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Give Generously . . . Then Double It!

The Times makes this confident statement.

If the people of Transylvania county in contributing to the National War fund will make their gifts commensurate with the need we will raise more than our quota of \$10,800.

For, assuredly, not before in the history of the world have there been so many wretched and despairing people who need—and deserve—a tangible expression of our admiration and sympathy. These people have experienced the horrors of war, many of them are destitute, but they are not, and will not be defeated. We should uphold them in their resistance to aggression.

But these funds will be used not only to succor victims of the war in other lands. A portion of them will be used in behalf of our lads held prisoner in enemy camps and to maintain the morale of our fighting men the world over. Families of men in the service, children of parents in war work and divers social services will also share in them. Seventeen groups in all, each charged with a definite wartime task, will receive a part of these funds.

Our people are being urged to give generously and, having done that, to double it. We earnestly urge that action upon our readers. Your dollars now will work miracles in shoring up the shattered structure of society in war-blackened lands until deliverance comes and at the same time speed the day of Victory!

A Praiseworthy Decision

The Times wishes to commend the unity and enthusiasm with which the trustees of Brevard College last week approved the postwar expansion program submitted by President E. J. Coltrane and which, if executed, will vastly increase the prestige and usefulness of the local institution. In brief, Dr. Coltrane proposed the erection of several additional buildings and the establishment of a substantial endowment fund.

"Now is the time to make definite plans for the future," Dr. Coltrane told the trustees in urging the revival and enlargement of the campaign begun in 1941, which was halted by the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor. This action was suggested in a Times editorial last week, which was put into type before the trustees acted and we are highly gratified by their decision.

As we endeavored to point out in that article, the time for bold and resolute action is now.

In our candid judgment, friends of Brevard college and the people of Western North Carolina have thrust upon them at this time an opportunity that will never come again. The young men of this country are engaged in the most colossal struggle in all history, but the time will come when they will return to peaceful pursuits. Hosts of them will want to resume their schooling, and we feel the victory they will have won imposes upon us an obligation to provide this schooling for as many of them as we possibly can.

Dr. Coltrane and his associates have the vision. Our young men and women have the ambition. Brevard has all of the needed advantages. Now, let's unite to raise the money to exploit these prime essentials of an outstanding college!

Let The Buses Alone, Please

The Times is distressed over reports that the Atlantic Greyhound Line is being approached with the idea of leasing the Brevard-Hendersonville bus line by an individual or separate company.

The Greyhound has given this community excellent service for a number of years, and has been a material factor in taking care of our transportation since the days when train travel over smaller branch roads became more or less obsolete. At the present the Greyhound people are giving three round trips from Brevard to Hendersonville and connected points, and are using a schedule that was requested after careful study of our needs from a community standpoint by a group of leaders from the Chamber of Commerce. In addition to meeting our passenger transportation needs via Hendersonville, the Greyhound is providing excellent equipment and trained drivers which make for good impression on visitors on their first trip to Brevard, and is comfortable and safe for our home people.

The Times believes it speaks for the community when it requests the Atlantic Greyhound to continue serving this community in the creditable way they have in the past, and thus assure us of adequate and creditable bus service. We have no quarrel with private companies or individuals who wish to be of service to this section, but experience has proven exclusively that such great outfits as the Greyhound and National Trailways are better fitted, and more desirable to give the service which is needed at this time when auto travel is necessarily cut to the minimum for the sake of winning the war.

Italy To Declare War?

It is reported from Washington that Italy will soon declare war on Germany and associate herself with the United Nations in the effort to crush Hitler. It has been made plain to Marshal Badoglio, however, that this action will not relieve Italy of any of its engagements under the armistice.

Execution of the terms of the armistice is the sole responsibility of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who is also in charge of all Allied land operations in the Mediterranean theatre. It will tax his ingenuity and that of the Mediterranean commission, which was set up to advise Washington, London and Moscow on armistice policies, to frame and execute policies which will enable Italy to make her fullest possible contribution to the war effort while scrupulously observing those conditions designed to make her impotent as an enemy.

Some of the commitments made by Italy have already been fulfilled. Others will not mature in many months. Meanwhile, Italy having ousted Mussolini and repudiated his form of government, might so conduct herself as an ally to placate the French, Russians and others who now insist on rigorous enforcement of armistice terms. Certainly, it would seem that these peoples would favor modifications that would increase Italy's capacity to make war because the Allies are in position to dictate the peace treaty which will supercede the armistice.

Still Persecuting The Jews

It is hard for one to understand the implacable and relentless hatred with which the Nazis regard the Jewish people. It seems to be a mad obsession with them, taking precedence over all other hatreds—and the Germans are thorough-going trululent haters.

Hitler's "Fortress Europe" is under violent assault, which will not relent until he and his henchmen are exterminated. And yet they find time to terrorize the Jews. Persecutions are now under way in Denmark and a purge has been scheduled for Italy. Hitler is reported to have ordered all Jews in Europe cleared out before the end of the war. Some idea of the ferocity of the Nazi purge in Denmark may be gained from the statement of a refugee arriving in Sweden, who said that Jewish homes were sacked and burned and both small children and adults killed.

