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## INDUSTRY DOES NOT WANT WAR

American industry doesn't want war. Its leaders and the rank and file of its membership have again and again reiterated the truth that wartime profits are largely fictitious, and do not repay the subsequent wreckage of a nation's entire economy. But with the big guns actually roaring in Europe, it is exceedingly timely and important to have industry's attitude made plain again.

Recently the National Association of Manufacturers went on record on this subject. We can do no better than to quote highlights from its statement, merely pointing out that the N. A. M., is the largest organization of industrial leaders in the country:

"American industry wants peace," the statement declares. "Peace is the life blood of progress. Peace must be the national objective.

"Industry's position on this matter has been stated repeatedly and there must be no misunderstanding about it.

"The United States can stay out of war.

"Emotionalism can betray us into war.

"A public will to peace, coupled with wise public policies and affirmative action to this end by our government will keep us out of war. A fatalistic attitude that war is inevitable for us is absurd. It presupposes that America cannot conduct itself intelligently to preserve peace and its own interests.

"Europe's problems do affect us, but our domestic problems still must come first.

"If yesterday industry was the only source of prosperity and reemployment, today it is as well the keystone of preparedness and peace. Under any conditions, America must depend on a smoothly functioning, efficient industrial system.

"Manufacturers will not relax their efforts to achieve and maintain sound improvement in our domestic economy."

At any rate, in a war-troubled world where so many values are being lost or obscured, industry's position is plain. And it can be summed up in four forceful words that all Americans would do well to heed: "Stay out of war!"

## ECONOMICS AD ABSURDUM

A left-wing columnist recently offered his readers the amazing argument that the fact that private utilities are big taxpayers while publicly-owned utilities pay little or nothing in taxes, should be given no consideration—for the reason that the utilities simply collect the money they pay in taxes from their customers, and so are not really taxpayers themselves.

That argument, widely extended, must inevitably lead into a never-never land of economic insanity. The shoe store doesn't pay taxes, because it adds them to the cost of the shoes you buy. Neither does the grocery store, because it adds its taxes on to your can of beans. Neither does any individual, because he gets his money from the concern for which he works, and so is just a tax middleman for them. But neither does the concern for which he works pay taxes, because it collects them from its customers, who really pay no taxes either.

We'd better stop this before madness results. If the left-wing economist's argument is sound, nobody pays taxes at all. It is all done by magic. And so government might as well take over

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**SCARLET SNOW IS FOUND IN THE ARCTIC AND ALPINE REGIONS. THE COLOR IS CAUSED BY A MICROSCOPIC RED PLANT THAT TINGES THE SNOW WITH LARGE PATCHES OF SCARLET**

**AN ICE SKATER NEVER SKATES ON ICE—BUT ON WATER—THE PRESSURE OF THE SKATE'S MELTS THE ICE FORMING A LAYER OF WATER BETWEEN THE SKATE'S AND THE ICE—IT IS THIS WATER THAT REDUCES THE FRICTION AND MAKES FOR SMOOTH SKATING**

all business, as there is no real worry about tax revenue whether private enterprise exists or not.

There is the argument, carried to the point of reductio ad absurdum. And it is typical of the lengths to which those who want to see the private electric industry socialized, are prepared to go. And theory, no matter how unsound, if cleverly enough developed can be made to seem reasonable to the uninformed. And the friends of power socialism exploit public credulence to a fare-thee-well.

But the fact remains that the utilities do pay millions in taxes every year—and that when government takes them over the rest of the taxpayers must make up the burden. Many a community has discovered that sad truth to its disillusionment. But it doesn't look as if the majority of the people have yet been won over by these screwball arguments.

## TIME TO GO TO WAR!

It is time for America to go to war—but not in Europe. The battle field is right here—in your home and place of business. The enemy is fire.

It is no mean enemy. Each year it destroys property worth several hundred million dollars. It kills thousands of human beings. It destroys great numbers of jobs. It destroys hopes, ambitions. It leaves behind scenes of smoking ruin as grim as if bombs had been the instruments of destruction. It strikes when we least expect it, and often where there is no defense.

This year, as in every year for two decades, a definite date has been set for declaring war against fire. The mobilization days are October 8 to 14. The occasion is Fire Prevention Week.

