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IT DOES INDEED SMELL

In a recent statement in answer to a resolution of condemnation of him passed by workers at Enka Rayon factory at Asheville, Senator Robert R. Reynolds made many admissions of his former isolationist stand and attempted to refute every charge made in the resolution.

One charge he did not forthrightly deny. Here are his words:

"Among other things, your resolution charged me with having been an ardent supporter of Hitler and Nazi Germany. That accusation is so old that it smells."

Admittedly, the accusation and the reasons for it do smell. But Senator Reynolds in his statement did not say that there was no basis for the accusation. Perhaps the reason is that he is on record some years ago in the public press with having expressed his admiration for many of the policies and activities being carried on in Nazi Germany.

Yes, indeed, the accusation does smell.

POLITICS AND THE WAR

There are those today who are shouting "No politics now. Let us turn all our attention to the war." The War may abolish a number of things; but it cannot abolish politics. And it should not abolish politics in this country.

If what is meant by such a statement is that there should be no mud-slinging, dirty political campaigns during this war-time, then this statement should not be qualified by the issue of the war. It is desirable to have no dirty politics even during peace.

But local, State and national politics should go on, war or no war. We cannot win the war by abolishing our rights to govern ourselves and govern the prosecution of the war.

No dirty politics, yet; but politics, war or no war.

MUFFLE PUT ON THE DRUM BEATERS

The passionate white heat of the drum beaters who were trying to rouse the natives to revolt against the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, especially the provision for overtime pay, cooled suddenly when the drum beaters themselves were exposed to the public.

The Truman Congressional committee has been uncovering some amazing bonuses, salaries and profits paid in corporations and companies working on defense production; and suddenly the drive to revise the wage-hour law dropped back under cover again.

Auto workers in Detroit are openly expressing their resentment at the effort to institute straight time pay and work on the assembly lines of the plants. They are opposing "incentive bonuses" as a disguised form of speed-up with its exhaustion of physical and nervous strength and declare that production itself would suffer rather than benefit.

Their position was further strengthened during this past week with the conviction in Federal Court of General Motors Chairman Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., together with some of his associates, of "breach of duty" by permitting bigger bonuses to executives than was warranted. Judge Vincent L. Leibel ordered an estimated \$6,348,000 in excess bonuses be paid back. The Judge found Sloan and others guilty of having "breached their duties" and having "breached their fiduciary

trust" by permitting these large bonus payments.

Such actions on the part of executives does not increase the good temper of patriotic workers nor convince them that abolition of their legal wage and hour protection is necessary.

THE STUFF OF CHAMPIONS

There's a steady hitting little pro golf champion, taking biggest money in tournaments this year, who provides a good example for the advantage of consistent, courageous attack.

Ben Hogan, who recently copped golfing honors in North Carolina's three big tournaments, missed first place by one stroke at Augusta, Ga., Master's tournament, after creeping up on Byron Nelson's lead.

Hogan doesn't win all the time, but we like the way he stays near the top. Seldom, in the opening rounds of play, does Hogan's name appear in the lead. Some other player spectacularly takes the lead and down somewhere among the first ten is Hogan's name. The following day, usually, the golfer with the spectacular opening blows up, and little Hogan is still plugging away toward the top. At Augusta, Hogan caught up with Little by shooting a brilliant round of golf under the most adverse conditions. His brilliant playing comes when it counts the most.

Champions are like that. Not always do they perform the most picturesquely nor do they always sit on the top of their throne; but when the game is ended, you'll find that they've been hitting consistently along the same front, and come out near, if not on, the top.

It's our belief that Americans are champions such as Hogan. In this vital war of ours, we still haven't turned in a brilliant performance, as compared with some of the advances which have been scored by our enemies. But we've been in their plugging, building up our strength, and demonstrating a consistent defense and attack. And when the final count is taken, the Americans will be sitting on top!

EACH ACTION MAY HELP WAR

There has been a cry in the air, emanating from various sources, that Americans are not fully awake to the fact that there is a vicious all-out war being waged for the protection of this country and its ideals.

THE PILOT has held that the people do realize there is a war and that they are trying to do all that they can. However, a trip to one of North Carolina's ports during the past week-end (see story on front page) has caused us to temper this belief. Most of us, who have not in some way had actual contact with the fighting front, do not realize how near at home the enemy is striking.

