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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. There is now no longer any use for us to fool ourselves: We are at present moment spared the agony of daily casualty lists, but we are in every other respect as much at war with Germany as we ever were in 1917-1918, and we might as well accept the factual truth.

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. We might as well accept it, while we can still be grateful that the democratic process permits the delays of Congressional disagreement as to the extent of the emergency.

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. That hope is now to all appearances to be blasted, and since it has to be, it may be just as well that we, as citizens, know at the last where we are standing. The hypocrisy is over. We will no longer have to fool either ourselves or the young men who have been, or will be called.

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." We sat there and listened to him, and did not have the nerve to spoil his dream by telling him that he was under an illusion.

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. In a certain sense we must be glad that this point of decision has been reached. It is only too obvious that the nervous strain of pretending that a state of emergency does not exist is greater than the final recognition of its actuality.

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. All of the other accompaniments of war are with us now and we may as well be prepared to accept them. Despite all government efforts to control economics we are in for a period of rising prices and higher wages, and unless we are sadly mistaken the proposed closeby military camp is this week much more of an actuality than it was last week. There is no escape, and the only safeguard against that hysteria which was pointedly mentioned in Sunday's Times lies within ourselves.

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, before educated tolerance can again be viewed without suspicion.

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. That we can no longer so believe only increases our anxiety that our people should today know where they are and that they will thus be prepared to salvage what they can by preservation of at least the appearance of sanity and tolerance while they go about the necessary business of being patriotic.

The cloudburst through which we are now passing offers no excuse for loss of selfcontrol.

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.

Discreditabe 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. When the Governor of a State tasks publicly of refusing to release to newspapers stems pertaining to the affairs of government in that State suspicion, points strongly at an unspeakable corruption there, so that the ironic remark of Managing Editor Frank Hawkins, of the Macon News (accused of being one of the few papers unwilling to bow to Talmadge): "We feel highly complimented," stands out as a declaration of courage worthy of highest traditions of forthright and intelligent journalism.

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 suppresion is cloaked with patriotism and nourished by bigotry in the name of religion. There was this week shown in Roxboro a motion picture built around the mythical character of "John Doe", a 1941 Everyman, whose blundering righteousness is very nearly wrecked by a political boss whose name could be Gene Talmadge.

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. Men like "Boss" Norton" of the film and Gene Talmadge of Georgia cannot ce so quickly disposed of, once they have risen to power. The time to stop them is in the beginning, before their power is capable of crushing the meak John and Jane Doe whose votes for them make them what they

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. And despite its weakness, as drama, we would suggest that showing in their State of a film such as "Meet John Doe" would amount to public benefaction.

We cannot, however, point fingers of scorn at our neignbors to the South unless we are in our own territor watchful to see that similar intolerances in lesser torm 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

One can contrast the Atlanta attitude with the attitude of the citizens of Fayetteville where the Kiwanis Club invited Congresman 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 Secreretary Harold Ickes apologize for implying that the ex-Colonel is connected with "interests of a foreign power." Mr. Ickes specifically critized Lindbergh for accepting that now-infamous German medal way back in 1938. Lindbergh's reply, airtight and documented, was that to have refused the Nazi decoration would have been to insult Germany in the name of the American Ambassador who was on hand at the presentation.

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. He is a man who possesses such a lack of restraint that he is dangerous not only to his enemies, but also to his friends.

This newspaper sees no merit in the political views of Lindgergh. 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 Lindgergh would regret seeing him martyrized.

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. The fair-minded American public will see justification in these demands.

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 chairs, and other office equip-Says State Director Lang of Production Manager,

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

Raleigh July 24-The National resource, for jobs in vital denounced yesterday.

been designated as a national de- defense work in the immediate shipbuilding, auto mechanics, cause of the tremendous need for forging, woodwork, electricity, nized equipment. and others which lead to employment in critical defense indus- tablished at Charlotte, Winston-

vided these youths, the NYA for will become defense projects as North Carolina is producing gun soon as operators are inaugeraracks, metal gun sights, metal ted. supplies, office equipment and Girls also play a major role in forms, surgical dressings, and national defense. At Greensborc other necessary equipment and and Sanford, power sewing prosupplies for military and defense jects are turning out uniform trition, sanitation, physcial deposts and hospitals:

Administration's participation in for defense shop employees. the national defense program in In addition, switchboard opclared, "In this period of nation- on military posts. ing, and health improvement."

ble and easily adjustable as they photography, and other fields are-in the interest of the defense important to defense and defense program in addition to carrying industries. out its regular program of work activities."

