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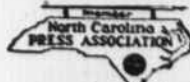
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"Progressive socialism, once under way, results in an increasing momentum down hill for all surviving private economy. That is, it feeds upon itself, and, as we have seen, seeks to grow and become permanent, even though it may have started out purely as a temporary or emergency measure."—Albert W. Atwood.

One of the worst problems Britain faces is her mounting loss of merchant shipping. Axis surface raiders and submarines are doing a tremendous amount of damage, as Churchill recently admitted in Parliament, and the convoy system is not working well. Reason for that is lack of warships to use as convoys, inasmuch as England must keep great forces in the Mediterranean and in home waters. Also, German destruction of British destroyers has been exceedingly great. Some think that before long Britain may appeal to this country for still more ships—principally destroyers and small cruisers of modern, high-speed types. Whether we'd agree is anybody's guess. Certainly public opinion developed with incredible speed in favor of more and more help to Britain during the last year. There is no apparent reason why it should not continue to do so, particularly in the light of Mr. Roosevelt's extremely pro-British stand.

WHAT COURSE ?

Most of the columnists have been busy as bird dogs in forecasting what course the Administration will now take. And all of them seem to have different ideas. Some think the President will pursue a conservative policy; others that he will go in for experiment on a bigger scale than ever.

For the time being, discount all of those forecasts considerably. Only one man, the President, knows what he plans to do, and he hasn't talked about it publicly. The speeches and statements he has made since the election have been moderate in tone and have not indicated any startling new departures.

It is obvious that the demands of rearmament come first in government now. Whatever the Administration thinks is necessary to expanding production with maximum speed, will be done, but no one yet knows what that will entail.

"GO FORWARD IN PEACE"

In the opinion of a number of the commentators, the President's Madison Square Garden speech of October 28th was one of the most effective of his campaign. It had much to do, they feel, in turning the tide in his favor. In that speech, the President declared that his policy was one that would safeguard our country's peace in a torn and warring world. His last two sentences were these: "We shall continue to go forward in firm faith. We shall continue to go forward in peace."

The issue that confronts us today, is the issue of peace or war. That is the most terrible issue that any President, any government, any nation, can face.

Those polls which proved so accurate in forecasting the result of the election, indicate that an overwhelming majority of Americans are opposed to war. The Congress is a peace Congress, with almost every member committed to the principle that we shall not again participate in a foreign war. The President has said he is a peace president.

We can stay at peace if we set ourselves dead against aggression and make ourselves so strong that no aggressor will dare attack us. That must be the American policy. That must be the ideal in which all Americans share, from the President to the lowliest among us.

THE WAR

The Axis' spokesman continues to boast of the dreadful doom that is about to befall Britain and all other powers which dare to oppose German-Italian-Japanese ambitions to create a new and revolutionary "world order." But in much of the present boasting there is a hollow and discordant note. For it is a plain fact that today the dictators are winning most of their battles on paper instead of the field of action.

The war, in other words, is not going well, from the Nazi-Fascist point of view. Germany has apparently abandoned hope of invading England—a move which, according to Hitler's original calendar, was to have been completed months ago. Her air attacks go on, and they do much damage. But there is no evidence to indicate that the plane can win a war or break the morale of a proud and determined people. In the meantime, English plane production, buttressed by imports from this country, moves steadily forward toward the day when Britain will be German's equal in the air. Nazi raiders and submarines have sunk an immense amount of British shipping. But Britain's merchant marine is still vast, and is being added to almost daily. And new British warships, including one or two 35,000-ton super-dreadnaughts, have lately been commissioned. Greatest fiasco has been that of Italy. One expert

Air Express Spreads Its Wings

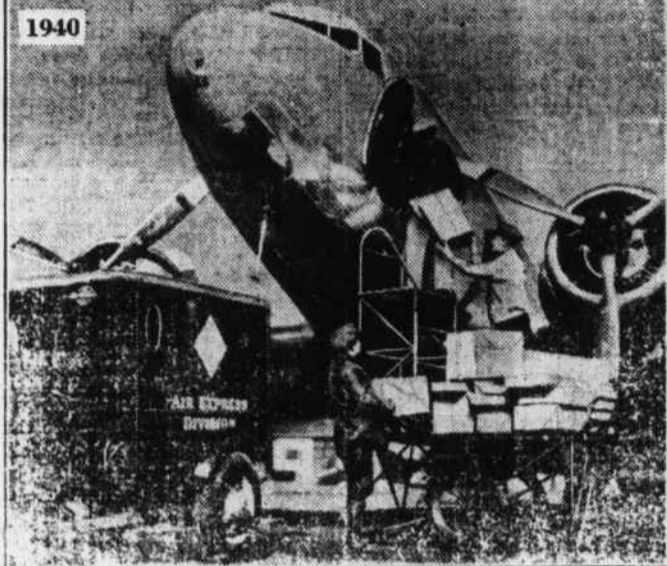


Illustration of an airplane shipment in history of transportation, consisting of five coils of silk weighing 50 pounds was flown 65 miles in 71 minutes from Dayton to Columbus, Ohio, in November 1910, lashed to frame of Wright plane. Today, 30 years later, Railway Express Agency reports hundreds of packages weighing tons are speeded daily in cargo compartments of giant transport planes for overnight delivery 2,500 miles away.

