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The General Speaks

Now that the Red Cross drive is on, it is time to consider seriously some of the work of the Red Cross in times of war and peace.

If there is any uncertainty in your mind about what the Red Cross means, it is well to consider what General Dwight D. Eisenhower has to say about it:

"Organizations and institutions—educational, social, humanitarian—supported financially by voluntary individual contributions are characteristic of our way of life... evidence of our people's readiness to help each other. In their forefront is the American Red Cross.

"Once a year the Red Cross calls upon us all to help carry on its work.

"Each of us has his own personal reasons for answering this call. These are mine:

"To men in the armed forces, the Red Cross is a prompt, efficient friend in personal emergencies.

"To war veterans—particularly those confined to beds and wheelchairs in Veterans' hospitals—the Red Cross remains a constant friend and counselor.

"And to all of us the Red Cross is the recognized civilian disaster relief agency. It has the know-how to meet human needs growing out of a large-scale national emergency.

"For all these deeds and for the other services it performs, the Red Cross deserves our continuing support."

Let's get behind the drive in this county and raise our goal of \$2715 without delay. Remember the Red Cross is YOUR Red Cross.

Forests On The Farm

Farmers are learning that diversification pays off in more ways than one. All lands are not suitable to the same crops. And the better farmers who study their resources and income have long ago discovered that it also pays not to have all their eggs in one basket, so to speak.

More and more farmers are realizing the value of forests, not only from the standpoint of beauty, soil conservation, but actual income as well. In this section of the state reforestation is a particularly important practice. And we urge more and more farmers to consider it.

A report drawn up by a committee headed by Dean Hilton, of State college, clearly points out the opportunities farmers have of increasing their incomes through good management of forests.

"With reasonable protection from fire, insects, diseases, and from grazing in the piedmont and mountain sections," says this report, "farm woods will produce an average stumpage income of \$3 per acre each year. The harvesting and marketing of forest products will provide a labor income of \$12 per acre."

With more than nine million acres or about half of the state's total farm land in forests, the Hilton committee figured that North Carolina farmers have a potential income in their woods of \$27,000,000 for

stumpage plus \$108,000,000 as labor income.

That makes a total of \$135,000,000, which is about a third greater than the estimated value of the 1948 corn crop, and corn is one of the state's most important crops.

Our forest potential is even greater if we will replant with seedlings our idle and eroded land and the cut-over woodlands which now serve only as eyesores on our beautiful countryside. Besides the nine million acres in farm forests, there are two million additional acres of worn out crop land that should be in forests. And there are another two million acres of cutover land in the state that should be planted or assisted in natural reseeding.

The beauty about this opportunity for farm forest development is that the average farmer doesn't need a lot of extra capital or labor to take advantage of it. He can do the work at his own choosing between crops and in off seasons and he already has the equipment he needs—an axe, a drag chain and a good team or tractor.

Expansion Needed

Citizens who appreciate the necessity for adequate water and sewerage systems no doubt applaud the decision of the board of aldermen to gather all relevant data so that they will be able to determine what the cost of the project here will be. Within the next few days the engineers will submit their reports.

It will be necessary for the town to float bonds to finance these expansions, but we do not believe the citizens will decline to put up the money.

It was revealed some weeks ago that the population of Brevard had increased 60 per cent since 1940. Further growth is in progress, and this growth will be hindered or helped by the kind of facilities we have for furnishing adequate water and disposing of sewage and waste.

The standing indebtedness of the town has been substantially reduced in recent years, which will make it possible for the town to float a bond issue in the event the people approve of the step.

Local AAA Funds Increased

With greater emphasis placed on agriculture in Transylvania county, it is particularly fitting that appropriations of conservation materials and payments through the AAA be increased here in 1949.

According to the local secretary, Transylvania farmers will be aided by more than \$22,000 if they carry out the conservation practices required by the triple-A.

There is one difference in the program this year. Farmers must get prior approval of practices before they are started.

Act now. If you are participating in the '49 program, order lime, phosphate and pasture seed immediately.

