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THE HOME FRONT

Our armed forces have topped off some 400 miles of round-trip flying distances to Jap-held Kiska by creating an operations base in the bleak and desolate Andreanof Islands. Thousands of miles southward, in the humid tropics others of our fighters hold beach and clearings against the same foe. These men, vanguards of the greater forces to come, must have hundreds of items besides their fighting tools, they must have exactly the right sort of food, clothing, and equipment—adapted to the climate and to the character of their hazardous enterprises.

Much of what we send them comes from our surplus of goods, but a great deal necessarily must come from our stock of things we do not have in abundance, things of which we may even be very short. And so, under our tight war economy, every single item, product, and service must be examined, first, as to its primary war use and, secondarily, as to its place in essential civilian needs.

Rigid Test Widely Applied

This rigid test is deposing of countless oddly asserted products and materials. All nickel must go to implements of war and essential war products. Our entire production of distilled spirits is halted in order to give place to war alcohol, an ingredient of explosives and synthetic rubber. Except for what remains in stock, we'll get no more furniture made in whole or part of iron and steel, no refrigerated display cases, non-mechanical water coolers, mechanical refrigerators for freezing and storing farm products, these till contain metals needed for the machines of war.

Articles in which no iron or steel may be used range from awning frames to voting machines and wardrobe trunks, including such various things as bath tubs, B-B shot, croquet sets, fireplace screen, pet cages, skates, and household tongs. Next year we will get only one-fifth of the flashlights, portable electric lights and batteries we have been able to buy this year. And we'll save tons of metal and hasten delivery of heavy tools to the armed forces by limiting sizes and types of heavy forged hand tools—anvils, mauls, hammers, mattocks, railway track tools and mine blasting tools.

Rationing Is Another Story

To stop manufacture of an article or limit its production involves relatively little bookkeeping for producers and a slight amount of paper work for the Government. But when national stocks are to be evenly distributed, or rationed, is quite another story. To set up gasoline rationing for 20 million additional motorists involves printing 60 million ration books, and some 160 million copies of various forms and regulations. Nor is the consumer's job always easy. People using fuel oil furnaces must determine how much fuel oil they bought last year and must measure the total square foot area of their homes before they can receive oil rationing coupons. There'll be extra fuel for families with children under four years of age.

Our present voluntary "share-the-meat" ration—2½ pounds per person per week—will not be entirely simple if we are honest with ourselves and with our country. The ration does not apply to light meat eaters, infants, invalids, and old people. But those who have been averaging more than the ration must eat larger quantities of foods with nourishment values similar to the "red meats"—fruits, cereals, dry beans, soybeans, peas, peanuts, milk and cheese, poultry, fish, eggs and the like. Meat bones, included in the ration quota, will go more than ever to soup stocks and we'll be serving such things as kidneys, brains and heart—not on the ration list—more often. Farmers who slaughter their own meats and butchers who handle them are obligated to keep to the same rations as the rest of us.

Cuba To Raise Three Legations

HAVANA, Oct. 14.—Cuba will raise her legations to embassies in Great Britain, Brazil and Argentina, it is announced by Minister of State Jose Agustin Martinez. Consulates will be opened in several additional cities of the United States.

If the U. S. could reduce its consumption of fuel oils ten per cent below last year's consumption, the resultant saving would equal the combined capacity of 566 ocean-going tankers—and we have no tankers to spare these days for dangerous coast-wise haul.

**USE THE PAYROLL PLAN—
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Good news from home



MORE PRODUCTION

Kiser At The Toronto Convention

H. D. Kiser, Vice-President of the N. C. Federation of Labor is Charlotte's delegate to the A. F. of L. convention now in progress in Toronto, Canada.

The delegate is chosen by the Charlotte Central Labor Union body.

Japanese Doom 14 in Philippines

A Tokyo dispatch said yesterday fourteen persons had been sentenced to death by a Japanese court martial in the Philippines on charges of participating in an "anti-enemy propaganda" according to a Berlin broadcast recorded by The Associated Press in New York.

Off-Wrecked, Buys Bonds

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Two \$500 war bonds were on the way today from the Treasury to Fort Trumbull, New London, Conn., where Richard F. Starrett, able seaman, is training to be an officer in the merchant marine.

Friends of Mr. Starrett, who lives with his sister in Alexandria, Va., during his visits ashore, said he had earned the money to buy those bonds while surviving a shipwreck and two Axis torpedoes, swimming for hours in the Red Sea; spending days in an open lifeboat in the White Sea; and lying three weeks in a Russian hospital after both feet were frozen during exposure at sea.

