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### The Inevitable

Now that there is little hope for an early end of the war, many changes in our way of life are inevitable, and the sooner we adjust our ways, our thinking and our acts the better off we will be in the end.

There is marked evidence of big changes taking place right at home, not to mention the upheaval that is surging on the world-wide front. When a neighbor business man closes his doors, more or less, as a result of the war, many of us lend a bit of sympathy but at the same time we harbor the idea that such fate is not in store for us. Many of us are in line for a crude awakening.

The shift from a complacent and normal business schedule to a war economy never before dreamed of in this world is advancing gradually but surely, and it will continue until three-fourths of our economy is based on war rather than on the wants and needs of the civilian. We will do well to recognize the inevitable and act to accept the pending fate after the most advantageous pattern possible.

Few complaints have been heard from those whose doors have been closed. Men thrown out of employment are not griping; they are recognizing the inevitable and turning to other lines of business for employment. The question is, Will all of us keep our chins up and do the best we can, or will we get mad and want to fight within ourselves because our businesses have been wrecked that the war effort might be advanced?

### Pledge Your Faith

If you glory in the past—  
If the story of the great trek of the freedom hungry people, of their turning from the tyrannies of Europe to an unknown continent; if the saga of their carving a home out of the virgin wilderness, of the rise of this rich land of ours, whose very name—the United States of America—breathes of the effort of men to work together in mutual understanding and cooperation; if these tales move you, give you inspiration and courage; if you feel the glory of the past heritage of this country of ours—

Then for the preservation of that glory, for the preservation indeed of the very ideals for which those pioneers fought and died, then—in equal spirit with those men who said "millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute," Pledge to buy U. S. Saving Bonds regularly.

If you believe in the present—  
If the democratic way of life means anything to you; if you have faith in a republican form of government, in majority rule and minority rights; if you wish to live and work as free men and not as serf labor; if you believe in the sanctity of the home and family and in the right of individual enterprise; that the state is made for man, not man for the state—that the obligation of citizenship means equal treatment for all without regard to race, creed or color; if you hold that man should be free to worship God according to the dictates of his own individual conscience; if you believe in the Bill of Rights and its practical application—

Then prove your faith. If you can fight—fight. If you are needed for Defense work—work to the extent of your strength and ability—and then some. And whatever you do—help supply the sinews of war.

Pledge to buy U. S. Savings Bonds regularly.

If you hope for the future—  
If you wish to see the dawn of a new day when the Four Freedoms become the basis for a new world order of free men; if you wish the world of tomorrow to offer to you children an opportunity greater than you own for growth and knowledge and service; if you want to be certain that your children and your children's children may choose, without fear, to seek God in the way they choose for themselves and not as some over-lord dictates; if you wish the sacrifices of those who paved the way for you, added to your sacrifices of today to make smooth the path for those to follow, so that the law of love may be fulfilled and the children of the future grow up, unafraid, in a world of brotherhood—

Then pave the way now! Do your share in fighting and working for this country of ours

—the last hope of free men. Prove your faith—invest in yourselves—for this country of ours is not a thing apart, it is you and me and our neighbors. Pave the way to a new future—fight, work, pray—and pay.  
Pledge to buy U. S. Saving Bonds regularly.

### Dispelling The Fog

By Charles Michelson.  
The enthusiasm with which anti-administration publicists recite the difficulties and delays in our production of war material is a strange note.

There is no question but that strikes, for example, have cost us many man hours in our effort; perhaps comparable to the distress that resulted from the acts of certain corporations that held up our production of artificial rubber. But both of these things combined do not begin to equal the damage to our maximum output resulting from the innumerable delays that the isolationist forces in and out of Congress were responsible for, when the President called for preparedness years ago.

Had our martial departments been permitted to fortify Guam adequately, for instance, that Pacific outpost would still be an American base in a section of the world where it would be of the utmost consequence in checking the Japs. Had the St. Lawrence waterway been started when the President first called for it, we would now be pouring out war craft and cargo-ships from safe shipyards to replace the losses by submarine sinkings in the Atlantic. The power shortage that is hampering the manufacture of vital military products would be non-existent in our northeastern belt, if his word had been heeded.

It is not necessary to charge any turpitude in the votes that prevented the fulfillment of these projects. It may be assumed that the holding back by the isolationist groups was dictated by what these groups sincerely thought was patriotic and wise. Whether the motive was pure—or pure politics—is unimportant now; the fact remains that we are not as strong today as we would have been had these measures which time demonstrated as absolutely essential been rushed through.

Actually, the picture, so far from being the doleful thing the critics suggest, is astonishingly bright.

Military strategy forbids the publication of our actual output of planes and tanks and guns, but those who have been given the figures—such as the Senate committees—expressed their amazement at the rate at which war engines were being turned out.

