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No Time For Strikes

We like the following straight-forward statement that has been issued by Senator J. W. Bailey regarding his stand on strikes and their effect upon the National Defense program:

"The question now is whether this Government is strong enough to see to it that agitators, communists and German agents shall not obstruct the necessary program of production. I believe that it is. We cannot delay in such a matter. If the President needs further legislation, all he has to do is to ask for it. Order must be maintained. We need now the work of every worker, and the right of any worker to work must be protected, and that without paying for the privilege. If there are grievances, let them be referred to Government arbitration, but in the meantime the work must go on. In all controversies between workers and employers, the Government must now be umpire; its decisions must be prompt and effectual. I am confidently expecting adequate action by the President upon his return from a vacation which he needed. I am for whatever measures may be necessary to eliminate all possibility of strikes or sit-downs against the security of the people of the United States; and I am for prompt action. Delay is not only dangerous, it amounts to defeat of all our plans."

The Senator is right. This is no time for foolishness. This must be a united effort on the part of labor as well as capital.

In High Gear—

If a vestige of doubt remained in any mind as to this country's position in the current world struggle for power, the President's speech at the White House Correspondents Association dinner should have dissipated it. There was no humor in the President's voice. There were no light touches. He had grave words to say, and he said them gravely.

That speech, coming hard on the heels of Congress' approval of the lend-lease bill, made our policy clear as crystal—we are out to destroy dictatorship, and the entire resources of this nation will be spent freely to that end. He denounced the Nazis by name. He accused them of seeking the destruction of elective systems of government on every continent, including our own. He accused them of seeking to stir up controversies and to create disunion within all democracies, including our own. And he said that they would fail—that the would-be conquerors will find that the forces of democracy, though they may move slowly, will in the end be supreme.

That speech was obviously designed for more than American ears. Immediately after it was made, it was broadcast to the far corners of the world, in 14 different languages. It went, by short wave, to Germany, to the occupied nations, to Africa, to South America. For this government feels, as do the British, that the moral effect of 100 per cent support of the democracies' war is almost as important in some ways as will be its material effect. It is no secret that Britain expects that revolts in the conquered nations will eventually be a major factor contributing to Hitler's collapse. The fact that the United States has actually intervened in the war, even though only as a non-belligerent, is expected to give new hope to the millions of people who now live as virtual prisoners of the Nazi-fascist system.

It is significant that the President had little to say concerning the world after the war. The whole emphasis, here and in England, is now being placed upon victory. That dominates all official thinking and planning. There is little time for discussion about the world order of the future: That must wait.

Highly important were the President's words to industry and labor. He definitely took the stand that many have wanted him to take for months—he said that all must work harder and longer, that all

must expect smaller profits. He said, in effect, that all must sacrifice, and that nothing will be permitted to stand in the way of the swiftest possible consummation of the aid-to-the-democracies program.

So the policy has been finally established. The debate is over, and even the opponents of the lend-lease plan admit that public sentiment is overwhelmingly behind it. Now the real job begins—to make and supply the weapons Britain and Greece and China must have. That calls for greater industrial productivity than we have so far obtained. It calls for a ship-building drive of unprecedented proportions. Further, it may very likely call for use of the American navy to convoy merchant ships to England—it is obvious that our weapons will be of no use if the ships bearing them are sunk by the dozen in the Atlantic.

The President's request for a \$7,000,000,000 appropriation to put the lend-lease plan into effect, was unquestionably designed as a dramatic gesture. It is known that at least two years must pass before it will be possible for our factories to produce that value of goods for England—some think the war will be over before the appropriation is exhausted. The President apparently preferred to ask for a tremendous appropriation at once, rather than to request smaller sums at intervals over a period of time, in order to show the dictators that we really mean business.

"Wave Of The Future"

Anne Morrow Lindbergh, whose father, the late Dwight Morrow, served his country long and well in many varied capacities during his career as a statesman, has done little in recent years to shed any additional credit upon the great and proud name which she bears.

Her newest book called "Wave of the Future" will not endear her to the hearts of her fellow countrymen. The book, taken in the abstract, can be called little else but a clever little piece of Nazi propaganda—or Communist propaganda, or Fascist.

The ill-timed and ill-advised outbursts of her husband, who happened to the good fortune to fly the Atlantic before anybody else did it single-handed, have often been credited to the fertile ingenuity of his no-less famous wife.

The Lindberghs, under the constitution of the United States, have a perfect right to speak their views. That is the privilege which makes America the great seat of democracy which it is today.

But at the same time, the Lindberghs will doubtless live in this country for a long time to come, and it does not seem that they are making many new friends at the moment.

That is beside the point, however. Taking Mrs. Lindbergh's book in the main, it seeks, in rather vague generalities, to impress upon the American reading public that world revolution is upon us—that Nazism and Fascism are integral parts of the "wave of the future" and that it is foolish for us to try to cling to "the old."

