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### About The War Against The New Deal And Labor

Kenneth G. Crawford in the newspaper PM: There is still war on the home front. Talk as we will and do about national unity, we cannot, if we are realistic, close our eyes to the existence of that war. It is a continuation of the nine-year-old domestic fight of the Old Deal against the New Deal, of the haves against the have-nots, of capital against labor, of the prosperous farmer against the poor farmer.

So long as we are fighting that war, that long will we be diverting part of our attention and our energies from the war on the common enemy at our gates. Almost everyone now agrees that this internecine war should be stopped so that we can all get down to the business of whipping Hitler and Hirohito.

The question, then, is how to make peace at home.

The anti-New Dealers through their press have given us their answer. Since the New Deal is the thing the country fights over, they say, let us simply liquidate the New Deal. Let us turn the clock back to 1932. Let us unshackle private enterprise by removing any effective restrictions on profits. Let us remove the safeguards we have thrown up around organized labor and the collective bargaining process. Let us quit spending money for anything but war. Let us have an end of reform.

The New Dealers also have given us their answer, although it has not received much attention because most of the press is unfriendly to the New Deal. They have said, in effect, let us throw down our arms where we now stand. We shall not advance the social frontier forward during wartime. But neither shall we permit it to be pushed back. The gains of the last night years shall be frozen where they are.

The New Dealers have backed up their proposal with action. They have persuaded labor to surrender voluntarily its principal weapon in the home fight—the right to strike. The President has cut his budget for non-defense agencies to the bare bone of continued existence. Where possible he has put these agencies to work on war projects. The Treasury's tax bill proposes to dig deep into the pockets of the poor as well as the rich to finance the war effort.

But the Old Dealers are not satisfied with a truce on these terms. They insist, against the overwhelming weight of evidence to the contrary, that the Administration is trying to make the war an excuse for furthering its reform program at an accelerated pace. They are assuring the Nation, through their press, that this is so. This is a deliberate falsification of the New Deal's record and the New Deal's position.

But it is the only way they can justify their insistence upon continuation of the home front fight. They must say that they are being put upon by the New Deal in order to explain why they continue to fight the New Deal and to demand unconditional surrender on the part of the New Deal as a condition to national unity.

And they are fighting with everything they have. The Byrd Committee of the Senate is trying to make it appear that the New Deal is engaged in a peace-time boondoggle of unprecedented proportions. In the House the Southern Tories are backing the Smith Bill, which would, in effect, repeal every law now on the books protecting labor—particularly the Wages and Hours Law. The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) is sending out phony strike figures to support the Smith Bill and at the same time presenting a tax bill designed to protect corporate profits while loading the cost of the war on the consumer.

The anti-New Dealers have made the 40-hour week issue the spearhead of an offensive counted on to deliver the coup de grace to the New Deal and its labor allies. With the help of H. V. Kaltenborn, the radio commentator; Frank Gaylord, the Oklahoma publisher, and many others, they recently started spreading the false report that the 40-hour week was holding up war production.

They tried to make it appear that the Wages and Hours Law limited war workers to 40 hours a week although the fact was that 46 hours was the average in war industries. The newspapers built up "strike wave" stories at a

time when less than one-thousandth of one per cent of war workers were out on strike.

President Roosevelt, trying to promote national unity, ignored all this for a while. Finally, this week, he answered the opposition's lies. So did Donald M. Nelson, chief of the War Production Board (WPB), Lt. Gen. William Knudsen for the Army, James Forrestal for the Navy, and Labor Secretary Perkins.

All of them said there was no need for labor legislation of the kind proposed by Rep. Howard W. Smith, author of the Smith Bill.

Yet Smith assured a House committee that there was still danger of "labor insurrection."

There is more than danger. There is insurrection. But it isn't a labor insurrection. It is Tory insurrection. Its perpetrators are revolting against the New Deal, knowing that in doing so they are helping Hitler, Hirohito and Co. They are revolting because they are determined that peace at home shall be made on their terms—unconditional surrender by the New Deal—not on the New Deal's terms—a freezing of the status quo.

