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Financing Defense

This nation has belatedly entered upon a national defense program which will cost billions of dollars.

Few people deny the necessity of the expenditures but there are differences of opinion as to how the money should be raised.

The national debt could be raised beyond the 45 billion limit and money obtained by further borrowing or taxes could be increased. Probably both means could be used.

But we believe that the American people had rather have a combination of economy in present expenditures and increased taxes rather than more debt.

After all, a patriotic people do not want to tax away all the income of the next two or three generations. Forty-five billions represent a tremendous amount of money.

In the interest of national defense and financial stability, it looks like politicians are going to be called on to sacrifice a few "political" principles for the sake of the nation's future.

The thinking class of the American people are hoping that adequate national defense can be financed by a combination of economy in other government activities and moderate tax increases.

The Enemies Within the Gates

Events in Europe have underlined and emphasized the urgent need for improving and expanding our national defenses, and making sure that the United States, its shores and its traditional ways of life, are rendered secure.

To do this most effectively, our military experts are of course studying very closely the methods of the "total war" that has overrun so many helpless countries abroad—the modern form of war, as one observer has commented, is fought "with the morals of the cave and the weapons of an exquisite civilization."

You need to know the danger that faces your country before you can guard against it successfully.

But there is one further step. The manner in which Norway and Poland and Belgium have been brought to their knees was not exclusively based upon military power. Before a blow was struck, security was undermined from within. The advice of Goethe—"Divide and command"—was heeded with telling and destructive effect. The "fifth column" of traitors and imported agents did their destructive work before war even began.

The danger that these tactics will be repeated here also faces our own land. It is not enough to have military preparedness; we must also establish internal unity, internal security.

To achieve this aim, certain principles need to be kept in mind:

(1) We must guard—not in a mood of hysteria, but through sound common sense—against the misguided groups and individuals in our own country who do not believe in private enterprise, and would sacrifice it for some other way of life. It is they who, by word or deed, would fill the role of "fifth columnists" in America if the opportunity were ever offered.

(2) We must not let the erroneous thinking of a second group to muddle our thoughts on preparedness. This group does not recognize the inseparability of our various freedoms—freedom of speech, a government or representative democracy, and a business system of private enterprise—and its failure to appreciate this important truth is likely to be actually as dangerous as the attitude of the de-

liberate enemies of our way of life.

(3) We need, at a time when industrial efficiency is so vital to national defense, to guard against attempts to cripple and hobble our manufacturing enterprises.

With these principles in mind, and with the courageous maintenance of national unity and individual patriotism, America can guard against the "enemies within the gates." Without this stand, America invites disaster!

Spaghetti Conscious

Many of the men and women who work for the Federal government are engaged in the well-known work that is commonly called "publicity." No one could possibly quarrel with the necessity for disseminating useful information concerning the activities of government, and a lot of that is included. But, on the other hand, ridiculous examples are forever coming to light, examples in which the taxpayer's money is heedlessly wasted.

One such example bobbed up to the surface recently in a report by the Federal Trade Commission. The gist of its pronouncement is as follows: "The Federal Trade Commission has ruled that the length of macaroni or spaghetti is in no way indicative of its quality. . . ."

"The Commission finds that . . . genuine macaroni and spaghetti products of the finest quality are made in both long and short lengths, and that macaroni and spaghetti of the finest quality are in some instances first made in long lengths and thereafter cut into short lengths. . . ."

This, as one Congressman comments, is "epical as well as epical." How comforting—how very comforting—it is to all of us to know that our government is always on its toes, watching out for those perfidious individuals who would discriminate against spaghetti on the basis of its length!

Borrowed Comment

IN THE MIDDLE

and geographically.

To the east of us, Europe is being ravaged and racked by one of the most frightful wars in its history. This war gets the big headlines; but the war in Asia, to the west of us, is no minor squabble. A nation of about 75,000,000 is in a death grapple over there with a nation of about 400,000,000, and the prize for which the 75,000,000 are struggling is the overlordship of Asia plus a springboard for world conquest later on.

The moral for us is that we need to arm more heavily than we have ever armed in peacetime before, and faster.

There is a possibility that the British Navy, or considerable parts of it, may fall into German hands. Hitler is an unpredictable gent if not a completely crazy genius.

Therefore, the Navy which we really need is a Navy capable of taking on, one after the other, the Japanese Navy, somewhere around Hawaii and the British Navy somewhere in the Atlantic. That will cost a lot. But it will be cheap insurance against the loss of our independence as a nation and of our power to spend our money as we please.

We need, too, an Army of about 1,000,000 mechanic-sergants—master mechanics trained in all branches of modern mechanized warfare and ready to jump into the job of quickly training as large an Army as any emergency may call for. We need to have those men equipped with all the machines of modern warfare, and to have that equipment kept always up to date. And we need plenty of pilots and plenty of fighting and bombing planes for those pilots to fly.

That's what Two Ships for One means nowadays.

NO REASON FOR TOO MUCH GLOOM

(The State)

The war news during the last two or three weeks has been anything but encouraging and there are many people who have begun to take a most pessimistic view of conditions in Europe.

However, there's an old saying to the effect that history repeats itself, and we believe it is going to repeat in the present instance.

