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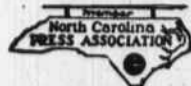
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**Ramirez Pledges Friendly Actions**

**Government Proclaims Intention To Strengthen Ties in Hemisphere**

Buenos Aires, June 8.—Argentina's new government, successor by revolt to an administration that followed a strict neutrality line, tonight proclaimed its intention of strengthening "not only by words, but by deeds," its relations with the other American Republics, all of which have declared war on or broken relations with the Axis nations.

At the same time, the government moved to obtain formal recognition abroad and, in a gesture of confidence in the permanence of the revolution that unseated "isolationist" President

Ramon S. Castillo only four days ago, raised the state of martial law existing Buenos Aires.

(It was the first official announcement that the Argentine capital had been under martial law, although Montevideo dispatches indicated troops had been in control of the city since Friday.)

Troops were returning from Buenos Aires to their nearby encampments when President Pedro Ramirez emerged from a two-hour conference, with his new cabinet to issue a statement on the foreign and domestic policies of his new government.

**Close Cooperation**

Ramirez, who helped install Gen. Arturo Rawson as president of the republic after Castillo had resigned and then succeeded to the presidency himself when Rawson failed to form a cabinet, made it clear in his statement that he intends to pursue a policy of close cooperation with the

United States and all other Western Hemisphere republics.

"With respect to Argentina's attitude toward the war," the statement said, "the provisional government considers yesterday's declaration of its position sufficiently clear. It should be added that not only words but deeds bringing us closer to our sister American nations will be carried out."

**Neutral "For Present"**

In its initial statement yesterday the Ramirez government declared that it would adhere to a policy of neutrality "for the present," leading diplomatic observers to speculate on the possibility that a change in that policy might be contemplated.

There was a growing opinion among foreign observers that the new government was studiously seeking to cultivate the friendship of the other American republics, which had been strained for months by the fact that Ar-

gentina alone had maintained diplomatic relations with the Axis.

**Canning Project**

The Canning project sponsored by the Junior Woman's League will be held in the Mills School lunch room beginning June 21st. Mrs. E. V. Stone, of Justice, will be in charge of the canning. Mrs. Stone, who is very competent in this line, canned over two thousand quarts last summer.

Anyone living in Louisburg may bring their vegetables prepared for canning to the lunch room. Either quart or pint size jars may be used. The only charges are as follows: if you furnish your jars, the lunch room is given one out of six; or, if the lunch room furnishes the jars, it is a fifty-fifty proposition.

The Junior Woman's League has been interested in getting a

Red Cross bandage room for Louisburg, but was advised by National Headquarters in Washington that another was not needed. This canning project is being sponsored as a War project in order to cooperate with the Food Conservation plan. All citizens with surplus vegetables are urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Further notice concerning the project will appear as announcements in the FRANKLIN TIMES and notices placed in the stores.

"North Carolina Echo", Holstein Friesian cow at N. C. State College, has produced 672 pounds of butterfat and 18,181 pounds of milk in 361 days. This is 3 1/2 times what the average dairy cow produces.

Experience becomes a teacher when we no longer look on it as merely another misfortune.

**THE FIDDLER'S BILL**

Anti-inflation palliatives are doomed to failure unless quickly followed by effective measures to control the cause of inflation. The cause of inflation is directly traceable in a large measure to Federal financing policies. As long as tax favoritism and wage favoritism toward great masses of voters prevail, and as long as those so favored fail to invest a large share of their record wages in war bonds, no power on earth can stop inflation.

**REDUCING PRODUCTION**

In stressing the need for a government policy that "will result in maximum food production," John D. Miller, president emeritus of the National Council of Farm Cooperatives, says "price ceiling experiments tracing back to the Roman Empire have a record of uninterrupted failure as a method of preventing inflation or keeping down the cost of living.

"An effective ceiling on any commodity will in time restrict production. A planned economy spells the doom of our system of free enterprise. Rising commodity prices are not the cause, but the result of inflation.

"Inflation should be attacked on two fronts: First, by adopting policies that will result in the greatest possible food production, thus increasing supplies; and, second, by siphoning off buying power through taxation, thus reducing demand."