The Nazis, and the Communists and the Fascists call it "the new world order." Mrs. Lindbergh calls it the "wave of the future."

Shears And Paste
MUST GET AROUND TO IT

(Charlotte Observer)

The business of the President's speech in explanation of the policy which the Administration will follow now that the lend-lease bill has been passed was to get the people of this country in the proper frame of mind to appreciate what's ahead of them.

That may have been as primary among the purposes of his fireside chat as to bolster the morale of the people of the foreign democracies to whom this abundant aid is to be despatched.

And, similarly, to depress the courage of the peoples of the Axis powers who are already far from satisfied with the lack of speed which their gigantic military machines have displayed in making quick end of Great Britain.

But of all of these several possible intentions, that of the President to give his own fellow countrymen a more profound picture of what this alliance with the distant democracies is going to mean in their own experiences and habits of living was timely and important.

It's a thought that the people are reluctant to consider in its realistic perspective.

The simple fact of the matter is that our whole economy will all the more completely change now from one of peace to one of preparedness for any emergency of war, and that is violent and cataclysmic.

We will all be feeling the pinch of it sooner or later.

Just Among The FISHERMEN
BY BILL KEZIAH



We are not giving anybody any assurance that we will go on writing this column forever. Started it six or seven years ago and pegged it off without many misses for about five years running. Then, we got tired and quit, all of a sudden. While we wrote for us we were cussed a great deal for all we said; since we stopped we have been cussed a great deal more for not writing it. Things seem to have been pretty equally balanced both ways. We have about decided we might just as well get cussed out for doing it as for not doing it. As a matter of fact, the cussing does not really bother us much.

Bob Wilson, the Up The Stream man on the Hearst Washington Times-Herald, had quite a column on Bald Head island, Orton and the writer, a week or so ago. Reading the column, the State News Bureau was moved to write and ask: "What the h—? Did you give Bob Wilson a mortgage on the old home place or something? It was quite an article on the history of the old spot from Southport. Anyway, it was very nice and means a great deal not only to Brunswick county publicity but to the entire state as well."

We've been trying to interest Charlie Parker and Bill Baker of the State News Bureau to interest us in hitchhiking with them up Maryland the first of next month. The Outdoor Writers of America are to hold their annual camp, under the auspices of the Jungle Cock, at the time. Charlie and Bill, along with us, are members in good standing of the OWAA, but their standing is not so good as ours and it might improve their relations with President Hammond Brown of the OWAA if they took us along with them.

This month of April should see quite a number of writers, some of them mislabeled sportsmen, coming to Southport and its environs. There's Hammond Brown of the Baltimore American, in Baltimore. He's scheduled for a trip. Bob Wilson of the Washington Times-Herald, hints at the same thing; Charlie Parker and Bill Baker of the State News Bureau will be showing in about the 15th. W. C. Dowd of the Charlotte News has promised to send one of his best cameramen and a feature writer, to boot, whenever we say the word. We also have a suspicion that Johnny Mock of The Pittsburgh Press is ripe for a trip. There are others.

Frank O. Sherrill, owner of the S. & W. chain of cafeterias, which are hereabouts and thereabouts, writes us that he is coming down to his Bald Head island in a week or two and stay a week or two. It leaves us kind of wondering if someone stole a march on us and wrote Frank that the drum might be running off the point of Bald Head island about the middle of April. Frank is a doggone good sport, and the folks down here are always glad to see him.

From Don N. Carpenter, hunting and fishing editor of the Washington Daily News, there comes a copy of Don Carpenter's complete Fishing Handbook. It is autographed: "To my friend, the one and only Bill Keziah." Don has done right smart by the lower North Carolina coastal section in his handbook, which is available to the rank and file of fishermen for 25-cents. We had this rasical down here three times last fall on fishing trips, and hope to have him many more times than that before the 1941 season is over.

With several dozen competent outdoor writers and sportsmen especially bent on teaching us how to fish, we should learn something of the sport this year. We are keeping in mind the instructions we have received from all of them during the past year and, so far, haven't suffered much thereby. It gratifies us that Uncle Joe Stone of Greensboro should feel occasion to write us this week and say: "It is not often that anybody beats me fishing, and it always makes me about half sore, but there will be another day, as every fisherman has his day. Uncle Joe tells us that Earl Godbey, the No. 1 editorial writer of the Greensboro News, is another pretty good sportsman who is aiming to try these parts."

