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PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS APRIL 6 AS ARMY DAY; HE URGES SPEEDING SUPPLIES TO ALL WAR FRONTS

WASHINGTON, March 28.—President Roosevelt designated April 6 yesterday as Army Day and called on the people to increase their efforts on the home front and reflect upon the heroism of American soldiers who are serving in every part of the world. The text of the proclamation is as follows:

A Proclamation
Whereas Senate concurrent Resolution 5, Seventy-fifth Congress, first session, which was agreed to by the House of Representatives on March 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 1108) provides:

"That April 6 of each year be recognized by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America as Army Day, and that the President of the United States be requested, as Commander in Chief, to order military units throughout the United States to assist civic bodies in appropriate celebration to such extent as he may deem advisable; to issue a proclamation each year declaring April 6 as Army Day, and in such proclamations to invite the Governors of the various States to issue Army Day proclamations; provided, that in the event April 6 falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be recognized as Army Day";

Whereas the men of the United States Army have carried the flag of the United States and the ideals which it represents to every part of the earth, and with their brothers-in-arms from the nations united with us are offering their lives for the future of America and the world;

Whereas our soldiers on the firing lines and in posts of danger depend for their very lives on the constant flow of ammunition, weapons and supplies from their brothers at home; and on the fidelity of their countrymen to maintain the ideals which they bravely defend;

Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 6, 1943, as Army Day; and I invite the Governors of the States to issue proclamations appropriate to that day, and I request that on Army Day, while intensifying the war effort in factories, fields, mines, transportation lines and ports, the American people reflect upon the soldiers whose very lives they hold in trust and upon ways and means increasing the flow of supplies to them and of maintaining in this nation a country worthy of their sacrifice and fit for their return.

In witness whereof, I have herein set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this twenty-sixth day of March in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-seventh.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

By the President:
Cordell Hull,
Secretary of State.

Free Labor Will Out-Produce Nazi Slaves 10% EACH WEEK FOR WAR BONDS

A WAR PRODUCTION HERO

To get to his job on time, Lloyd Converse walked all night through a blizzard in up-state New York that left 12-foot snow drifts, and marched himself into the national limelight as a production front hero.

Donald Nelson, WPB chairman, sent the 42-year-old worker who had worked through his shift and then an additional 8-hour stretch to replace a storm-bound coworker, a congratulatory telegram on March 12. At his plant, the Massena branch of Aluminum Co. of America, the labor-management committee composed of representatives of an AFL Federal Union and of management decided to recommend him for national honors.

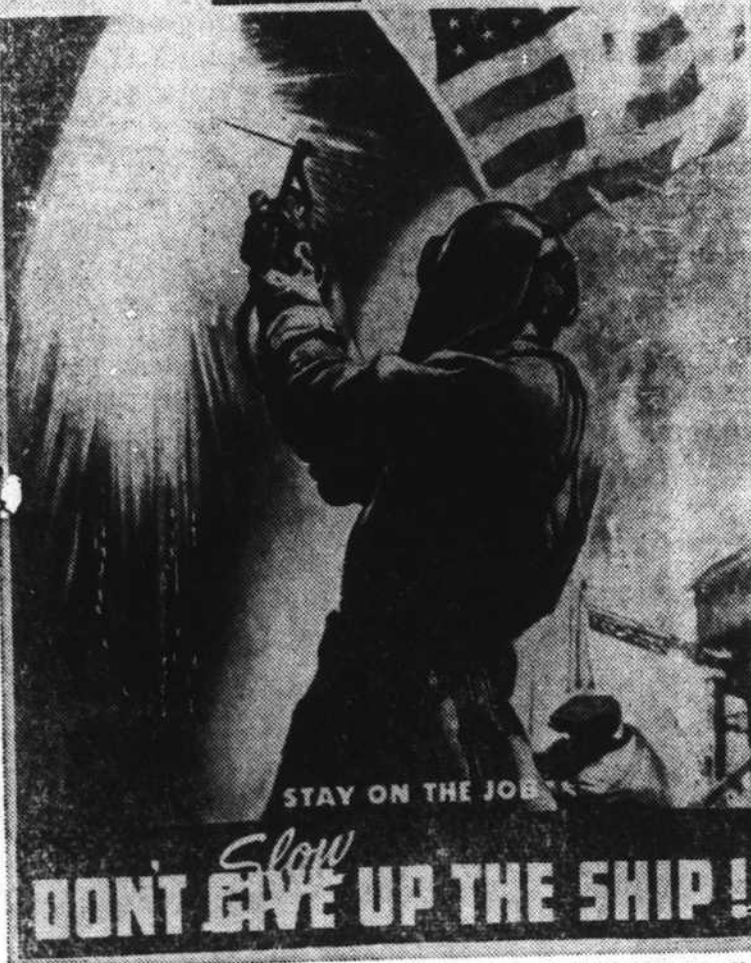
Mr. Nelson, after the report of Converse's feat was received in his office through the War Production Drive Headquarters in Washington, wired Converse:

"I have just been informed of the fact that last Sunday night you walked 20 miles through a blizzard to get to your war job on time and that after working your own shift you worked an additional 8-hour shift for a worker absent because of the storm. I congratulate you and I know your determination to do your job every day will be a real inspiration to every American war worker."

