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### Retarding Defense

The crying need for defense is falling upon deaf ears in more than one quarter, and in our willingness to criticize we are only retarding a project of far more serious purport than the American people have yet begun to realize.

Wedded to the freedom of all men and sympathetic to the underdog, this paper has in a feeble way, to be sure, cried out for the underprivileged against the domineering, the selfish crust of our land. That the upper crust is entitled to its just dues is not to be denied, and we say with all the power at our command that the racketeering in labor circles and sabotage in high and low circles should be stamped out and those responsible be brought to answer after lawful means. But it is indeed apparent that we would not only stamp out the racketeer and the saboteur, but that we would also stamp out the liberties of men—working men and the common laborer whose voice has been lost all these years in the din and howl emanating from the mighty lobbyists' quarters in every legislative hall in our land including the National Congress.

Those who have yelled about labor strikes have, it is apparent, wilfully closed their minds to many of the real facts. It is admitted that some of the labor strikes in this country were ill-timed, and possibly were created by well-meaning leaders. But it is just as reasonable to believe that Hitler-inspired leaders such as one Lindbergh and others of his ilk have headed the greatest strike against freedom and democracy than all of the irresponsible leaders combined have done in the past two years. In our haste to take away the inherent rights of workers, we have overlooked the big fly in the ointment.

Senator Josiah William Bailey declares that the strike must be outlawed. How pleasing and encouraging it would be if no more strikes would transpire, but Mr. Bailey would outlaw them. He would deny the working man the right to lift his voice in opposition to the dictates of business magnates whose policies are, in many cases, little better than those imposed by A. Hitler on the helpless people of a conquered Europe.

Just three short years ago, the anti-New Dealers, the big business lovers and innocent followers of political society howled about the New Deal's power expansion program. Only a few days ago, one of those howling against the expansion program was, as a dollar-a-year man, confronted with an 800,000 kilowatt shortage in electrical energy—a shortage that comes at a time when the life and liberty of 130,000,000 Americans are at stake.

Some time ago a zinc smelter went to Washington seeking encouragement to expand plant capacity and production. The Office of Production Management with the aid of anti-New Dealers and the questionable old foggies literally ran the man out of Washington. They explained that if that zinc smelter were to increase his plant capacity it would create an unbalanced competitive situation and would certainly curtail the juicy profits enjoyed by other smelters. The explanation was offered at a time when liberty and freedom of the American people hang by a single thread. Has Mr. Bailey suggested to the Senate or to the people of this Nation that such a damnable practice must be stopped?

Not so long ago a manufacturer of locomotives went to Washington and suggested to the representatives of big business, who are making such a big mess of our defense efforts, the manufacture of 300 locomotives. That manufacturer saw the need in advance, and despite the insistence of the New Dealers, the manufacturer got no encouragement. Today a critical transportation problem is at hand. Has Mr. Bailey advised Congress and the people that something must be done about it, and that such ill-planned bottlenecks should be blown to bits?

There are the aluminum shortage, the steel shortage, and the shortages in other materials vital to the defense of this nation. Is it possible that labor, including the racketeers, have caused all of those shortages? Isn't it reasonable to believe that there are some other potent factors that we, in our willingness to condemn the less fortunate of men, have overlooked in trying to find out why our defense efforts are lagging?

According to a recent declaration by one of the most bitter critics of President Roosevelt, 1,700,000 man days have been lost in this country as a result of strikes. It is estimated that there are 10,000,000 workers in the nation, meaning that each of them would have to lose only 3.8 hours to add up to 1,700,000 man days.

It would appear that it is high time that we offered to cooperate with and not enslave the working man if we hope to save this nation from ruin. It is surprising to learn that the same leaders in France who were entrusted with the battle against the German barbarians are now collaborating with Hitler. Many common men in France lost their lives, and many others are still sacrificing their lives in the fight for Democracy, but they were deserted by their leaders. In this country we have leaders in Lindbergh, in the Wheelers and others in Congress who are, intentionally or unintentionally collaborating with Hitler, the beast, and in the eyes of those who love freedom and all that is good, they are no better than the yellow traitors who turned France over to Hitler intact.

It is time to stamp out the inefficient, the near-sighted, the selfish leaders who have hamstrung the efforts of President Roosevelt to meet the emergency. And then the labor situation will take care of itself. It is a slap in the face of justice and common decency for the controlled press and radio of this nation to harp continually on strikes and not mention those factors that are retarding defense 100 to 1. We have worked ourselves to that dangerous point where we would fight and kill our own people before we would tackle the job at hand—that of wiping Herr Hitler off the face of this earth.

Possibly labor would overlook many of the shortcomings that plague industry today, if industry and the people were to sympathize and not condemn labor.

### Moulding Opinion

After reading the various comments offered following President Roosevelt's recent speech, we turned to the text for re-reading. The comments so twisted the speech and many commentators were so cunning in adapting certain declarations and using them to mould public opinion in support of their own views that we wondered if all were drawing from the same speech.

Some said it was a clear and sane declaration of American policy, and that was the general impression gained. Senator Robert Taft strongly intimated that the speech was of little value, that it offered nothing new. Vandenberg declared that he saw nothing in the speech that greatly altered the existing national situation.

An "unlimited national emergency" was proclaimed, and while the proclamation has been widely discussed, there has been little outward action.

Some of the commentators would have us believe that the President directed a tirade against labor and labor alone. The printed text does not bear them out in their assertions. The President, working for unity, blasted everyone who would retard national defense work. He saddled the responsibility of the great and impending emergency upon the shoulders of all classes when he said:

"Defense today means more than merely fighting. It means morale, civilian as well as military, it means using every available resource, it means enlarging every useful plant. It means the use of a greater American common sense in discarding rumor and distorted statement. It means recognizing, for what they are, racketeering and Fifth Columnists, who are the incendiary bombs of the moment.