The 4 pound 9-ounce and the 4 pound 6-ounce big mouth bass that Postmaster Yaskell caught (and weighed) during an hour-and-a-half absence from town one afternoon last week, were pretty good. This winter and spring the freshwater fishing has not been what it should have been, due to much dryness for two or three years. Recent rains have improved conditions somewhat. The season on freshwater fish closed

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, April 2.—Interest is sharply divided here this week between labor disturbances and the Balkan war front. Tides of sentiment in Congressional quarters are running strong against the spread of strikes in defense industries. With public opinion polls showing an overwhelming majority of the people wanting the government to call a halt to the disputes which are endangering defense, the issue has gone beyond ordinary political boundaries. The fact that Congress has voted itself a series of short vacations in these critical times may not set so well with their constituents. The impression grows that with the President and many of his Cabinet away, nothing much can be expected from the efforts of minor government officials now muddling along in an attempt to bring about labor peace.

The agreement reached by leaders on Capitol Hill for a recess is ostensibly proposed to give the lawmakers a respite from what they consider strenuous duties of their office. Only routine business will be transacted for at least two weeks. The House, for instance, is confining its attention to a cotton net weight bill and another relating to coffee despite urgent appeals to enact more important legislation. The Senate is likewise making time sedulously avoiding controversial measures which require their time. The solons are inclined to pass off their responsibilities on the theory that these matters can await the return of the President to the White House.

The Congressional branch feels that the labor tie-ups are something for the Chief Executive to handle under his existing powers. Frequent interruptions in the flow of defense materials attributable to strikes is rubbing the nerves of officialdom. Even pro-union lawmakers are becoming restive and indignant with the union leaders. The belief prevails that the newly created Mediation Board must be implemented with definite powers. Under present authority they can do little more than shake an admonitory finger at the embattled strikers and employers. It is known that many disputes are not questions of wages and working conditions in which the quarrel is with the employer. Instead it is recognized that the turmoil in many cases is due to friction between rival unions over control in their plants.

Consideration of the alien deportation bill by the House gives the legislators an opportunity to ventilate their opinions about Communists and foreign influences. That there is a distinction between aliens with destructive intentions and others simply seeking a livelihood was revealed in the testimony of the Governor of the Panama Canal Zone recently. Because the Panama Canal is vital to the successful defense of this country by naval units, Federal agencies and Congressional committees have worried about aliens employed around this waterway. Employment of certain aliens was prohibited in 1939, but Governor Edgerton, of Panama Canal Zone, has asked a partial lifting of the restrictions so that native tropical employees may obtain employment.

The Governor claims that most of the workers are of West Indian descent and many are British subjects. It is asserted that they are not readily susceptible to foreign influence and that their attitude toward the Canal is much like that of the Americans. Canal officials contend that American employees are all right in positions they now occupy, but it would be another matter if they were exposed to heavy manual labor in a tropical climate where they would deteriorate physically at a rapid rate.

Melting snows and heavy rains which accompany the advent of spring are giving government agencies more than the usual seasonal headache. This year vital defense plants are operating along rivers where floodwaters have in the past flooded a heavy toll and damage to public and private properties. The Army engineers have been working for many years on a remedial program designed to reduce the effects of floods in the areas adjacent to watersheds. Neighboring farms have been disrupted by soil erosion and debris movement caused by flood conditions. Sometimes the factories, which are now en-

Monday to remain closed for 40 days, while the fish are spawning. Some of the boys are bewailing the fact that this closed season should come along just when the fish began to bite. We don't regard the situation as so bad as that. The bass have suffered heavily as a result of low water, and a little peace now may result in better fishing next year.

Of all the rotten luck, our story to The Greensboro News about Charles Farrell and Uncle Joe Stone of the Fisheries Commission and their fishing trip down here was to have been embellished with a picture of Uncle Joe holding up the string of fish. Instead of turning over the right picture, those bums rang in a picture of myself holding up the string of minnows that were being used for bait!

--- NOT EXATLY NEWS ---

A card this week from Captain M. M. Rosenbaum from San Antonio, Texas, informs us that "Uncle Sam keeps us busy from morn till night."

The former Shallotte physician says that he likes army life . . . They say that there's no fooling about there being a shortage of tobacco plants in Brunswick this year. Part of the trouble is not planting, another part of the trouble is that those which were planted haven't done so well.

Several local ladies have been participating in the seed and bulb chain letter that is the current rage, and, strangely enough, several of them have received rewards for their faith. But what stumps us is why intelligent people will lend their time and trouble to keeping unbroken this 13-postal card prayer that is purported to bring good luck within 13 days if forwarded, and to bring disaster swift and sure to those who dare ignore the warning to keep it going 'round the world' . . .

As timely as tomorrow's front page news "Flight Command," the army air escape show that stars Robert Taylor. It plays Monday and Tuesday at the Amuzu.