recently observed that Germany alone is stronger than Germany and Italy together, and that may very well be true—Italy is one of the least self-contained of nations, and Hitler must keep supplying her with materials which he could use to advantage at home. On top of that, the military experts are shaking their heads in amazement over what they regard as the almost incredible stupidity of Mussolini's much-bemadened general staff. The invasion of small, poorly-armed Greece is a vivid example. Italy attempted to use blitzkrieg tactics in a rugged, mountainous country in which there are few roads, and she started in the worst possible season. It was inevitable that her losses would be tremendous. No authority believes that Greece can hold out indefinitely, but Italy's victory will be won at great cost, in prestige no less than in men and material. And in the meantime, England has been able to establish air and naval bases on the Greek islands which are of immense importance in cementing her hold on the Mediterranean.

The British air attack which disabled three Italian battleships and a number of lesser craft is, if English reports of the action are true, one of the major victories of this war. It means that the Italian fleet has lost close to half its effectiveness so far as the surface vessels are concerned. And that, in turn means that Britain can now release ships from the Mediterranean to other places where they are badly needed for purposes of convoy, and to hunt down and engage the German raiders which are operating in the mid-Atlantic.

Watch Africa now—the next showdown will probably come there. More and more of French Africa has disavowed the German-dominated Vichy government and is throwing in with the "free French" cause led by General De Gaulle. Mysterious General Weygand is now in Africa. He was sent there by the Vichy authorities to hold the colonies. But reports leak out that Weygand may have an entirely different plan in mind—that he may join De Gaulle or, at least, keep the part of Africa he controls out of an alliance of any kind with Germany. If he does that, it will be a blow to the Axis, which must conquer Africa as a main step in its program for destroying the life-line of the British Empire.

Also watch the Far East. There is quiet on the surface there at the moment, but there is turbulence underneath. Japan has been withdrawing great quantities of troops from China. Some fear she will use them in a foray against French Indo-China and the Dutch East Indies—or, if worst comes to worst, against the Philippines. Ray of hope is provided by Far Eastern experts who insist that Japan knows she is far too weak to provoke us into war, and that she will back down if we maintain a strong and unyielding policy.

TO MAP PLAN FOR '41

Raleigh, Nov. 25.—The Executive Committee of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee will meet in Raleigh, Thursday, December 12, to map the beer industry's 1941 "clean up or close up" campaign in this state.

The United Brewers Industrial Foundation, the sponsoring organization, recently authorized continuation of the self-regulation program in North Carolina, and the December 12 meeting will be devoted to consideration of the 1941 campaign.

State Director Edgar H. Bain, of Goldsboro, will address the committee which is composed of: J. P. Price, of Greensboro,

chairman; J. W. Jackson, of Wilmington; R. J. Jenkins, of Kingston; Frank E. Barnard, of Asheville; and W. S. Burrus, of Raleigh, representing the beer distributors; and L. E. Wheeler, of Asheville; C. M. Wright, of Newark, N. J.; S. A. Cash, of Louisville, Ky.; Walter Bartlett, of Norfolk, Va.; and David T. Gallo, of Norfolk. A successor will be named to Mr. Wheeler who was recently transferred to Milwaukee.

The "clean up or close up" campaign was launched in North Carolina in May, 1939, and has resulted in the elimination of 135 undesirable beer outlets.

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ALL 'ROUND 4-H'ER



NORTH CAROLINA'S "all-around" 4-H Club girl, Willie Mae Daniel, 17, of Oxford, Granville county is named by Frances MacGregor, assistant club leader, to receive an all-expense trip to the 19th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago Nov. 29-Dec. 7. She has a superior four year record in homemaking projects, which comprise making 25 home beautification improvements, raising 233 chickens, sewing 34 garments and canning 1662 pints of fruits and vegetables. Willie Mae won three scholarship trips for outstanding project work. Prize money earnings of \$20 and sale of products totalling \$712.30 raise the value of her 4-H work to \$1,001.10. A champion for each of the four extension sections and for two at large will be announced at the Chicago convalescence, where they will be awarded \$200 scholarships given by Montgomery Ward, donor also of trips for state winners. The contest, held for the 18th year, is conducted in cooperation with the extension service to broaden the interest and knowledge of 4-H girls in home arts.

