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SOMETHING FOR MANKIND TO DO

The Pilot has a faithful correspondent who, requesting that we do not use his name which, of course, we have, signs his letters "A Loyal Reader." While not always in agreement with "Loyal Reader," The Pilot has enjoyed using his contributions and offering them to its other readers who, in turn, have the right to make comment in "The Public Speaking" column.

In his current letter, published on this page, "Loyal Reader" suggests that man have faith in God's word and "that in due time, and according to His promise, God will restore in this tiny but important speck of His creation, a 'new earth.'"

While The Pilot would not attempt to dispute the need today for faith, it does believe that mankind can and must do more than have faith in God's restoring peace. A wise God would look more favorably upon a mankind which put this faith into action and attempted himself to bring about a "new earth," without complete dependency on God.

THE CHANT HAS STARTED

The chant has begun. The chant that we the people were warned about. The chant that too often accompanies crises of the kind which the War has brought! It's the chant of "Forget social advances! Forget social advances! Forget social advances!"

During the past week the theme of this chant has been seen recurring with increasing frequency. True, it takes different forms. For instance, sharpened, anti-labor Westbrook Pegler says it in one way when he admits that a certain force labor scheme smacks of "Hitlerism" and adds that this is no time to think of such things. A release from one of the many private interest propaganda agencies similarly suggests in a cartoon that social advance is now undesirable. The cartoon shows Uncle Sam busy at work with a woman of the streetish type labeled "Social Reforms" at the door. The caption is "No interruptions, please!"

The war effort of the democracies should not develop into a fight between tyrannies. We cannot be successful in our efforts by adopting Hitler's methods or practices. The American people are battling against all fascism, not just Hitler's brand. In our battle against European and Asiatic fascism, we cannot relax our fight against internal dangers of fascism; for therein lies great danger. There may be our Quislings. There is the key to the breakdown of France, of Norway, of Poland. How vain would have been the battle if, at the conclusion of the war, our armed forces returned home to find that the very ideals for which they were fighting had returned to the realm of idealism and had been forced from the plane of practice.

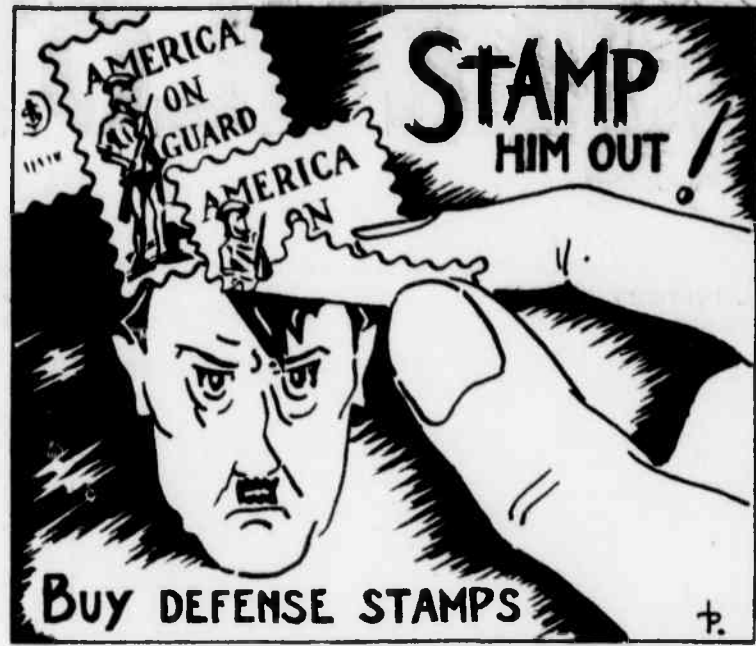
What in the blazes are we fighting for if not to protect social advances of democracies?

AMERICANS AND "RACE SUPREMACY"

From Philadelphia, which book reviewers to the contrary notwithstanding, has welcomed as a visitor the author of "Along These Streets," Struthers Burt sent The Pilot an editorial from the New York Herald Tribune. The editorial dealt frankly with the problem of race prejudice in this country, which is at war with an ideology which proclaims a false doctrine of race supremacy.

The newspaper was commenting a recent speech of Pearl Buck, popular writer about China. We quote the Herald

Slogan For Americans



Drawn especially for The Pilot was this cartoon boosting sales of defense stamps. The artist is Thomas Preston of Trudeau, N. Y., who formerly spent some time in the Sandhills.

Tribune:

"It is not enough, as Miss Buck makes clear, to laugh at the absurdity of German propaganda about 'yellow Aryans' or to explain to the Eastern countries that those 'yellow Aryans' fought the Chinese for years before they began their attack to 'liberate' the colored races of East Asia. It is not enough to predict that the Germans, the Italians, and the Japanese, frankly predatory, frankly adopting the doctrine of racial superiority—will be far greater plunderers than the nations they hope to succeed. Precept in this respect must be bolstered by example, for in the record of the United Nations there are many evil examples of racial prejudice to be erased, samples which the colored peoples of the world have experienced with bitterness . . .

" . . . As Miss Buck points out, the attitude of the people of the United States toward its own colored citizenry is an important touchstone by which the non-white peoples will gauge the sincerity of the (United Nations) governments. This is a matter which cannot be controlled by fiat; it is something each citizen must assume as his own responsibility. Every one in this country, white or colored, Caucasian, Negro or Asiatic by descent, must so conduct himself that the cause of the United Nations will not suffer; that it may be manifest to keep open the gates of promise for mankind.