It would seem that President Roosevelt, since he has been elected three times in a row by overwhelming majorities, speaks for the American people with more authority than the Tories. His peace terms, moreover, would seem to be more than just to his enemies at home. If they insist on continuing the fight, on disrupting national unity to the advantage of the Nation's enemies, what can we do about it?

The least we can do is show up their lies and investigate their methods. The President and Nelson already have shown up some of their lies. A Senate Appropriations subcommittee is threatening to investigate the NAM. The Truman Committee may look into what seems to be a well-financed campaign to start a prairie fire.

Once the American people understand who the aggressors are in this home front fight, the aggressors will be taken care of. Even radio commentators, newspapers and Congressmen are not immune from the wrath of a public that finds it has been fooled. When the wind changes no one will be scorched worse than those who set the fires.

### Clown Reynolds Speaks Again

Clown Reynolds, the big disappointment North Carolinians sent to the United States Senate, has spoken again, not against the aliens but against his own countrymen. His words, apparently supporting the thoughts and wishes of his recently annexed rich wife and her mamma, are those of those who would dictate to the majority—the working millions.

The nation's No. 1 Disappointment (Mr. Reynolds), acting with the slyness of an aged fox, tempered his attack with an empty threat against industrial profits. After enslaving the worker, old Reynolds would limit profits to six percent. The six per cent profit is just about like six per cent interest. The big fellows borrow below six per cent and the little fellows pay above six per cent. Some say there is a law limiting interest charges to six per cent. Well, say there is such a law. But ask the fellow who buys or did buy a car on the installment plan about six per cent interest. Ask the installment buyer how much interest he pays in one way or another. Often the interest is figured at six per cent plus premiums, charges and services.

Six per cent profits are little different from six per cent interest. The manufacturer pads his payroll, hires his relatives and relatives' friends and pay them big money for doing little or nothing. The Jack-Heintz steal just uncovered out in Cleveland, for instance.

And while Mr. Reynolds is attacking the workers and jesting with the industrialists, he is a party, according to Pearson and Allen in the Washington Merry-Go-Round, to the sneaking scheme to:

1. Tap the taxpayers for \$171,000 to finance travel at the rate of 20 cents a mile.
2. To furnish trunks free to the lawmakers.
3. Increase allowance for laundry.
4. Appropriation of \$30,000 for folding speeches, including those of the enemy, for free distribution to the "suckers" back home. And speaking about the franking privilege, the same Bob Reynolds is sending out a pile of adulterated crap and helping to run up the mail deficit by nearly a million dollars.

And the regrettable part about it, there are those "important" newspapers who headline the scoundrel's pithy words on their front pages and bury or refuse to print the startling facts as they fall from the high places. It was bad enough to hear the Reynolds with the ragged rain coat tail and old Model T, but it is still worse to hear the Reynolds with the limousines and McLeans.

### Dictators

It is an established fact that the Steel Trust dictated to the government of the United States in the last war. And it now appears that the Standard Oil, sugar and aluminum trusts are dictating to the government in this war. However, there are those who would set up a dictator for common working man, and talk about Roosevelt being a dictator.

### Permitted To Be Crucified

Over 1900 years ago today men and women and boys and girls waved palm leaves and branches at Him and then permitted Him to go on and be crucified. Are we doing any better? We'll join the crowd that is waving on Sunday and remain with that same crowd and see His cause suffer and Himself pushed farther and farther into the background. Will we dare to own His name, espouse His cause and follow in His train?—Church Bulletin.

### TAKE YOUR PICK!



### HIXTY SIGE

—he wants ter know.

Ef a real Dimocrat wont prove his self, re-gardles of how he rides? I was a confabbin with a feller tuther day, and he up and ast me, Was I a dimocrat?

I told 'im, I want nuthin else but, fact was, I was a dyed-in-the-wood, fore-and-aft Dimocrat, both a-goin, and a-cummin.

Then he ast me, What was a Dimocrat? And I ast him, Had he ever read Abe Linkins Gettysburg speech? And ef he had, then Ole Abe told 'im right in their last lines.

He says Abraham Linkin was a Re-pub-likin. I says, Aberyham Linkin rid-into office on the Autocrat hobby-horse named Re-pub-likin, but his de-mocracy rid-in with 'im, and stayed with 'im long as he stayed, and much to the worri-ment of his Autocrat office-sharers.

