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SOLDIERS OF PRODUCTION

National defense, like charity, begins at home. The man at the lathe is as important in the defense of Freedom and Democracy as the man at the gun.

Let us honor the men who go to training camps to become Uncle Sam's armed forces. But let us not forget the men at home who do their daily jobs and thereby also serve their

It has been found that it takes 18 workers behind the lines to provide the supplies and equipment for 1 man in a modern mechanized army. This fact focuses attention on the importance of the industrial plants scattered over the length and breadth of this great country.

In the past these plants have operated quietly, often without much notice from the public, while they have produced the goods which have given America the highest standard of living ever recorded in the history of mankind. Now many of the same plants, operated by local management and labor, are quietly, but dramatically, turning out the weapons of defense to preserve our civilization.

In the plant whose whistle you hear every morning are workers who may be called soldiers of production in this gigantic defense job. The officers of this army are management. Day and night they are fighting the battle for Democracy and Freedom. Only they-industry-can produce a gun or a bullet to fire from it, an airplane or a bomb to drop from it. Truly arsenal does mean, as the dictionary says, "house of industry."

Industry gave us this civilization where we enjoy blessings unknown elsewhere. Now it is producing the sinews of defense to preserve it.

DON'T GET SCARED

The Monroe Doctrine and the Good Neighbor Policy are in first-class condition. The Western Hemisphere seems to be tied together in twenty-one solid knots and any one that attempts to untie any of the knots will regret it. Japan will be taken care of if she gets rough with our possessions in the Pacific.

Price control may sound very wicked, but the object is to prevent runaway prices and infla-

Taxes are going to be higher than anyone ever expected, but no one expects that they will be any higher than they look right now.

The boys will not get out of their uniforms as soon as they expected but Russian results indicate that American soldiers will not be needed overseas.

Defense production has attained terrific speed and the OPM in Washington is simply crying for more so that there will not be less.

Foreign trade is on the bum but when the war is over there will be a boom in agricultural products and all kinds of supplies in Europe. Remember 1919.

"Priorities" isn't a very bad work—it simply means the Government asks for the preference in its orders for defense deliveries.

There wasn't any talk about aluminum in the last war and the greater part of this war can be run without it—but it is a preferable material for certain defense machines; so housewives didn't object to throwing in their pots and pans.

There are surpluses of oil, and rubber, and trucks and railroad cars. Planes and bombers are getting thick in the air, and new houses are sprawling all over the landscape from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Bread and milk are plentiful, and so are lamb chops, meat, beef steaks, and fresh fish. Oh boy, there never was such corn as we have this

year. Next years' Congressional and State elections will be up for consideration in less than 12 months and the voters will have an opportunity to tell some of these smart-alecs in Washington to stay home.

So don't let your blood pressure go any higher than it already is.

FREEING COTTON

There has been a determination of representatives from the Southern States in the two Houses of Congress to stop the Government from selling its 7 million bales of loan cotton. This is a live issue in connection with pricecontrol, which principle is challenged by a strong farm bloc in Congress. Chairman Steagall of the House Banking and Currency Commission was chosen by the President to sponsor the Administration price control bill. But he is siding with the farm group in its rebellion to obtain greater benefits for farmers than exist in the bill, "to sustain the debt structure" being piled on the country. In other words the farmers don't want to have agricultural prices fixed by the Government.

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau holds the purse strings, and he wants to sell the 7 million bales of cotton because there is a profit to be had at this time. He brought down his mighty fist last week and declared that it would be "terrible" for the Treasury to lose money on its loan investments by refusing to sell its cotton.

WOMEN'S STOCKINGS

To wear or not to wear! That question has been met this week by thousands of women in Washington and in every city in the nation who have stood in line in the principal stores in the country waiting to buy silk stockings. The excitement in the National Capital was second only to the alleged shortage of gasoline. The women of Washington were no different from the women of other cities in their willingness to contribute their pots, pans and kettles to the LaGuardia aluminum collections.

Our women have gone right to bat on every proposition of the war, but if there was any differences of opinion among them it was all wiped out by the closing of the silk mills. And now there are "runs" in stockings.

WE ALL WILL PAY

The United States defense effort is going to be impressed on the consciousness of every last one of us, even the itinerant indigent who, although unknown to the revenue bureau, will be caught at every corner with excise taxes and masked levies that have already been paid over by manufacturers of the goods even he must have to keep on being an itinerant indigent in good standing. The 1942 bill for nation security is going to be paid jointly by 130,000,000 Americans and not one of them can escape paying his share.

Call it national security or Federal prodigality, the bill is going to be enormous, and no one is going to sit back and watch the other fellow —The (Seattle) Argus

WASHINGTON'S AIRPORT

The new Washington National Airport is the world's most modern commercial air field. It has all the latest gadgets, including an electric bulletin board that will post instantaneous information of plane movements between this airport and other airports within a radius of 200 miles. If you haven't seen the new Washington airport, then "you ain't seen nothing,

MIGHT BE TERMED AN ACT OF WAR

If Hitler had wished, he could obviously have construed the U.S. military occupation of Iceland as an act of war. Iceland is less than a thousand miles from Germany, and could be developed into a major air base for use against the Reich. Whether or not Iceland is actually a part of the Western Hemisphere is a highly debatable question. The little island lies across the 20th meridian, which is generally considered the dividing line of the two hemispheres. Two-thirds of the country is east of that line. However, the one-third which is west of the line includes Reykjavik, the only large Icelandic city and port.

