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Worth Working For

"This is your country and my country. All of us belong to it; all of us own it; all of us help run it.

"You have a home here and I have a home here. We want to keep our homes. We want to keep on living in them—pretty much the same way we always have. With all our faults it's a pretty good way of living."

In those words William S. Knudsen summed up the things that America is preparing to defend. Today our industry is turning out growing mountains of defense materials and we are girding ourselves for sacrifices so that we can preserve this "pretty good way of living."

If that is "not worth working for," Mr. Knudsen says, "then nothing is worth working for. Suppose we do have to work harder than we like to; suppose our muscles do get tired; suppose we get some callouses on our hands; suppose we lose some sleep. Suppose we haven't got time to play—even on Saturday afternoons. Suppose we never get another vacation until this war is over. Suppose we can't get a new car for a few years! or we have to put off building a house; or have to go back to brooms instead of vacuum cleaners."

Suppose we do? Mr. Knudsen says he thinks our way of living is still worth defending. So does every other American who knows the value of freedom.

Green Light

All over the country prices are going up. In August the cost of living was 7 per cent higher than in August, 1939, just before the war. Over half of this increase has occurred since March of this year.

Facts like these show that the fires of inflation are already being kindled. If America is to come through this emergency without serious economic dislocations—if the money we earn, the savings we have are to keep their full value—those fires must be controlled.

In Germany after the last war inflation brought the value of paper money down so low that the average man carried his wages home in a suitcase. Prices were so high that he could often get more for his pay by trading it to the junkman as waste-paper than he could be spending it for the things he needed. We must make sure that nothing like this happens in America.

At the present time Washington is formulating price control legislation. Wages and farm prices both influence industrial prices, and if price control is to put the brakes on inflation, all these factors must be considered.

Unemployment Survey

Although many men and women have found work because of the current defense production boom, thousands of others have lost their jobs and many thousands more may do so in the near future. All over the country many non-defense plants may have to close because they can't do defense jobs and can't get raw materials to continue normal civilian operations.

Effective action to help avert such a situation can be taken only when all the facts are known. The National Association of Manufacturers recently took the initiative in uncovering such facts when it launched a survey of non-defense manufacturing centers to determine the effects of this "priorities unemployment." Results of the survey will doubtless throw considerable light on the problems involved and furnish materials to aid in solving them.

Profits based upon service are justified and those based upon monopoly or manipulation are unjustified.

Borrowed Comment

CAN WE HOPE IT'S TRUE?

(Reidsville Review)

Not all reports from the governments-in-exile which are the only free representatives of millions of conquered Europeans are completely to be trusted. First, their sources of information cannot always be accurate; second, they naturally have a tendency to over-optimism toward their cause. Forgivable but inevitable.

However, here's one report which we earnestly hope is true. Vrij Nederland, Free Netherlands newspaper in London, reports that certain Dutch papers, on days when there were big meetings between Hitler, Mussolini, and other "New Order" big shots, or when Hitler announces another big success in Russia, simply filled their main news pages with pictures of dogs.

If that's true, we'll bet that even the Germans found it doggone annoying.

AMERICA'S RELATIONSHIP

(Oxford Public Ledger)

One question refuses to down in the arguments that are growing out of America's relationship to the war. That question is whether this is another war to save the British Empire for the British or whether it is a war in which vital American interests have a part.

The fact of the matter appears to be this: the United States to date is getting far more out of its bargain than the British are getting out of theirs. There is growing evidence that President Roosevelt has been and is a shrewd and hard bargainer, who has placed American interests first in his dealings with the British.

American officers are and have been on British battleships as observers learning all there is to learn of modern combat, so the daily press tells us. And we are told that American airmen are flying as observers in British combat planes, again learning what there is to learn of present day fighting.

British purchases of American aircraft plants makes possible the production that is now being realized. The American army and navy are further along in airplane design and production than they would have been had they depended on their own efforts and designs. It is best that they know what the other fellow is using, and President Roosevelt has seen to this by planting observers in every branch of the British armed forces.

The British turned over to us a score of dominant positions in the Atlantic when they leased Atlantic bases to this country. The British Isles themselves are America's most advanced base in dealing with Europe. But if those Isles should happen to fall, and they may yet, the United States would be vastly more secure for the bases it is holding all up and down the sea lanes of the United States. And too, the British are doing the fighting and have done the fighting that provides security for the United States. As a result of the fighting this country is in a position a whole lot stronger than it was a year ago. The value to the United States of what the British have already done probably could not be measured in millions.

