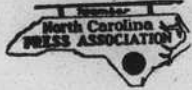


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THE WAY OF POLITICS

Where free men have the ballot and the right to choose their own leaders the majority has the right to make its own mistakes, if anytime the will of the majority can be called a mistake. Such is the democratic device of fitting the leader to the needs of the times, according to the judgment of the majority of the people.

In England this device has been put into operation. As a result, the English have changed leaders. Winston Churchill, the intrepid and dauntless war leader of the English government whose staunch courage in the face of grave dangers welded all England in steadfast and stubborn resistance and final victory over Germany, has been defeated at the poles.

He was soundly beaten at the ballot box by his countrymen whom he had led so brilliantly during the war years. The English people were of the opinion that the times required a new leader and they chose themselves one.

England's politics belong to England, and we do not profess to understand the ins and outs of England's domestic affairs. But it is easy to see and to know that because of domestic politics a great and strong leader has been retired from the international scene. While yet he was busy with the wind-up of the great job he had accomplished for the English and the world, the majority of his countrymen decided at the ballot box that the time of his greatest usefulness had passed and that England needed a new leader for the postwar world to be built upon the foundations that Churchill strove so gallantly to preserve.

That is the way of politics. Popularity is not maintained by gratitude for past services, no matter how great, but is built instead on promises for the future. Churchill's greatness is secure in the greatness of his accomplishments, but the English have retired him now to comparative obscurity. For not gratitude but promises win elections.

NEW AUTOMOBILES

There is something thrilling in reading about the new automobiles which are now coming off the production line in Detroit. It may be a long while before we drive one, or even see many in the local showrooms, but it is grand news to know that they are on the way.

But, although all of us can look forward to having a new car before too long, we should remember that the automobiles being turned out today are for war use only. The manufacture of them is being pushed, not just to bring about gradual reconversion to peacetime manufacturing, but chiefly to furnish transportation to war workers, doctors and officials who would be greatly handicapped in their duties if they did not have this necessary means of transportation.

In spite of our many public conveyances — airplanes, trains, buses and street cars—the functioning of our country is dependent upon the automobile. Many old cars are breaking down and must be replaced.

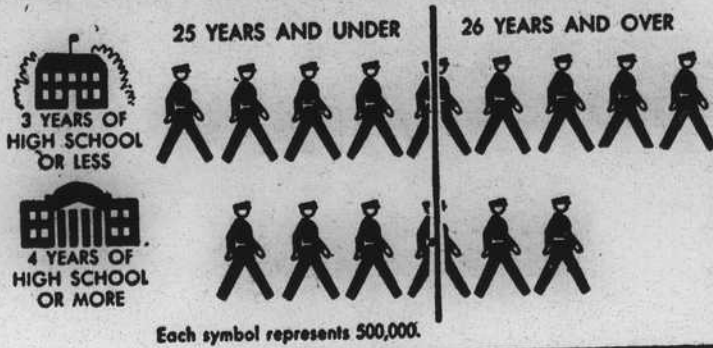
INCOME TAX CHISELERS

The Federal government promises the ordinary people of the nation a crack-down on income tax chiselers and profit-swollen black marketers. The sooner this crack-down comes, the better it will be for the country and the better it will be also for the ordinary citizen who has paid his share of taxes honestly and without complaint.

No one enjoys paying taxes, but the average citizen of the United States has paid his income taxes uncomplainingly during the war in the knowledge that war costs money as well as the lives of young men called from civilian life into the battle lines. The ordinary millions have paid their taxes, taxes that each week have been taken from their pay envelopes. But there have been some thousands who have hidden and concealed their earnings, thus

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attempting to avoid payment of their just and honest debt to their government and to chisel on their fellow countrymen.

This campaign to make the chiselers pay their part should have the hearty approval and assistance of every honest taxpayer, particularly those wage earners from whose pay envelopes have been set aside regularly their share of taxes. Each time a tax dodger gets away with robbing his government of his fair share of taxes by filing a false return, he is at the same time dipping his hand into the pocket of every person who pays income taxes. For what the other fellow gets away with, to put it politely—steals from the government in the form of taxes falsely avoided, to put it bluntly—the honest taxpayer must make up in the form of still higher taxes. The costs of war and of government must be paid. If the other fellow doesn't, you have to make up the difference.

BIGGER THAN SIXTY-FOUR

Will the Japanese surrender? Or will they fight on until they are thoroughly beaten on their home islands after invasion? At the present rate of destruction of Japanese cities and elimination of the Japanese navy, what with the other military might the United States in piling in the Pacific, how long will it take to force unconditional surrender after the Japanese Islands are invaded?

