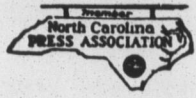


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For The Duration, With Sanity . .

More than any other recent statement, the President's Monday message relative to necessity of retention of Selective Service men and reserve officers in military ranks is indicative of the seriousness of the war in which the United States is now engaged.

We might as well accept it, while we wait for Congress in democratic process to make legal that extension of military service which necessity demands.

For months and weeks and days we have hoped that Selective Service men might not have to be kept in the Army beyond the originally specified period of one year.

A week or two ago we talked to a young man, a Person draftee, home from Fort Bragg for a week-end, who blindly placed his faith in the promised "one year."

Quietly, insidiously, this thing has come upon us and there is now no time left in which to speak of broken faith, because whatever of breaking of faith has occurred has been imposed by a time-spirit bigger and more powerful than any individual man, be he President or buck private.

We have every reason to hope and to believe that military participation of the United States in this war will not have to be one of actual bloodshed. Beyond that hope we dare not go.

And so, with great earnestness and with a seriousness never before invoked in this column, do we call upon our readers to preserve in this day what they can of courage and of sanity because we know they and all other Americans will have need of both before this business is finished.

We regret sincerely that this editorial had to be written. We wish we could contribute a little longer to the belief that this our war might be shortly ended, without further sacrifice of American freedoms.

The cloudburst through which we are now passing offers no excuse for loss of self-control.

Talmadgeism and John Doe

Only last week citizens of Georgia submitted with some protests to the spectacle of a revival of their Governor's narrow and utterly dispicable intolerance, the stuffing of their University's Board of Regents with persons who would for a civic price vote to discharge a faculty member not willing to comply with demands of Talmadgeism.

Discredit as was this episode and its compan-

ion episode at Georgia Teacher's college, the second stage of the drama as revealed this week is even more suggestive of danger in Georgia, and danger by example for whatever other centers of corruption there may be in these our United States.

We would be perfectly willing to regard this conflict between right and wrong in Georgia with complacency if we felt it to be a conflict confined to Georgia, but we know, that there is abroad in the land a spirit of suppression and that in many instances this suppression is cloaked with patriotism and nourished by bigotry in the name of religion.

By every intention "Meet John Doe" is meant to be a saga of faith in the little man, an exemplification of the great American tradition of the average man's influence, but only the hope that its obvious moral lesson will not be missed keeps us from condemning in strongest terms the romantic fiction of a happy ending for any John Doe movement.

If the people of the State of Georgia, having had sufficient warning in the late Huey Long of Louisiana, have been foolish enough to reelect their own little "Huey" Talmadge the citizens have only themselves to blame, but triteness of the remark does not cover up the shamefulness of their present position.

We cannot, however, point fingers of scorn at our neighbors to the South unless we are in our own territory, watchful to see that similar intolerances in lesser form do not spring up.



Just Like Hitler

Fayetteville Observer

Business of the City of Atlanta denying Senator Burton K. Wheeler the use of its auditorium because it disagrees with his stand and on the Nation's policy, is not a healthy symptom.

If America is to stay strong it will do so through the ability of its citizens to hear out both sides of any question and then make their own decisions.

Denial of a usual public place to a partisan speaker is a kind of regrettable censorship that has no place in a free country.

One can contrast the Atlanta attitude with the attitude of the citizens of Fayetteville where the Kiwanis Club invited Congressman Ham Fish to speak before it. Members of the Kiwanis Club were more than 90 per cent diametrically opposed to Congressman Fish's ideas, but they gave him a hearing and then thanked him for the interesting presentation of his views.

That is the way of free people.

The way Atlanta is taking smacks more of Nazidom than Senator Wheeler.

Liability

Charlotte News

Lindbergh has every right to demand that Secretary Harold Ickes apologize for implying that the ex-Colonel is connected with "interests of a foreign power." Mr. Ickes specifically criticized Lindbergh for accepting that now-infamous German medal way back in 1938.

It is nothing new for Ickes to make a bitter and unsubstantiated attack on any person who happens to cross his path. He is a man who breathes hatred, who apparently is unable to exercise the self-control that should qualify a Cabinet member.

This newspaper sees no merit in the political views of Lindbergh. We disagree with virtually everything he says: we deplore his attitude in this world crisis. It is because of this position that we and all who disagree with Lindbergh would regret seeing him martyred.

Yet the blundering, extremist Mr. Ickes has done more to help Lindbergh than all the Nazi sympathizers in America. By shooting off his mouth, Mr. Ickes has given Lindbergh the opportunity to demand an apology.

If Mr. Ickes were a baseball player instead of a cabinet member, his manager would have sent him back to the bush leagues long ago.

NYA Has Vital Defense Role Says State Director Lang

Center In Roxboro Under Mrs. Beth Brewer Pridgen Is Among Those Performing Service.

