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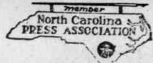
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NOTES AND COMMENTS

The future belongs to the man who puts the "I can" in American.

The United States it seems would prefer to send supplies to Europe now than to rush troops abroad later.

Maybe this war will teach the democratic nations of the world to cooperate in times of peace in order to prevent times of war.

Despite all that has happened, the French army maintains its reputation as a fighting machine.

Just because the world is convulsed in war, there is no reason for the people of Marion to forget the necessity for making some improvements in conditions here.

No American patriot will stir up ill-feeling between the component parts of our population at this time. It is better that a few minor evils be tolerated for a few years longer.

The presidential campaign will begin officially when the candidates are nominated and the people of this country will enjoy the privilege of freedom in selecting their chief executive.

CHURCHES FACE THE FACTS

The attitude of the churches of the United States toward the present world situation is remarkable for understanding the grave complications involved.

The peace-at-any-price pacifist gets little hearing today. The too-holy-to-fight brother is out of date. Throughout the nation ministers of every faith are sensing the ultimate issues involved in the European war.

It is encouraging, especially to those who observed the spread of peace sentiment during recent years. The matter has been stated clearly by the governing board of the Christian Science Church, which says: "That nation which ignores its duty and fails promptly and properly to defend its rights invites defeat and disaster." The war is termed an attack of paganism upon Christian culture and complacent neutrality denounced for preventing the taking of such measures as are humanly necessary in society's emergency.

FOOD FOR THE WAR REFUGEES

The people of the United States, as Secretary Wallace says, "have been shocked by the untold misery and suffering of Europe's war refugees, the great majority of whom are women and children."

For this reason they will approve the plan that has been worked out by the Department of Agriculture by which the American Red Cross will buy surplus farm food supplies at about one-half of the market cost.

As we understand it, the payments to the Red Cross will come from government funds already appropriated to increase the distribution of surplus farm commodities. The payments will constitute an export subsidy.

ELECTRICITY REACHING THE FARM

More than six hundred rural electric systems have been financed by the Federal Rural Electrification Administration since 1935 and, as a result, one farm family in four now enjoys new opportunities and incentives for life and work on the farm.

When the REA undertook to carry line electric power to the farmers of the United States, only one in ten had central station service. The advantages and conveniences which come to farmers as a result of electricity are too well known to need restatement here. The progress which has been made is worth noting, but we should not overlook the fact, even now, three out of four farm families do not have the opportunity to enjoy electricity.

AMERICA—GOD BLESS HER!

I count myself the richest soul on earth
To call America "land of my birth."
No wealth of kings, no great dictator's power
Could tempt me to exchange one single hour
Of glorious freedom in a land of peace
Where life holds more than prayers for war to cease.
Where man can worship God his chosen way
Without the dread of banishment each day.
Where man can speak the dictates of his heart
Without the fear of being set apart
For ridicule, or chained in some foul place
Where innocence and guilt both share disgrace.
This land of ours where youth can laugh and play
Without the threat of war to mar each day.
Where crops can flourish and the flowers grow,
In place of blood-stained soil and graves a'row.
A wondrous land where man can carve his niche,
Be it among the lowly or the rich.
Where leaders with the good of all in view
Unite to plan with wisdom what to do
To keep us free from war and tyranny,
So that a peaceful future we may see.
Is this not wealth? Why, money, power, fame
Could never shake my faith in freedom's name.
I thank God with each breath, where'er I roam,
That I can call America "My Home!"

—Elizabeth Sutton Gray.

STOP THE FOUR COLUMNS

President Vargas of Brazil is right in saying that the world is marching toward a future different from all we have known. But he is wrong in his apparent assumption that free government is outmoded and that the future belongs to force and nationalism. Plainly democracy must adjust itself to new conditions, must make itself more effective, in the economic and social lives of peoples. But there is nothing new in the doctrine that "vigorous peoples, fit for life, must follow the route of their aspirations."

There is nothing new in barbarism, despotism, and paganism. Indeed they are so antiquated that nations in which Christianity and enlightenment have been really established have outgrown them. Only where governments do not dare to let their citizens know or speak the truth is it possible to keep dictatorship and aggression going even temporarily. Recrudescences of despotism fight against an unquenchable, overwhelming love of liberty. Senor Vargas cannot tolerate violence and disorder in his own country; modern invention is fast rendering the world too small a place to tolerate the international anarchy his reign of force would bring.

The fact that the head of the largest nation in Latin America can come out at this crisis with such a support of totalitarianism ought to be a warning to every lover of free government. This could not have happened before Nazi and Fascist might overran free nations. Their display of power has encouraged every dissatisfied and undemocratic element in the world.

