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### The Forces Of Disunity

The forces of disunity are working in this country. People of good intentions are working over time, contributing to a movement that is rapidly shattering beliefs and hopes cherished down through the years. Possibly our nerves are on edge, and we little realize what we say or do, but in no country have the forces of Hitler been advanced more rapidly than right here in America where they have been advanced by patriotic citizens and without the leadership of a recognized fifth columnist.

"What are the British doing?" is a common question. The all-wise tell us they have done "nothing." Based on reliable information: The British, that is those Englishmen who came from the British Isles, have sacrificed 71.3 per cent of the men lost in battles while her colonies have lost only 5 per cent. The Dominions—Australia, New Zealand and Canada—lost 18.2 per cent and India 5.5 per cent. Total figures are not available, but the percentage ratio should be sufficient to brand the talk about the British as a contemptible lie merely designed to tear down unity. However, before we heap criticism on others, it is no more than right and just to first examine our own efforts.

What have we done? We were too few and too late in the Pacific. We have hardly reached beyond the taken stage in putting supplies to Russia, China and our other allies who are doing the bloody work on a big scale. Why, it will take years to even offset the advantage given Japan on a silver waiter back yonder when scrap iron and manufactured steel were shipped in vast quantities.

Short and Kimmel dropped the ball at Pearl Harbor, and now the two gentlemen after being parties to the useless murder of more than 3,000 men are asking to be retired with pensions ranging up to \$6,000 a year. Our old system of elite manners and caste ratings in Army and Navy has been judged and found wanting.

Just last week the last automobile went off the assembly line, but that was two months after Pearl Harbor. Fabulous profits are being reported in the high places, and labor is still striking for its share of the spoils while the very foundation of this nation crumbles. We have to have a \$4,600 a year dancer to boost our morale. We have to have more folks in Washington to unravel the red tape and send out worthless communications than there are in the armed forces, almost.

We are told there is a rubber shortage, but Commerce Secretary Jesse Jones comes along and tells us we imported since last December 7th over one hundred thousand tons of rubber. We hear much about sugar rationing, yet some vouch and declare there is no shortage.

Official Washington, there is some hoarding going on among the common swine of this country, but the common people are ready to support the war effort even down to a sugarless cup of coffee. But they look to you for leadership and straight-forward instructions. Get your house in order and the common people will follow, but as long as the middle lasts, we'll talk about others in an effort to cover up our own shortcomings. Tell the world we are licked to date, that only sweat, blood and tears will turn the tide and keep America free. A crowded payroll in Washington can only aggravate disunity.

### Empty Patriotism

"Five minutes after the United States declared war on the Axis, I hung my American flag across our front porch, there to remain until the United States has emerged victorious. Won't you please urge all other American women and mothers to do likewise, thereby proclaiming to the world they are Americans?"

The above spurt of patriotism and the request appeared in a metropolitan newspaper a short time ago. Old Glory, waving in the breeze and in God's sunshine, is pleasing to the eyes of every true American. But when the flag is allowed to droop in the rain, somehow or other it represents an appalling picture, a picture of some young American boy lying wounded on a rain-soaked battlefield, lying there helpless while we harbor our exacting wants inside and in the midst of comfort and plenty.

There is nothing wrong in displaying Old Glory; in fact, we like to gaze upon it and reflect again on all that for which it stands. But there are more ways of demonstrating one's patriotism than just attaching a flag to a pole. Honest-to-goodness patriotism is best reflected in hard work, self-denial and grim determination to do our daily tasks humbly and do them well. Honest-to-goodness patriotism is best reflected in our willingness to do our bit without grumbling, to pay taxes and more taxes cheerfully, to buy bonds for an offensive, to share what we have to promote the war effort. We can fly a thousand flags and be a fifth columnist at the same time. We can't be patriotic when we continually harp about our individual lots while young men march forth to offer their lives, inadequately armed and equipped because of greed and selfishness hiding in our questionable acts and behind the Stars and Stripes of an American flag.

### Cash Patriotism

The following, clipped from a recent issue of the Charlotte News, fits well into our hollow, disgusting and contemptible patriotism, and needs no comment:

"Looking behind the figures on the amount of defense stamps being bought in Charlotte reveals the startling fact that a large percentage of the stamps are being redeemed for cash, not for bonds.

"Acting Postmaster Keely Grice today released figures for January on sale and redemption of stamps at the Charlotte Post Office.

"Stamps were sold in a total amount of \$45,928.95. That is an impressive figure, but it does not tell the whole story.

"The figures on redemption of stamps show that only \$10,580.90 worth were redeemed for defense bonds, while \$20,594.90 worth of stamps were redeemed for cash."

Possibly Charlotte, despite the millions of dollars spent there by the government, ran headlong into a depression and its people had to cash their savings stamps to finance their pleasure spees and maintain a respectable standard of living. And just think, Charlotte is not alone when it comes to squeezing the cash out of the little green and red stickers. Down here where there is no sign of war except for an occasional convoy and where the 1932 depression would look like boom times compared with what's staring up in the face, why the exchange of stamps for cash would seem quite all right. But for Charlotte, the very cradle of patriotism, to go all out for cash causes one to doubt the meaning of all the endless talk about the war effort among the civilian population. And still there are those who have the audacity to refer to Pearl Harbor.