Mr. Starrett was born in Australia. Before the war, he was shipwrecked once in the Gulf of Mexico and spent days living on herbs and roots on a remote finger of land before being rescued by plane.

41 nations are eligible for aid from the U. S. under the Lend-Lease Act which gives the President power to provide war materials to all countries whose defense he finds vital to the defense of the United States.

Inflation Fight Makes Big Gain

Rubber boots and work shoes now are being rationed to war workers and others who must have them, not by coupons but by certificates which eligible purchasers obtain from local rationing boards. Ordinary overshoes, which can be made mainly of reclaimed rubber, aren't affected.

We made a big gain in our fight to keep down living costs when maximum prices were fixed for nearly all foods previously not under control. The only important foods—about one-tenth of the total—not now under price ceilings are fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh fish and peanuts. Rent control—a most important weapon against rising living costs—is being extended to the entire country, in addition to the 396 defense rental areas where rents already have been rolled back.

Automobiles and tires are among our big problems, whether in storage or in use. Owners of commercial vehicles who are allowed new tires for essential operations must take special care of them, have them checked every 5,000 miles or every 60 days. And all drivers are expected to drive as little as possible, keep to the 35 mile maximum speed limit, be sure tires are properly inflated, share their cars with others. Used tires and tubes, which cannot be sold at present, soon will be rationed. . . . Workers' suggestions for increasing our war output are being "ploughed back" into industry through 1,600 labor-management committees. Labor-management cooperation, already established in railway transportation, is being extended to the motor truck industry. . . . Women workers, now heavily employed in the munitions industry, soon will make up two-thirds of the labor force in munitions plants. Four-fifths of all war jobs can be performed by women, next year we'll need another five million of them working in war and other employment. . . . The letter "S" (for simplified) on work clothes means they are up to government standards—and under price control. . . . Trainloads of "victory scrap" are rolling toward the steel mills, but there must be no letdown in the national scrap drive if steel production is not to lag. . . . Felts for felt hats are so scarce that there is a campaign to hunt wild rabbits for their fur. . . . Home canning, storing or drying of fruits and vegetables will save labor and materials at the canning plants—another household contribution to the war program.

Union Men Take Cut in Pay To Aid in War

SHARON, Pa., Oct. 13.—Construction work on the Army's Shenango replacement depot went forward at full speed today as 110 union steamfitters and plumbers took voluntary wage cuts of twelve and one-half cents an hour to end a labor shortage. The men, declaring that they wanted to show they were willing to work for less to further the war effort, answered an appeal by Army officers and left jobs on construction of the Keystone ordnance plant at Geneva, where pay is set by the government at \$1.50 an hour. The pay at the Shenango project is \$1.37½ an hour.

Lieut. Col. John L. O'Connor, in charge of the Keystone project, and subcontractors agreed to release the volunteers for the three weeks required to lay Shenango water distribution and sanitary lines and install a hospital steam heating system.

Colonel Herbert Vogel, district engineer at Pittsburgh, joined with Lieut. Col. O'Connor in an appeal for fifty volunteers at the Keystone project, but the response was so great they decided to release more.

Polish Kids Forced To Work 17 Hours A Day, Starve 2 Days A Week

Polish children are being worked and starved to death as part of the Nazi campaign to wipe out that nation's people. A report from Stockholm last week disclosed that the Nazis had established another "death campaign," a labor prison where Polish children must work 15 to 17 hours per day.

Two days in each week are known as "days of hunger," during which the children are not permitted to take any kind of nourishment, although they must do the same amount of work as on the other days.

The director of this camp, Adolph Hess, has ordered that any child who falters in his work be punished with 5 days of solitary confinement.

Other camps of this type exist elsewhere in Poland, Bohemia-Moravia, and in Yugoslavia. The camps are part of the Nazi program to exterminate the Poles, Czechs and Serbs.

While reports such as the above from Stockholm were frequently dismissed as mere wartime atrocity stories in the past, Hitler has made no pretense that his intention toward the Poles is anything but complete extermination.

PERTINENT COMMENT

How About The War Aims Of The Enemy?

Not enough is being said or broadcast about the war aims of the enemy. Herr Hitler has always been very careful about stating his war aims, sticking to this insult to our intelligence by calling it a war for German's "living space." Here again the Germans have been very successful in their most effective weapon—the propaganda front, and to a small nation ready to be conquered they let it out first that the war aims are merely the elimination of the Jews—or the Masons—then to the industrialist they say they are after the labor unions and to the labor unions they say they will eliminate the profit system—then after they get them all confused they step in and destroy them all.

