

### EDUCATION PLAN IS BABSON TOPIC

By Roger W. Babson  
 BABSON PARK, Mass., May 11. We shall be passing up vast opportunities for national advancement if we now fail to capitalize our recent lessons on how to educate. I mean the lessons which have been taught to us by the new techniques of training men and women for war.

It is true that civilian education is aimed at peaceful objectives. As commonly practiced, the most popular courses are the so-called "outside activities", although most of them are non-educational. I refer to jitter-bugging, juke-boxing and those graver pastimes which may not be immoral, but surely are a facsimile thereof. In military training, the purpose is "How to win and come back alive". Nevertheless, the two educations (civilian and military) can be alike in attitude, even if unlike in subject matter.

The famed super-speed and ultra-efficiency of military training are not to be explained by mere mechanical methods alone. Stroboscopic or slow-motion pictures, models in miniature, high-pressure coaching, pocket-size texts,—these modern boosters are worthy of attention by every school committee. The inner difference, however,—which puts Army and Navy training long miles ahead of our horse-drawn public schools—is the superior build-up of educational attitude.

In the schooling of the armed forces, both trainers and trainees are consciously dealing in life or death. However immature in years, the servicemen are quick to feel the adult attitude of those who learn their lessons "under live ammunition". This "adult attitude", this precocity of maturity, is what makes military instruction click and tick. Our public schools should duplicate, in peacetime, this wartime attitude to raise the mental age.

When we extend the range of education to cover maturity, we automatically increase the power of education and tap its unexplored and undreamed possibilities. The surest way to raise the standard of living and true security is to raise the average "mental age" of the population. Hence, another way to raise this average mental age is to encourage adult education. This requires supplementing our present public school system with new adult educational systems.

Our school system in its juvenile branches offers alluring possibilities of reformation. Speaking brutally, but realistically, most of today's schools — under the joint influence of hardheaded politicians, softheaded sentimentalists and empty headed parents—are a mess. That the school certificates of graduates are traditionally engrossed on the skin of the sheep seems grimly fitting when we look up the I. Q. of this self-regimented animal!

Yet, unfortunate is the fate of those of us who seek to reform the schools. The prospective controversy, resistance, obstruction and reaction are shocking to behold. The possibilities of reform are alluring but the path of reform is appalling. It may be better to leave the schoolmen to stew in their own juice for awhile longer and turn attention to development of adult education. But I will say more about Adult Education next week.

In countless camps all over the world, it has been demonstrated that boys and girls become men and women most promptly and most surely when the mark of an educated man or woman is not a diploma but a dog-tag. I foresee that my realism will shock the sentimentalists, but the statement stands.

Yes, the double failure of the antiquated public school system is that it results in delayed maturity of the virtues, while prompting precocity in the vices. If it is hopeless to re-organize the schools, there is high hope to organize Adult Education. It could, it might, it may become America's outstanding contribution to world security. Surely, we can educate for life as efficiently as we educate for death.

### On Vital Errand



Documents of final surrender of all Nazi forces in Europe were reported delivered to Allied legations in Stockholm by Dr. Hans Thomsen, above, German ambassador to Sweden.

### Georgia Navigation System Would Cost About \$317,000,000

ATLANTA, GA., May 10. —(U.P.)—Blanton Fortson, chairman of the Georgia Agriculture and Development Board, said today that development of proposed inland waterways in Georgia would result in a Navigation system equal to the Tennessee Valley project.

Hanver J. Friedman, reporting to the board for the rivers and harbors commission, said that proposed expenditure on the dams, channel ways and navigation aids for the post-war period would cost \$317,000,000 if all projects are improved.

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