CORN SHOW GREAT

(Continued from page One)

Griffin, Gold Sand Junior; George Walker, Wood; Alex Greene, Justice; P. G. Denton, Jr., Pilot; Jack Weathersby, Bunn; J. W. Privette, Pearce; Joseph Earl Wheeler, Hickory Rock-White Level.

In the judging contest held in connection with the show each of the following boys won a bag of Nitrate of Soda for being the best corn judge in his Club: Charles Pearce, Pilot; James Ayscue, Epsom; Ralph Pulley, Harris; Geo. Walker, Wood; Thomas Dean, Justice; Charles Pearce, Pilot; Bayard Bryant, Bunn; Keston Privette, Pearce; R. E. Burnette, Hickory Rock-White Level; Elson Evans, Gold Sand Junior.

To the following boys won prizes for best record books submitted: Cloice Alford, 1 bag starting mash; Maurice Collins, 1 bag fertilizer; Reginald Pearce, 1 bag of Nitrate of Soda; Larry Jones, 1 bag cotton seed meal; Leon Poynthress, 1 bag hulls and molasses feed.

In the competition among High School 4-H Clubs, W. O. Fuller, Mills High School, won the Senior judging contest and a \$5.00 scholarship to the State 4-H Short Course at Raleigh. Q. S. Leonard of Mills High School won second place in judging and a bag of fertilizer. William Boone of Edward Best High School won third place and a bag of cotton seed meal. Joseph Earl Smith, Edward Best High School, won first place in the High School exhibits and a bag of fertilizer. James Bartholomew of Edward Best High School won second place and a bag of soda. Russell Hayes, Mills High School, third place and a bag of cotton seed meal.

William Batchelor, Gold Sand Club, was declared the Senior corn growing champion for having produced 68.4 bushels of corn for \$22.29. Wilson Clay, Tdward Best Club, won second place in corn growing contest and a bag of cotton seed meal. James Bartholomew, Edward Best, won first place and a bag of feed for best Senior record book submitted. Baxter Harris, Edward Best, won second place on record books and a bag of cotton seed meal.

The names of all Club members were entered on slips of paper and put in a pot and at the end of the program three names were drawn from the pot and each boy was given 1 bag of Nitrate of Soda. The lucky names were: J. W. Perry, Jr., Floyd Arnold and Samuel Collins.

A large coconut cake was given to the Edward Best Club for having all of its thirteen corn club members to exhibit corn at the Show. This was the only Club except Mills who had 100 per cent of its Club members to exhibit corn.

Mr. Dan F. Holler, Assistant Extension Agronomist and Mr. O. F. McCrary, District Agent of the North Carolina State College Extension Service acted as judges at the Corn Show.

The following boys exhibited corn at the Show—Epsom: Thomas Ayscue, Bruce Ausborn, Deward Edwards, James Bowen, Dempsey Renn; Harris: Ralph Pulley, Adorth Arnold, Staley Driver, Charles Pearce, Robert Lee Mitchell, Macon Barham, Simon Rogers, Floyd Arnold; Gold

Sand Junior: Maynard Griffin, Cedric Earl Gilliam, Joe Plummer Harris, Bruce Radford, Truett Griffin, Jack Hunt, Joe Perry Foster, Charles Watkins, Jeff Foster; Gold Sand Senior: Guy Griffin, John Sykes, H. W. Leonard, William Batchelor, Max Parrish; Wood: Darrell Gupton, Roy Tucker, George Walker; Justice: Calvin Wood, J. M. Wood, J. B. Wester, Jr., Thomas Dean, Lindbergh Bunn, Thornton White, Kearney Harrison, J. C. Vick, Alex Greene, Howard Ray; Pilot: P. G. Denton, Jr., Waddell Ray, Cloyce Alford, Dudley Stallings, Larry Jones, Cecil Privette, John Massey; Bunn: Leon Poynthress, Havale Denton; Pearce: Ronald E. Pierce, Theodore Medlin, Hoyt Medlin, J. W. Privette, Jr., Delano Ray, J. W. Perry, Jr.; Reginald Pearce; Mills: Q. S. Leonard, Jr., Williams Fuller, Russell Hayes, Oscar Fuller; Edward Best: Joseph Earl Smith, Clemon Nelms, Baxter Harris, Clyde Thorne, Wilson Clay, William

Roone, Ben Layton, Boyce Collins, T. O. Nelms, James Bartholomew, Sam F. Sledge, Fredric Perry, Preston Green; Hickory Rock-White Level: Samuel Collins, J. H. Bartholomew, George Burnette, Weldon Spencer Wood, David House, Billy Check, Joseph Earl Wheeler, Maurice Collins, Vann Champion, Clifford Davis, Julian Leon Champion, Bert Gilliam, Wilson Sykes.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of S. G. Griffin, deceased, late of Franklin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of November, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 28th day of November, 1940.
11-29-40 R. S. GRIFFIN, Adm'r.

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