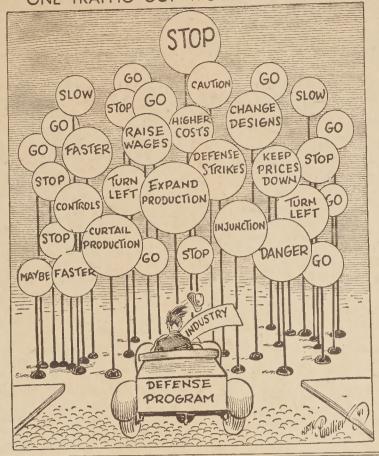
MACHINES OR MEN

The recent statement by a British general to the effect that American manpower will be eventually necessary to lick Hitler, caused much speculation in this country. The British position, as stated by Mr. Churchill, has always been that the Empire needed only materials of war, not men. Whether that position will be changed, remains to be seen. Right now, there would be small chance of Congress authorizing another A. E. F.

AN HONEST ADMISSION

Congressman Harry Southoff, representing the Farm-Labor block in Congress from the state of Wisconsin, made an honest admission which has become a part of the Congressional Record, when he said: "We do not decide anything here anymore. We are no longer a deliberative body. We just meet and pass what is handed out to us."

ONE TRAFFIC COP WOULD BE BETTER!



This Week In Defense

President Roosevelt placed airplane | consumption voluntarily. He made fuels under export control, limiting recommendations for operators of shipment to points in the Western commercial vehicles which he said Hemisphere, the British Empire and would cut gas consumption about 30 unoccupied territories of countries re- percent, and announced the oil indussisting aggression. Secretary Hull try will give its patrons windshield told his press conference any move of stickers pledging the use of one-third Japan into Tailand would be matter less gasoline than usual. He said 82 of concern to the United States. insurance companies have contributed Treasury Secretary Morgenthau and to the "share-your-car-campaign" by nounced the lend-lease administration revising underwriting rules to enable has ordered 10,000,000 yards of cotton motorists to carry paying passengers grey goods to make uniforms for to and from work. Chinese soildiers.

Aid To Russia

The State Department announced extension of the trade agreement beween the U.S.S.R. and the United period of our established commercial rapidly as possible to other work." relations with the Soviet Union on the basis of the 1937 commercial will earmark gold for all materials bought, the Department said.

Silk

country because minimum requirements of the Army and Navy for silk powder bags and parachutes will consume total stocks. Price Administrator Henderson said the action should not result in retail stocking price increases for stocks on hand. OPM formed a special commodity section o handle problems of obtaining subtitute materials, allocating rayon yarn and manufacturing capacity.

Federal Security Administrator McNutt called for immediate registration by State Employment Service of the approximately 175,000 silk industry workers being forced out of work by the raw silk shortage. The Department of Agriculture reported more than 150 different cotton stocking designs are available to the hosiery industry, and stated 89 percent of the 16,000 knitting machines can knit cotton as well as silk.

The War Department announced a campaign to convert to armament production thousands of consumergoods factories facing eventual shutdown because of diversion of raw naterials to the defense program, and said it already has a list of 500 such

The Department expanded its officer candidate schools to provide opportunities for one in each 100 solders to receive a commission. Advancement during the first year will be available to about 58 percent of all trainees, the Department said. It reported 100 Canadian officers and 65 junior officers from the Latin Amerivarious courses with the U.S. Army.

Selective Service years. The legislation provides for a salary increase of \$10 a month for every month served in excess of one year. Congress also approved legislabirthday July 1, and authorizing serve Board said national income payresignation of men already inducted ments by last June had reached about whose discharge is not found contrary May, 1940—and said unless an unto the best interests of the Army.

Petroleum Coordinator Ickes said price inflation will grow. ne was satisfied with first results of the nightly blackout of East Coast to redouble efforts to cut motor fuel said "During the weeks of my ab- no time to turn de wringer.

Federal Security Administrator Mc-Nutt urged immediate registration at State employment offices of all automobile service station workers who lose their jobs as a result of the drive States until August 6, 1942, to insure to cut gasoline consumption, in order continuance during the emergency that they may "be transferred as

Power

Consumer Administrator Harriet agreement." Russia will pay cash or Elliott issued a list of suggestions to housewives for the conservation of power for defense by cutting electric bills, and said "The practice of careful consumption habits now is the ment "froze" all silk supplies in the best preparation for the future." Miss Elliott recommended economies be practiced particularly in parts of the country where power shortages are threatened.

