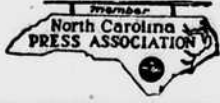


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EDITORIAL

WHY BORROW TROUBLE?

● ● It is now only the last of August. How many times in past peace years have we asked, "Will September never come?" We wished then for the cool moments which would mean the beginning of the end of Summer and the beginning of fine Fall days and nights. How we should dread it now.

Trouble . . . trouble lies ahead for all of us. It is the trouble sung so superbly in the Negro spirituals . . . a whole river of troubles knocking at our doors.

September, 1942, is not a pleasant sight to picture if we face the facts.

On the battlefronts we face more enemy victories, the worst of which is the possible conquest of the rich Caucasus oil fields of Russia and the fall of Leningrad; which means the cutting off from the balance of Russia its oil supply, its wheat fields and perhaps even its life-line of supply from us by the entire Southern route. It might even mean the division of the Russian army which has clung together so long. Division of force. Starvation of supply. Should such happen in September, we may just as well resign ourselves to years of war, not less than five, according to how much we plunge into the war. "We do not yet have our feet wet".

On the homefront, America is still swaddling. We are learning to walk ways of war a bit better every month, when we should be running swiftly right now. September will bring more labor trouble, more transportation trouble, more production trouble, more rationing trouble, more supply trouble . . . all at a time when our only trouble should be: how to quickly end this war. Why borrow more trouble?

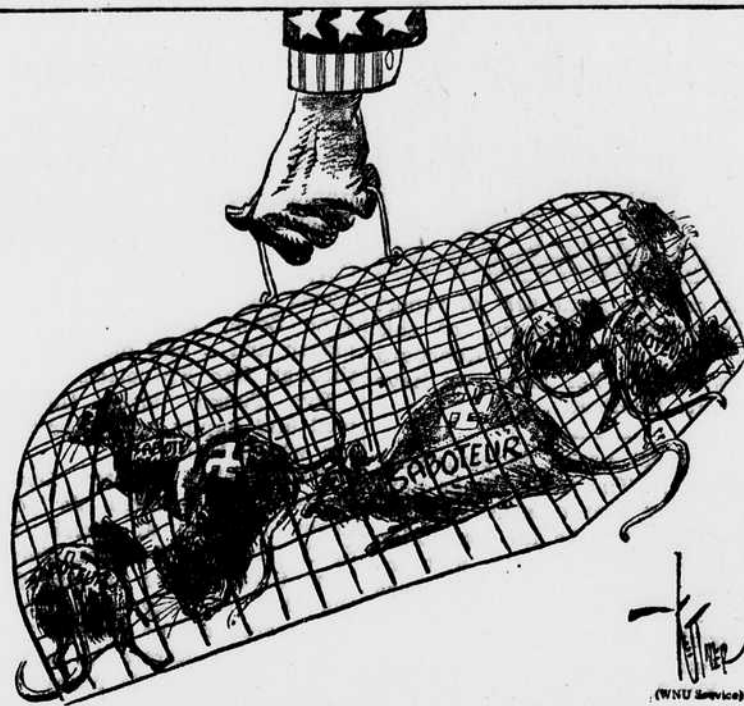
Too many of these troubles could be quickly disposed of. Many say, if a few Nazi bombs were dropped on our town, it would again unite us as did Pearl Harbor. But why wait for deadly bombs to be dropped on our defenseless homes to awaken us? Why not wake up in August? Why wait for September?

HOW WOMEN CAN HELP

● ● There is a special need right now for women of Roanoke Rapids to help the war effort in the most effective way we know of. A new class will start about September 1st for training in the Volunteer Nurse's Aide Corps. No previous training or experience is necessary. All necessary is the willingness to attend special classes of instruction and to give 150 hours a year, without pay, if called on by the local hospital or in case of major disaster.

It is not a pleasant job; there is no glamor to it. But, in our mind, there is no war job confronting us that is more important to the community and to the nation in this time of war than to have a Corps of trained women who can fight disease, pestilence, epidemic, suffering if or when they

Open Season for Trapping



come.

Trained nurses are getting scarcer every day. Now is your chance. Volunteer in that new class today as a Nurse's Aide.

CHANGE THE DRAFT SYSTEM NOW

● ● It gives a good feeling to know one has played a small part in correcting a wrong. For weeks we have, from time to time, commented on the wrongs of the present draft system. It is encouraging to note the following from Washington: "Present loose system of drafting men for the Army is getting out of hand. It is breaking down under arbitrary decisions, inequalities, lack of direction. As a result: Drastic changes appear inevitable."

May those drastic changes come at once. Stop taking men with dependents from one area, none from adjoining areas. Stop married men being taken from here, none from there. Stop taking the poor man here and leaving the rich man here. Stop taking the healthy, educated man here and leaving the syphiletic, illiterate man here.

In some places, the fault lies with local draft boards; in other places it lies with arbitrary, brass-hats in the Army; in some places it lies with lack of proper knowledge of the facts by the officials of the National or State Selective Service System.

About four million men are now in military service. As many more will be called. As the ranks get thinner, the inequalities of the system will become more glaring. Now is the time to revamp the system before the whole thing becomes a nightmare.

The home front is becoming dislocated as thousands leave each week. But there is no need to carry such dislocation into the armed front. That is too important in the winning of this war.

GOODBYE, ENGINEERS

● ● The Roanoke Rapids Armory, for the past few months, a scene of much life and activity, is dark tonight and deserted. The Engineers have gone.

They marched away Tuesday morning for unknown destinations. Such is the present end of the only touch of war we have known here as a community with a military unit stationed in our midst.

We bid the Engineers farewell with real sadness and regret. They and their officers were a splendid group of men. There was never that toughness and rowdyism which makes for trouble in some communities. There was the finest of feeling between uniforms and civvies. There were no regrets that they had lived with us for that so short time. We hope other places might be as fortunate as we were and that, should another contingent come later, it will live up to the fine record which the Engineers of Roanoke Rapids set, a record of being good citizens as well as good soldiers.

Goodbye and Godspeed, Engineers!

HUX ADVICE

● Leonidas Hux, President of the Young Democrats of North Carolina, struck a responsive chord at the State Executive Committee meeting of YDC in Raleigh Saturday night, when he advised (1) that the question of holding a State YDC convention this year be left up to the local unit clubs over the State, (2) if they voted for a convention to make it one day instead of the usual three, (3) to use any dues saved up to affiliate for the convention for the purchase of War Savings Bonds and not charge any affiliation fees for the coming year. (4) to invest \$2,500 of State YDC money in War Savings Bonds which leaves about enough to carry on usual expenses for another year. The Executive Committee adopted every suggestion.

Traveling on the railroad today should convince anybody we are finally at war. Last week we spent in Washington and, to conserve tires, rode the train both ways. Looked like everybody else had the same idea for most trains come in sections these days . . . we had the third section coming back and just did find a seat on that one . . . in a car with a bunch of Marine recruits on their way to Parris Island . . . it was a day coach, but some of them solved the sleeping problem in a way we never saw before . . . there were not enough seats for everybody . . . they simply moved the baggage around on the baggage racks which stick close to the top of the car until they had a space long enough to fit a body and then climbed up and slept in the baggage racks.

Now that we are at war the American Red Cross, in collaboration with the Office of Civilian Defense, has issued an urgent appeal for 100,000 women to enroll in Volunteer Nurse's Aide Corps. Women between 18 and 50 can be a valuable asset to their community health services.

With our nation facing an acute shortage of nurses, the American Red Cross is enrolling American citizens between 18 and 50 in a Volunteer Nurse's Aide Corps to serve as assistants to graduate nurses in all kinds of community health services.