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U. S. Must Help

While the postwar collaboration resolution now being debated in the Senate will undoubtedly be approved, and while the United States can ill afford not to stand by its commitments, the provision will not be so ironclad but that sufficient elasticity will be incorporated to permit a setup in conformity with the mind of the country when the time comes for specific and concrete action.

Generally speaking, it is high time for not only this but all Allied countries to outline in reasonably definite manner what they are fighting for and what they intend to do when they have put the dictator countries in their proper place. The Connally resolution, as we understand it, does not go that far. But some broad statement of objectives is already overdue, and if set forth in clear and concise manner should be helpful to belligerent and neutral peoples alike.

Apparently the country as a whole has about come around to the conviction that this nation cannot stand entirely aloof in a world where it is the largest and most powerful of all peoples. It cannot dodge its responsibilities any more than the others, nor even as much, if there is to be real substance to the hope and the demand everywhere for a just and lasting peace in the world. The United States must help.

Spiritual realities must have real recognition in the new order. And by that we do not mean religious denominationalism. Rather it is a consciousness of right and wrong, of justice and injustice, and of tolerance between nations and individuals alike.

No better system has as yet been devised or proposed than the League of Nations, which was the brainchild of President Wilson during and after the first World War. The charge that it failed is an injustice. It was deserted, and degenerated into an impotent and helpless organism, and largely because the United States refused to assume its own obligations. Had not a handful of politically minded men in the Senate torpedoed the plan in 1919, together with the peace treaty itself, which Wilson brought back from Paris, the idea probably would have taken root and grown, and the present war might have been averted.

The Covenant of the League of Nations contained nothing that was in direct contravention of American sovereignty or independence. It merely provided for cooperation of all the powers to the end that hostilities might be prevented between any two nations or groups of nations. Until and unless the world comes around to that doctrine, whether called by that or some other name, there will be no enduring peace.

The Senate will pass the Connally resolution, but that will not assure in specific terms a postwar accord of the kind that will be sufficient to meet all requirements.

Of late there has seemed to be in some quarters renewed evidences of a revival—or perhaps survival—of the old spirit of isolationism, which made important contribution to the present miseries of the world. Much of this stems, too, we think, from a feeling that our own rights must be safeguarded. And so they must. But it is as certain as anything can be that if the United States withdraws into its own shell after this war and refuses to cooperate or assume responsibility of any kind in the family of nations, this devastating struggle will have to be gone through with again several decades hence.

Community Finances

Statements by Henderson banks, made in accordance with banking regulations, show a condition that is a matter of pride to this community. If we mistake not, resources shown by these great financial institutions are at the highest peak in their history. They are to be congratulated on the remarkable showing.

It is doubtful if there is a small city in the State where bank statements, in the aggregate, measure up to these standards. It is an evidence of strong local industry, a substantial back country, and vitally of excellent management, in which depositors have the greatest confidence, and where they have found the accommodations and courtesies usually looked for in a banking connection.

This is one explanation of the very high quotas Vance county is allotted in war loan and other drives incident to the war. These apportionments are largely based on bank resources, including deposits. Both are very high here, with the result that outside deductions are that we are financially capable of assuming large responsibilities. So far, unfortunately, these have been met, on the whole, in all undertakings.

The condition offers assurance to business and to agriculture both now and in the postwar era. Much of the growth that has come with the war will be permanent. That should be true of business volume generally the same as with respect to the banks. It speaks in optimistic tone of and for the future of the community. The resources and capacities for working wonders are resident in the county. They have but to be utilized to operate to the prosperity and happiness of the people generally.

Seaboard's Future

Again the courts are dealing with the status of the Seaboard Railway with respect to its future, particularly with reference to the receivership, which has now been in effect for about a decade. This time, it will be remembered that once before it was placed in that predicament and was worked out and back into the hands of its owners.

