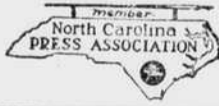


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EDITORIAL

WAKE UP, AMERICA—IT'S LATE!

● ● The nation needs to awaken to the full gravity of the peril that confronts it.

It needs to appreciate how badly we have been defeated in three months of war.

It needs to understand that it is possible for the United Nations and the United States to lose this war and suffer the fate of France—and that this possibility may become a probability if the present tide does not change.

It needs to realize that there is grave chance of the Japanese pushing through India and the Germans driving through the Near East, to join their armies and resources in an almost unbeatable combination.

It needs to get away, once and for all, from the comforting feeling that while we may lose at the start we are bound to win in the end.

Only when fully aware of existing perils will the United States do its utmost. Pray God that awareness will not come too late, as it did in France!

Production Director Donald Nelson appeals for vastly increased industrial output on a 24-hour, seven-day basis—168 hours a week. Maximum production, in short.

Can we get it?

Not on the present basis—not under the psychology of recent years.

Not until we quit thinking in terms of less work for more money.

Not while there is greater concern about overtime pay than overtime production.

Not while farmer politicians are more interested in higher prices than raising more essentials.

Not while government bureaus—created to meet a depression emergency that is ended—continue to grab for themselves money needed for armaments.

Not while an army of federal press agents clamors to promote and perpetuate activities that have no present need or value.

Not while Congressmen try to put over useless canals and river schemes and take up the time of defense officials clamoring for factories and contracts as if war were a great gravy train.

Not while WPA, despite a shortage of labor, seeks to carry on projects which it doesn't have the men to perform or the need for performing.

Not while CCC and NYA stretch greedy hands for funds to pamper young men who ought to be in the armed forces or the war plants.

Not while strikes hamper war production, despite a solemn promise they they would stop.

The Home Front



over the closed shop.

Not while double time is demanded for Sunday work which is only part of a 40-hour week.

Not while a man can't be employed on an army project or in a war plant until he pays \$20 to \$50 or more to a labor racketeer.

Not while criminal gangs control employment and allocation of men to work on the Normandie and the other ships along New York's vast waterfront.

Not while fifth columnists are pampered and enemy aliens move freely in defense areas.

Not while the grim job of preparing our home communities against air raids and sabotage is gummed up with a lot of high-falutin', boon-dog-gling social service activity.

Not while pressure blocs clamor for higher benefits, bounties and pensions.

We will not get maximum production, in short, unless, first, we fully realize our awful peril; and, second, get over the gimmes of recent years.

Gimme shorter hours, gimme higher wages, gimme bigger profits, gimme more overtime, gimme less work, gimme more pensions, gimme greater crop benefits, gimme more appropriations and patronage, gimme plants for my Congressional district, gimme fees and dues to work for Uncle Sam, gimme ham 'n' eggs, gimme share-the-wealth, gimme \$30 every Thursday.

France had the gimmes, too—had them till the Germans were close to Paris. Then everybody went frantically to work—too late.

France has no gimmes today—except gimme food for my baby, gimme a place to lay by head, gimme death.

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WILL ALL THIS WAKE US UP?

● ● It is not often we reprint editorials from another newspaper in this column. It does not mean that when we do we agree with everything printed. But in the case above, we do agree with most of what is written and we do agree 100 per cent with the idea and aim for which it was written.

Those groups which are hit hardest will throw out the whole thought because it becomes a personal matter with each of them, but we think, if they leave out that part concerning them, every last one of them would agree with us that this is the only way to win this war.

There is no other way.

We can be defeated.

We must win.

We can win.

If we wake

WHAT CAN I DO?

● Here is something else I can do to help win the war. Maybe what little I give by myself will not be so much but when it is added to all the others it will mean much toward successful ending of the war. I will save every bit of scrap and waste and keep it until the Salvage Committee picks it up. I will not only save it for the first drive to be made in Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County but will keep on saving every day and week for the duration of the war. Because I am beginning to realize that my country is short on metals of all kinds, rubber and paper, I can help by saving and holding for the local Salvage Committee: old beds made of brass or iron, electric cords (copper), any old electrical equipment, old hardware, old kitchen utensils like knives, pans, pots, old lamps and lighting fixtures and ornaments and porch furniture made of brass, copper or iron, broken parts of anything made of metal, brass or copper screens, old sleds and skates.

In attic and cellar and garage there are old and discarded stoves, fireplace equipment, furnace parts, pipe, plumbing fixtures, refrigerator parts, old tools, old auto parts such as chains, batteries, license plates, motor parts, tires and tubes, bicycle parts, old tricycles.

There's tinfoil from cigarettes, candy and tea; there's paper bags, egg cartons, sugar sacks, berry crates.

There's toothpaste and shaving cream tubes; old newspapers, cardboard, magazines.

Almost everything we used to throw away or save for the day which never came to use is now needed by our government and the Roanoke Rapids Salvage Committee now asks you to start saving all these things which will soon be collected and sent to the proper places to be used for the war.

This is not a single big drive. It is something the government is asking every man, woman and child to do from now until the war is won. It is something that is very important.

It is something every one of us can do.

All-Out War is All that win. We do not have it yet. Too many of us are still afraid of what the neighbors will say when we start giving all-out.