Now is a good time to invite friends to come to see you, that is, if you want to come something special for them to do. Within a week Orton Gardens should be at their best. A visit is worth a trip from any place in the Carolina . . . Southport people will have much interest in the events in which Cherry McDowell and Brother Christian participate than in any other feature of the Cape Fear Horse Show which goes on Friday and Saturday in Wilmington. And, speaking of Wilmington, there's a fund-raiser for you. If you want any new dogs in Southport and her defense program, spend a few hours in our neighboring city. You're sure to come home full of fresh ideas.

SOUTHPORT SCHOOL NEWS

DECLAMATIONS
The declamation contest for the grammar grades was held last Wednesday morning in the high school auditorium. The contestants were from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. The girls who gave recitations were Betty Drew, Joyce Lancaster, Betty Todd Corlette and Elizabeth Davis. The boys who gave orations were: Johnnie Hazel, Herbert Swain, Lewis Newton and Wallace Moore.

Between the girls' and boys' speeches the seventh grade presented a musical number. After the boys' speeches, they presented a skit, "The Crime of Wasting Time". The judges decided to give first places in the contest to Betty Todd Corlette and Lewis Newton. Second places went to Eliza-

gaged in producing of defense material, have been put out of commission for several weeks by floodwaters. In 1938 Congress appropriated \$221,555,000 for construction and maintenance of flood control projects. Fifty-eight projects have been completed at a cost to the Government of \$30,083,000. Construction has been initiated and has progressed rapidly on 144 projects. Nine others will be started during the remainder of the current fiscal year. The works now under way and those expected to be started this spring have a total estimated Federal cost of \$474,159,000. An additional amount estimated at \$206,847,000 is now required to complete those projects.

BOXING

Local boxing fans will be furnished plenty of thrills about the ninth of April when the local pugilists hold the third annual meet in the high school gymnasium. All bouts are sponsored by the junior class and the proceeds will go toward the Junior-Senior Banquet. Already eighteen boys are in training. There will be welter-weight bouts and also bouts for the bantam and feather weights. Previous fights have proven extremely popular with local fight fans. So put this date on your "night out" list.

DEBATES

In the triangular debates which were held last Friday, Bladenboro, Whiteville, and Southport debated against each other. The Bladenboro affirmative team lost to Whiteville negative team. Whiteville's affirmative team won the judges' decision over the Southport negative team. The Southport affirmative team won their debate over the Bladenboro negative team. The Southport affirmative team was composed of Martha Grey Brown and Peggy Carr. The negative team was Jack Christian and Henry Smith. The query was Resolved, "The United States Should Adopt The Policy of Requiring One Year of Military Training of All Able Bodied Men Before They Reach the Age of Twenty-Three."

NOW AT HOME

Captain C. N. Swann, who has been ill for several days, has returned to his residence after being a patient at Dasher Memorial Hospital.

A TRIBUTE

On Sunday, March 16, 1941, Laura Church, was called to her reward in the great beyond. She was a life-long member of the Methodist church and the wife of its Missionary Society.

Southport is made to come for the angel of the last home whom we harshly call death, carried to her eternal home in the heavens the soul of one we loved member.

In the home and in the community where she spent the part of her life, her goodness, brightness and winsomeness of her nature endeared her to those with whom she came in contact. One of the outstanding characteristics of her personality was her eagerness to have fellowship with the children of God. Her gracious and kind nature won her rich friendships.

The Gardener of Heaven has plucked a precious flower. Fragrant and beautiful, memory of such souls can never die in the hearts and minds of those who love them.

She was born tenderly to a last resting place. The grass and flowers and swaying branches of evergreen trees, mingled with the murmuring of the nearby will sing a requiem over her ever. With the angels of Jerusalem whom she glorified, she will come us over the river when bells ring rest.

LEAVES HOSPITAL

Mrs. J. K. Ludlum of Ash was discharged from Dasher Memorial Hospital Tuesday after being a patient in the hospital for several days.

NOTICE
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CITY ELECTION

The voters of the City of Southport, N. C., are hereby called to meet in convention at the courthouse on the 18th day of April, 1941, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Southport to be voted on at the next general municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1941.

Meeting for the nomination of two aldermen for the first ward will be held at 7:30 o'clock on the evening of April 21st.

Meeting for nomination of two aldermen for the second ward will be held at 7:30 o'clock on the evening of April 22nd.

Meeting for nomination of two aldermen from the third ward will be held at 7:30 o'clock on the evening of April 24th.

The registration books will be open April 12th to 19th. April 26th is challenge day. Registrars are: 1st Ward; Mrs. Will Davis; 2nd Ward: Mrs. George Y. Watson; 3rd Ward: Mrs. Annie K. Vitou.

—POLLING PLACES—
1st Ward R. Will Davis' Store
2nd Ward Court House
3rd Ward Newspaper Office

L. T. Yaskell
Chairman Citizens Committee