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Look For Vast Changes

It may sound bad to some and it may be branded as socialistic or worse, but a marked change in our economic system is already underway. Many observers declare that such a system will have to come into its own before a lasting peace can be had. The change is not noticeable in this land of ours as yet, but it will be well to study the trend and prepare for the eventuality.

Instead of calling one another names and branding some as socialists or communists, it will be well to understand that the common masses are not asking anything more than a fair chance in life, the chance that you would want your son and daughter to have if and when they have to face a cruel world without friends or prestige. Surely, the new system will be based on initiative and profit, but it will hardly tolerate monopolistic stealing or permit the few to take advantage of the many.

Rather than being socialistic, this system has been described as the "minimum condition for a Christian way of life," and was suggested in a joint-pastoral letter signed by the Archbishops of Westminster, Liverpool, Birmingham and Cardiff, and read in all Roman Catholic churches in England and Wales recently. The ten points of the system are:

A living wage based on sufficiency for comfort and for saving.

This should be the first charge on industry.

Determining factors would be an agreed standard of work, the capacity of industry to pay and an agreed minimum for an average family.

When the employer could not pay the minimum, the difference should be made up by a share of a wage percentage pool or by the state.

The wife should not have to work to insure a minimum living income.

No one should have to sleep in a living room; there should be satisfactory sanitation and a bath room for each family; slums should be abolished.

A ban on commerce in birth-prevention appliances.

A ban on obscene books by a board of publishers.

Religious education meeting the wishes of parents available to all children.

The enormous inequality in the distribution of wealth and control of the lives of the masses by a comparatively few rich people is contrary to social justice.

Confusing But Not Amusing

It is admitted that a picture of the war effort can't be gained as easily as that gained by the small merchant when he goes to the cash register and checks his sales to the penny for the day, but reports coming from the various department heads are so confusing that they just don't make sense. Those conflicts are not amusing either.

Some months ago, President Roosevelt established a production goal. One would gather today that we are approaching the goal, but going back to the reports he doesn't know whether we are ahead or behind the goal, whether we are making progress or actually losing ground in the production field.

We were told by the steel and aluminum trusts months and months ago, that their monopolies could and would meet the demands. Now as the war effort moves out of a preparatory stage into an all-out production stage serious shortages in aluminum and steel present themselves. But despite this admitted handicap, some department heads tell us that we are approaching the goal, some say we have reached it, and still others say we have passed it. None of them bothers to mention the shortages and the fateful part the shortages are certain to play. Could it be that we will be called upon to tear out steel fixtures, aluminum gadgets, brass and copper fittings from our homes and non-essential businesses to feed the hungry war machine? It is fairly certain that the general public will have to give up more and sacrifice more if production goals are reached and maintained.

Then there are the daily reports. One headline forecasts favorable event, while another on the same page tells about the grave danger of

the Suez Canal and how far the Germans have advanced in Egypt. The general public is urged to conserve anything and almost everything, yet the cheaters are active for a greedy share of this and that. We are told about the necessity for rationing by some, while others tell us there is a plenty of everything. They tell us about price ceilings, but the weekly salary goes only half as far as it did a while back. They tell us about the great increase in cash farm income, yet potato farmers got and are still getting comparatively low prices and truck farmers in general have been and still are selling their produce for little or nothing. We are told that a motor vehicle excise stamp must be bought before a gas rationing card may be had, but others tell us that no \$5 excise or use stamp is necessary when registering for a gas rationing card. Some say gas may be had only upon the presentation of a rationing card while others apparently buy all they want and more without a card. Some say that we can't continue our reckless splurge and win the war and gain a lasting peace, but most of us are still enjoying an endless spree.

It's all so confusing, but one of these days it won't be a bit amusing.

Maybe There's Rationing After All

"Thousands of dollars worth of North Carolina 'victory' truck crops are rotting on the highways and at markets because truckers cannot get gasoline," so says Marketing Specialist George R. Ross of the State Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Ross doesn't tell where the crops are rotting, but apparently gas rationing is taking effect some where. While the crops are rotting "some place," farmers in this section are still driving high, wide and handsome, taking in the pictures, visiting here and there, fishing and doing a lot of traveling that will peter out sooner or later. Objections? No. But it is difficult to understand why travel is so free in one section and there isn't enough in other sections to keep crops from rotting.

Dean Schaub, of State College, warned that crops would rot on the farms while people in the cities went hungry. But no one expected the crops to rot so quickly.

Maybe there's a need for rationing after all, and it is sincerely hoped that our people will recognize that need and save gas and tires now that they might be used in cases of emergency later.

The First Front

Christian Science Monitor.

Amid all the speculation about a second front, the peoples of the United Nations will do well to look to the First Front—their own thinking. Public opinion can help to win the war, but not by guessing, not by jumping from extremes of elation to the depths of despair, not by emotional agitation to overthrow informed military judgment, not by turning its hostility on friends and allies instead of the enemy. Bad news—such as the fall of Tobruk, Nazi gains at Sevastopol, and Japanese advances in China and the Aleutians—always tests the First Front.

In such times steadiness of thought and consecration of purpose are doubly needed. Men and women who understand the moral and spiritual issues in the war will waste little time wondering what Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt mean by saying that they are planning the "earliest maximum concentration of Allied war power upon the enemy." They know that the chief architects of United Nations strategy are not giving away any military secrets. They know that so long as the First Front is active and united, the necessary military measures will be wisely designed, properly timed and vigorously carried through.

Nor will men and women who want to maintain their own liberties and help other peoples win freedom and justice play the enemy's game by squabbling among themselves.

Recently a group of psychologists made a cross-section survey of opinion as expressed in editorials and letters in average newspapers. They found that half of the material dealing with the war was directed against the enemy, but the rest of it was aimed at some ally or some economic or political group within America.