Mr. Miller described subsidies as higher food prices with the money being paid by the citizens to the government as taxes, and then distributed to the farmers by government. "Farmers resent being placed in a position where they cannot support themselves, but must accept government handouts. Food prices can be so regulated that farmers will receive a living price, and with consumers paying as low price as is consistent with production cost, transportation, processing and marketing. This was done during World War I and food production rose to the maximum. But now we have price ceilings which have always resulted in decreased food production."

**CLOSED SHOP CHALLENGED**

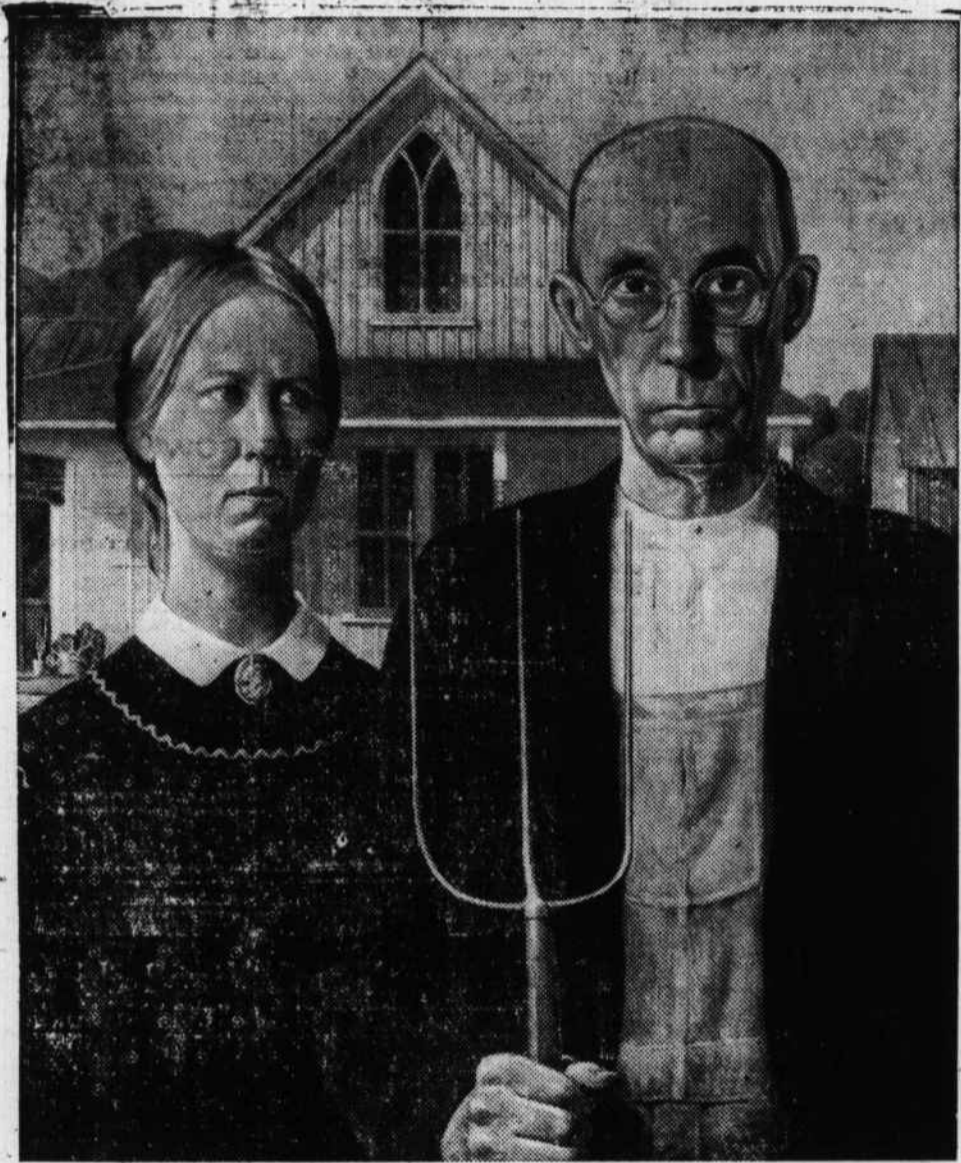
In support of constitutional states' rights, Attorney General Watson of the State of Florida has filed suit against two corporations operating under closed shop agreements, to test the legality of the closed shop contract in a nation founded upon principles of justice and equality. In commenting on the suits, Mr. Watson says: "In both cases we have proven that to employ a worker the employer must first send him to the business agent of the union. This business agent classifies the employee to the union which he is required to join. An initiation fee is fixed by the union—these fees in the two cases in question ranging all the way from \$10 to \$125 per initiation. It was proven also that the business agent could and did in cases arbitrarily refuse to certify the name of the proposed employee either to the union or to the employer; that also, even after certification to the union under application for membership, the union's membership committee arbitrarily refused to admit him, in which case he became immediately disqualified, and if he had gone to work upon a temporary permit from the business agent, his employment was immediately terminated because of the union's refusal to accept him as a member. We also proved instances where men seeking employment, accepted membership by the union, after paying their initiation fee, were shortly thereafter terminated from such employment without cause and solely upon the union's dictum. We also proved that persons were terminated by the union's dictum in their employment for failure to pay union dues, and in several instances where controversies have arisen among union members in the same employment, the union would take the side of one against the other and terminate the membership . . . of the one acted against, and thereby bring about his immediate discharge from his closed shop employment."

