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## No Contribution To Defense

The United States is in an unlimited emergency, the serious nature of which no one questions.

Thoughtful Americans cannot but be puzzled and disturbed that so grave a situation, calling for the maximum in united effort, has not brought about a cessation of the backbiting and recrimination that have marred the domestic scene in recent years.

A short time ago, for instance, a high government official declared flatly that the "recalcitrance" of one American company engaged in defense production might result in loss of the present war for the nations we are aiding, and hence imperilled the security of the United States. Naturally, so grave an accusation was examined carefully by the House Military Affairs Committee.

Now the majority report of that committee has been released. Signed by Democrats and Republicans alike, it declares that all testimony heard was to the effect that the company in question "had given 100 per cent co-operation, had used its own money for expansion, had lowered its price and on its own initiative took steps to treble its production." And the Committee adds pointedly that some of the blame for present difficulties might better be laid at the doorstep of "some Government officials" because of their failure to provide hydroelectric energy from "public power" dams to aid in the enlargement of production facilities.

The moral is plain: Problems of defense are too complex to yield to hasty generalization. Any inadequacies of the defense program should certainly be investigated, so that their causes may be found and cured. But name-calling is no solution, and no service to the nation, either.

## Your Children's Teeth

Because defective teeth constitute the principal cause of draft rejections, the findings of the Murry and Leonie Guggenheim Dental Clinic as to the care of teeth are of special importance at this time.

The Clinic, which has been operating for nearly 12 years in New York City, gives free dental treatment to children whose parents are unable to pay for dental work. Last year 10,610 child patients were treated at the Clinic, with a total of 82,343 visits. "A disquieting feature," the report says, "is the finding that the average number of cavities per recalled patient has been increasing for several years," and Dr. John Oppie McCall, Director, points out that the Clinic has reached the following conclusions:

(1) Dental treatment should begin at not later than two years of age.

Contrary to popular notion, the condition of the first teeth of a child is of great importance, both for general health and for the condition of the permanent teeth.

(2) No completely successful program of preventive dentistry has been developed.

The expectation that early cleaning and repair work would prevent future caries (dental decay) was inaccurate. The cleaning and repairing work, nevertheless, is very effective in preventing malocclusions (irregularity of the teeth), gum infections and actual loss of teeth.

(3) Perhaps the most important factor in preventing dental decay is diet—more fruits and greens, less white sugar, white flour, and sweets generally.

"Halifax in Washington," says the headline—in keeping with the new swing type of geography.—Detroit News.

Stalin has disproved the truth of that old admonition. He's gotten into plenty of trouble, even though he kept his mouth shut.—Henderson Dispatch.

## Borrowed Comment

"EXPERIMENT"  
(News and Observer)

The experimental camp just opened in Durham County under the direction of the NYA for the specialized training of youths rejected by draft boards as unfit for military service will be watched with considerable interest.

Obviously, rejection by draft boards or subsequent rejection by army examiners, does not label young men effected as unfit for any kind or all kinds of defense service. In the last year, many young men who were disqualified by reason of physical defect for active service were designated for limited service and assigned to clerical or other tasks in the selective service set-up.

From post-war experience of pensions and disability allowances it is fairly clear that the haste with which the earlier civilian army was organized, the haste with which draft board officials had to make their examinations, the haste with which these young men were inducted into army involved not only an unnecessary and continuing expense to the taxpayers of the country but a grave injustice if not actual cruelty to the young men themselves.

Here and there have come complaints because of the large number of selectees rejected by army doctors after they have reached camp. This probably means a more careful procedure by army medical examiners than a more careless procedure by draft board examiners.

In any case, military service is for the physical fit and it is as inexcusable to send a qualified young man into battle with a comrade upon whom, for physical reasons, he cannot rely as it is to send him there with inferior weapons.

The young men who enroll for the special defense training may have the comfort of knowing what the experience of the war in Europe has taught. However doubtful that comfort may be in view of comparative losses between civilian populations and military forces the fact remains that in this all-out effort the skilled mechanic in defense industries, the necessary civilian personnel in transportation and all branches of supply may justly feel the same pride of service as his brother with the gun.

## NOTHING TO BRAG ABOUT

(Greensboro Daily News)

Wake county food stamp office makes the headlines, and pridefully, one gathers, with a "new record Monday when \$7,532 worth of stamps were issued in a single day." Such a showing was hailed as going at least "30 per cent above anything else ever recorded by the office . . . in a single day."

Despite the plaudits which may be elicited somewhere, the heralded record promotes largely question-marks from this corner. How come, with relief roles sharply reduced, employment rising every day until there is actually a shortage of both skilled and unskilled labor, CCC enrollments curtailed, the military and naval forces taking thousands of young men and all indices pointing to relative prosperity, stamps sales, as a form of relief, should reach record high levels we cannot say. As for surplus commodities, we thought, what with British needs, better home consumption and stiffening prices, that they too were nothing so enormous as they used to be.

