

THINK U. S. TO BE INVOLVED

In Case of War Majority Believes This Nation Could Not Keep Out

OPINIONS ARE GIVEN

Strong is the hope of the American people that we will not again become involved in a European war. Not so strong, judging by standard public opinion polls, is the faith that we will be able to keep neutral. A very considerable segment of the population believes that we will eventually go to the aid of the European democracies in the present war against the dictatorships — at least, if the war went on for some length of time and the dictatorships seemed to have the advantage.

And so the United States is preparing for war—and this preparedness does not only involve the largest military expenditures in our peace-time history. Also involved is a plan for "M Day" (Mobilization Day), prepared largely by military officials, which, on the outbreak of hostilities, would have an immediate and drastic effect on every individual and every business in the land.

Heart of the plan, of course, is a detailed procedure for conscripting manpower — the War and Navy Department heads remember the confusion that followed our entry into the last war, and are determined that it shall not be repeated. It is believed that the current plan will make it possible to organize a very large army, for either foreign or territorial use, in a very short time. Every man within the age limits must be ready to enter government service, in a military or other capacity, on call—the selection will be made by a sort of lottery system. Unmarried young men, in good health will naturally be conscripted first.

And industry will be mobilized with equal completeness. A War Resources Administration, staffed by important business men working with military chiefs, will be given gigantic authority in such

Boy Preacher



EAST ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Nine-year-old Fred Cross, Jr., above, delivered a 10-day series of sermons here. Son of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred K. Cross of Kansas City, Kan., he began preaching about a year ago.

matters as regulating prices, labor, trade and the procurement of supplies. Industries which are believed essential to the war will be encouraged and helped to expand. Industries believed not essential will be discouraged, and perhaps forced out of business. Some industries will be taken over and operated by government. Under any circumstances, industry, commerce and trade will be 100 per cent. controlled by government, and severe penalties will be in store for those who protest too much.

More to Problem

But this isn't all there is to the problem — some officials have long believed that efficient warfare demands giving the executive branch of the government undreamed-of dictatorial power. The President, if they have their way, would be given rigid control over the radio and the press. Free speech and free press, if he so desired, could be virtually abolished—all in the name of the national interest. Any individual right which those in command thought inimical to the successful prosecution of war could be abrogated by Presidential decree. The point of view of those who plan such unprecedented legislation is clear enough. They are greatly concerned with the best means of fighting a war, and they are little concerned with democratic theories. Any war we might become involved in will be

against dictatorships—where one-man government makes possible a high degree of mechanical efficiency and speed of action. Therefore, they argue, we must operate on the same basis—we must fight dictatorship with the methods of dictators. As some cynics have observed, this would amount to giving up democracy in order to save it.

Could Be Extended

Of course, "government-by-decree" would last, theoretically, only as long as the emergency. But, as many point out, an emergency is what the man at the top makes it—it could be extended indefinitely. During the last war President Wilson was given great dictatorial powers. But Wilson was a strict constitutionalist and a Jeffersonian Democrat—he felt passionately that democracy was menaced by increasing the powers of government over the people. He accepted his great powers only as a matter of bitter necessity, and divested himself of them as rapidly as possible when the war ended. Another President, with other views and ambitions, could pursue a diametrically different course.

Congress must endorse these or any other "M Day" laws before they can go into effect. It is doubtful if a peace-time Congress would consent to abrogating democratic liberties. But, it is pointed out, in the hysterical air of a real emergency, Congress might be stampeded into doing almost anything. And that has a great many thoughtful people seriously worried these days.

Business continues to look up in many lines. Nothing comparable to a boom is in evidence, but the slow and steady improvement that set in some time back is continuing.

General forecast is that there will be a substantial fall upturn. Important factor is a change in feeling on the part of some industrial leaders. They were pleased by the relatively conservative attitude of the last Congress, and regard it as evidence of a rightist swing in public opinion.

Big Assortment of Values At Turner Drug Co.

Quite an assortment of values will be found at Turner Drug company during Dollar Days here the last three days of this week, and your attention is invited to the firm's advertisement in this special edition of The Tribune.

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Drop in while shopping in Elkin on Dollar Days. The management will be pleased to have you call.

Need Corkscrew

Atkins—I remember the time when our regiment was stationed near Babylon. Why, it was so hot we used to toast our bread in the sun, and . . .

Jawson—Yes, I know; and they supplied you with corkscrews to draw your breath.

Cop Got Name

Traffic Cop (producing notebook)—"Name, please." Motorist — "Aloysius Alastair Cyprian."

Traffic Cop — (Putting book away)—"Well, don't let me catch you again."

Left Wife Home

Johnny—Say, Dad, what does it mean when the paper says a man went to a convention as a delegate-at-large?

Dad—It means his wife didn't go with him, Son.

FHA ANNOUNCES LOW COST PLAN

Housing Loans up to \$2,500 Would Require Only Five Per Cent. Down

FOR LOW WAGE CLASS

The federal housing administration announced in Washington this week a plan for financing construction of small homes which will require the purchaser to make only a five per cent. "down payment" on a house costing no more than \$2,500.

The new plan will be limited to low cost homes—none financed under it may cost more than \$2,500—and it will not affect the present FHA program of financing higher-cost homes on a basis of a 10 per cent. minimum down payment and a 4 1-2 per cent. interest rate.

The borrowers under the new plan also will be required to pay off the loan of 15 years whereas under the regular FHA program loans may extend for a maximum of 25 years.

An official explained that the shorter term limit was decided on because requirements as to neighborhood and zone restrictions would not be so strict as for higher priced FHA-financed construction.

The requirements under the regular program are aimed at preventing a loss in the value of the home because of changes in the neighborhood which would

Mother Love



CAMDEN, N. J.—Mrs. Ethel Nicholson, 22-year-old mother, and her 2½-year-old daughter, Pearlene, rest in the local police station after hitch-hiking 300 miles in search of a job. She left her home in West Union, W. Va., to go to a job as a housekeeper in Salem, N. J. Police tried to find her prospective employer.

make it a less desirable residential community. This safeguard, an official said, permitted loans for a longer period than is contemplated under the new program.

Low Payments

The FHA said families with incomes ranging from \$900 to \$1,500 annually should be in a position to take advantage of its new financing plan. Monthly payments on a home valued at \$2,000, it said, would be a little less than \$17 a month, not including taxes and fire insurance.

"Its greatest use," the announcement added, "will prob-

ably be found in the smaller cities and towns and in those places where land values are relatively low."

An official added informally that it was expected the program would be particularly well received in the south and in other sections where building costs are rel-

atively low because the climate permits construction without the insulation and more expensive heating systems necessary where the winters are severe.

This plan, according to an FHA representative, means that persons having \$100 can borrow \$1,900 to buy a lot and build.

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Rubbing Alcohol, pint	13c
\$1.20 Syrup of Pepsin	96c
60c Syrup of Pepsin	48c
\$1.00 Miles Nervine	86c
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60c Syrup Black Draught	45c
50c Vicks Nose Drops	41c
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50c Listerine Antiseptic	39c
40c Listerine Toothpaste	34c
25c Tube Liquid Dentifrice	19c
50c Dr. West Toothbrush, 2 for	49c
50c Boyer Creams and Lotions	38c
50c Sandira Face Freshener	25c
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