On North Carolina's own eastern seaboard, survivors of torpedoed or shelled merchant vessels are being cared for, sometimes getting well, sometimes not surviving, under the most trying conditions. From the shores of North Carolina, sometimes at night, the flaming bursts of gunfire can be seen, often followed by a steady glow in the sky which indicates that a vessel is burning. Next day, or perhaps later, the remainder of a crew come into shore, burned, wounded, perhaps dead.

This war is not being fought on one front; its battles are not just those in headlines; its armies are not only those in uniform; every day, in one or more ways, each of us is called upon to perform some duty, to make some sacrifice, which can speed the successful ending to this war. Let's each of us think about our every action. Does it help or hinder the progress of the war? Make your actions HELP!

Brown Is Main Speaker at Auxiliary Meeting

The Rev. F. Craighill Brown, rector of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines, was principal speaker Wednesday at the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary for the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, meeting in Tarboro.

Mr. Brown's subject was "Forward in Service."

The PUBLIC SPEAKING

To the Editor:

We must win this war. We shall win it. We will win it. For we know that upon its successful conclusion depends the continual existence of the free way of life that has come to birth through the "blood, toil, sweat and tears" of generations here and in other lands.

We must win the war and we must, as the President puts it, "win the peace." For a peace will come, no matter who wins. The war will not last forever.

Victory for the Axis would bring peace: a Roman peace imposed by force, the death-like peace of slavery.

Victory for the United Nations will bring peace. But what kind of peace? That is for us to determine now, in the midst of war. The only kind of peace that is consistent with the ideals for which we contend, the only kind of peace that can preserve them, is a peace guaranteed by law made by the free consent of free men.

For such a peace, the winning of which must begin now, Federal Union proposes a plan, a scheme for a world government "of the people, by the people and for the people," that plan deserves the careful consideration of every lover of peace and freedom in the world.

The people of this county now have an excellent opportunity to learn more of this plan for world peace by world government. It will be presented at an open meeting at the Pinehurst Country Club on Friday evening, April 24th at eight-thirty by Mr. Stringfellow Barr, President of St. John's College, Annapolis. Mr. Barr is one of the most colorful and forward-looking educators in the country. His timely address should be of great interest to all.

—F. CRAIGHILL BROWN, Southern Pines.

To the Editor:

According to a Fortune Survey (taken before December 7th), thirty million Americans are in favor of some kind of "Union of Democracies" in all parts of the world to keep order after the war." This is a large number, but I wonder whether all of

"Blitzkrieg" Planned Against Tuberculosis

Preliminary Plans for Clinics in June for Moore County Outlined at Meeting

Strategy for a blitzkrieg against tuberculosis in Moore County was planned at a meeting of the Moore County committee of the National Tuberculosis Association held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thaddeus A. Cheatham, chairman, in Pinehurst.

Preliminary plans for a week's clinic to be held in Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Carthage and Hemp in June were outlined, the details to be worked out later.

Owing to a shortage of clinicians at the State Sanatorium caused by the war's inroads on the staff, Moore County's "Spring campaign" will be a month later than the national schedule, but the intervening time will be used for carrying on educational work. Dr. B. M. Drake, county health officer, expects to have within two weeks two instructive and entertaining motion pictures, "Sand in the Gears" and "Let My People Live," which he will show in various sections of the county.

Mrs. N. S. Hurd of Pinehurst has

these people realize that Federal Union, Inc. is the organization that is working toward that union now.

There is at present the United Allied Command and a misunderstanding has arisen in some minds that this United Command is the goal, toward which Federal Union has been striving and that therefore the Federal Union organization is de trop. This is of course far from the truth. This existing military unity is simply a means of putting our war effort on the most efficient basis. I have no doubt that it will ensure the defeat of Germany, Italy and Japan, but it will not win the peace for us.

A real lasting peace can only be won through a Federal Union of democracies. "No one questions the desirability of our government covering town, county, state and nation. Why stop there? Isn't it clear that government on a larger scale is now a crying need—a necessity if we are ever to conquer war?" (From Decision by Lionel Curtis).

E. T. WHITTALL, Southern Pines.

been named head of transportation for the clinics, and Mrs. V. Z. Reed, Jr., of Pinehurst and Mrs. S. R. Smith of Vass are publicity directors.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

A marriage license has been issued from the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore County to Sgt. David F. Allen and Alice Bogle of Southern Pines.