Each one of these is more than a sixty-four dollar question. They are sixty million dollar questions, with thousands of lives thrown in for good measure. We wish we knew the answers, but frankly we do not. We do know this, however. It will not be as long now as it has been before the end. It may come suddenly and soon. Yet it may require months and the sacrifice of many lives.

We know this too, that now is not the time for any let up at home. We know the war is not over. It will not be lost, but may lives can be lost if we at home begin thinking more of the end than working ceaselessly to bring it about.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Congress is trying to decide how much a man or woman should receive as unemployment compensation.

In this highly technical age, where jobs for all are dependent upon general prosperity, it may be necessary to have some provision to help take care of those who are unable to find work. But the whole situation must be handled with great wisdom.

We believe that the majority of Americans still insist on doing an honest day's work to get a day's pay. But we also realize that there is a growing minority which has no such compunctions and is hoping unemployment insurance will reach the level where they can make unemployment their profession.

In passing unemployment legislation, Congress must guard against making unemployment attractive to any working man or woman.

Roy Parker's Column

BREAKING A HABIT . . . A right away, I'll never want to habit is a hard thing to break. If I leave this place again.

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you don't believe it, make a little inventory of the habits of folks right around you. Chances are they go right on, day by day, year to year, making the same tracks, doing the same things—in business, in their home living, in personal habits, in social doings, and in all the other avenues of living. Perhaps I am over-conscious on the point, or maybe I had too-long a period of lying, thinking, observing reading, and watching. But, this isn't a personal philosophy paragraph; it is a social item. The family will spend the week at an ocean beach, just to break the habit of not having a habit of spending summertime periods at the beach. We got out of the beach habit 5 years ago and, if something isn't done to burst up the summer regimen on the farm

THE PAY-OFF . . . Real reason could be akin to the excuse mamas and papas make when they take off for the three-ringed circus: "I don't care a thing about going—rather not to—but somebody has to take the children." This beach trip is The Boy's payoff for bush-axeing most of the acres of new ground under preparation for postwar green tree and bush expansion. It was his idea to clean off the wooded plots, chosen in preference to a summer camp visit.

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GOVERNOR WARREN . . . Down on the banks of Dare County where there is never any lack of promotional publicity for the things they want, Lindsay Warren is being touted for Governor 4 years hence. The story

OTHERS SAY—

In Editorials

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE VETERAN

Fighting men of this war are returning in increasing numbers to their home communities following their release from the armed services. This fact emphasizes as never before our responsibility on the home front to do all in our power to make the homecoming for these heroes as easy as possible. The responsibility of municipal officials in this regard is great.

The Federal Government, through the G.I. Bill of Rights, has undertaken to make practical the gratitude of a nation for the great sacrifice made by our boys and girls. We in the home communities of returning heroes should feel obligated to see to it that these veterans get full and proper benefits from the provisions made by the Federal Government for their relief. In the first place, we should acquaint ourselves with the provisions of the G.I. Bill of Rights in order that we may help the individual veteran in his perplexity to benefit fully from what the bill proposes to do for him.

A lot has been written and said about the kind of individual the returning veteran will be. The idea has rather generally developed that he will return home an abnormal person, and as a consequence of this notion too many of us are inclined to regard the service man as a sort of problem child for society. Naturally, the man or boy who has been through the hell of modern warfare will be a changed personality. However, we should remember that, despite the bitter experiences and sacrifices, the returning G.I. Joe is still fundamentally the same individual who has longed in the foxhole, on the ship's deck and high in the clouds for home and all that it means to him. It is our responsibility to make the home town the fine community that the fighting man has dreamed of while thousands of miles away in the grim business of war.—Southern City.

PEACE IS A PROCESS

We have been reading "Peace Is A Process," just published by Rotary International. It is a forceful reminder of one of the basic objectives of Rotary International, "the advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united with the ideal of service."

The book presents 40 articles, which deal with the problems now taking shape throughout the world as war and peace merge. The articles are thought-provoking and should be read with interest as well as tolerance.

Without tolerance and understanding, we can have no peace. And like the writers of the articles in the book, we believe that peace is definitely a process . . . a process of education. With this idea in mind we are more convinced that all mediums related to the molding of thought must play an important role in assuring the peace of the future. On the shoulders of teachers, preachers, authors, editors, radios, motion pictures, newspapers and many other factors of influence must fall the burden of writing a peace for future generations, by which men can live and will be a permanent peace.
—Sandhill Citizen.

I read said, "Lindsay just smiled and said nothing." What else would you expect from a fellow who has always played his cards close to his chest? And you can take that figuratively or literally. Also, you can have my vote for the Warren-for-Governor box.

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They are polishing up the
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