The court process is complicated, so much so in fact that not many understand it entirely, and few still take the trouble to delve into the situation. So far as the public is concerned, accommodations and service given by the railroad are as satisfactory as those furnished by any carrier, possibly with exception of a few of the very large systems in more densely populated sections.

Along with other rail systems, the Seaboard at the moment is doing all the business it can do with its facilities. It is doubtful if there is another railroad in the country that is handling a volume of traffic equal to that now being moved by the Seaboard on a single track main line.

The receivership has given the Seaboard opportunity to acquire equipment in rolling stock and to extend its facilities, including trackage capacities, which it might not have had otherwise. But all of this has made it possible to offer service as good as the best, and has attracted business that could not have been obtained without such equipment.

Under such conditions, it would seem to the layman that the road should be able to operate on its own responsibility now if it ever can. And if it cannot stand alone now, probably it can never do so. This is a time of debt liquidation for many concerns and interests. Where a new start is desirable or necessary, this is the occasion for it.

Patrons and friends of the Seaboard will hope that the railroad can be returned to its owners and be placed definitely and permanently on a solid and substantial basis to meet even greater demands of the days and years to come when business and travel will be greater perhaps than even now, or than ever before.

Amateur weather profits disagree—predicting a mild winter and a severe one. Or, perhaps, with the ban on forecasting lifted they may be just making up for lost time.

Turn-out Laval is now reported to be exhibiting a tendency toward democracy. Still an opportunist—but, this time, without any opportunities left.

An Iowa zoo operator plans to convert two of his lions into sausage. This seems like meeting the meat shortage the hard way.

Perfume is to be made from grapefruit. O. K.—but the aroma of frying bacon will still be tops in breakfast odors.

Nazi U-boat captains are accused of faking reports of sinking Allied ships. Well, if they didn't, Goebbels would.

AROUND CAPITOL SQUARE

By LYNN NISBET Daily Dispatch Bureau In The Sir Walter Hotel—Raleigh

CUSTOMER—The State Department of Conservation and Development has received an inquiry from Casablanca, Africa, about textile mills producing cotton, rayon and other fabrics of medium and low grade. The department checked with Washington authorities and found it was permissible to send the information requested, and it has been done. Some orders for textiles may result from this exchange of correspondence.

PROPHETIC—Whether any business for Tar Heel can be directly traced to this incident, it is significant as indicating possible after the war. The Casablanca man said he had previously obtained his supply of textiles from Japan. He indicated that even if Japan got back into the export business, he would not be interested in dealing with the Japs.

TOO MUCH—Capitol Square folk have been much interested in developments in Guilford county in the series of actions resulting from a group of taxpayers contesting the legal right of a former board of county commissioners to appropriate public money to certain purposes. The group recovered some 20 thousand dollars from individual members of the board on the "personal responsibility" clause. The individuals paid over the money, after the Supreme Court had affirmed the main findings of the courts below. Then attorneys in the case filed claims for fees and last week Judge Hoyle Sink allowed them \$3,000. Now the county attorney for Guilford (T. C. Harbo, Sr.) has given notice of appeal to the Supreme Court on that award, alleging that the judge has no authority to allocate the money because it became county property as soon as the judgment of recovery was entered.

REPAYMENT—One of the items the protesting taxpayers resented was a contribution of \$2,906 to the Boy Scout Council. The council last week voted to repay the commissioners this amount. News stories indicated that the Boy Scout folks still think it was a justifiable use of tax money, but are not willing to have the individual commissioners socked with it. On the other hand, it may well be that the Scout council will not care about paying back the money if the same amount is to be paid over to lawyers.