The Germans mean to destroy us completely. A Nazi world would be a world ruled by the Gestapo and all races and nationalities would be subject to the will of the German. A systematic and diabolical program of reducing the United States and England to agricultural nations would be put into effect. The highly industrialized and specialized industry and machinery would be removed to central Europe to be dominated by Germany.

Is there any doubt about this? Well, that is what is being done to France, and it would be done to America and England.

Wotan and Siegfried would replace God. Nazi Kultur would replace American and English civilization. Our American workman and our American capital would be forced to compete with Nazi slave labor, and state controlled capital. Our sons would goose step before they could talk. Our daughters would be sent to "JOY THROUGH HEALTH CAMPS" before they learned their school lessons.

A Nazi victory would make a slave nation out of the United States even if not one Nazi soldier set foot on our shores, because we would have to come down to the Nazi economy of slave labor to compete in the world markets—and we would be reduced to physical as well as mental and spiritual starvation.

The War Aim of the Japs is even simpler, and require no economic expert to explain them to our people. The Japs WOULD SEND 30,000,00 (thirty million) JAPANESE, MAYAN, AND BURMESE INTO CALIFORNIA, OREGON, WASHINGTON, AND OTHER WESTERN AND MID WESTERN STATES TO ACQUIRE THEIR "LIVING SPACE." Anyone who doubts that for one moment is merely kidding himself, Japan decided upon this war in 1909 when we in the United States passed our first exclusion act—and the dreams of the fertile fields of California have never left them for a moment.

The only "living space" that the Germans and Japs deserve is the "living space" big enough to fit their respective and individual coffins, six feet below the ground—the world will have no peace until that happens—at least figuratively.

This Is Kill . . . Or Be Killed

There can be only one answer to all of this. Join up if you can shoulder a gun. Work night and day if you cannot fight. Buy War Stamps every week—10 per cent—20 per cent—whatever you can spare above the actual support of your family.

This Is Kill . . . Or Be Killed. Make No Mistake About It.

THE "NEWS" IS RIGHT

We must agree with THE CHARLOTTE NEWS in its editorial some days ago concerning the action of the A. F. of L. Convention with regard to RUSSIAN UNIONS.

We believe the A. F. of L., whom we represent—should have taken a different viewpoint—or the same viewpoint that the BRITISH UNIONS HAVE TAKEN in uniting with the RUSSIAN UNIONS.

American boys will one day be working at peace in their factories, garages, offices and mills ONLY BECAUSE RUSSIAN SOLDIERS HAD HELD OFF THE NAZI KILLERS FOR TWO YEARS, giving the American boys a chance to get prepared, have weapons made for them and receive necessary training.

WE do not subscribe to the theories of government, life and religion of the Russian communist government, but we do subscribe to THEIR GLORIOUS FIGHT FOR THEIR HOMETOWN AND FOR THEIR HELP TO US as they make that fight, and we would have liked to have seen the AFL in their convention follow the lead of the BRITISH UNIONS in uniting with the Russian Unions at least until the horrors of NAZISM are past. The A. F. of L. decided otherwise, but the A. F. of L. would be the last to frown on the freedom of the press—even when the press is part of the A. F. of L. PRESS—therefore, we respectfully record our dissent. And we are proud that the Southern worker again has a more profound understanding of this war than the rest of the country.

Union Contributions To War Relief Chests Continue To Pour In

AFL and CIO unions throughout the nation continued this week to increase American labor's total of contributions to war relief chests, while broad recognition of workers' donations was expressed by public figures and metropolitan papers of many different political views.

Commenting on labor's war aid activities, the Detroit Free Press said this week "In War Bond buying, their (Labor's) record is at once a demonstration of ardor in behalf of and faith in the processes of American democracy. The National War Chest may be sure that the pledge of assistance from the CIO and AFL is not a mere lip service. Their work will bulk

large when the job has been carried to successful completion."

From New York City, Louis Weinstein of the Painters and Decorators District Council 9 (AFL) reported that members of his union would raise \$60,000 for war relief by the end of this year, topping their 1941 figure of \$50,000. Syracuse AFL milk drivers voted a check-off of 30c per week for the year to the city's war chest.

CIO war relief activity in Michigan drew praise from Gov. Van Wagener. He wrote: "When the men and women of Michigan on our industrial front, who make the guns, planes, and tanks for our armed forces, pledge themselves to donate one hour's pay a month through the CIO War Relief for the benefit of our fighting men and allies, I can only express a feeling of profound gratitude for such help."

WISDOM

Each week a quotation from the writings of some wise and famous person whose thoughts have influenced those who lived before us.

"He serves his party best who serves his country best."
—President Hayes.