In other words half the hostility and energy in this opinion was turned toward Britain, Russia, Congress, Jews, labor unions, rationing officials, corporations, Republicans, Democrats, liberals, conservatives, etc. Often these divisions were directly encouraged by Axis propaganda. Anyone listening to the short-wave from Berlin or Rome can quickly see how too many Americans are parroting enemy propaganda against other Americans or their Allies.

Freedom of speech must be retained. And the people will inevitably form opinions about the conduct of the war, either political or military. Public opinion can, by a positive, prayerful attitude greatly improve the conduct of the war. But the more devoted the purpose, the less idle speculation and irresponsible criticism there will be. Does anyone imagine that the embattled men and women of Sevastopol are guessing about a second front or denouncing the British failure at Tobruk or the American failure in the Aleutians? We cannot all fight as they are. But all of us can help hold the First Front of steady purpose and consecrated thought.

The most cheering news since Midway is the word from deep in the heart of Texas that watermelons are ripe. Ah, a fruit that doesn't call for sugar.—Exchange.

N. Y. Dark Horse



Mentioned as a compromise democratic candidate for the governorship of New York is Alfred J. McCosker, president of radio station WOR. Political bigwigs can't seem to make up their minds between Lieut. Gov. Charles Poletti and Attorney General John J. Bennett. When questioned regarding the candidacy, McCosker refused to comment to reporters.

Mr. Tice, I'm sending my hopes and blessings. That you may soon be on the ground. For I miss your kindly voice, When everyone is around.

Your walking cane is patiently waiting; In the corner it sits. But sometimes we seem discouraged, But we don't go into fits.

Even your pet dog, Jock, is lonesome. He knows what is wrong. And the birds in springtime Are not even in song.

The tree tops are whistling: He will soon be back, With that big smile on his face, Even finer than silk, satin, or lace.

Unlucky isn't it—that it had to be you. But don't go on feeling So homesick and blue.

But I haven't forgotten you, Mr. Tice. If you are sick, sad and blue; Just remember I'm praying hard for you.

Trula Hardison.

CARD OF THANKS

Mesdames Mary D. Smith, Mittie Purvis Everette, and Messrs. Frank

Bell and Samuel Everette wish to thank the town at large for all aid and kindness rendered to Jack Everette during his recent illness. To Mrs. Rhodes, Llewellyn and Early, we especially extend our appreciation. And to his friends, colored and white, we express our sincere gratitude.

The Family.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE
Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of the late J. S. Ayers, deceased of Hamilton, Martin County, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to exhibit them to the under-

signed for payment on or before June 29, 1943, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 29th day of June, 1942.
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THE LETTER-BOX

To the Editor:

SPOTTERS

The first groundswell of war rumbled over Williamston almost two years ago with a mild upsurge of table-top conversation and nothing more. As grasping totalitarians pushed onward, townspeople read and talked about lend-lease, selective service, OPM, OPA, civilian defense and "those sinkings off Wilmington and Morehead."

Little perspiration was expended, for like Americans everywhere, we went through the dress rehearsal stage with rosy optimism, little perturbed by the forthcoming main performance.

Then between Pearl Harbor and Malaria, it happened. Williamston awoke to the war—awoke to the fact that its defense preparations were a vital factor in the future of the State and nation.

Today, in solidarity, we are meeting the challenge.

Local volunteers sacrificed social activities and other pleasures to learn first aid, prerequisites of a perfect home defense. Through a maze of bandages, dressings and treatments the men and women emerged as qualified instructors and are ready to carry their training to neighboring communities.

Knitting classes sprang up and the popular Bundles for Britain turned overnight into Bundles for Blue-jackets. Nutrition instruction was given in an effort to promote healthier families—backbone of any war effort.

Concentrated drives for metal and "over the top" in war stamps were held. Boy Scouts signed up for messenger service during the blackout and more wardens are being recruited for our next test.

Our fields are producing the food our pine woods are producing the pulp, our town is producing the man power, but nevertheless, our swift-flowing river of war effort is slackening up and might backwater.

This was evidenced at the recent Civilian Defense meeting when only a few scattered handbills turned out to hear Army representatives give the true facts on our progress. The most important part of any defense is sadly being overlooked. They reported that Williamston, as yet, has not responded to the call for airplane spotters—the most vital point in a 100 per cent home defense.

A few hours weekly is all that is needed to churn the defense program into a swirling maelstrom and boost Williamston into the forefront of the State's most critical war program.

The Germans have mined the Virginia coast. Let's be prepared if they decide to come a little bit further South. Let's do what the Air Corps asks us to do—"ou spot 'em—we'll swat 'em."

Robert Levin,
Williamston, N. C.

Veterans Return To Work For Duration

On factory production "front lines" this is less "a young man's war" than any previous one. There are frequent reports of oldsters returning from retirement to lend their "know-how" to the work in war plants. In a New Jersey woodshed a 7-year-old retired foundry head and his aide, 73, are turning out sirens for the Navy.

Wanted!

EVERY MAN
in
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Between the ages of 18 and 55, to come to my office, over the Williamston Cafe,

Saturday, July 4

J. E. BOYKIN



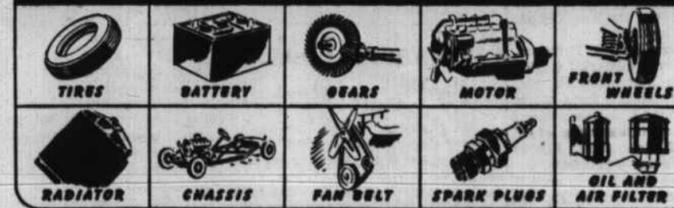
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