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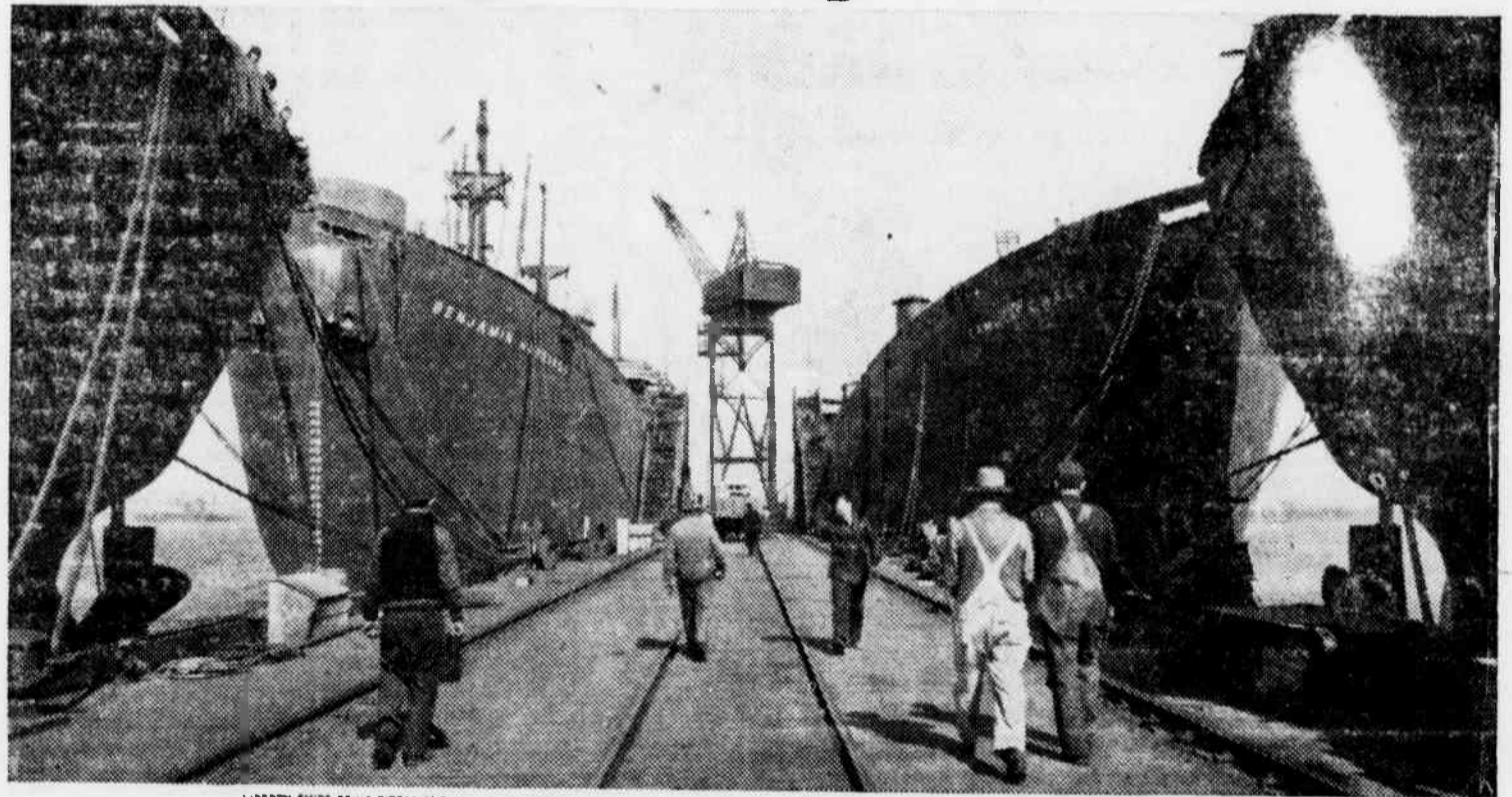
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New High in Ship Production



Liberty ships being fitted out at a Bethlehem yard preparatory to sea service. The yard is producing a continuous stream of vessels of this type. Bethlehem ship production this year will represent the greatest all-around shipbuilding output by any company in the history of the country.

Speed, speed and more speed is the constant objective; and always speed with quality, for a jerry-built ship is virtually useless in the grim tasks of maritime war.

The first Liberty ship which recently discharged supplies at a Red Sea port was built in a yard that was virtually non-existent a year ago. A tanker was delivered in 100 days from laying of keel. A battleship will be delivered 14 months ahead of schedule.

Cargo ships are being built in less than one-half the time

required in the first World War. Comparable speeding up has been achieved on other types of ships and the schedule is being constantly stepped-up.

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