Labor Supply The OPM said railroad labor and nanagement will help meet skilled labor shortages in defense industries out of the available supply of railroad workers, which includes 20,000 skilled mechanics now unemployed and 80,000 apprentices who could be promoted to release other workers. The OPM also announced 21 Gulf Coast shipyards have put into effect zone labor standards prohibiting strikes and stabilizing wages during the next two years. Federal Security Administrator McNutt said 2,500,000 jobs were filled by State Employment Services during the first six months of 1941, a gain of 52 percent over the same period in 1940.

Defense Housing

FWA Administrator Carmody said nearly 8,000 homes for defense workers-an average of 256 house a daywere constructed during July, 16 Carmody said 16,107 homes were completed, as of August 1, of the 90,465 approved for construction. Contracts have been let for 60,835 more, he said.

Agriculture

Assistant Price Administrator Galbraith, speaking during the annual Farm & Home Week, said "farmers . . . must be the natural leaders in the right against inflation. If they take the leadership then stability is can Republics are now enrolled in assured . . . To stop this price increase . . . we need the willingness to see price advances stopped and The Senate passed legislation au-stopped firmly." He said prices today thorizing extension of service of are more favorable to farmers than Selectees, Guardsmen and Reserves in years, but it took 20 years "to refrom 12 months to 30 months, and of build agriculture out of the wreckage enlisted men from three to 4 1-2 left by the inflation of the last war."

Prices ported retail food prices increased 1.5 governing the conquered peoples that percent during the last two weeks of tion deferring from military service July to a level almost 16 percent barbarism." Secretary Hull said "with all men who had reach their 28th above August, 1939. The Federal Re- full effort and ever-increasing prowho became 28 before July 1 and \$88 billion a year-19 percent above present world movement . . . will be usually large part of consumer income is saved or paid out in taxes,

> World Affairs Secretary of State Hull, returning

A PICNIC TABLE TWO MILES LONG

Brother of Editor M. L. Stancil Writes From Hollywood Telling of Huge Picnic At Which All States In the Union Are Represented.

By WILLIAM A. STANCIL Hollywood, Calif., Aug. 11.-The Easterner sojourning in Southern California is surprised to meet so many former friends and acquaintances from "back home". It is not unusual to meet an old friend just as in the old home town. Recently I dropped into a restaurant in the business district of Hollywood for lunch and as I was leaving, I ran right smack into an old friend from the East that I had not seen in several years. Needless to say that we had a good oldfashioned visit. As he is making his home here, we have since had many good times together.

Among the interesting things I have discovered here are the Semi-Annual picnics held by the several State Societies. The members of these societies are former residents of the states represented by the societies, and twice a year these former residents hold a picnic, usually at Sycamore Grove Park in Los Angeles, or at Bixby Park in Long Beach. Each county has a place for its former residents to register and those who attend look up their home county and register, giving their present residence, address and telephone number, and the town in the old home state where they formerly lived. These lists of registrants are preserved and taken to the down-town office of the Association of State Societies where they are filed and a visitor may go there and locate any friends residing in the vicinity.

These picnics are very interesting. A program of entertainment, with a speaker, usually some former resident of the state, who has made good in the community or maybe a visitor rom back home.

It has been my good fortune to attend one or more of these picnics held by former residents of several states. Having resided and having friends in several states, I can qualify as a member of many of these groups. Each state in the Union is represented here. Some states having relatively small memberships, combine and hold their picnics together. North and South Carolina fall within this group, and it is their custom to hold their picnics together, being as they are, good neighbors.

And speaking of picnics, I think the All State picnics held annually at Ontario is tops. I attended the one held this year, which I voted a complete success. The picnic table, which was set on beautiful Euclid Avenue, was said to be two miles long. Euclid Avenue presents a perfect setting for such an occasion. There is a parkway in the center of the street which I would judge to be about thirty feet wide, covered with very beautiful grass and lined with pepper trees. The city of Ontario furnished plenty of hot coffee and orange juice; and I must say there was more orange juice than I had seen before. There was barrels and barrels of it set up all along the line. All that was necessary was to take your glass or other container to the attendant, who was usually a very beautiful young lady, and get it filled as many times as desired. I do not know how many people attended this year, but can safely guess many thousands. I went with friends who were former residents of Kansas. They very naturally went to the Kansas section. After dinner I decided I would find the North Carolina section. The sections were arrangmore houses a day than in June. Mr. ed in alphabetical order, starting with "A" at the south end. Starting out from the Kansas section, I walked north a mile or more and did not find the Old North State. Consulting a guide, I found that the Carolinas and possibly some other sister states, were associated in one section toward the north end of the table. So I decided to turn back lest my Kansas friends became alarmed, thinking I had become lost. Something of the length of the table can be imagined when it is considered that several of the states occupied space as long as two city blocks. Some of the states conducted programs and had community singing, etc. It was indeed a very enjoyable day.

sence the most clinching demonstration has been given . . . (that) there is a world movement of conquest by The Bureau of Labor Statistics re- force, accompanied by methods of are rooted mainly in savagery and duction and preparation for defense . . . a successful resistance to the

> Onlooker-"Surely, Mose, you don't expect me to catch fish in that stream?"

Mose—"No, Sah, I don't expect to. gasoline stations, but asked motorists to his desk after a six-weeks absence, I'se just showing my old woman I had