There are people even in the United States who — influenced by the military successes of brutalitarianism — have begun to say, "Well, the Nazis have got something. Perhaps democracy isn't so efficient. Maybe we'd better not offend these fellows; it might be wise to come to terms with them." Some elements of the human mind will decide that wrong is supported by enough force.

Fifth Columns are of little danger unless backed by the four columns of force. But if regimes dedicated to force continue to triumph, Fifth Columns will spring up everywhere. Stop the four and the fifth will disintegrate. That means that calmly but vigorously, nations which have made some progress toward rule by reason must defend themselves with democratically controlled force — and do it in time. —Christian Science Monitor.

GOLD COMES FROM EUROPE

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, with the largest gold vault in the world, outside that at Fort Knox, Kentucky, is receiving vast amounts of gold from France and England.

One day last week, nearly \$300,000,000 in gold was received by the bank most of it being British and French Government treasure. In addition, Holland and Belgium, who saved most of their gold from the Nazi invaders, have much gold in storage here. Together, the Low Countries had more than a billion dollars in gold, and they managed to get a good part of it out of the country before the Germans seized everything.

Don't take chances when you drive

A CALL FOR MORAL COURAGE

We need that moral courage that comes from knowing that God is in the midst of us and that we can do all things through Him that strengthen us. This moral courage, I devoutly pray, will not have to express itself in battle and in war. More than in armaments we should trust to it to change the attitude abroad that we are decadent and passively acquiescent about all things.

Christians have seemed in recent years more like disunited and anxious souls gathered in the upper room before the feast of Pentecost than the products of that event.

We to whom has been passed this mission to claim the world for Christ the King, have been instead huddled into the upper rooms of our own refuge, wondering who is really to be King, the ruler upon earth.

And for some decades we have advertised an attitude that is so uncertain, so cautious, so incapable of action, so evasive of its responsibility, so unready to stand up to what it feels is just, that we have created a vacuum which invites the ruthless aggressor to come and take the world.

The do-nothing attitude never inquires how costly it may be to do nothing and how much more dangerous inactivity frequently is. This present habit of thought is manifest in every department of our life. Ultimately on this earth peace depends on justice, and justice must be preserved by sacrifice.

If we hope to have peace because we are unwilling to sacrifice for justice, we are wrong indeed, because ultimately injustice grown aggressive and on the march has to be stopped, and the only method that humanity has found is war.

Democracy was founded by men who had the conviction that there is truth and that there is good and evil; . . . and in so far, and it is now very far, as the democracies have fallen into disbelief and unfaith, they are in a desperately dangerous muddle about everything that matters most to themselves and their children.

The virtues that come of a sound mind are the peaceful fruitage that blooms on the far side of courageous character. If we say, "I like the peaceful fruits but I am afraid of the more daring aspects of the spirit," we fool ourselves.

For the peace of God cannot dwell in the cowardly. — Rev. Dr. Arthur Lee Kinsolving, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

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CONFIDENCE PRESCRIBED FOR THE "WAR JITTERS"

New York, June 13. — "A large dose of confidence is the best preventive medicine for war jitters," Dr. Morris Fishbein secretary of the American Medical Association, prescribed today.

Dr. Fishbein said: "People who worry too much about the war spend sleepless nights, get headaches and lose their appetites. They must switch their mental thinking from worry to confidence."

"They must believe in their government, believe that it is doing the right thing and believe that it cannot fail."

"Above all, they must keep busy. Work for the Red Cross is a good outlet. There is a lot to be done and a person should have no difficulty in finding a spot where his or her services can be used."

"The busy man or woman has no time for jitters. Work and confidence combined make a splendid antidote." Dr. Fishbein is editor of the AMA Journal and a recognized authority on health questions.

SIX MILLION

More than 6,000,000 farmers, operating 82 per cent of the crop land in the United States are participating in the 1940 AAA program, announces the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

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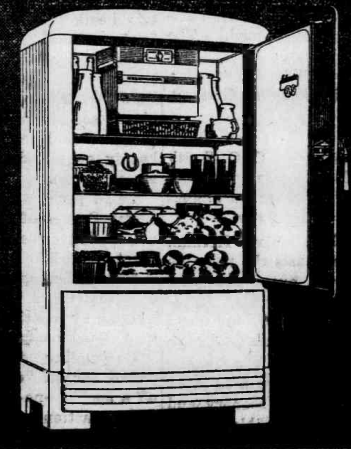
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