The labor-management committee at his plant, said War Production Drive Headquarters, has been extremely active in promoting among workers of the plant determination to stay on the job.

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THIS IS YOUR FIRING LINE!



—Picture released by WPB Labor Press Unit.

This Navy Incentive Division poster, painted by noted illustrator McClelland Barclay, pictures graphically the role of the "soldier on the production front." Such soldiers have built 650 seagoing vessels since Pearl Harbor, the most remarkable feat of shipbuilding in world history, according to the U. S. Maritime Commission.

This WEEK, This WORLD

by Ted Friend

WHAT TO DO WITH Germany will be increasingly debated as the war progresses to its final phases. Great cries, of course, will be uttered against the so-called breaking up of the Reich—as if it was ever anything more than a conglomeration of tribes, sects and states.

The American people would be the first to lash out if the British ever had the temerity to propose that all English speaking people come under the subject to the Soviets any suggestion that all Slavs become subject to the Soviets would be denounced as the basest imperialism. So likewise would any effort on the part of a dozen other racial and political entities to achieve hegemony—including the Latin, the Oriental, the Arabian and the Scandinavian among others.

There is not now and there never has been a single homogenous Germany. Prussia, the East Catholic provinces including Austria, Prussia, and Germany and other than Prussia, are but mere of the major Teutonic sectors. There is also the Sudetanland which, until Hitler's knifing of Czechoslovakia, had never before belonged to Germany.

It may be that the best way to eradicate the possibility of a third World War would be to enforce the principle of self-determination in German speaking Central Europe. A Republic of Prussia, its Junker class utterly destroyed; a cantonized federation of states essentially Lutheran in profession; and a Catholic monarchy consisting of Austria and adjacent territory would provide a reasonably secure Central European pattern.

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME... Rationing for at least one year after the war ends to prevent super-boom and resultant crash. Civilian workers in Army and Navy offices may be required to wear special uniforms. Swiss watches may be boycotted because the raw materials come from the Nazis.

THE WAR WILL HAVE yet another wholesome effect in that it may

result in the breakdown of a single-crop practices in Latin-American countries. Cuba is now in the process of switching thousands of acres from sugar production to rice, vegetables and dairy farming. In Panama bananas are being replaced by corn, vegetables and rice. In Brazil coffee will be curtailed in favor of rubber, rice and corn.

What Ever Happened to: "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" Charles A. Lindbergh... Joe McWilliams... The boys who said that Russia would be licked in 90 days?

BEG IT, or borrow it, or buy it... BUT READ IT! "In Peace Japan Breeds War," by Gustav Eckstein (Harper & Brothers), a penetrating study of the deviousness of Japan mind, morals and politics.

INSIDE-STRAIGHT: Rubber Czar Jeffers will resign his post by June 1st if the rubber program proves to his satisfaction. Shipbuilding for military and merchant vessels is being standardized by naval designer Gibbs... Henry Wallace is limiting himself to three state functions on his Latin America trip. He wants to spend as much time as possible with "Mr. Average Man."... The Navy is about to launch a food savings program... Congressman Smith of Virginia will soon achieve national fame by cleaning up government agencies... Litvinov and Standley will both be recalled and replaced by their respective governments... Clarence E. Gauss, American Ambassador to China, who has just arrived in the U. S. A. will remain here. His successor has already been selected... Men in 4-F classification with remediable defects will be reclassified beginning next month.

YOU CAN'T DEBUNK THE TRUTH!

By RUTH TAYLOR

For twenty-five years the Allied propaganda of the last war has been debunked. We have overlooked the fact that a great part of the debunking was German inspired and a part of the over-all German propaganda. We flatter ourselves that now we are wise, that we recognize propaganda when we hear it, that we do not fall for lies—and as a result—we do not give credence to the facts on our side.

And we neglect to remember one important fact—you can't debunk the truth!

For example, it is a habit with the worldly wise to scoff at "democratic propaganda" and to say it is a clever scheme to keep the "masses" interested. But that charge does not alter the fact—that the heads of the two great English-speaking nations have declared in solemn convalescence their faith in the democratic ideal of freedom for all people and have pledged not only to the oppressed of the earth but to their own people, their adherence to the credo of individual liberty of speech and conscience.

The apologists for the totalitarian nations plead as an excuse for aggression that they were ground down to poverty by their neighbors. Their rulers claimed they had to destroy the smaller states lest they assault the greater nations. But they ignore the truth that the money, time and energy spent in production for war, could have made these nations financially solvent and economically prosperous.

The Nazis took over the monasteries, attacked the priests, and proclaimed the Catholic Church an "enemy" of the State. They are systematically wiping out the Jews charging an international "conspiracy" of Jewish international bankers and Jewish Communists—as though such two opposing poles could be drawn together. They reorganized the Protestant Church declaring the "insubordination" of the clergy. But the truth was and is that they are afraid of all—Catholic, Protestant or Jew—who believe in the commandment "Thou shalt have no other Gods before Me"—the commandment that sounds the death knell of all tyrants.