These labor excesses have been practiced with the approval and encouragement of the Federal government. That is one of the reasons why the coal mines have been socialized temporarily, why legitimate unionism may suffer lasting injury, and why, when our men come back from war, they may find that before they can get a job they must pay tribute to a labor dictatorship just as deadly to freedom as the European military dictatorships.

It is not too late to restore constitutional government. Courageous men like the Attorney General of Florida are leading the way and deserve public encouragement and support.—Selected.

The outcome of this action will be watched with much interest from the many true Americans who believe in equality, based on old time freedom and liberty guaranteeing justice and equality.

Folks who don't take their time about it do a poor job of growing old.



Grant Wood's famous painting "American Gothic" reproduced by permission of the Art Institute of Chicago.

**Dear Senator:**

Mother and I missed seeing you when you were home for the holidays, so I wanted to write you now that you're starting your new session.

Jim is overseas, Junior is in camp and Mary is working in a war plant.

This leaves us a little short-handed, especially with volunteer work, O. C. D., U. S. O., rationing boards and so on.

But we'll make out if we can keep our patience and work hard enough.

Senator, I'll have to admit we did lose patience a few months back. Junior used to say I always scolded him too late—after he had already made up his own mind to do better.

I guess I was waiting till I got my temper under control. And that's what I've done in your case, too.

First (this is just the way I used to start in to take our boys down a peg), I hope you fellows we've elected to Congress are going to take some more responsibility.

Now that the business men and the farmers have turned into production wiz-

ards, we wouldn't mind if a few politicians that you and I know would turn into statesmen for the duration.

Second, I wanted to warn you about money.

We know you have to think in big sums and spend a lot of money for the war. But try and remember how hard Mother and I worked to buy \$200 worth of bonds.

Don't let them throw our money away or waste even a little. A wasted million dollars won't save any soldier lives. And it will hurt five thousand families like ours who sweated it out in bonds and taxes.

And listen, Senator, don't worry about whether we're going to co-operate or not. We've given Uncle Sam our boys, our businesses, our money and all our confidence and, if you think anybody that will give this much is going to quibble about a gallon of gasoline or a can of beans, if you think that, well, somehow or other when you took the train to Washington you left all your common-sense on the platform back here!

Mother and I and everybody we know

want you to have everything to work with and want to give you the most loyal, intelligent, whole-hearted co-operation that was ever given any government in the history of the world. That's what you can count on from the folks back home.

Now you know us, Senator, you know we all want to win this war just as quick and as positive as anybody in Washington does.

You know something else, too, sir. You know we have faith in you—faith you'll do the right thing.

I remember how we put it up to Junior when we mortgaged the place to send him to college: "Son, we're counting on you."

And, somehow, Senator, Mother and I feel you and Congress aren't going to let us down.

Respectfully yours,

*John and Jane Smith*  
Middleville, U.S.A.

\*Beneath the stern and unyielding righteousness of the men and women who conquered the soil of America, Grant Wood has depicted their fixed belief in a better tomorrow . . . an undying patriotism . . . a readiness to sacrifice, that their sons and daughters might go forward!

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