

TWO SIDES
To Every Question
By LITTLE HULL

NATIONAL INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Our President has been struggling—since he went into office—for a bigger army, a bigger navy, a bigger air force. The struggle is with elements in the Congress. The people run the Congress—or think they do. Ergo: it is up to the people if they want complete insurance and more employment.

Many Americans have been led to believe that if Germany whips the Allies, she intends to—and will be able to—come over here and make a colony out of us. They believe, as did their prototypes in 1917, that our safety lies in going to war against Germany regardless of the many attendant risks—and regardless of our last lesson.

Some Americans believe that this hemisphere will eventually become parts of the British and French empires. They base their



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conclusions upon the slow but steady conquests of those two perpetually hungry and always grasping political entities, which in the last couple of centuries have swallowed half the world—minus one big mouthful which we yanked right out from between their back teeth.

A growing number of Americans are of the opinion that Japan intends to invade us at almost any moment—but certainly when it has finished off China. They point out how easily the Japanese could take, and hold, the Pacific coast—Harry Bridges and The Ham and Eggs crowd notwithstanding. They prove to you that from there to the Eastern seaboard, the little yellow men would have easy pickings.

A few Americans—but by far the most analytical and least emotional—are fearful, not of military conquest, but of defeat at the hands of an idea—Communism and Socialism. These thinkers reason that only such an enemy could overrun this country.

There are Americans who have such faith, that they believe this country could lick the world with bare fists.

As the above beliefs and theories cover about all our invasion complexes, it is reasonable to suppose that somewhere in the middle is the answer to our riddle. The riddle is: How big an army, navy and air force must we have to make the country absolutely secure in the event of attack by any nation or group of nations?

There are a few good arguments against building up big military and naval establishments; but there are many better ones in favor of so doing, particularly at the present time. If we had a naval force on the Atlantic coast as large as that which we have in the Pacific; if we had a standing army of two million men; and if we had a powerful, up-to-date air force—added to tremendous facilities for quick production of planes—we would have insurance for those who fear aggression and we could then mind our own business. Incidentally, we would add some more teeth to our Monroe Doctrine.

Work makes jobs. The construction of a great navy and air force would put literally hundreds of thousands to work in all the hundreds of industries which would have to jack up their employment to meet the demands of the shipyards and airplane factories. A million and a quarter men added to our standing army

would mean just that many more jobs for someone, and thousands upon thousands would go on the payrolls of the gun factories, powder works, iron mines, coal mines, steel plants, automobile factories, and so on down the line. We could use this work at this time, if only as a bulwark against those vile isms which are so much more to be feared than any military foe.

If we are worried about Hitler or Japan or anyone else, why not spend a few dollars and get back on our feet? It would surely be infinitely more profitable, and far less dangerous, than involving ourselves for the second time in the damnable brawls of Europe's political gangsters.

We can't stop European warfare; no one has ever been able to stop it. They are so accustomed to it over there that they seem to be almost impervious to it—like someone who has lived among mosquitoes all his life. He doesn't suffer from the stings, but a stranger does.

In the last war Germany was crushed and ruined; twenty years later she is on the crest of the wave, while we are still suffering from "unemploymentitis" and overtaxation. In the Franco-Prussian war, France was crushed and had to pay Germany a billion dollars and give up the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. A few years later France was rich and prosperous.

If we "save democracy" two or three more times, we should be nice and ripe for plucking by whichever of those old war-horses happens, at the time, to be on top of the European heap. It would be more pleasant to have Britain as our master than to have Germany or France or Russia or Japan; but for one, this writer prefers the present status quo.

Instructions Given For Soil Care

As a result of the record-breaking rains during the past week, technicians of the Soil Conservation Service here urge farmers in the Yadkin Work Unit, Yadkinville, to make a careful check of damage to terraces and diversion ditches.

If silt or other material accumulated in the terrace channel, they advise plowing out the channel to permit the free flow of excess water from rains that may fall later.

When a channel becomes clogged with silt and debris and forces the water over the ter-

race, it may result in a break. One terrace break may result in a breakdown of the entire terrace system and permit water to rush down across a field and carry away considerable soil.

Technicians recommend that breaks be repaired immediately. If done soon after the damage has occurred repairs can usually be made more economically and satisfactorily and will usually prevent severe erosion later on.

NOTICE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed on the 3rd day of June, 1936, by Paul Eldson, to Wm. M. Allen, Trustee, recorded in Book 133, at page 62, Office of the Register of Deeds, Surry County, North Carolina, and default having been made in payment of said note and deed of trust, and at the request of the holder of the note and deed of trust, the undersigned Trustee will on the 28th day of September, 1940, at 2 o'clock P. M., offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Bank of Elkin, the following described property, to-wit:

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