Socialism Is Always Hungry

Recent press dispatches from England illustrate perfectly the insatiable appetite of socialism. There is a move underway to have the labor government take over England's pubs. It has also been proposed that the government nationalize football pools, which are one of the most popular forms of legal gambling in Britain. Finally, an item says that Britain's motor industry has now become the biggest exporter of automobiles in the world, and that a minister told the House of Commons that the time may come when that industry will be nationalized.

Those who think that a "little socialism" may be a good thing—so long as it doesn't touch them—should think it over. For if there is one thing sure about socialism, it is that it's never satisfied until it has devoured all enterprise and established a complete dictatorship over all of a nation's productive resources, including the labor force.

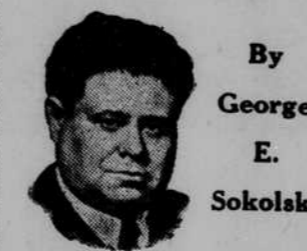
There is a vital lesson in that for the American people. We may think, to take the most important example, that it's all right for the government to go into the electric business, and to absorb the private industry in the process. But when this happens, the mere question of who is going to produce our electricity is the least of the matter. The big thing, which overrides all other considerations, is that a precedent is established whereby any kind of business, from a grocery store to a newspaper to an automobile plant, may be socialized and made a function of government as well.

The people can have one or the other, but never both.



LET THE RED CROSS GIVE YOU A HAND WITH THAT!

"These Days"



By George E. Sokolsky

DEPRESSION

Disinflation, the new federal prose term for a depression, is designed to describe an upset in government thinking and planning. Just as Henry Wallace expected a bust immediately after the end of the war, and the government devised its policies to meet that bust, only to discover a boom which moved into an inflation, so Mr. Truman's current economic advisers expected a rising inflation for this year and so prepared his essay on the state of the union and his budget message, only to discover a depression.

The very men who have made great political capital by ridiculing such a phrase as "prosperity is just around the corner" are now saying that if everybody will be optimistic, everything will be all right. It is as though economists have turned themselves into psychoanalysts, which maybe they have done, and are substituting for an analysis of facts the atmosphere of "the roses that bloom in the spring, tra-la!"

The facts indicate that a normal and not unhappy event is occurring which might have come earlier but for government intervention, namely, that the backlog of consumer goods orders has been liquidated and the backlog of capital goods orders is in its final stages. This means that the market has changed from a sellers' to a buyers' market and that resistance to spending is setting in. This has been complicated by the President's tax proposals and forces the consumer to postpone buying. One can only pay taxes with cash in hand and if the government wants more, the consumer has less money for purchases.

This combination of an increase in available inventory and fear of increased taxes, plus the fact that we live in a country in which perhaps as high as 40 per cent of all purchases are postponable, creates a drop in prices and increases the value of the dollar. This drop would be deeper except for government farm subsidies and government prospective spending for military expenditures and current spending by dumping surplus goods in Europe and Asia under the Marshall plan.

The President faces the same dilemma this year as he did in 1945 when, in pursuance of Henry Wallace's statistics, he and the country were violently misled. I listened to Leon Keyserling on the radio recently try to defend the council of economic advisers' errors and he did very badly. I shall refer to his absurdities when I can get the radio script.

In this connection, it is interesting to point to an article in the London "Economist" which deals with the creeping Socialism of this administration:

"... The price systems acts not freely, but under controls imposed by business, by labour, by governments, both state and federal. Rent controls are imposed by nation and state. The price of a fur coat in New York includes 20 per cent federal tax and 2 per cent city tax, while if the purchaser goes home with it to Connecticut she may also be liable to a 3 per cent state tax... prices on tooth brushes, shaving creams and other trade-marked articles may be set by the manufacturer and must be kept by the retailer under penalty of state law. The recent rise in the cost of travel between New York and Boston had to be approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The use of prefabricated houses to cut the building costs has been blocked by the antiquated building codes of many towns."