"This does not mean amalgamation of the races or indiscriminate immigration or any of the standard bugaboo of alarmists . . . To acknowledge that men of diverse origins differ in many important ways does not necessarily imply that one group is superior to another—particularly it does not mean that one group can claim the lordship over another because of the color of its skin or its cephalic index. Within America appreciation of this truth is steadily growing; its growth would be accelerated if all Americans posed themselves the dilemma which Miss Buck stated: "If we intend to persist blindly in our racial prejudices, then we are fighting on the wrong side in this war. We belong with Hitler."

This is another of the many battles of this war which must be waged on the home front by civilians and which the might of armies cannot win, only the might of a clear mind and conscience.

GRAPES OF WASHINGTON

Perhaps some day, in the not too distant future some struggling young Steinbeck will be able to produce a best-seller entitled, "Grapes of Washington," or some such, which will be comparable to John Steinbeck's famous story about the Okies and their pilgrimage to California in answer to attractive advertisements for workers.

The fact behind this fancy is the appeal emanating from the U. S. Civil Service, commission calling upon young men and women in all parts of the country to respond to a call of the Government for more stenographers. "Thousands more are needed" beyond the approximately 85,000 already on the government payroll, it is stated.

With big and little secretarial schools all over the country turning out small town and coun-

The PUBLIC SPEAKING

To The Editor:
Why print 50 percent of the news and hush-hush the other half?

I refer to the subject of tires. Don't you think Joe Public as represented by your reader is interested in knowing by what special dispensation Madame Whozis of 10c Springs, Moore County, is entitled to half-sole her car?

We read with considerable interest the fact that Josh Doak, McSweeney Goldberg, Ten High O'Shay, and Mrs. String Bean Snottery are shipped not only tires but TUBES! See The Pilot, any current issue.

How come? Self explanatory are names of trucking firms, telephone people, and farmers. No pardonable curiosity there, nor in regard to the allotment of obsolete tires.

What we're touchy about is what drag does this weekly elite possess that we haven't got? Not that we've applied for tires and been refused. We haven't. We're taking this rationing without any gripe like the rest of the United States. But in all fairness to us, and to those favored souls able to buy new rubber, we believe we should all know BY WHAT RIGHT THOSE PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO BUY RUBBER.

Why not list the reasons given by applicants for tires to the board why said applicants should be given tires? It would help the rest of us to feel that we're not having any fast ones slipped over on us, and would act as a check upon the board itself.
—C. L. B.,
Southern Pines.

LOOKING AHEAD

To the Editor:
Two items in the New York Times reveal a strange and paradoxical situation. One item concerns a report of the Patent Office which reads in part, "The Patent Office closed its books for 1941 with the grant of the 2,268,539th patent since 1836 when the present system of numbering began. During the year 41,122 patents were granted." The other item concerns the ban on the sale of new passenger automobiles, and of light and heavy trucks. It said "This action is preliminary to a complete cessation

try lads and lasses by the thousands, it would seem that a supply of stenographers is large. Perhaps we will soon witness a migration to Washington of novice typists, seeking those \$1,440 per year jobs—which may be already filled.

At any rate, the offer of \$120 for good stenographers and typists in Washington is apt to drive many a struggling lawyer or man to taking up typing for himself, as he sees his secretary—earning \$50 to \$100 per month—off for the 1942 Gold Rush in Washington.

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of production of passenger cars and light trucks for ordinary civilian use."

This move will turn the greater percent of the total industrial capacity into direct war effort. Thus a nation rich in inventive genius and productive power, able to create an economy of comfort and plenty, such as the world has never seen, must now deny itself of the fruit of progress, in order to wage a war that has been thrust upon it. Loving peace and its products, and having tasted much of both, we must reverse the gears of progress, and turn our attention to war and destruction.

The Bible foretells a time of great knowledge and of great travel, and calls it the "time of the end." It also says that at this same time, men will beat their plowshares into swords and their pruning hooks into spears. This does not refer to any ordinary preparation for war, as has been seen in former years. But here is a war so widespread and acute that even the pursuits of peace must be halted in order to meet the challenge of war. Joel prophesied concerning "total war" which is a unique development of this present struggle. Even the inventive genius of man is more and more being absorbed in a great war effort. What a striking fulfillment of the Word of God.

Dr. Edwin P. Tubble of Mt. Wilson Observatory, said not long ago "The mind of man in our time has pushed back the frontiers of space—so that he observes a region—throughout which are scattered 100,000,000 individual universes, each comparable to our own system of the Milky Way, which is composed of innumerable stars and suns dwarfing our own." How can the mind of man grasp some of the immensity of God's creation, and yet, with knowledge so increased along this and every other line, be so inept to keep the orderly processes of life functioning so that he may enjoy the few days he has of earthly existence?

Longing for peace and prosperity, order and security, we know not how to secure them, or having secured them, know not how to retain them. May we look above this distressed world to Him who rules the vast super universe without disorder. May we have faith in His Word, that in due time, and according to His promise, God will restore in this tiny, but important speck of His creation, a "New Earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."

—A LOYAL READER.

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