The news reports from overseas give collateral corroboration of this fact. So we read about the performance of American-built tanks on the African front and the Russian battle lines; of the presence and effectiveness of our air-cobras, tommyhawks, and flying fortresses in the South Pacific, and every other theater of war.

We are not only getting the stuff built but we are delivering it to where it will do the most good. Every tanker sunk along our shores is reported—what is rarely mentioned is the safe arrival of huge convoys of munition-laden vessels at their destinations, and no small proportion of the cargo boats that are carrying these precious freights are of the present vintage, for we are putting ships afloat at the rate of one—perhaps two a day.

However imposing may be the figures, expressed or implied, they are not big enough, for in a war the duration of which no man can tell, we cannot afford complacency or even satisfaction, and the promise is for continued acceleration. America is just getting into her stride. The rough places have been eliminated and every day's experience is another asset.

So, when we read of hypothetical bottle-necks, and get excited about undue profits, it is just as well to remember that more than twenty thousand American motor cars participated in the Ethiopian campaign; that the British forces with American tanks drove the Germans out of Cyrenacia; that five types of American war planes were employed in Libya with conspicuous success. MacArthur, in Australia, has flocks of them and herds of tanks.

Incidentally, in the region of the Philippines our aircraft are credited with having downed more than 500 Japanese planes, as well as having sunk or injured all sorts of surface ships from battleships to destroyers and including transports and at least one aircraft carrier.

Certainly these reports do not suggest that American production has fallen down.

### Manufacturing Lies

Remember the "sixth columnist"—the American who wittingly or unwittingly does the work of the "fifth columnist"? Here is a typical example of the way it is done wittingly. A speaker in Washington wanted to stir up a little trouble and suspicion between the United States and Russia. He is allowed to break into print in one Capital newspaper, quoting Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Ambassador, as saying: "Time is an uncertain ally—we must prepare to fight on either side." What did Mr. Litvinoff really say? He was speaking before the Economic Club of New York on March 16th. He was urging the need for the United Nations to take some military risks now in order to bring the war to a quicker end. He was contending that inaction might be a greater risk than action. With respect to waiting to gather still greater strength he said: "In other words, we invite time to be our ally. I think time is but a treacherous ally, ready to fight on either side." And that's the way the "sixth columnist" wittingly does the work for the "fifth columnist." It is something to watch.

## Casual Acquaintances of Jesus . . . . .

By REV. JOHN L. GOFF  
Pastor Christian Church

"Whoever doth not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:27.

The wayside conversations of Jesus have come in for more attention since Frederick Keller Stamm brought out his book, *The Conversations of Jesus*. Through this little book we have been made to see how the conversations of Jesus, as they happened just any where about a table or along a road, gave us such large bulk of His teaching. Always He was handling great themes. He talked on important matters during what we think of as incidental times.

On one such occasion He was drawn into questions concerning discipleship. "Is it only a few, sir, who are saved?" A good question it was. Many do not go into this matter deep enough to make a decision, or if they do, do not have the courage to go very far with it.

A good question to raise after Easter. There has been the seasonal excitement in the Churches. There has been the Easter crowds. Gerhard Lenski tells about a gentleman of great culture, broad knowledge, who boasted of the regularity of his Church-attendance. "I have been going to Church regularly now for six years. Each year I get there once—at Easter." Could he not, asks Pastor Lenski, have spared himself the jostling of the crowd?

What happens to those who just come and never become committed to the challenge of Jesus or put their trust in a casual acquaintance with Him? "Then shall He begin to say, We did eat and drink in Thy presence, and Thou didst teach in our streets; and He shall say, I know not whence ye are." Just to be around where Christ is, and no more than that, will be of no rating in the hour of judgment. "They who content themselves with dropping into Church once in a while, as on festival days, will soon drop out of the heavenly company."

Jesus pressed the matter of entering the Kingdom as the future view of a present opportunity. He did seem to be able to penetrate their shells of indifference. They just looked at Him blankly. They were unmoved. Jesus protested against their mental inaction. The day of regret would come. Then they would realize that they were outside of the fellowship, outside of the fellowship dear to the heart of the Jew, that of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Furthermore, others from all the odd places of the earth, from every unsuspected corner would have come ahead of them into the presence of God. Thus was Jesus attempting to get His hearers to have the far view of present opportunity. Discipleship is decisiveness. It is that before it is anything else. It is the immediate grasping of opportunity. But the multitude toys with eternity. The throng passes by the narrow gate, not seeing it. There are all too few that are saved.

"Strive to enter in at the Narrow door." This was the Master's word to those who aspired to enter. The entrance to the Kingdom is not a broad gate through which thousands can pour without thinking. A man must enter it of his separate will. Moreover, it is the gate of discipline. Upon entering, one must lay aside, that is outside, pride, selfishness, opinionativeness, rudeness, uncleanness, ugly willfulness. The gate is so narrow we wonder that any get in.