Recognized as natonal defense projects, located at Asheville, perience in machine shops, woodperience in machine shops, woodin the Durnam resident.

The center is the first of its kincle in the entire nation and is being in the entire nation and is being sheet metal, radio, and other industrial fields.

In addition, at Fort Bragg is located the State's largest NYA centers throughout the nation project, with approximately 225 should he need arise. boys and girls employed as Carolina, equipment produced by 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 aviati n mechanics. Every youth employ. ed on one of these projects will not become a shipbuilder or an airplane mechanic, but those was

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show natural aptitude and abilto receive experience leading to private and defense employment in these industries.

ministrator, John A. Lang, an Grove, and Fayetteville automo- defects. bile mechanics are being trained Gearing its activities into the in a field which is expected to nation's program, the NYA has become recognized as outright fense agency and is playing an future due to the present mechimportant part in the defense anization if the armed forces of program in this state through 29 the nation. Trained mechanics signed to the NYA out-of-school major projects employing more are quickly being recognized as work program. than 1600 youths and providing being as important to defense training in aviation mechanics, as actual military service bemachine shop, welding, cooking, repairs and servicing of mech-

Machine shops are being es-Salem, and Elizabeth City in the In addition to the training pro- immediate future, all of which

shirts for members of the state velopment and recreation. Describing the National Youth home guard and work clothing

North Carolina, State NYA Ad- erators, clerks, and secretaries ministrator, John A. Lang de- are essential defense employees

al emergency and as the United At Durham, the National Youth States prepares for any eventual- Administration is operating a ity, the NYA affords young peo- new resident health and work ple with an opportunity to pre-center for men rejected by the pare themselves to meet these selective service boards due to new and urgent demands through remedial physical defects and the extension of its program of other sub-par youths. These work experience, related train- youths are given an opportunity to physically improve themselves "The NYA for North Carolina while receiving training in woodis coordinating its efforts-flexi- working, machine shop, radio,

Through the cooperation of Wake Forest, University of training projects are 15 major North Carolina, Duke University, the Rockfellow Foundation, and Greenville, Greensboro, Kinston. the State Board of Health, com-Raleigh, Wilmington, Durham, plete medical, dental, and surand Rocky Mount. These consists of projects providing health imoperated on an experimental basis, which is expected to lead to the establishment of such

In every defene post in North the National Youth Administra-

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tion is being used. Desks, tables, ment is being manufactured for the United States Army and the while 1,300 gun racks have been produced for Camp Davis in the Raleigh Resident Center alone, ity are given every opportunity Twenty thousand guns will be stored in the racks thus provided.

Further participating in the Every boy or girl employed at national defense program, the N al Youth Administration for Fort Bragg, Camp Davis, the YA for North Carolina inaugura-North Carolina has a vital role Charlotte air base, or the Coast ted in December, 1940, a statein the nation's program of de- Guard air base and shipyard re- wide health program for all its fense through its wide-scale na- lieves a soldier for active mili- workers. The critical need for tional defense work experience tary duty and training and at the physical improvement of program designed to fit young the same time gives the youth youth is shown by selective serpeople, America's greatest natur- leading to defense employment. vice statistics indicating that ov-In addition to these projects, er 40 per cent of all drafted fense industries, State NYA Ad- at Henderson, Durham, Hickory youths are rejected for physical

> This health program has three major objectives:

1. A physical appraisal, by means of a thorough health examination of every youth as-

2. Corrfection 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 asistance with respect to all NYA efforts having a direct and immediate bearing on the health of youth workers, such as nu-



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