

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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BASES FOR DESTROYERS SAFEGUARDED THIS COUNTRY MOST AMERICANS APPROVE LABOR DAY SPEECHES GREEN FOR A. F. L. LEWIS FOR C. I. O. ROOSEVELT'S ADDRESSES WILLKIE'S STATEMENT 1,000 PLANES A MONTH CALLED TO THE COLORS

The announcement last week that the United States would acquire sites for eight air and naval bases from Great Britain, in exchange for fifty over-age destroyers, moves the outer defenses of this nation far to the eastward of continental areas and serves to safeguard the southern approaches to the Panama Canal.

Bases in New Foundland and Bermuda were not involved in the swap for destroyers because the British for some reason preferred to grant them freely and without compensation. The other bases, including that in British Guiana, on the coast of South America, will be of incalculable benefit to this country in the event that we ever have to face a foe in the Atlantic Ocean.

In addition, the State Department announces that it has been assured that it is "settled" British policy not to surrender or destroy the British fleet, regardless of what happens in the present struggle, and that the naval might of the empire will leave England, if necessary, to protect the other parts of the empire. This is reassuring to the strategists of this nation who have wondered what would happen if the Germans are able to acquire important units of the British fleet.

While there are critics of the acquisition of the bases and the transfer of the over-age destroyers to Great Britain, most Americans approve the trade, both as to improving the defensive establishment of this country and also because it serves to strengthen British resistance to German attacks in Europe, which is regarded as a form of protection to the United States.

The celebration of Labor Day in this country was marked by many speeches in praise of the contribution of the worker to modern society and was marked generally by an attitude, on the part of the workers and public alike, that is far different from that which has featured Labor Day celebrations in many other countries of the world.

William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, in his address, condemned the German, Russian and Italian dictatorships, urged all aid short of war for Great Britain and warned the United States to build up its internal defenses against possible invasions by the dictators should they conquer England.

Mr. Green advised workers and employers to avoid strikes by being "calm and patient" and, while criticizing the Burke-Wadsworth Selective Service Bill, he asserted that his group would not oppose conscription if it can be shown that the traditional method of voluntary enlistment has failed.

Deploping the chronic condition of unemployment and admitting the new employment opportunities provided by the national defense program, Mr. Green said that it is incumbent on the Government to find a permanent cure and solution of this troubling problem.

John L. Lewis, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, in his Labor Day address, insisted that a secure state of national defense requires the solution of the problem of unemployment and the better distribution of the national income.

Declaring that his organization was ready to take its place in the defense of the nation, Mr. Lewis insisted that there were men in high places who did not want labor to participate in the national effort.

They spread the "falsehood," he said, that labor prevented France from being adequately armed when it was really the industrialists who were to blame in France. He attacked advocates of peace-time conscription, saying they sought to create an atmosphere of hysteria to attain their ends. Mr. Lewis held that an adequate army can be obtained through voluntary enlistment if proper inducements are offered and denounced peace-time conscription as "one of the major planks in the platform of reaction." He urged that steps be taken to meet the "new and terrible depression of catastrophic proportions that will follow the advent of peace."

President Roosevelt also made two public addresses on Labor Day, one in the dedicatory exercises at the \$36,000,000 Chickamauga Dam and the other in dedicating the 200,000 timbered acres of the Great Smoky National Park. At Chickamauga, he praised the program of the Tennessee Valley Authority and outlined the objectives involved, including control of water for better navigation, the building of lakes, the prevention of erosion, the development of power, the building up of soil fertility, the re-forestation of millions of acres of land and the improvement of social and economic life of the citizens in the regions affected.

In dedicating the National Park, the President referred to the nation's task of conserving the bounties of Nature, expressing the hope that the Great Smoky National Park "one hundred years from now" will still belong to the people of a free nation. In both addresses, he referred to the international situation, saying that we face "a time of peril unmatched in the history of the nations of all the world" and warning that "the greatest attack that has ever been launched against freedom of the individual is nearer the Americas than ever before."

He called attention to the enemy at home who "mocks ideals, sneers at sacrifice and pretends the American people can live by bread alone." He urged the people to prepare for the danger without, told of the defense industries to be located behind the mountains and insisted that the good gains that have been made for human social security in recent years shall be retained.

Wendell L. Willkie, Republican nominee for President, issued a statement on the eve of Labor Day, paid tribute to the American wage earner "who has played such a great part in building up the American economic and political system." He called attention to the four great freedoms enjoyed by American workers—the right to speak, to think, to assemble, and to worship God—pointing out that "in America these freedoms still prevail." He cited the liquidation of free trade unions in totalitarian dictatorships of Europe, and quoted Leon Jouhaux, French labor leader, as declaring that "Hitlerism and free organized labor cannot exist in the same world." Mr. Willkie referred to unemployment, pointed out that Government spending can only serve as a temporary measure of relief, and called for the removal of barriers to confidence so that owners and managers of industry will be willing to risk the expenditure of capital for the development of industrial enterprises. He promised to arrest the "present trend toward placing labor unions under

Government control" and pledged his influence to establish "fortwitha collective bargaining between management and men upon a basis of goodwill, conciliation and economic voluntarism and free from interference." with airplane production now at the approximate level of 1,000 planes a month, the National Defense Commission reveals that this will be increased to 2,000 a month early next year, and to 3,000 by the end of 1941. While automobile factories will not be turned over to manufacture airplanes, vast production of defense materials is expected to begin early in 1941 and production should rise rapidly next Spring.