No, you can't debunk the truth. You can attack it, condemn it, vilify its adherents—but it is still the truth. The truth is the only protection against the "divide and conquer" strategy of the enemy. Calling truth propaganda does not alter its verity. Propaganda comes from the word propagate—to spread. If the truth were spread over the world today, few there would be who could deny it or who would not follow it into the paths of peace.

This country was founded on the great truth of the equality before God of all men. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." It has grown great by applying those simple truths. It will achieve Victory only by a faithful adherence to the truth.

You can not debunk the truth!

TEN PER CENT EVERY PAYDAY

The offensive is on—the War Bond offensive. The time—now. The place—every factory, mill, mine, store and shop in America.

Who is in? You and me. Every worker everywhere. More than 11,000,000 organized workers. Our country is calling! What is the goal? Ten percent of your earnings this payday and every payday until the fight for freedom is won.

What are the stakes? They are high! It is we or they. Democracy versus Nazism. Freedom versus slavery.

Our brothers—yours and mine—are fighting in the Far East and on the rolling seas. Bonds every payday will help them win.

Let's show America that Organized Labor leads the way. Invest in War Bonds regularly through the Payroll Savings Plan.

Save to help win the war.

Save to help stop price rises.

Save to have a nest egg you can use when the war is won.

To protect the gains won by organized labor since the War for Independence—Buy War Savings Bonds every payday!

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UNION MECHANICS ON GUADALCANAL FOUGHT TO HELP 'KEEP 'EM FLYING'

When the aircraft mechanics at Henderson Field on Guadalcanal Island said they would "keep 'em flying," they did not refer to American planes alone but also to Jap soldiers, according to Technical Sergeant James W. Hurlbut, Marine Corps combat correspondent who recently returned from that area. Most of the mechanics are former union members.

"Frequently I saw those mechanics drop their wrenches and grab rifles and go to work killing Japs," the Sergeant said. "When they finished that task, they went back to working on motors and planes."

The combat correspondent said the mechanics would lend a hand to the Marines anytime it was needed and that they "did a good job of fighting and fixing."

"Everyone on Guadalcanal took a turn at fighting when they were needed," Sergeant Hurlbut said. "By everybody I mean just that—Marines, sailors, Coast Guardsmen, mechanics, Seabees, combat correspondents, aviators and anyone else who happened to be around. It was everybody's job and everybody worker together to win the fight."

NORTH CAROLINA HAS GOOD WORK RECORD

Absenteeism is no problem at all in North Carolina's textile mills and is not above peace time records, a recent survey has shown. In the shipyards and in the new war industries, Absenteeism is a problem, and though the "stay-aways" are less than in other industrial centers in other states, we still have a long way to go to bring it up to war time production.

There can be no argument in fighting ABSENTEEISM—it is not the Government's fight, nor capital's fight, or labor's fight. All are united in this fight to a finish. We must make an absentee worker who is minus a very legitimate excuse—a slacker, just as much as a man who would evade the draft or desert his post. UNION LABOR has to its own interest this campaign of education.

LABOR ON THE 'FIRING LINE'

The casualty rate amongst the 70,000 American seamen carrying our men and supplies of war is 3.8 per cent as against 3/4 per cent for our armed forces. Every other seaman of the 3,200 lost last year was a card-holding member of the Seafarers International Union, (A. F. of L.)

At least two men rescued with Rickenbacker are union members in good standing. They are Corporal John Bertek of the United Textile Workers (C. I. O.) and Captain William T. Cherry of the Air Line Pilots Association, (A. F. of L.). Neither one of these heroes has as yet been invited to address any State Legislature.

Underground Labor in Poland knows how to shoot straight from the shoulder, judging by the following little item culled from a recent issue of the Nazi Krakauer Zeitung: "Ostbahnen-erledigungsbahnschutzpolizei-gruppenfuhrer Sander, 34, fell on February 7th, 1943, for the Fuehrer and the Reich."

Mrs. Mary Waters Talks Over WBT On Animal Care

What to do with animals during and after blackouts and following catastrophes such as fires from explosions, incendiary bombs or storms will be the subject of a radio broadcast over WBT Charlotte, Monday April 5th at 3:30 p.m. by Mrs. Mary Waters, representative of the American Red Star Animal Relief Association, a Civilian Defense Organization for Animals. The program is being sponsored by the Mecklenburg

County Humane Society. The care of pets and work animals under emergency war time conditions is of great concern to owners and this program is designed to give practical suggestions toward prevention of injuries as well as treatment.

Patriot Quotes

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BURN Boston and make John Hancock a beggar: if the public good requires it.
John Hancock
Although the biggest property owner in Boston, Hancock made this statement when Washington was instructed to burn the city if necessary to drive the British out.

In Idle Conversation BE CAREFUL!



Loose Talk May Cost a Life

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