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### WON'T YOU HELP, TOO?

Somewhere on some distant battlefield an American boy will be wounded in action today. He may be your son, or the laughing tow-headed kid that lived in a house down the street. Remember?

He will be brought to a base hospital where army and navy nurses, recruited and trained by the AMERICAN RED CROSS, will dress his wounds. Other Red Cross workers will speed his recovery.

Somewhere today an American service man is longing for home. He may be in bomb-scarred London—in far off Australia—in a Pacific island—or on a North African desert. If he can, he will go to the American RED CROSS Club and there he will find entertainment to relieve his mind of the thoughts that pass through the minds of fume-sick men. He may be at some distant outpost, far removed from that RED CROSS Club, but tonight or the next night, the RED CROSS will come to him, bringing him relief from the boredom and horrors of war.

Somewhere today an American boy needs help. He may be at a distant domestic camp or base, on a ship at sea, or in an unfriendly prison camp. He may be almost anywhere. Wherever he is there also is the AMERICAN RED CROSS. Even the barb wire enclosures of prison camps are no barrier to the RED CROSS.

Thus the RED CROSS serves the service men. Somewhere, every minute of the hour, every hour of the day, every day of the year, the RED CROSS is helping someone. Won't you help, too?

Gaston county's quota for the War Fund drive for 1943 is 42,600.00. This is two and one-half times the original quota for 1942. Friday a local RED CROSS representative will call on you. You can do your part by contributing, not a dollar, but many dollars.

Be sure to do your part!

### DRAFTING FATHERS

Whether fathers should be drafted into the army is undoubtedly one of the most discussed topics of the day, both in Washington and in the American home.

It is the consensus of opinion that this drastic step, which would break up thousands of homes, shouldn't be taken unless absolutely necessary and nobody seems to know just how necessary it is.

Army spokesmen say that to have an army of over 10,000,000 men it is necessary to draft fathers. Others figure, such an army could easily be built up without taking fathers. Still others think we would be better off to aim at a smaller army and be sure we have enough men left at home to produce war supplies and food.

Before drafting fathers begins on a large scale, it would seem advisable that some regulations be enacted about dependency. If a man's wife and children can be supported by private income or by relatives they are of course not as dependent upon the father as those families which have no visible means of support except the earnings of the head of the family.

If it is necessary to break up homes, it would seem only common sense to take those men whose families can get along before taking those whose families would become public charges.

### LEARNING TO SAVE

Getting the money together to pay our income tax has been a major problem for most of us. It has taken a lot of sacrifice, scrimping and saving. But after the first payment is made, we may be able to find some satisfaction in having proved to ourselves that we are capable of saving such a large sum of money.

Many people who have never been able to save a cent in the past have found that, when it is absolutely necessary, they are able to put aside a sizeable proportion of their income.

After doing this it is unfortunate to have to hand it all over to the government. But if we can, as a result of income tax, make a habit of saving—and can keep that habit after the war is over and income taxes are reduced—we may eventually thank Uncle Sam for teaching us a lesson which we would never have learned in any other way.

If, in the future, we can continue to save for ourselves as much as we are now saving for the treasury, our dreams of owning a new home, of retirement and of education for our children are apt to come true.

### THE INCOME TAX QUESTION

No matter what happens in Washington about taxes—every one of us must make the first income tax payment due on March 15.

It may be that the pay-as-you-go plan will be adopted. It may be that part of the taxes on the 1942 income will be wiped off the books or postponed. But whatever law is passed concerning the payment of income taxes, there will be no excuse for failing to make the March tax payment.

Because of the great amount of tax news coming from Washington, treasury officials are worried over misinterpretations by taxpayers who will get the idea that they needn't pay taxes until the matter is settled. For that reason, the senate finance committee felt it necessary to pass a resolution making it clear that no congressional action will affect the first tax payment.

## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (NWN)—“The thing that amazes me most about Washington,” said a prominent member of the government, “is that in spite of all the fights, the confusion, the waste, the fast-changing regulations and the many changes in personnel, we still seem to be getting things done.”

That statement expresses a general attitude in Washington. Practically everyone here is extremely conscious of the many muddled and complicated situations, but they are optimistic in the belief that we can accomplish more, in spite of muddling, than other nations can accomplish no matter how efficiently their war program is managed.