### Out Of Date

If this country ever plans to accomplish anything, it must stop offering defense bonds for sale. It will have to be frank with the people and tell them that "offense" bonds must be bought and bought in vast numbers.

### Fight On!

By Ruth Taylor.

From his room at the White House, Lincoln looked out of the window at the flickering camp fires of the enemy entrenched across the Potomac. So near had defeat come to the Capital of the nation. Then he rose and went to meet his rebellious Cabinet, to stand firm against those who cautioned compromise. He was resolved to fight to the end for a united nation.

Washington walked alone in the snow at Valley Forge—snow stained scarlet by the bleeding feet of his humble followers. His army was starving. His forces grew steadily smaller as the toll of those who could not face defeat grew larger. Congress argued, blamed, and did nothing. He was without money and almost without friends. Defeat was imminent—but he prayed for guidance, tightened his belt, increased the discipline of both himself and his men and went ahead to win.

Down upon Cherry Valley swooped the Indians in a frightful massacre which devastated that peaceful community and destroyed in a night the laborious work of years in carving homes out of the wilderness. But scarcely had the marauders left, and while the ashes of their homes were still red, those settlers who survived, crept out of their hiding places and went back to rebuild their homes and till their fields again.

Earlier still, in that dread winter three hundred and twenty years ago, pestilence broke out in the little Colony of Plymouth. Two-thirds of the colonists perished—but when the spring came, over the leveled graves of their dead the remaining men and women sowed maize, that none might know how great was their loss. Then they went on about their business of living, determined to remain free to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience.

To the man of faith, defeat is but a challenge to carry on. It is a hurdle in his path to be taken in stride. It is not the end of the road.

We must face the fact that all news cannot be good news. That all men cannot be perfect. We must have brave and enduring hearts in our hours of trouble. We must know that only the last battle determines the victory, and we must battle through to the end, without stopping to allocate blame. Only as we put defeat behind us, can we go forward to Victory.

Talk to the point and stop when you reach it. Be comprehensive in all you say and write. To fill a volume about nothing is a credit to nobody.—John Neal.

### TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE



### Horses, Mules Claim Attention On Farm

Much has been said and written about "Old Dobbin" resuming his place in the "agricultural sun"—about a return to the horse and buggy days, now that war-time shortages of tires and metals threaten to restrict the use of modern labor-saving tractors and machines.

Sam L. Williams, assistant Extension animal husbandman of N. C. State College, says the horses and mules have never lost their importance on the farm. "The value of workstock on North Carolina farms is twice as great as the value of all hogs and sheep," he declared.

"Horses and mules furnish a large percentage of the basic power essential in the production of all agricultural commodities," he continued. "This has always been true, despite the increase in tractors and other machinery in use on the farm."

"Raising horses and mules is a profitable business when they are used as a source of farm power, and

### Phosphate And Lime Causes Big Increase In Crop Yield

J. W. Howell, of Jefferson, Ashe County, has phosphated and limed his entire farm in the past three years, causing his crop yields and the grazing capacity of his pastures to double.

as a means of supplementing the farm income through the sale of surplus animals produced. Four good animals can plow four, disc 15 or harrow 30 acres a day in the spring; do other kinds of farm work at a proportionate rate; and raise enough colts to furnish replacements, if wisely managed.

"In this way, the work animals reaching an age of 6 or 7 years can be sold each year and younger animals bred to replace them. A good team of well-broken horses or mules will demand a much higher price than matched pairs of yearlings or two-year-olds."

Williams says that pasture is the first consideration in properly feeding workstock. He also called attention to the need for controlling parasites and diseases of work animals.

### Third Of N. C. Farms Are Raising No Hogs

Southerners have a reputation for eating more than our proportionate share of pork. Yet, says Prof. Earl H. Hostetler, State College animal husbandman, the 1940 census showed that 86,604 of the 278,276 farms in North Carolina were raising no hogs. Pork is one of the most important of the "Victory Foods."

"Pigs reproduce more rapidly, and can furnish the family table with a greater quantity of tasty products in a shorter time than any of the other farm animals," Prof. Hostetler declared. "Then too, the initial cost of the pig is low; it will eat and utilize a wide variety of feeds, and will do equally as well when fed alone or with a group of other pigs."

these are some of the reasons why a farmer with only a few acres of land can produce his own supply of pork, and thereby contribute to the "Food for Victory" program by relieving other producers who are equipped for the commercial production of beef, lamb, milk and other livestock products. This will also relieve transportation and storage facilities for other purposes.

Hostetler says that swine can be raised far more rapidly and economically now than formerly, due to more vigorous, prolific breeding stock and more knowledge of the value of sanitary management and efficient feeding. "Good pasture, clean water and sanitary quarters are all very important in hog production," the animal husbandman declared. "Experience also has proved that it usually pays to full-feed pigs from the time they begin to eat until they are marketed or slaughtered."

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