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ARE YOU CONTENT?

"If you are content with the present situation and with the present results in industry, in agriculture and in our civilian life," said Secretary of War Stimson, "then I suggest that you go to one of our great Army camps and see our boys in uniform working. I suggest that you read the detailed dispatches from Tunisia and the Southwest Pacific about the fighting efforts of our soldiers. I suggest that you compare your comforts in life with theirs,

and then ask yourself again—Are you content?" Few persons in civilian life can say they have yet made any all out war effort. Too many are still more interested in planning personal and "social gains," first.

RUSSIAN INFERENCE

Just how are we to accept Stalin? President Roosevelt and Churchill in speaking of the Casablanca conference always in some manner have used the words "unconditional surrender"—Stalin has refrained from demanding any form of "unconditional surrender". In fact, Stalin recently declared that Russian armies were "not created for conquest" but rather they are only "to defend the frontiers of Soviet land." In other words, once Russia has regained her territory she has no plan whatsoever of going on with the Allies in exterminating the Axis in Europe. Russia, at present, speaks of re-creating the German army without Allied aid—are Allied food and munitions to be taken so lightly! Russia depends

ed a second front and after our conquests in North Africa, Russian armies made great gains. If that did not aid the Red armies, why was there such a noticeable gain? Stalin now demands another front in Europe because the Russian army is bearing "the whole weight of the war"—with what measure are we to accept such statements.

Apparently Russia is not seeing eye to eye with America and England—how then, are we to adopt a past war order if concepts of winning the war are not clearly defined and accepted! This makes us wonder if Stalin purposely excused himself from the Casablanca conference—perhaps he has other ideas about accepting a separate peace! This trend of thinking is definitely suspicious but if such is Russia's actual attitude, we have reason to question. Russia certainly does not believe in an isolationist policy but Stalin's statements lead us to believe that she is fighting for Soviet policies alone.

Post war problems and heavenly world orders are to have considerable tough going if this attitude continues and this can be but an example of certain future reverses. Russia! Just how are we to accept her! Stalin! What can he mean!

MANPOWER CONFUSION

The manpower program has become a situation of confusion, an incoherent babble of proposed rules. Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt touched off the whole works by his recent work or fight decree and since, it has become a situation of contest between the administration and Congress. Apparently the size of the armed forces is to remain unchanged so the problem of allocating single men, married men and fathers is a problem that has Washington on a mad merry-go-round.

Congress is introducing various manpower bills, each just a little more different or drastic than the one before—just how is this to solve the status of the already confused non-essential father? It is up to Congress to enact clear definite laws with standing specific purposes, speedily

Women AT WAR

Leonora

Leonora straightened the objects on her desk with great care. She had put her desk at the end of her room facing the door so that when her mother came in she would have to cross the whole room under Leonora's stern executive eye to get to her. From movies and pictures in the newspapers Leonora had gotten a good idea of how the desk of a busy woman of affairs should look.

With an important scowl, Leonora picked up a sheet of paper. Now she was two people—herself, the busy woman, and her own stenographer. "Miss Simpkins, take a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, will you?" she murmured under her breath. "Yes, immediately," she murmured back at herself.

Leonora cleared her throat and looked at the ceiling for inspiration. Miss Simpkins bent over the sheet of paper hanging on the wall about to fall.

"Dear Mr. Morgenthau," — "Got that?" — "Yes, Morgenthau."

"I am—ahem—thirteen years old and anxious to be of all possible service to the country at this time, ahem."

"I earn a weekly income of from \$1.37 to \$2.12 by helping with the housework and by shovelling snow. I am at present in possession of one War Savings Bond and am buying stamps weekly. I want to become a member of the 10 percent Club. I feel it to be—ahem—not only my duty, but my privilege!"

"How do you spell privilege?" asked Miss Simpkins. "Don't bother me with these details," said Leonora—my privilege as an American to invest at least ten percent of my income in War Bonds.