Do applicants for the Christian life see that? Have we been too easy with those who look longingly to the Christian life? Have we described the conditions too glibly? The door is narrow and there is no limit to what we have to do. This should be engraven upon all hearts. The

## CHURCH NEWS

### RIDDICK'S GROVE

Regular services will be held at Riddick's Grove Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock E. W. T. It is hoped that the membership will try to be present, and the public is invited.

### Piney Grove Baptist

Owing to the baccalaureate sermon being preached at Farm Life school Sunday evening, there will not be any service at Piney Grove Church Sunday night.

### CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

The 3rd Sunday after Easter.

**The Collect**  
Almighty God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return unto the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Church school, 9:45 a. m.

Morning prayer and sermon by the Rev. Monson Bethea, 11 a. m.—This being the 25th anniversary of the consecration of the present church, we are glad to have Mr. Bethea, who preached the consecration sermon, with us. We cordially invite the people of our community to observe with us this milestone in the life of our church.

Celebration of the Holy Communion Thursday, 11 a. m.

### ST. MARTIN'S, Hamilton

Evening prayer and sermon, 6 p. m. There will be a congregational meeting following the service.

### PRESBYTERIAN

Williamston—Church school, 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon, 11 a. m.

Bear Grass—Church school, 10:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon, 8:00 p. m.

Roberson's Chapel—Church school 12:00 o'clock.

Poplar Point—Church school, 3:00 p. m.

### BAPTIST

Bible Training, 9:45 a. m.  
Public worship, 11 a. m.  
Training Union, 7 p. m.  
Public worship, 8 p. m.

Sermon subjects: Morning, "Our Source of Strength." Evening, "A Legitimate Strike."

Wednesday, prayer, praise and study service, 8 p. m.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." We crave the high privilege of your fellowship in our worship.

matter of the cross issuing into a crown is not a gesture to a symbol, but the character of a life and service. Jesus used the word "daily" in connection with the bearing of the cross, not an annual innovation.

An interesting story is told of an African witch-doctor who had something from somewhere of pure religion. He was approaching the end. So he got together all the machinery of his craft. Some of it to make noise. All of it to chase away spirits. All of it a kind of inducement to the chief spirit. But just before the last, he gathered the stuff all up and carried it a distance into the forest. "Now," he said, "I shall face God alone."

Apply that not at the moment of death, but at the moment of great spiritual opportunity. Take all of these accumulations of pride and magic and throw them aside. One can take into the kingdom only the purified, disciplined self.

### CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "The Living Church—Its Creative Fellowship."

Young People's meeting, (7 p. m. Subject, "The Church Moves on to Triumph."

Evening service with ordinance of Christian baptism, 8 p. m. Subject, "The New Testament Church for Today—The Authority of the Scriptures."

Wednesday, 8:00 p. m. mid-week service. Subject, "Church Ordinance—Baptism." Choir rehearsal follows.

The Daily Vacation Bible School time has been set for May 18-29. Rev. John L. Goff, who will direct the school this year is now busy lining up the faculty and other details incident to the opening.

### METHODIST

Church school, 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship and sermon, 11 a. m.

Epworth League, 7 p. m.

Evening worship and sermon, 8 p. m. The Junior choir will sing at both services.

Mid-week prayer and Bible study service Wednesday, 8 p. m. Choir rehearsal will follow.

### NOTICE OF RE-SALE

North Carolina. Martin County.

Under and by virtue of the order of re-sale signed by Hon. L. Bruce Wynne, Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, in the special proceedings entitled "Ephriam Peele, Executor of the Will of Alexander Peele vs. Roscoe Peele, Homer Peele, Noah Peele, et al.," the undersigned Commissioner will, on the 4th day of May, 1942, at 12:00 o'clock M., at the Court House door at Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, a certain tract of land in Martin County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the South end of the cement bridge across Harris Branch on the road from J. R. P. Griffin's to the old Corey School House, thence running up the run of said branch 3.25 chains to the center of the Alexander Peele farm road; along the center of said road South 18 West 14.25 chains to an iron marker on the old path; thence South 19 West 37.45 chains to an iron marker in Foreman-Blade Lumber Company's line; thence South 52 West 5.52 chains to an iron marker, I. F. Griffin's corner; thence North 40 chains along I. F. Griffin's line to an old road; thence North 83 West 1.40 chains to the canal in Harris Branch, S. Peele's line; thence down the said canal 8 chains; thence North 13.06 chains along S. Peele's line to an iron marker on the edge of the aforesaid road; thence down said road South 88 East 16.45 chains to the beginning, containing 67 acres, more or less, and being Lot No. 1 as shown on the map in the report of the Commissioners in the above entitled proceedings.

This is the 15th day of April, 1942.

CLARENCE W. GRIFFIN, Commissioner.

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