I says, Yas-sir, Ole Abe was a Dimocrat. Ole Hickory was a Dimocrat. Tom Jefferson was a Dimocrat. Grover Cleveland was a Dimocrat. Teddy was. And F D R shore is.

Then he says, How do I figger all that? And I says, They-all figgered that evry feller ought to be able to live decent on his-own labor, and ef their country was run right he could do it, and ef it want, then it was the Govments place to right the wrong.

I ast 'im, ef a city had a po-lice to keep the honest folks from inter-ferin with the Al Capones, or was it to keep the Capones from gangin up ergainst the honest-workers?

I told 'im that all this de-pression want caused by Govment hand-outs to on-willin workers, but by the gangin-up of the Figgerin-Wizzards, and wormin all their profits onto their high-piles of ther Few, leavin so little for ther real creators to live on that they had slipped into a sand-pit, with no hope but to holler fer help, and that that happened to be a Captain-a-standin at ther helm of ther old ship-o-sterate that heered ther cry and rested to ther rescu.

That ther world want one cent poorer by cause of ther de-pression, but that all ther money had jest bin ganged-up so it wouldnt percolate in a dim-ocratic way.

I ast 'im, Did he ever watch ther willin little honey-bee, a-bringin in they winter supply and then see ther brainy-keeper, slip-it-all-out, clean down to ther mere-morsal and then watch ther willin little workers git all ca-flabber-gasted over they bad-luck, and dive-out to ther fields er-gin, to find ther freeze had hit ther flowers and ther frost had hit thay wing, and that want nuthin left to live for, not even a load to bring.

### American Industry Setting High Mark

Exact statistics on industrial production are coming more and more under the head of "strategic information." But American industry as a whole is producing at a rate never before equalled. Example of fast work: Iron Age magazine reports that already the low point in Detroit employment resulting from the 100 per cent changeover of the auto industry to arms manufacturing has been passed. . . . At the sprawling, blacked-out, grimly guarded plant of Consolidated Aircraft corporation, near San Diego, Calif., a button was pushed that set in motion the first continuous moving assembly line ever to be used in the fabrication of giant four-engine bombers. Powered assembly lines, of course, are nothing new in the aircraft industry, but this is the first time that typically American production technique has been applied to a war-plane of any such size as this one. . . . It's bigger than the Flying Fortress, contains 101,650 parts.

### Workstock

If properly handled, workstock authorities estimate that 12,000,000 of the 14,000,000 horses and mules in the United States can do as much work this year as 18,000,000 in peace time.

sent.

During the 1941 session of the General Assembly, which was my first experience as a member of our State legislature, I tried to support those measures which I felt were for the best interest of the people of my county. I was one of the few members who opposed increasing the salaries of several of our State department heads from \$6000 to \$8600 per year. I supported every piece of legislation which I thought would be to the best interest of our farmers, including the act to reduce the cost for license on farm trucks. I supported the retirement act for State employees, just as I supported the provision for a 12th grade in our high schools. As a member of the appropriations committee, I voted for increased appropriations for the State Blind Commission in order to provide eye operations for the handicapped children who are unable to pay their own expenses. I felt then as I do now, that it was a good investment for our state to spend money to remove the cloud of darkness from some of the poor blind children of North Carolina.

These were some of the things which I supported that touched the welfare of our entire citizenship.

I am personally acquainted with a number of those who will be members of the next General Assembly, and I feel that with increased experience and acquaintance with the membership, I can better serve the people of Martin County.

It will be impossible for me to see all of the people of Martin County personally since there is a tire shortage. I assure the citizenship of Martin County that their support will be appreciated and that if they will give me their confidence and nominate me their confidence and nominate me their representative for a second term, I will always be faithful to their trust. Political Advertising.

### Were Business Visitors Here

Messrs. J. C. Smith and J. R. Winslow, of Robersonville, were business visitors here yesterday.

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of F. L. Haislip, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of March, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 26th day of March, 1942.  
Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.,  
Executor, Estate of F. L. Haislip,  
m31-61 Deceased, Hamilton, N. C.  
E. S. Peel, Atty.



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