The British heretofore have always tried to maintain a navy on par or above that of the United States. Now, however, the United States is in process of building the greatest naval power in the world. When that Navy is complete, if the British Isles should fall this navy would be able to patrol the Atlantic shores with a vessel to every mile.

The United States is fast preparing itself to be the world's greatest sea power. Power is tending to gravitate toward this country and this hemisphere, in which the United States is the dominant nation. Our relationship to the struggle in Europe is so much that we can't begin to realize the hazards that will come from a victory on the part of the Axis powers.

The Chinese and the Russians may not be too well civilized but they are carrying the ball for civilization.

Most men of the house know that this is the time of the year when their better halves require new outfits.

Frankly, the emergency of the nation must not be used as a means of perpetuating penalties upon agriculture.

The individual who attempts to reform the entire human race has an exaggerated opinion of his, or her, ability.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

HERE AND THERE

As the heading of this column implies, we do not write all the material found in this column. Here is a mixture of original and otherwise:

The owl gained his reputation for wisdom by looking profound all the time and hooting only occasionally.

Many people can argue over religion that they do not have.

This nation cannot endure half drivers and half dodgers.

The absent minded professor looking around in a store walked up to a jar turned upside down on the counter. "The jar has no mouth," he said. Then after turning it over he exclaimed: "How absurd, it does not have a bottom either."

Add to inconsistencies: Americans are told to sit tight just when prices of liquor and liquor taxes go up.

THE DEVILS RECIPE

"Recipe from the Devil's Cookbook" is the title to the following: "Take one natural born fool, one bottle of state stamped liquor or moonshine equivalent and one high powered automobile; soak the fool in the liquor, place him in the car and let him go; after a short time remove him from the wreckage, place him in a satin-lined box and garnish with flowers."

Speaking of the public good, that recipe would not be bad at all. But there are variations to the recipe. If none except the natural born fools soaked in liquor found their way to the satin-lined box garnished with flowers, we could pass it off as good riddance. But often the recipe is changed and some innocent companion of the natural born fool soaked in liquor or some other party often winds up as victims.

CALL ICEKYS, PLEASE

North Wilkesboro needs a shortage of rats.

Often we wonder if every town is as badly infested with rodents as ours.

We need more rat control—we need rat eradication.

We think it would be a good idea to call in Harold Ickes, the shortage manufacturer, and have him make a shortage of rats in North Wilkesboro.

In addition to the base pay received by enlisted men in the U. S. Navy and Naval Reserve, men receive additional pay for certain types of work or honors received. For example, a seaman awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross or Navy Cross, receives \$2 extra a month; gun captains receive \$2 to \$5 a month extra; mail clerks, \$10 to \$30 a month extra; expert riflemen or expert pistol shots, \$3 more a month; sharpshooters, \$1 extra per month; divers, \$10 to \$20 extra each month, et cetera.

Ads. get attention—and results

Ferguson News Items Of Interest

Rerguson, Oct. 20.—Mrs. Amanda Ferguson, widow of the late Billy Ferguson, visited her son, Mr. Carl Ferguson at Bluefield, W. Va., for several days and returned home last week. Mrs. Ferguson is possibly one of the most aged residents of this community, but she enjoys fairly good health and is quite active about her home. She resides with her son, T. C. Ferguson, and is a sister of the late W. J. St. Clair.

The revival services in progress at the Baptist church and which are being conducted by Rev. A. J. Foster, of the community, and Rev. Dwight Edminsten of Newland, will extend into this week and may continue until Sunday. Quite a bit of interest is being manifested and the attendance is good, especially at the night services.

The Baptist church near Granin, which has recently been constructed mostly through the untiring efforts of Rev. A. J. Foster, was dedicated Sunday with an appropriate program and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartley have recently moved into their new residence, which is located near his mother's, Mrs. Ida Walker Hartley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson and Mrs. S. F. Miller will leave Tuesday morning to attend the State Grange Convention at Goldsboro, which will be in session Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Robert Lee Foster had as her guests recently some students from the A. S. T. C. at Boone.

Miss Blanche Ferguson returned last week from Richmond where she had been visiting relatives for some weeks.

School was adjourned Friday so that the teachers could attend the teachers convention in Greensboro.

Master John Andrew Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Shepherd visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jennings, for several days last week.

Syco Hartley left for Ft. Bragg several days ago, where he will

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