During the World War, the Germans ran over Belgium and wreaked general destruction on that country. The Kaiser's forces began a triumphant march on Paris which brought them without about twenty-five miles of the French capital.

But you know what happened after the Germans shot their big bolt.

Dellaplane and Roaring River Route 2 News

ROARING RIVER, Route 3, June 3.—Services were held Saturday and Sunday at Antioch and Sunday at the Roaring River Methodist church.

Mrs. B. L. Johnson had as her guests Sunday her cousin and family from Sileam.

A young Mr. Pilkenton, brother of Mrs. Greene Brown, has built an addition to Mr. and Mrs. Brown's house (the Silas Johnson place). He and family, which includes a 2-weeks-old baby, have moved in with the Browns to help finish the timber at the old Tilley place.

Mrs. B. L. Johnson and sons and foster daughter, Ina, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Resen Johnson at Piney Creek and gathered rhododendron.

Kenneth C. Mastin was seriously injured in an automobile accident in Huntington, W. Va. last week. He is the only son of the late T. Frank Mastin, formerly of Wilkes and owns one-seventh of the old Tilley place.

Mr. B. L. Johnson, of Asheville, spent last week-end with his family. Mr. Johnson is second man in the Asheville office of the Park Service and may be head of the office after July.

Misses Mattie and Armisa Sale, of the Brier Creek section, had the misfortune to lose their cow some weeks ago.

Though Rev. N. T. Jarvis, of the Cranberry vicinity, is reported to have attended the funeral of Mr. J. I. Myers some weeks ago, it is not known here whether his health has substantially improved or not.

Mrs. D. S. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mobley, and Miss Mary Lane, of the Wilkesboro, spent a short time with Mrs. Laura Linney Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Greene Brown and little daughters, Virginia, Doris Jean and Ruth also visited at the old Tilley place that afternoon.

Friends and acquaintances here will be interested to know Mrs. Della Taylor, son-in-law, who was down 6-20-4t (t).

the family's house on "E" street in North Wilkesboro preparing to rebuild it. They are all living in "Westend" in "B14" Wilkesboro.

Mr. Robert Edmiston, who has owned eight yards on the east side of Brier Creek at the old Tilley place and six on the west side, is moving back to the east side to saw two or three yards, which will finish the boundary there he began last June.

This was originally considered an honest neighborhood. Lately, thieves even steal your best cow chain so you can't graze your cattle. Or, at least, that's what they did near the cold spring at the old Tilley place Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Bob Edmiston, who usually weighs about 240 and looks a little like Sir John Falstaff, though without whiskers, is said to look tatter than ever since eating "old Coo Coo."

There was a young fellow named Pratt, who stopped near a mule for a chest.

When he woke up in bed a day later, he said: "Well, I sure got a kick out of that."

NOTES

By virtue of an Order of the Superior Court of Wilkes County, signed by the Clerk thereof on the 17th day of May 1940, in the Special Proceeding entitled Mrs. Lizzie Dotson, Adm., and as Widow of Wiley Dotson, deceased, against Henry Dotson, Sr., and others, heirs at law and next of kin of Wiley Dotson, deceased, appointing the undersigned Commissioner to sell the lands described in the Petition, situated in Wilkes and Alexander Counties for the purpose of making assets with which to pay debts, and for partition of the remainder, the undersigned Commissioner will, on Saturday, June 29th, 1940, at 11:30 o'clock A. M. at the Court House door in the Town of Wilkesboro, N. C. sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash all the interests Wiley Dotson, deceased, owned at the time of his death in the following described lands:


Living and being in the County of Wilkes on the waters of Hunting Creek, adjoining the lands of Jesse Dotson, Mary Transou and M. E. Transou on the West; on the South by Magdeline Howell, and A. Howell; on the North and East by Nathan Parker Heirs; on the West by Zeno Baily, and others, and bounded as follows:

Beginning on Jesse Dotson's Northeast corner, and running East 70 poles; thence South 59 poles to Parker's line; thence West on said line 20 poles; thence South on Parker's West line 80 poles to the Salisbury Road; thence West on said road to Jesse Dotson's line; thence North 100 poles on said line to the beginning. Containing 45 acres more or less.

This the 28th day of May, 1940.

CHAS. G. GILREATH, Commissioner

My Feeling of Appreciation



To the many voters of Wilkes County I wish to express my most sincere appreciation for the wonderful vote you gave me in the recent primary for Congress. It was such as to make me feel everlastingly grateful to each person who honored me with his or her vote.

The way my home folks here in Richmond County and my friends throughout the District, are rallying to my candidacy in the run-off primary is such as to make me absolutely confident of victory. My supporters are the type that will forever remain true, and I feel so grateful for their unswerving loyalty. Especially am I pleased and appreciate the many assurances of support from those individuals who voted for Mr. Steele, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Phillips, and many of those who voted for Mr. Bargin.

I have no apology to make in entering this run-off. I was high man two years ago in the first primary and Mr. Burgin called for a second primary. If I had been legitimately defeated by my present opponent two years ago, I would not be a candidate at this time. The Democrats of our District will, I feel sure, welcome an opportunity to place their stamp of disapproval on the methods used to defeat the majority vote of the people in 1938. There is no question but what victory will crown our efforts on June 22nd.

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