Raleigh July 24—The National Youth Administration for North Carolina has a vital role in the nation's program of defense through its wide-scale national defense work experience program designed to fit young people, America's greatest natural resource, for jobs in vital defense industries.

Gearing its activities into the nation's program, the NYA has been designated as a national defense agency and is playing an important part in the defense program in this state through 29 major projects employing more than 1600 youths and providing training in aviation mechanics, shipbuilding, auto mechanics, machine shop, welding, cooking, forging, woodwork, electricity, and others which lead to employment in critical defense industries.

In addition to the training provided these youths, the NYA for North Carolina is producing gun racks, metal gun sights, metal supplies, office equipment and forms, surgical dressings, and other necessary equipment and supplies for military and defense posts and hospitals.

Describing the National Youth Administration's participation in the national defense program in North Carolina, State NYA Administrator, John A. Lang declared, "In this period of national emergency and as the United States prepares for any eventuality, the NYA affords young people with an opportunity to prepare themselves to meet these new and urgent demands through the extension of its program of work experience, related training, and health improvement."

"The NYA for North Carolina is coordinating its efforts—flexible and easily adjustable as they are—in the interest of the defense program in addition to carrying out its regular program of work activities."

Recognized as national defense training projects are 15 major projects, located at Asheville, Greenville, Greensboro, Kinston, Raleigh, Wilmington, Durham, and Rocky Mount. These consists of projects providing health improvement and training and experience in machine shops, wood-working shops, forging, welding, sheet metal, radio, and other industrial fields.

In addition, at Fort Bragg is located the State's largest NYA project, with approximately 225 boys and girls employed as switchboard operators, clerks, secretaries, automobile mechanics, cooks, bakers and ordinance shop workers. At Camp Davis and the Charlotte air base, 40 and 10 youths respectively are employed.

At the United States Coast Guard air base and shipyard at Elizabeth City, 40 boys are employed in training and work experience leading to positions as shipyard workers and aviation mechanics. Every youth employed on one of these projects will not become a shipbuilder or an airplane mechanic, but those who

show natural aptitude and ability are given every opportunity to receive experience leading to private and defense employment in these industries.

Every boy or girl employed at Fort Bragg, Camp Davis, the Charlotte air base, or the Coast Guard air base and shipyard receives a soldier for active military duty and training and at the same time gives the youth leading to defense employment.

In addition to these projects, at Henderson, Durham, Hickory Grove, and Fayetteville automobile mechanics are being trained in a field which is expected to become recognized as outright defense work in the immediate future due to the present mechanization of the armed forces of the nation. Trained mechanics are quickly being recognized as being as important to defense as actual military service because of the tremendous need for repairs and servicing of mechanized equipment.

Machine shops are being established at Charlotte, Winston-Salem, and Elizabeth City in the immediate future, all of which will become defense projects as soon as operators are inaugurated.

Girls also play a major role in national defense. At Greensboro and Sanford, power sewing projects are turning out uniform shirts for members of the state home guard and work clothing for defense shop employees.

In addition, switchboard operators, clerks, and secretaries are essential defense employees on military posts.

At Durham, the National Youth Administration is operating a new resident health and work center for men rejected by the selective service boards due to remedial physical defects and other sub-par youths. These youths are given an opportunity to physically improve themselves while receiving training in wood-working, machine shop, radio, photography, and other fields important to defense and defense industries.

Through the cooperation of Wake Forest, University of North Carolina, Duke University, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the State Board of Health, complete medical, dental, and surgical facilities are available to the rejectees and others enrolled in the Durham Resident Center. The center is the first of its kind in the entire nation and is being operated on an experimental basis, which is expected to lead to the establishment of such centers throughout the nation should he need arise.

In every defense post in North Carolina, equipment produced by the National Youth Administration

tion is being used, Desks, tables, chairs, and other office equipment is being manufactured for the United States Army and the Office of Production Manager, while 1,300 gun racks have been produced for Camp Davis in the Raleigh Resident Center alone. Twenty thousand guns will be stored in the racks thus provided.

Further participating in the national defense program, the NYA for North Carolina inaugurated in December, 1940, a state-wide health program for all its workers. The critical need for the physical improvement of youth is shown by selective service statistics indicating that over 40 per cent of all drafted youths are rejected for physical defects.

This health program has three major objectives:

1. A physical appraisal, by means of a thorough health examination of every youth assigned to the NYA out-of-school work program.

2. Correction of health defects through the utilization of all community resources, through the use of supplementary medical and dental services provided where possible by the NYA, and through developing in youth an interest in improving health through his own personal efforts.

3. Improved technical advice and assistance with respect to all NYA efforts having a direct and immediate bearing on the health of youth workers, such as nutrition, sanitation, physical development and recreation.

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