davis—She's got that gleam in her eyes!  
"HE'S MY GUY"

Dick Foran, Irene Hervey, Fuzzy Knight and The Mills Bros.  
THURS.-FRIDAY, JUNE 3-4  
Marla Montez and Jon Hall Sings  
"WHITE SAVAGE"

Calf  
Kid  
Patent