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Not What We Can Do But What We Got To Do

Acting as the chicken with its head cut off, we have been running around asking, "What can we do?", holding our breath all the while for fear we would find something we could do to aid the war effort. That question has been answered, and now it isn't what we can do but what we got to do if the torch of liberty is to continue to burn for America.

The Secretary of the Treasury in a plain but meaningful statement points out that the American people must more than double their investments in War Bonds and War Stamps, that labor and management are being called upon to see that at least ten per cent of every payroll goes into Bonds and Stamps.

From the feeble record established to date in this county, it is evident that our people must more than double their purchases of Bonds and Stamps if they are to do their part in financing the war effort of this nation.

Many will ask how they can buy more bonds and stamps. The seriousness of this war has reached the point where it is not only advisable but imperative that we snatch the candy nickel from the baby, to turn the little tots from the picture show, to reduce or eliminate our pleasure schedules altogether, to cut corners and invest every available nickel in War Bonds and War Stamps.

It will be bad and even cruel to deny the baby his candy sucker, and our economy may be thrown completely out of balance by changes of our habits. But consider the problem after a realistic fashion and it can be readily seen that it is better to experience hardships and difficulties and sacrifices for a limited period than it would be to play the selfish role and endanger our way of life for years to come.

Not until we have diverted every dollar from the liquor dealer, wiped out every single luxury and reduced our necessities by half or more in some cases can we truthfully say that we aren't able to participate in the imperative program for financing the war effort. It is no longer a matter of what we can do, but rather it is a matter of what we must do.

Thinks Of National Defense First

Describing a serious weakness in our society and at the same time proving that some few are thinking of national defense first, the following clipping is offered for consumption right here at home by one who would urge a greater cooperation in the great and imperative task of supporting the war effort:

Recently a member of a Woman's Society in a large city church declined an invitation to a tea given by a friend. "I would like very much to come," she said to the hostess. "But my group sews for the Red Cross on Wednesdays. I never let any social engagement interfere with that activity. You see, we are all thinking of national defense right now. My group is sewing on warm, wooly things that will be used both at home and for unfortunate little children over in Britain. I would have a guilty conscience if I came to your party when I felt that I would be helping suffering people in a small way with my needle."

Playing Both Ends Against The Middle

One of the most cowardly, detestable and low-down practices of World War II is the business of playing both ends against the middle. The French nation has led the procession with its magnified traitors courting Adolf Hitler and his gang on one end and the French people struggling at the cost of their lives in many cases on the other end. If Hitler wins, the staid or self-styled leaders of France will go begging for the crumbs that fall from the German beast's table. The common French people will be in a position to ask recognition from the British in case of an Allied victory. It is a clear cut case of playing both ends against the middle. The French leadership, it would seem, should be condemned.

Over in this country much is being played at both ends against the middle. There are those who still believe Hitler will win, and that it will be to their advantage to stall the Ameri-

can war effort and be ready with the blessings of Hitler to resume business-as-usual at the end of the war. They seem to forget that business will be according to Hitler's plan. It is a bit like picking out the winner in a race, political, horse or what not. If one picks the winner, he is sitting pretty, to use the common vernacular. It is a question of win all or lose all. In picking Hitler, some of our people have balked the war effort, and the traitors should be dealt with accordingly.

How About The People Selecting A Governor?

Sunday's newspapers carried a story to the effect that employees of some of the state governmental departments were undertaking to launch a movement to "draft" Clyde R. Hoey for governor in 1944. Whether this is being done to head off the likelihood of the former governor opposing Bob Reynolds for the United States Senate, or whether it is a serious proposal, we wouldn't know; and so far as we are personally concerned, we not only oppose "drafting" him but are also against accepting any service he might "volunteer," as governor or any other public officer.

Hoey is the personification of the reactionary textile crowd that has dominated North Carolina politics for entirely too many years. He has ably represented that group both in and out of the state government. At the present time, as their paid representative, he stands in a much more honorable light than he would should he return to public office, where he still would be the textile representative but be paid by the people.

For lo, these many years our governors and senators and other public officers have been hand picked by the state Democratic machine, which then rode them roughshod into office, occasionally over the wishes of the people themselves. Isn't it about time the people of North Carolina were allowed to pick their own governor, for a change?