During that period every citizen in the land will be given an unrivaled opportunity to learn about fire, and how it is prevented and controlled. This is no dry-as-dust subject. It will be taught to you vividly and dramatically. Approach it with an open, interested mind. Remember what you read and hear and see. For fire prevention is of the most direct importance to you. No one knows where fire will strike next—your home has as much chance to be the scene of ruin as any one else's. Your town may witness a conflagration that will bring civic progress to an end.

There can never be too many soldiers in the fire-fighting army. Enlist for the duration of hostilities!

Special low price on Underwood and Royal Portable Typewriters at Hayes.

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## Grains of Sand

The Sandhills Kiwanis Club has discovered that no two of its members—it has nearly 50—were born in the same town, and that no member was born in the town he resides in. Also that it has only two members born in Moore county. Its membership is made up largely of residents of Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines, but not one of its members was born in any one of these towns. It has one member born in Carthage, one in Keyser.

Farmers are smiling again at the prospect of the tobacco market opening up October 9th. With federal aid promised to help with the surplus crop, prices ought to become respectable again.

Issuance of drivers' licenses in North Carolina, begun September 1, 1935, is nearing the million mark. The State has issued 992,289 thus far and should reach the millionth mark this fall.

During that time, however, 23,535 licenses have been revoked, mostly for driving under the influence of liquor.

Bruce Etheridge of the Department of Conservation and Development

tells us that the travel business in the state has now become the second largest 'crop' in North Carolina, ranking next to the tobacco crop in annual value and amounting to twice the value of the cotton crop. Last year visitors to the state spent \$64,350,000, according to figures compiled by the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior. Indications are that it has brought

as much, or possibly more this year. And while on the subject, Southern Pines has two new advertising folders telling of its attractions and handsomely illustrating all its variety of available sports and recreations, golf, riding, hunting, shooting, tennis, steeplechase, etc. Some 7000 of those are to be distributed by the Seaboard, thousands more through the channels of the American Automobile Associa-

tion. Howard Burns has them at his office if you'd like to see them.

"What the consuming American public doesn't like about the war right now are the counter charges," says the Greensboro Daily News.

And the Dallas, Texas, News tells us that "Europe is the victim of the sound and the Feuhrer."

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Pork Chops 1938 Price 19c Special Now, lb. 18c	Breakfast Bacon Morrell's Palace Lb.—21c	Lakeview "Grade A" Milk Quart—15c
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Market Savings SAUSAGE, All Pork, Home-made, lb. ....19c Smoke Sausage, lb. ....19c Bologna Sausage, all meat, lb. ....15c	BROOMS Odds and Ends Each 15c	Grocery Savings SALT PORK All Fat, lb. ....9c Salt Pork, streak-lean, streak-fat, lb. ....11c Kraft's Cheese, 2 lb. Loaf .....43c Extra Special, Large No. 2 1-2 Can Pineapple (Sliced) .....15c Tuna Fish, White Meat, can .....15c Sunshine Peaches, large No. 2 1-2 can, 2 cans for .....25c Beech-Nut Catsup, 8 oz. Jar .....9c Morrell's Pride Stew Beef, 22 oz. Can .....19c Prince Alberi Tobacco, Can .....11c
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Oleo Butter Delmar 2 lbs—27c	No. 2's New Jersey Potatoes 10 lbs—15c	Carnation Milk Tall Cans 4 for 27c
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VIRGINIA OYSTERS Pint .....23c Quart .....43c Croaker Fish 4 lbs. ....25c Fresh Eggs—Doz.—27c	FLOUR—MEAL—FLOUR "Every Bag Guaranteed" 24 lb. Bag .....67c Meal, peck .....19c Hog Feed (our mix) 40 lb. bag .....75c Newest and Best Linen White, Qt. 15c
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10c, 12 1-2c, 15c and 20c items, choice .....5c



## October in the SANDHILLS

MANY call it the most beautiful time of year. The pines mingled with the coloring of other foliage lend an enchantment which is distinctive. More and more people are discovering the glories of the early Fall here.

All of which means that it's time to write your Northern relatives and friends: "Hurry down; the Season is on!"

We are prepared for the invasion. We have sold and leased many houses and apartments for the Fall and Winter, but a number of attractive ones are still available. Let us show them to you while there is time.



# Paul T. Barnum

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