"All of us know that we have made very great social progress in recent years. We propose to maintain that progress and strengthen it. When the nation is threatened from without, however, as it is today, the actual production and transportation of the machinery of defense must not be interrupted by disputes between capital and capital, labor and labor, or capital and labor. The future of all free enterprise—of capital and labor alike—is at stake.

"This is no time for capital to make or be allowed to retain excess profits. Articles of defense must have undisputed right of way in every industrial plant in the country.

"A nation-wide machinery for conciliation and mediation of industrial disputes has been set up. That machinery must be used promptly—and without stoppage of work. Collective bargaining will be retained, but the American people expect that impartial recommendations of our government service will be followed both by capital and by labor.

"The overwhelming majority of our citizens expect their government to see that the tools of defense are built; and for the very purpose of preserving the democratic safeguards of both labor and management, this government is determined to use all of its power to express the will of its people, and to prevent interference with the production of materials essential to our nation's security."

Then there were those who commented on the speech and appealed for unity, forgetting to condemn this or that group for its shortcomings, but pledging their own best efforts in handling the task at hand.

The colleges, while they provide us with libraries, furnish no professors of books; and I think no chair is so much needed.—Emerson.

Many of the political speakers who make addresses over the radio should be taken off the ether and put under it.—Providence Tribune.

Trifles discover character more than actions of seeming importance; what one is in little things he is also in great.—Swift.

### TWO PAGES OF FRENCH HISTORY



### U. S. To Commission '41 ROTC Graduates

The Army will commission and call into active service 8,000 ROTC 1941 graduates within the next six weeks, and Fort Bragg will have part of the job of giving them their final summer training before they are assigned to outfits, the War Department has announced.

These 8,000 new 2nd lieutenants, coming from ROTC units at U. S. colleges, plus 10,000 to come from the Officer Candidate schools that have been established for enlisted men and warrant officers, will provide the Army with 18,000 new officers in the coming year.

This figure, when added to the pool of 100,000 Reserve Officers on whom the Army now can draw affords an enlightening comparison with World War days when the Army began its expansion with only some 3,000 Reserve Officers. Of the 2,565 officers now on duty at Fort Bragg 380 are Regular Army officers, 188 are National Guard officers, 170 are Army Nurses and 1817 are Reserve Officers.

**DR. V. H. MEWBORN OP-TOM-E-TRIST**  
Please Note Date Changes  
Robersonville office, Scott's Jewelry Store, Tuesday, June 10th.  
Williamston office, Peele's Jewelry Store, every Wed., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Plymouth office, Womble Drug Store, every Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
North Carolina, Martin County.  
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by W. H. Hopkins and wife, on the 30th day of December, 1922, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book N-2, at page 345, the undersigned trustee will, on Friday, the 27th day of June, 1941, at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to wit:

Adjoining the lands of Elizabeth J. Green, N. R. Griffin, J. W. Hopkins and O. S. Green, containing 40 acres, more or less, and known as the Griffin Place, and being the same land deeded to Elizabeth J. Green by Elbert S. Peel, trustee, by deed dated March 1st, 1922, and of record in the public registry of Martin County in Book K-2 at page 3.

This the 27th day of May, 1941.  
ELBERT S. PEEL,  
Trustee.

### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a power of sale embraced in that certain deed of trust executed by Paul W. Allen, to Z. V. Norman, Trustee, on the 11th day of March, 1940, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Martin County in Book E-3, page 639 and default having been made in the payment of the notes thereby secured, and the holder of said notes having applied to the undersigned trustee for the foreclosure of said deed of trust:

Now, therefore, the said undersigned Z. V. Norman, Trustee, will expose at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House Door of Martin County, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, on the 6th day of June, 1941, the following described real estate:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at a Sweet Gum, the Sandy Bottom Corner on the Warren Neck Road, thence with the said Sandy Bottom line 808 feet to a pine stump formerly a marked tree, thence by a Sweet Gum to a stake near a pine, 390 feet to W. H. Hampton's line, thence with said W. H. Hampton's line 697 feet to the beginning, containing 3 1-3 acres more or less, and being the same land described in deed from C. C. Fagan et als to W. H. Allen which is of record in Book C-1, page 474, Register of Deeds office, Martin County.

SECOND TRACT: Bounded on the East by E. W. Harden, on the West by C. C. Fagan, North by Sullivan land, and South by Sullivan. Being same land formerly owned by Bradford Allen on which he lived and died and where said W. H. Allen now lives, containing 25 acres, more or less.

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less, and being the same land as described in deed from J. H. Hamilton and wife and Mary Allen to W. H. Allen of record in Book YYY, page 596, Martin County Registry. The said land will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes and the highest bidder at said sale will be required to deposit ten per cent of his bid to be forfeited in the event of non-compliance. This the 6th day of May, 1941.  
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RESOURCES	
Cash and Due from Banks	\$12,837,020.21
Obligations of the United States	5,895,204.04
Fed. Inter. Credit Bank Debentures	130,000.00
Federal Land Bank Bonds	113,867.91
North Carolina Bonds	112,805.75
Municipal & Other Marketable Bonds	1,454,536.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,543,434.35</b>
Loans and Discounts	2,867,529.09
Accrued Interest and Accounts Receivable	78,986.38
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures, and Real Estate, Less Depreciation Reserve (Tax Value \$334,288.00)	232,563.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,722,513.42</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock—Common	\$ 400,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred	100,000.00
Surplus	750,000.00
Undivided Profits	449,570.60
Reserves	306,500.00
Unearned discounts & other liabilities	61,970.49
Deposits	21,654,172.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,722,513.42</b>

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