"Yours truly,"

"Get that off at once, Miss Simpkins," said Leonora. "Yes, Ma'am! You certainly are an important woman, ma'am," said Miss Simpkins.

(Letter from an actual communication in the files of the Treasury Department.) U. S. Treasury Department.

doing away with present bureaucratic confusion. Americans rather patriotically love their country and generally, they will not seek to evade war work or the armed services but they are becoming confused by illegal and unfair proceedings emanating from Washington. The WMC has taken vast authorities—it is up to Congress to determine if such moves are absolute, necessary and to take steps if conditions do not warrant such drastic decrees. America must preserve her home and if that destruction is coming about through Axis domination, then without a doubt every father would fight—but until the last the home should not be divided. War disrupts a nation in so many ways and every ounce of compactness should be preserved.

Congress up to now, has been careless and listless and bureaus have arisen with authority—if Congress is to have that authoritative power then let us see less confusion and meaningless action. A patriotic consideration.

Demand And Price Situation

According to studies made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture the demand for farm products over the next few months is expected to show a further increase. The general upward trend in consumer income is continuing and requirements for direct war uses remain large.

Increasing domestic demand for farm products is associated with the war effort, which last year resulted in an increase in the Nation's labor force about five times the normal rate and large gains in total employment (civil and military) and pay rolls. The upward trend in these demand factors is expected to continue during the next few months. However, the approach to completion by mid year of the war plant-building program, the near absence of unemployment, and existing governmental price and wage policies will soon result in some slowing of the advances in employment and pay rolls.

Prospective demand during the next few months is so large in relation to expected supplies of agricultural products and non-agricultural products and services that prices in general are expected to remain close to the highest levels permitted by law. But assurance of further success in the

program to prevent inflationary price advances is offered by the results of the control of prices which have been placed under ceilings. Prices received by farmers probably will remain close to the December 1942-January 1943 average level of 180 (1910-14 - 100) thru the first quarter of 1943 or longer. Cash income from sales of farm products will remain at a relatively high level over the next few months. Livestock marketings going through regular channels, after allowance for the usual seasonal movements, slumped considerably in January, but marketings of dairy and poultry products and of several crops continued large. For 1943 as a whole, aggregate marketings of farm products are expected to be larger than in any previous year and prices to be maintained around recent levels.

Track Crops
Wholesale prices at New York and Chicago were generally steady to somewhat higher during the second half of January and the early part of February. Prices of snap beans, spinach, and tomatoes however, declined during this period. Although prices of some items may decline seasonally during February, vegetable prices in general probably will continue at relatively high levels. This seems likely in view of the greatly increased consumer demand and an expected 11 per cent reduction in the commercial vegetable crop now being harvested or to be harvested during the spring season.

Increased production is expected in early crop snap beans, carrots, and green peppers. These crops, now being harvested, will continue to be marketed during February, March and April. Significant reductions may be expected in early crop cabbage, green peas, lettuce, spinach and tomatoes and in winter cauliflower.

In an effort to encourage greater production of the more essential fresh vegetables, the Department has recommended a production payment of \$50 per acre for each acre of approved truck crops in excess of 90 per cent of the truck crop goal up to 110 percent of that goal.

On January 28th, the Department announced price supports to growers of the four major eating crops, tomatoes, peas, sweet corn, and snap beans. Guaranteed prices will range on the average from 20 percent to 35 percent above

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SAVE MONEY

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"Sure was, Judge... stopped over here for ten minutes and what a swell bunch of fellows they were."

"That's true all over, Sam. Our present Army is the best trained, best disciplined, best behaved in American history. That's why I get my hair up when I hear of some people trying to dry up the areas around Army camps. Why, in a recent report made by the government, it said the Army usually prefers its camps to be located in wet instead of dry communities. And there's a sound reason. In a wet community the Army can control drinking. In dry communities where bootleggers run wild it's almost impossible. We know that from our nearly 14 years of experience with national prohibition.

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