VANCE MEMORIAL—The delegation of Fredon citizens that appeared before the highway commission last Friday to protest removal of the ninth district shops from Statesville to Shelby used the occasion also to give publicity to the campaign for contributions to buy and maintain the Statesville home of Zeb Vance as a memorial. During the brief time that Federal troops occupied Raleigh in the spring of 1865 the Vance home was designated as the State Capitol. It was here that the State's civil war governor was arrested. The Statesville folk sponsored a bill in the last legislature authorizing them to solicit contributions for maintaining the place as a State shrine. A little later Buncombe county folks offered a bill to establish the Vance birthplace as a shrine, too. Difference is that Statesville people are going after private money, while Buncombe wants the State to pay the bill. Under terms of the two acts Governor Broughton has named a committee to handle both matters—the Fredon group being empowered to go ahead and act with finality, the Buncombe group required to report back to the next assembly. The Fredon delegation here last week, headed by State Senator Hugh Mitchell, who is chairman of the Vance memorial committee, said they were highly pleased with popular response and they expect to be able to buy the property within a few months.

PUBLICITY—The much vaunted special North Carolina issue of the Manufacturer's Record came from the presses last week and copies arrived in Raleigh over the week-end. Apparently the edition fulfilled expectations of State officials. The leading editorial is devoted to the Tar Heel State, there are two pages facsimile reproduction of a statement by Governor Broughton, and 30 other pages of reading matter and pictures about the development of the State along lines of industry, commerce, agriculture, transportation and State finance. Some 20 other pages are devoted to advertisements of North Carolina industrial and service corporations. The whole effect is very creditable to the State and its industry.

NEGRO ENGINEERS AT CAMP BUTNER—are construction unit. Camp Butner, Oct. 26.—As enemy troops retreat, giving ground to the pursuing allied armies, they leave a wide path of destruction behind them. Cities and villages are left crumbling, their buildings shattered, their roads and bridges torn, their airfields blasted. Some reconstruction is necessary if these towns are to be useful to our armies as bases for further operations. Roads must be repaired, communications systems re-established, buildings erected and airport runways constructed. Skilled labor is needed for the job—men who have been trained or who work primarily. Such a unit is Colonel William F. Weiler's 1319th Engineer Regiment of Negro troops stationed at Camp Butner, composed of welders, carpenters, electricians, riggers, pipe fitters and others skilled in construction work. All his training acquired at a

SALLY'S SALLIES



To Wed Ann Bullitt



THE ENGAGEMENT OF Lieut. Danfel Baugh Brewster, Jr. (above), U. S. Marine Corps, of Brooklandville, Md., to Ann Bullitt, 19-year-old daughter of William C. Bullitt, former U. S. Ambassador to Russia, has been announced. U. S. Marine Corps photo. (International)

school established at Camp Butner for the purpose, each man is a specialist in one trade or another. In actual practice out in the field, however, he learns to handle more than his job. It is as important in this construction unit as in a combat team that the men be interchangeable—ready to step in anywhere and carry on the work. In the field, bridges are built and torn down, roads are laid, communications systems are installed. The men learn to work with tractors, bulldozers, steam shovels and other heavy equipment. Actual conditions that may be met in a combat zone are simulated to give the troops a good working knowledge of the situations they may have to cope with. All training emphasizes speed, efficiency and teamwork. While the unit is primarily a construction outfit, it may well have other duties in the war zone, included in the course of training are demolition, mine laying and mine clearing, maintenance of air fields and air bases, and the construction and maintenance of port facilities. In addition, the unit is equipped with a portable water purification plant so that it will be capable of supplying itself with drinking water in an area where the water supply has been contaminated. Prepared to accompany American fighting units into the war zone, the men of the 1319th Engineer Regiment are equipped for infantry combat. Armed with rifles, carbines and machine guns, they are able to defend an installation, if called upon to do so, as well as to repair it. But, first and foremost, their job is to build operations' bases even while the thunder of their own and enemy artillery fills the air.

ANSWERS TO DAILY QUIZ

- 1. Omaha, Nebraska. 2. Epilepsy. 3. Cheyenne. 4. S. O. S. 5. Autobiography. 6. From A to Z, from beginning to end. 7. Great Britain and Soviet Russia are at war with Finland. 8. Dail Eireann. 9. False. 10. Legislative, Executive and Judicial.

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