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The Civilian Conservation Corps

The Civilian Conservation Corps this week is observing its ninth anniversary. Whatever its shortcomings may have been and still are, the organization has accomplished much in reclaiming the lives of nearly three million of the nation's youth and in developing the natural resources of America.

That the Civilian Conservation Corps has made mistakes, possibly many of them, is not denied, but the very fact that such an organization was ever needed should cause one to pause and think. Here, in a land of plenty it was found necessary to snatch millions of youths from idleness, to reshape their lives and to direct their manpower into useful channels and away from the crime road. Surely, there are many who have not taken full advantage of the opportunities planned for them by a thoughtful and understanding government, but the glaring fact is that there were not just a few thousands but millions of young men who had been cast aside into idleness to experience the pangs of actual want in a land of plenty.

And, yet, many of those who helped create such a costly situation went to the extremes in opposing the program to save these youths from such a foul system. There have always been and always will be those who knew or know nothing about ease and plenty. Confined to a limited number, that group can cause little or no trouble, but when the numbers of that group expands into the millions, it is time for someone to wake up. Would America today be in a position to challenge the aggressors and oppressors if it had ignored those millions back in the turbulent days of 1933? Would America today be ready to feed the starving in many lands had it enslaved further the farmers back in 1933? Would the workers turn by the millions to the armament factories today if their shackles tightened around their legs during the thirties had not been loosened?

Yes, the Civilian Conservation Corps and the New Deal have cost millions even billions, but the value of the program is no longer to be doubted, especially will one place a true valuation on the gains if he compares the expenditures with what a revolution might have cost or what the bitter rewards might have been if the organization and the New Deal had not displaced the do-nothing policy in effect during the early thirties.

Yet, there are those who continue the unsavory fight against the very things that enable America today to reach out to the four corners of the world and challenge the oppressors. It will be well now to recognize the lesson that has been so ably taught and so well demonstrated, and to plan for the future accordingly.

Serfs

England threw off the fetters of serfdom centuries ago. The practice has held forth to some extent in other lands, and even in this country serfdom was about to gain a foothold in the early thirties, only we called it tenantry. But serfdom for hundreds of thousands of farmers in Europe is back again and it comes after a crude fashion.

Hitler is moving men, women and children by the tens of thousands into the fields of Russia where they will be required to work at the point of a gun. Labor has been shackled to the forge. Farmers are now being regimented along with their wives and children. How long can the world stand the pressure? We in America can help answer the question by an all-out war effort or we may hasten a negotiated peace by accepting slavery in our factories and serfdom for our farmers.

The Sixth Column

The work of the fifth column is about to be displaced by the blundering and ignorance of a well-meaning sixth column in this country. So much has been accomplished to interrupt the war effort that Hitler and his cohorts have found it unnecessary to maintain a costly espionage system or countless numbers of fifth columnists. There are many of the foreign enemy in our fair land, but the bulk of the dastardly and sneaking work has been ably done

for and without cost to Hitler. It is now fairly well established that the attack on labor coming as it did when the wheels of production were just beginning to turn in high gear had its origin in the mind of a high-ranking official in the United States Chamber of Commerce. That the attack was well coated with white sweetening, the sugar shortage notwithstanding, is now admitted by many of those who were "sucked in" by the rabble. Planting the seeds of hate, the manipulators or sixth columnists moved with the fury of a storm out of Oklahoma. The radio advertising commentators, including one H. V. Kaltenborn who is known to have many connections with the lousy rich, picked up the germs of hate and attempted to infect the mind of the entire country. Millions of common workers were pictured as beasts while the jackals such as the Standard Oil, the steel trust, the sugar manipulators sat protected in their seats cushioned by padded profits and dared dictate to the millions despite the warnings coming from the very seat of our government.

Wake Up!

By Ruth Taylor. This war is not a new war. It is the same struggle of barbarism against civilization which has been fought again and again in the past. The democracy of Athens went down before the massed armies of the Persians. Once before Rome crumbled under the onslaught of Germanic tribes. The forces of the East were halted only just outside the gates of Vienna. A battle in the Straits of Trafalgar, and the snows and cold of Russia were all that turned another would-be Ruler of the World back across the Beresina ice to his downfall at Waterloo. So it has been.

Such is the war that rages today. We must face the grim reality that we are fighting those who have nothing to lose but their lives. For years they have concentrated on preparing for this fight. It is easy to say that if they had spent on production what they have spent on destruction, on intrigue, in inciting hatreds, they could have attained peace and prosperity. It is true—but they did not want peace and prosperity. They wanted just what every other gangster has wanted since the beginning of time—Loot!

Can we, knowing this, continue to sit back comfortably and say we are the richest nation in the world and that, therefore, we will surely win? We are the richest—in loot! But in order to win, we must wake up to a realization of what defeat would mean to you and to me. We must put all our forces, mental and physical, to work. We must mobilize all our resources and be ready to sacrifice everything to the all-out struggle to win this war. This we must do now before it is too late.

So far our enemies have chosen the time and place for attack. We waited for the minority to catch up in their thinking, oblivious of the fact that Hitler and his gang were putting on the brakes wherever and whenever possible to slow things up.

Wake up! The soft and easy days of peace are gone. In the words of Patrick Henry: "If we wish to be free; if we wish to preserve inviolate those inestimable privileges for which we have been so long contending; if we mean not basely to abandon the noble struggle in which we have been so long engaged, and which we have pledged ourselves never to abandon until the glorious object of our contest shall be obtained—we must fight! An appeal to arms, and the God of Hosts, is all that is left us."

Are Some Still Lagging?

Public sentiment will want Congress at once to investigate charges by Robert R. Guthrie, who has resigned as chairman of the War Production Board's textile, clothing, and leather goods division, that he and his immediate associates were hampered in their task of conversion to war effort by a continuance of the business-as-usual attitude in some quarters.

Mr. Guthrie speaks of "the resistance of representatives of the affected industries now working within the WPB." This evidently means some of the dollar-a-year men whose position of exposure to divided loyalty already has been criticized by the Truman investigating committee. Yet it is difficult to propose a satisfactory substitute for these men, since the Government must have experience and the experts can scarcely cut all peacetime ties.

The situation of the intermediary becomes less difficult when the industry concerned is fully convinced of the necessity to convert promptly and fully to military demands. The automobile industry perhaps was not fully convinced until the loss of rubber supplies made it pointless to manufacture cars. But once begun, that conversion has moved rapidly in the motor industry because it was concentrated among a comparatively small number of producers. Since then, the process has been introduced in the industries making refrigerators, radios, typewriters, and other mechanisms dependent on metal supplies.

But there has been no rude jolt to separate the manufacturers of household linens, coats, hats, shoes, men's suits, women's dresses, and children's rompers from their usual markets. Moreover, the textile and clothing industries are divided among so many thousands of producing units that the organizing of their effort is difficult. Various branches and concerns in these industries have been absolved by Mr. Guthrie from responsibility for the condition he alleges. But as to the rest, there should be quick investigation and action, for the country cannot tolerate any hanging back or wasted time where the supplying of its soldiers is concerned.

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