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TIME WASTED

With the United States Senate so quick to order investigations of this and that, a lot of people are wondering why some member of that body doesn't demand an investigation of some of the investigations.

For instance, the current probe, born of Isolationist Wheeler, and nurtured by his side-kicks Nye and Clark into the moving picture industry. The public is entitled to know exactly who is responsible, and why.

In the first place, the investigation is an abortion. It never was ordered by the Senate as a whole; nor have any funds ever been appropriated to pay for it. The cost probably will be about \$10,000, and you can bet all the tea in China that Senators Wheeler, Nye, Clark, et al won't pay a penny. Neither will the other "isolationists." The general public sees no need for such a probe—but the general public will have to foot the bill.

Strange charges are made by the probers. Film executives are accused, it seems, of making pictures that back up the President.

Backing up the President does not suit Senator Wheeler and Nye. Wonder what would happen, if they were in Nazi Germany and FAILED to back up Herr Hitler?

The Senators not only refuse to give any details about the real source of their probe, but they refuse to allow any cross examination of their witnesses. Nevertheless, some striking facts have been brought to light.

One is that the Senators admit never having seen many of the films they are attacking.

Another is that Senator Nye, attacking Charlie Chaplin's film, "The Great Dictator," said he was opposed to it because it ridiculed "a foreign power and a foreign ruler."

Well, the picture does just that:—the "foreign power" being Nazi Germany and the "foreign ruler" being Hitler.

It must make Herr Adolf very happy to know that he has a champion in the United States Senate.

Come to think of it, maybe a Senate investigation of these gentlemen would be inadequate. Maybe it is a job for the F. B. I.

A humorous touch was given the situation the other day by a sarcastic resident of Yankee Connecticut, who sent the probers the following telegram:

"Have just been reading book called Holy Bible. Has large circulation in this country. Was written entirely by foreign born, mostly Jews. First part full of dangerous war mongering propaganda. Second condemns isolationists with fake story about Samaritan. Dangerous. Should be added to your list and suppressed."

Here is a typical day's menu in the U. S. Navy:

Breakfast: Fresh fruit, Vienna Sausage with Tomato Sauce, Assorted Cereals, Griddle Cakes with Syrup, Bread, Butter and Coffee.

Dinner: Vegetable Soup, Pot Roast of Beef, Succotash, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Bread, Butter, Coffee, Chocolate Cake, and Ice Cream.

Supper: Liver and Bacon, String Beans, Steamed Rice, Salad, Stewed Prunes, Bread, Jam and Tea.

During the training period U. S. Navy recruits gain an average of fifteen pounds each.

Installment Buying

When the news broke that the Federal Reserve Board was preparing regulations to control installment credit, buyers rushed to purchase cars, refrigerators and similar goods before the deadline. They were afraid the new rules would make installment buying next to impossible.

Now, however, the rules have been issued, and it appears that this fear was generally unjustified. All that has been done is to prevent the issuance of excessive credit, and to stop certain practices that have long been considered unsound.

So far as automobiles are concerned, the only difference is that the time limit has been cut from two years to 18 months.

The days of \$5 down payments for electric refrigerators, ironers, stoves, washing machines, radios, etc., have gone. Now you must pay at least one fifth down and the balance in 18 months.

For furnaces, furniture, water heaters, pumps, and other home items only 15 percent—less than one sixth—need be paid down; but again only 18 months credit is allowed.

On materials for house improvement or alteration, there is no limitation on the credit that may be issued, up to \$1,000; and there need be no down payment at all. However, the 18 months limit is also enforced here.

Some think the rules are still too lax, and will be made more strict as the war goes on, for the joint purpose of conserving essential materials by decreasing sales, and of combatting price inflation.

For the present, however, the new installment rules will affect only those buyers who are so situated that they should not be purchasing luxuries at all.

Every large ship in the U. S. Navy and many of the smaller ones publish a daily press sheet in mimeographed form; the items are picked up by radio.

All men in the U. S. Navy and Naval Reserve are paid twice a month. They receive no coins but are paid to the nearest dollar.

FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION:—What care is necessary for farm machinery during the winter?

ANSWER:—More equipment rusts and rots away than actually wears away through use. Paint up machines, grease all exposed metal surfaces, and store them under a shelter. Such a practice will pay handsome dividends.

QUESTION:—Do young laying pullets lose efficiency when too many are crowded into one house?

ANSWER:—T. T. Brown, extension poultryman, says at least 3½ to 4 square feet of floor space should be allowed for each bird. Less space means more disease, a higher percentage of cull birds, and more cull eggs.

QUESTION:—Can electricity be used to cure sweet potatoes?

ANSWER:—A growing number of farmers in North Carolina are using electricity for curing and storing sweet potatoes and finding it economical and satisfactory. It provides a more even distribution of heat which results in a better and more uniform cure.

QUESTION:—How will the Fall drought affect Winter cover crops?

ANSWER:—Winter cover crops will not suffer greatly if rains come in time to permit planting by October 15. It is desirable to plant covers in September when seasons permit, but October planting will serve only to make the crops later next Spring.

QUESTION:—Does it matter when poultry breeding pens are made up?

ANSWER:—C. P. Parrish, Extension poultryman at State College, says pens for next season should be made up now. Pick out hens that have not molted. Hens to be used for breeding should be separated from the flock now, or banded, so they can be picked out easily later on.

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