The most dangerous fight, of the many pitched battles going on in Washington, is that between the army-navy leaders against the War Production Board. As it stands now the WPB has the upper hand in that it has been given power by the President to direct the scheduling of munitions output—a function which the war and navy departments are convinced should be given to them. This fight has reached the point, said one military official, where chairman Nelson of WPB will either be forced to quit or the undersecretaries of war and navy will resign.

Mr. Nelson, however, has indicated that he has no intention of quitting nor of giving in to the army and navy—and he has strengthened the power of WPB by giving Charles Wilson, his executive vice chairman, practically the same powers as he wields himself.

The army and navy are also battling with congress over the selective service. Congress feels strongly that there is no need to draft fathers until all other available men have been drafted, and it favors legislation to provide that no fathers in a state shall be called until all unmarried men under 38 as well as those without children are taken.

There is also another battle regarding selective service being waged by the farm bloc which is pressing for legislation to provide that no more farm boys be drafted until next January and that farmers now in the army be released during the farming season. Because of the critical shortage of labor in farm areas, the congressmen from farm states believe such a regulation is imperative and they also want the army power commission to rule that men cannot leave the farms to go into war industries without approval of their local draft board.

Action by both houses of the new session of congress makes it apparent that the members intend to get the legislative body back in the driver's seat of government and will no longer simply be “yes men” for the President. The most obvious example of this so far is congressional action to get rid of the \$25,000 limitation on income which went beyond his constitutional powers in issuing this order in the first place and they feel that even if a curb on large incomes is to be continued, it should be as a result of congressional action.

It is expected that the greatest test of power, as between the President and congress, will come when legislation is considered to curb labor unions, to prevent strikes and slowdowns and to freeze labor's wages. This is a mittedly a touchy subject which may be avoided temporarily, but it is apparent that the present congress is in no mood to make any further concessions to labor and, as soon as any new difficult ties flare up, a flood of labor regulation measures are apt to be introduced.

## ABOVE the HULLABALOO



Of the People, for the People, And by the People

That is the most important phrase in the English language or in any other language. It is a phrase that has been used by our forefathers 150 years ago; patterned somewhat after the ancient Greek and Roman democracies prior to their decay and their usurpation by minorities. Many of us, have known Communists, Nazis, Fascists and Monarchists. Each will tell you that the people are happier under a form of government than under any other. What people? The members of his party—or the great mass who are not members?

There is no question but that members of the Communist party are happier now than they were under the Tzarist regime. Why shouldn't they be? They now rule 170 million people with a rod of iron—which is much more pleasant than being sent to the mines in Siberia for plotting revolutions. But the Communist party is made up of a tiny minority of Russia's vast millions. The Nazi party, and the Fascist party also comprise small minorities of the population. These parties are about as exclusive as a Fifth Avenue club.

But are Germany's millions being bossed around by a lot of former tramps than they were being bossed around by a lot of kings and emperors? Is the Italian more contented being looked at through the nose by Muss and his son-in-law Ciano, or by members of the royal house of Savoy? Is the Russian moujik any happier? We are told so by members of the Communist party; but pre-war American travelers certainly did not confirm this.

In our country the Democratic party is at present in power. But the Republican has the same freedom and can enjoy himself (almost) as much as the Democrat.

It isn't what you name your form of government that counts; it is how that government really functions. And any nation which is run according to the judgment of one man, or one group of men, cannot afford the same opportunities for advancement and happiness as can a nation which is operated by the people for the people.

The great fallacy of individual, or group, management of a nation lies in the principle that the citizen must follow on allotted, routine plan of living which submerges and destroys his own initiative. The result, in the long run, is a foregone conclusion. The citizen loses all ambition and becomes a fixed cog in a wheel; the managers develop into what is known as a “ruling class”—and we are right back where we came from.

Communism in Russia; Nazism in Germany; Fascism in Italy—if they should continue for 50 more years, will develop into the same old type of autocracy and feudalism which dic-

torships have turned into from time immemorial. It could not be otherwise. Human nature does not change over night, nor over a century, nor over ten centuries; and all the high-falutin dreams of the starry-eyed theorists about “all men being equal” if they will only “join with the Communists or the Fascists or the Nazis or some other like left wing philosophy—simply grow out of ignorance of what has happened so often in the past.