But much of life for all of us can be like that if we permit it. Eating might become monotonous, as we do it every day. For some of us it is, but for most of us it isn't, because we eat to satisfy hunger and it gives us a sense of well being. All of us have many routine duties we do daily. For some they are monotonous; for others they are not. It depends on how we look at them. All of us have a hunger for feeling that we are part of life, and a part of other people. Selfishness stifles that desire. When we think about our daily duties in terms only of ourselves, they can become fearfully monotonous, and we can be overcome with self pity. But when we realize that the discharge of these duties contributes to the well being of others we find

Apparently the socialistic British have discovered a fellow-feeling in Washington. The "Economist" says of this: "... The President's council of economic advisers calls (the American economic system) a 'congeries of private and government efforts,' and the phrase is 'good shorthand for a definition which could not be more precise without also being more clumsy.'"

Quite so, except that the Britishers might have used a simpler phrase, "mixed up." These government economists seemed to have a happy faculty for figuring wrong, outguessing themselves, and then covering their errors with federal prose which, while being terribly mixed up and clumsy, gives the appearance of precision by the art of saying nothing voluminously. All of which only means that some sort of depression, already involving 3,000,000 unemployed, is here and needs to be covered up for political reasons.

Grammatical

An army captain who was long on experience but short on formal education was having difficulties with several college graduates in his company. They persisted in correcting his grammar, particularly his occasional use of a dangling preposition. Finally, this notice appeared on the bulletin board over the captain's signature:

"There is a certain spirit of insubordination in this company with which I will not put."

How Scalf's Helped This Little Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Fannin, 102 Nevada Avenue, LaFollette, Tenn., says: "After she had flu, our little daughter, Phyllis, suffered from loss of appetite and indigestion. She lost weight, Phyllis Fannin looked pale and LaFollette, Tenn. was un dernourished, was restless at night. We gave her Scalf's Indian River Medicine. She eats heartily, sleeps well, looks and acts like a different child." Scalf's is on sale at all good drug stores; try it. Nothing replaces its years of use. Hear Scalf's Harmonizers Quartet over WWNC, Dial 570, at 9:30 a. m. Monday through Friday.



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The Everyday Counsellor

By REV. HERBERT SPAUGH, D. D.

Are you bored? Are you lonely? Does the monotony of your daily routine wear you down? Many men and particularly women are. Elsie Robinson in her syndicated column "Listen, World" makes a stirring plea for many women whose lives are dull and drab from "the solitary confinement" of the home and the daily round of domestic duties. Every bit that she writes is true. The daily round of dish-washing, preparing meals, cleaning, laundering is bound to become dreadfully monotonous.



satisfaction. We are satisfying that hunger for feeling that we are part of life.

I will never forget calling on a dear old lady who had led a vigorous and active life. She had reared a large and fine family the hard way. Then illness confined her to her bed. For a while she occupied herself with needlework. Then the doctor took that from her. One day I called on her, found her flat on her back with hands folded. But she was smiling and quite cheerful. I asked her why she was in such good humor. She said, "I am having a good time with my thoughts and recollections of the past years. The doctors can take things away from me, but they can't take my thoughts away." With the eyes of her mind she was looking back over the blessings of the past and having a good time at it. She was thoroughly enjoying the knowledge that she had been a vital part in the lives of others through many years.

If we feel that we are in "solitary confinement," it is because we make it so. Only we can close the eyes of our minds. Only we can close the door of communion with our God and our fellowman. There is more beauty around us and behind us, than most of us take the trouble to see. And what anticipated beauty there is ahead of us for those of us who know and love our Lord. St. Paul wrote, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." (Reference: I Cor. 2:9)

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

Three of the Dionne quintuplets have boy friends, according to a gossip columnist. The other two are, apparently, just a couple of old maids.

neating up decks. Just another of those sweeping changes?

England now boasts a talking ghost. An ideal subject for a radio interview.

George Bernard Shaw has been voted the most popular person in the world over 80 years of age. Hope he enjoys the title—it took him long enough to earn it.

The grizzly bear can outrun a horse. Where do you go to bet on 'em?

Kalmia Dairy BREVARD PHONE 356

The elevators in San Francisco's proposed mile high building will, undoubtedly, be jet-propelled with rocket-assisted take-off. And how about oxygen masks for those going beyond the 500th floor?

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Residents of the super skyscraper, Hoyt King points out, would be able to look down their noses at the rest of the city.

British navy is to use vacuum cleaners instead of mops in

Faces of Disaster



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