Ration The Rationing Rumors

Christian Science Monitor.

The American people can and will take rationing in their stride; they cannot and will not stand for many more rumors about rationing. They should not be whipsawed by conflicting estimates of gasoline and sugar shortages.

They do not yet know how relatively unimportant it is whether there is two and a half gallons of "gas" a week for the family car—enough to do the shopping and make some calls—or five gallons—enough for a little trip on Sunday. They do not have quite the same sense of values as the men of Bataan who knew their ration was two meals or less, or the defenders of Leningrad whose supply lines could manage either food or shells. But they are ready to make sacrifices—when they understand what is necessary.

The American people have made allowances for the tremendous complexities of rationing in America and for the discussions by which a democratic system seeks to act justly and wisely. They may even sense that their own taste for newspaper controversy is partly responsible for rationing rumors and conflicting estimates of shortages by officials. But they are fast reaching the point where they will demand a rationing "czar" and a complete censorship of shortage estimates.

The tweedledum-tweedledee game over gasoline supplies began last summer when Mr. Ickes' predictions of shortage produced little curtailment but much hard feelings and uncertainty. Now the Secretary of the Interior is disagreeing with some unnamed OPA official who thinks rationing must be very strict. And the head of OPA, Mr. Henderson, differs with his own subordinate on gasoline.

It's something to have Mr. Ickes and Mr. Henderson agreeing, but why should the OPA subordinate even have given out a rationing figure which both his chief and Mr. Ickes declare too low? In Britain, when they were preparing to ration soap, it was officially listed as "nutmeg" to prevent publicity which would aid the hoarders. The soap ration was applied before it was announced. No officials were allowed to say, "There's plenty of soap," or "There is only a month's supply."

There should be no repetition of the sugar rationing mess, which started with rumors in December and has been stirred up nearly every week since by announcements of new dates or new amount for the ration—or assurances that no rationing was required.

Let Washington get together with itself. Let one official make all public statements about rationing. If in the best judgment of officials rationing is necessary, let it be applied as it was with automobiles and tires—quickly and without public debate among officials, whose conflicting estimates confuse the people and prompt hoarding.

Rationing will bring civilians into much closer association with the men who are making unstinted sacrifice on the fighting fronts. On those fronts commanders thrash out their different estimates of the situation among themselves. They issue orders, not rumors. Something of the same approach is required if there is to be confidence and unity on the rationing front.

Discretion is the salt, and fancy the sugar of life; the one preserves and the other sweetens it.—Bovee.

SPRING TONIC



A new "butter" developed by the United States Army Quartermaster Corps can be shipped without refrigeration and will resist temperatures up to 110 degrees Fahrenheit.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of D. R. Coaltrain, deceased, 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 at her home in Williamston, North Carolina, on or before the 7th day of April, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 7th day of April, 1942. MRS. MYRTLE COALTRAIN, Administratrix of the Estate of D. R. Coaltrain. a7-6t

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In The Superior Court. Hilda Marie Hardy vs. Grady Barras Hardy.

The defendant above will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to secure an absolute di-

vorce based upon two years separation, and that the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County within thirty (30) days and answer or demur to the complaint in the said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 13th day of April, 1942. L. B. WYNNE, Clerk of Superior Court of Martin County.

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 Virginia Perry on the 14th day of February, 1930, and of record in the public registry of Martin

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County in Book C-3 at page 180, said deed of trust having been given for the purpose of securing certain note of even date and tenor therewith, default having been made in the payment of said note, and the stipulations contained in said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of the said note, the undersigned trustee will, on Saturday, May 16th, 1942, 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: A house and lot in the town of Williamston, N. C., on the corner of Beach and Biggs Street, adjoining the property of Harry Meadow, Mrs. Emma Daniel and others, and being the same property conveyed to the said Virginia Perry by will of her husband, W. M. Perry, and being the same premises occupied by Virginia Perry. This the 14th day of April, 1942. WHEELER MARTIN, Trustee. Peel & Manning, Attys. a14-4t

"Advice We—

never expected to hear" is the heading over a long list in The New York Times Magazine, such as: "Refrigerator companies telling us the old one is plenty good enough," and "Savings banks urging us to spend our money — for bonds."

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