The Defense Commission calls attention to the amount of planning that goes into the production of war weapons, stressing the mass of plans necessary and the time that it takes to construct essential machinery for high-speed production.

In a battleship, for example, thirty tons of blueprints are involved. A light tank requires 2,500 individual drawings, each drawn exactly to scale. For a 155-millimeter gun, a thousand sets of drawings are used on the gun carriage and many more are required for the recoil mechanism.

This information is given out to explain why production of planes, tanks and ships cannot reach vast proportions until many weeks of preliminary work has been done.

On September 16th, more than 60,000 members of the National Guard from 26 States will report at various Army posts for a year's training. Taking advantage of the special defense resolution recently passed by Congress, the President called this group for intensive training which would eventually include the entire National Guard. In addition, when the Selective Service Bill becomes law, the War Department is expected to call into service about 400,000.

It should be noted that Guardsmen, below the rank of Captain, who have wives or children dependent upon them, can resign during the first twenty days of the life of the law. This provision applies to organized reserves also. While in training, the Guardsmen will receive regular Army pay and legislative safeguards have been provided to protect them in the possession of jobs they held in private life.

RYLAND NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dilday have returned after a few days' visit in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Goodwin, of Chuckatuck, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Carson Davis and little son, of near Gliden, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Jordan Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Davis was carried to Lakeview Hospital, Suffolk, Va., Sunday for treatment.

Ramona and Marian Hensley, who are spending the summer with their grandmother, Mrs. Harriett Parks of near Gliden, spent Sunday night and Monday with Lelia Faye Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Jordan entertained several friends at dinner on Friday complimentary to their son, Rudolph Jordan, and his bride, Rev. and Mrs. John T. Byrum and family, Rev. Mr. McCloud and Mrs. H. N. Ward, were among those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ray Dilday and baby have recently moved into the community from Rocky Hock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wardie Henigar and children visited relatives in Rocky Hock Sunday afternoon.

Walter Byrum spent Saturday at Coinjock.

Farmers To Get More Premiums

Agricultural, educational and industrial premiums totaling \$17,500 will be offered exhibitors at the 84th annual State Fair to be held at Raleigh, October 8 through 12, Dr. J. S. Dorton, manager, announced today.

Premiums will be limited to North Carolinians in keeping with a policy established in 1937 when the State Department of Agriculture took over management of the Fair following operations for several years under private management. Prize money will be larger than in 1939.

The 1940 State Fair will have 19 divisions: County progress exhibits, field crops and farm exhibits, horticulture products, livestock, beef cattle and sheep, dairy cattle, swine, draft horses, poultry, women's department, boys and girls 4-H clubs, bees and honey, educational department, vocational education, fine arts, farm machinery and tractors, horse and mule pulling contest, ham and bacon, and federal departments.

Mrs. L. L. Stevens of Shawboro, W. Ivan Bissett of Grifton and C. S. Young of Shelby, members of the State Board of Agriculture, compose the board's Fair committee.

W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture and ex officio director of the exposition, said that "advance reports indicate that the number of exhibitors this year will be even greater than last season." A steady increase in the number of exhibitors has been reported for the past three years.

An unusual array of entertainment features will be presented during Fair week, including nine grandstand acts under the direction of George Hamid, the World of Mirth Shows on the midway, Lucky Teter and His Heli Drivers, harness, auto and motorcycle races, and fireworks each night.

Later Learning

It's what we learn after we think we know it all that counts.—W. R. Morris.

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JORDAN-TAYLOR

A marriage of unusual interest was solemnized Wednesday morning of last week at 9 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Taylor, of near Sunbury, when their daughter, Sallie Marie, became the bride of Rudolph Jordan, of near Ryland.

The impressive ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. N. Vaughan, pastor of the bride, in the presence of a few relatives and intimate friends.

The bride was attired in a fall costume of navy with matching accessories and wore a shoulder corsage of asters and fern.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Jordan left for a short trip. They are now at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Jordan, of near Ryland, Mr. Jordan being successfully engaged in farming.

Be virtuous and you will be eccentric, yet blessed.

Preferred
"Your fiance is a charming man. He has a certain something. Yes, but I would rather he had something certain."

NEEDLE PRICK FATAL
Tifton, Ga.—When a needle which had been used to open a boil on the knee of Jackie Wiggins, of near Lenox, pricked his foot, the resulting infection proved fatal to the six-year-old lad.

WHY WOMEN WILL DO THINGS MEN WON'T DO
Well-known psychologist analyses urge of "silly-age" females to show off in useless contests that males fight shy of. An interesting illustrated feature in the September 22 issue of

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Auto Quiz No. 9

ANSWERS

1. e. all the wars in which our country has been engaged. Our nation has been engaged in six major wars since its birth in 1776. In total, these wars have extended over a period of about 18 years. The number of American soldiers killed in action or died of wounds during those 16 years was 244,357. During the last 16 years there have been almost 475,000 Americans killed in traffic accidents.

2. b stop, give assistance if necessary, and identify yourself. If you leave the scene of an accident, even though your motives may be of the best, you may leave yourself open to a charge of "Evasion Responsibility" and severe punishment. In many localities you are also required to report an accident to the proper authorities.

3. True. Many minor mishaps occur at low speeds, but police department records show few fatalities at 25 miles per hour or under.