If we in our country ever allow an overdose of bureaucracy to obtain such a strangle-hold that ours develops into a one-party government, we too will become a two-class nation—the masters and the servants.

### SIX INCH SERMON

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Bible Teachings Against Drunkenness.

Lesson for March 7: 1 Samuel 30:16-17; Isaiah 28:1-4, 7; Galatians 5: 19-21.

Golden Text: Isaiah 24:9.

The Bible often mingles illustration with the truths it declares; especially is this true of the woes it pronounces upon drunkenness, as in passages grouped in the lesson text.

When the Amalekites had burned Ziklag and carried away many captives, including those of David's household, they celebrated in a great feast, with carousing and drunkenness. Then it was that David and his warriors fell upon them and in a great battle that lasted from twilight to twilight slew all their enemies except 400 young men who escaped on swift camels.

The men of Ephraim were valiant warriors but Isaiah prophesied their ruin because of drunkenness. Even debauched priests and prophets in Judah staggered with strong drink, erred in vision, and stumbled in judgment.

The “works of the flesh,” condemned in the New Testament, include “drunkenness and revelings,” and the warning is given that such will prevent men from inheriting the kingdom of God.

It is tragic now to see the multiplied liquor shops, but the present lesson is aimed directly at those who patronize the shops. Let our sailors, soldiers, fliers, and all of us on the home front beware of that which does not mix with gunpowder, that will determine life or death, or with the torule of a brave people. And we fight with the final objective the kingdom of God on earth. In that kingdom drunkenness can have no place. And our first concern is for the character and souls of our people.

## THE ENEMY ON THE HOME FRONT



### Army Signal Corps Request Short Wave Sets

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 28.—Radio and Photographic amateurs have been requested to sell their short-wave communication and motion picture equipment to a special purchasing mission of the Army Signal Corps. Services of supply, headquarters Fourth Service Command announced today.

The radio communication equipment especially needed consists of transmitters, ranging in power from 25 watts to 450 watts and covering various bands in the short wave range, as well as the corresponding types of receivers and such radio components as capacitors, resistors and installation material. Especially desired are audio-frequency and radio-frequency signal generators and oscilloscopes, precision AC and DC ohmmeters, ammeters and milliammeters and other equipment for testing.

In the photographic field the Signal Corps seeks to purchase motion picture cameras, animation cameras, projectors, sound reproducing equipment, printers and film examining machines for both 16mm and 35mm motion picture film and film strips. High speed still cameras will be purchased as well as certain high quality exposure meters, filters, tripods and ferrotype plates. All such equipment is needed for training purposes and operational use.

Used equipment will be purchased if it is in perfect operating condition or can readily be repaired. The prices paid will be set by a Signal Corps inspector.

Persons having such equipment and who wish to sell it to the Army are asked to write a brief description of the items, giving the name of the manufacturer and model type to Captain Nelson G. Craig, Signal Corps Procurement District, 5000 Wisconsin Avenue, Philadelphia, Penn. The equipment itself should not be shipped until it is specifically requested.

### IT'S NO. 14 FOR BLIND BLOOD DONOR CHAMPION

JAMAIGA, N. Y.—Life-long blindness is no obstacle to Miss Eleanor C. Judd's patriotism.

Nominated as the champion blood donor of Greater New York early this year upon completion of her thirteenth donation since 1940, Miss Judd is now preparing for her fourteenth contribution.

Officials at the blood bank of the Central Queens Red Cross state that “Miss Judd's enthusiasm and co-operation are lessons in fortitude and courage for everyone.”

Miss Judd, a resident of near-by Kew Gardens, has been blind since infancy, but has nevertheless won Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degrees at George Washington University, is a professional pianist, and an enthusiast of the theatre.

She has no qualms about her blindness, stoically contends that “my blindness is my sight.” Doctors at the blood bank say that she is an excellent donor, is physically better-than-average, and only requires a paper cup of water and orange juice before and after her blood donation to maintain strength.

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