This is not only a good example of Nazi brutality but of their arrogant presumption as well. Herr Hitler will have nothing to do with the government of Europe after this war is over and those who do control that continent will permit Jews to continue to reside there if they desire.

UNHAPPY LANDINGS!



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13—The congressional reception for the treasury tax program was expected to be discouraging—but not as discouraging as it turned out to be.

Economic Stabilizer Vinson was scheduled to appear next day in support of Treasury Secretary Morgenthau. When he did not excuses were made that he was not fully prepared.

What he meant was that he was not prepared to meet the sour rejection Morgenthau had encountered. The administration obviously needed more time to regain its countenance.

The congressional committee attitude is not hard to explain. The

Morgenthau plan seemed to lack a convincing ring of either sense or security. Indeed, it appeared to have only a feeble political justification.

Mr. Morgenthau condemned himself with his own argument. The proposition he offered was simply this:

The people have \$25,000,000,000 of "excess spending money." This causes a dangerous threat to inflation. We need to tax it into the treasury. Then, almost in the next breath, he said, "four-fifths of this dangerous excess is in the hands of people earning less than \$5,000 a year" (that is, they earn four-fifths of the current national war income).

Two breaths later, he proposed tax increases not so large on this class as on all other tax sources. Indeed, his plan would have eliminated some of the smallest taxpayers entirely. In short, he argued for one thing and then proposed another.

Any commentator must be driven to the conclusion that the plan was proposed largely for political purposes. The treasury knew well that people do not understand and analyze such matters thoroughly.

You're Telling Me
By WILLIAM RITT
Central Press Writer

TO THE VICTORY gardener Jack Frost is no longer just a whimsical, lovable character in children's fairy tales but an out and out saboteur.

The world, says Hitler, will some day be ashamed of the fall of Mussolini. Ashamed that it didn't happen sooner.

The Nazis appear to be making a political football out of Il Duce. Well, he's got the build for it.

A science item tells of the development of rust-resistant

wheat. What this world really needs, thinks Junior, is crust-proof bread.

Radium, according to Factographs, loses half its value in 1,800 years. Hmm—apparently not a sound investment.

Total war loses attraction for a Nazi when he begins to worry about total defeat.

The way the impending football season shapes up it looks as though the Brenner pass is going to get a lot more write ups than the lateral or the delayed forward varieties.

but figure only how the taxes might hit them personally.

Thus this scheme had the benefit of a popular appeal, even though this appeal wore thin in the face of the prospect that congress would not enact it, as the treasury well knew when the proposal was submitted.

Even so, as previously outlined in this spot, the income tax burden is already so heavy on all groups as to furnish a proper excuse for the rejection of the plan, and it was the only one which the house committeemen offered in public.

This left the tax question in even more of an impenetrable quandary than had been expected, what to do?

Congressional tax-makers no doubt will develop some idea of their own, but there is hardly a chance that any strong group in congress will pick up Mr. Morgenthau's facts and go after those whom he says are making four-fifths of the income.

In truth, the great bulk of wartime increases is going to what was formerly the lowest income groups. The incomes that have doubled and trebled are those of certain war workers, the lowest skilled and unskilled labor, the carpenter, etc., and special groups of labor.

There is one way, only one, by which these swollen war incomes could be trapped. The people who have the money are spending it. A sales tax would certainly reach them.

It is not a tax on a class or a group, however, but on everyone.

It would also hit to some extent those whose incomes have not been increased much.

As related in this spot so often, nearly everyone in politics is afraid of the idea. Only two committeemen spoke out for it at the Morgenthau session. There will be more but not enough to cause its adoption.

As everyone is reluctant to reach for the money where it is, and as the taxes are on other sources of revenue are already about as high as they can go (Mr. Morgenthau concedes this), the possibility of any tax legislation grows increasingly remote.

The Irish potato crop is estimated to reach 360 million bushels, that is, 73 million bushels larger than the 1942 late crop, USDA officials in Washington say.

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Thanks...to the Norwegians, who lost their country but never surrendered themselves.

Thanks...to the Russians, who gave their lives and homes and burned their factories and fields to turn Hitler's dream of conquest into a nightmare of defeat.

Thanks to the British, who might have given up but didn't...to the Yugoslavs, who still fight in the hills...thanks to all the freedom-loving people in the world who gave us time to gather our strength.

Make your thanks to all of these really mean something...by giving generously to the National War Fund through our own community war fund.

Seventeen war relief agencies have banded together in this great work to make the thanks of America mean something both abroad and at home and wherever our men fight on land or sea.

For we owe thanks, too, to the young men of America who gave up careers and good jobs to do the job that has to be done...and to those who cheerfully saw their lives turned upside down so that their men could fight and build ships and turn out tanks and planes and guns, all day and all night.

Because the National War Fund is combined with our local united campaign, you are being asked to give only once, this year, for all the agencies represented by it. So add up all you would have given to each, and then double the total! There's no better way to show your gratitude.

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