Really isn't there some other record being set around Raleigh to brag about instead of this more or less perplexing stamp sale achievements?

Health and beauty inquirer asks, What do you do to get soft, white hands? The best recipe is, Nothing.—Arkansas Gazette

"It's mighty easy for the owner to raise the rent," asserts a communication. But the tenant sometimes has the dickens of a time doing it.—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

Professor says man's most serious problem is choosing the right wife. Quaint idea he has about who does the choosing.—Montreal Star.

The honeymoon is over when it is discovered that it is cheaper to cook Sunday dinner at home.—Greenville Piedmont.

European statesmen no longer put their ear to the ground for fear that some wandering tank might run over it.—Henderson Dispatch.

Amid acres of opinion by war correspondents, editors, columnists, and oral blasts from neighbors, friends, you may recall the sane saying that one man's opinion is as good as another's and often a damn sight better.—The Louisville Times.

# Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

## HERE, THERE AND ELSEWHERE

Professor to class in literature: "Tomorrow we shall take the life of Robert Louis Stevenson. So come prepared."

The woman who said she was satisfied on one thing, that her husband spent his evenings at home, stayed at home one evening and found him there.

The minister trying to say something nice at a funeral exclaimed: "We have here only the shell; the nut is gone."

The text of an angry business letter read like this: "Sir: My typist, being a lady, cannot take down what I think of you. I, a gentleman, cannot write it. You, being neither, can guess what I mean."

When asked by her boy friend if she would accept a pet monkey, the girl said it was so sudden that she would have to ask her father.

## JUST ANOTHER REPORT

We have had many inquiries about who are the couple to "middle it" next spring. You guessed it, we don't know either. Latest report on news items of that type is that the ultimatum of the father of a prospective bride says there is going to be a wedding.

## OF OTHERS' RIGHTS

Near West Point, Miss., this sign was recently noted: "Positively no more baptizing in my pasture. Twice here in the past two months my gate has been left open by Christian people, and before I chase my heifers all over the country again, all sinners can go where they are supposed to go."

## ON CRASHING GATES

Just in case you want to arouse a lot of curiosity in us just put up a sign which says "Keep Out," or tell us so and so is going on behind closed doors. That just gives us an uncanny hankering to open those doors. Such is curiosity.

That curiosity almost embarrassed us one day this week. When making the usual rounds by the county welfare office we asked to see the welfare officer and was informed that he was busy. Naturally we asked the nature of his conference just out of curiosity and in the hopes that it would furnish a lead to some news. We were told that it was a hearing. Well, hearings are usually interesting and furnish something to write about so we decided to go in and were informed that the hearing was not public. A reporter always tries to have some kind of excuse for getting in places and at this point we told the lady, quickly that we were the star witness at said hearing. Instead of just telling us to go in she opened the door and proceeded to announce the presence of the star witness for the hearing, which was just as big news to those engaged in the hearing as anyone else.

Quickly we had to explain that it was just another gag.

When we said facetiously that we were the star witness at the hearing we did not know that we were going to be quoted. In fact, we knew less about the hearing than we do now, which is practically nothing.

After all, the hearing was just an appeal from a decision of the welfare board on an old age assistance case and would not have been interesting to you, us or anyone else.

## DIDN'T NOTICE THEM

There was a scene in "Caught in the Draft" which showed the lower extremities of Dorothy Lamour to advantage. As a young couple were on the way home after the show the above mentioned scene was discussed, it being a humorous one, and she mentioned about the aforementioned actress' legs being pretty. "I didn't notice them," was the drawled reply of the male member of the couple.

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"No—what good is it?"

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On vacation here from Britain's air raids, Mrs. Pat MacLeod, left, and Miss Winifred Ashford, members of England's women's mechanized transport corps, marvel at New York's Empire State building.

## DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q. What happens if I suddenly need the money I put into a Defense Savings Bond?

A. You can cash your Bond at any time, after 60 days, for the full amount paid, plus any interest due you.

Q. Do many Bond owners cash their Bonds?

A. No. People want to help arm America against all attacks. In many cases, people are putting every cent they can spare into Defense Bonds and Stamps. Some are doing this by asking employers or banks to withhold part of their salaries in order to buy these Bonds or Stamps for them. Note.—To purchase Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office or bank, or write for information to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

"I fainted. They brought me to. So I fainted again."

"Then what?"

"They brought me two more."

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE CARRIER AND DATE OF HEARING THEREON

As required by Section 3, Chapter 106, Public Laws of 1927, notice is hereby given that application has been made by Wilkes Transportation Company, Incorporated, for a Franchise Certificate, authorizing the operation of motor vehicle for transporting passengers over State Highway No. 268 from North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, via Roaring River, North Carolina, and return, and that the Utilities Commission will hold a hearing on the said application in Old Supreme Court Building at Raleigh, North Carolina, on Monday, 28th July, 1941, at 2:30 o'clock P. M.  
N. C. Utilities Commission  
By R. O. Self, Chief Clerk.  
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"Didn't you have any luck at the races, dear?"  
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