

## LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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### Red-Faced Isolationists. Join Band Wagon—U. S. Learns Lesson

Now that the non-interventionists and isolationists, almost without exception, have agreed that the United States is no longer isolated in the Pacific, it is not to the interest of national unity to delve too deeply into the falseness of their views but it is most important for the people of the United States to understand the lesson that the nation has been taught in the Pacific.

For many years, in fact since 1918, a vociferous crew of alleged patriots have paraded up and down the nation, arrogantly asserting their own patriotism and denouncing what they called American intervention in world affairs. These super-patriots did their best to persuade the people of this country that those who failed to agree with their isolation theories were attempting to serve the interest of foreign governments and were oblivious to the welfare of the people of this country.

The Wheelers, Nyes, Johnsons and Lindbergs assumed to know everything in connection with foreign affairs and to have sources of information superior to the Government of the United States. They were willing to risk the safety of their government upon their opinion that other nations had no designs against the United States and would not dare to attack this country. They talked blithely of the invincibility of the United States and, occasionally, broke down enough to admit that this country should arm itself against possible foreign attack.

It should not be overlooked that the focus of the hatred of many of the alleged patriots was the British Empire and the suspicion cannot be avoided that their judgment would have served the United States better had they hated the British less. These blind leaders of the nation asserted for years that we were completely isolated, that an attack upon the United States was impossible and that the prospects of war arose from the efforts of the President to meddle in the affairs of other people.

It is interesting to recall that the attack upon Honolulu was so entirely unprovoked by this country that even professional pacifists wavered in their faith and decided to support the government against foreign attack. It is just as well for national unity that the war began through Japanese devilry in the Pacific because this has solidified public opinion in the United States, convincing even the isolationists and non-interventionists that the United States had no choice but to defend herself.

The reader should not fail to comprehend the present world situation or to understand that the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor represents a piece of the pattern of lawlessness that dominates Axis purposes. The only reason why our war did not begin in the Atlantic was the fact that Great Britain stood between the United States and the striking power of Germany, making it impossible for

Hitler to launch a surprise attack upon some great metropolitan city on the eastern seaboard.

Had war come to us in the Atlantic through the aggression of Hitler, the die-hard non-interventionists and isolationists would have pretended that the President of the United States was responsible for the attack. Since war began in the Pacific, while President Roosevelt was in the midst of an earnest and sincere effort to arrange a peaceful settlement of issues in the Far East, there is no way to blame his policies for the conflict.

**Labor Wins Closed Shop But John L. Lewis Being Isolated.**

On the day that Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, the three-man arbitration board appointed by President Roosevelt to arbitrate John L. Lewis' captive coal mine dispute, reached a decision. This Board ruled that all workers in the captive coal mines should be required to join John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers, reversing the decision of the National Defense Mediation Board.

The decision was reached by a 2-1 vote, with Benjamin F. Fairless, of the United Steel Corporation, dissenting. The other two members of the Board are Dr. John R. Steelman, Director of the U. S. Conciliation Service, and Mr. Lewis.

In explaining why he voted for the union shop, Dr. Steelman pointed out that 99.5 per cent. of all miners of the nation are members of the union, and 95 per cent. of the 50,000 captive miners have voluntarily assumed membership in the C. I. O. Thus, he reasons, the United Mine Workers were not endeavoring to take advantage of the national emergency to change the status quo.

The Mediation Board did not vote in favor of Mr. Lewis' union, according to Dr. Steelman, because the Board did not feel that workers should be made to join the union through government compulsion. Since, however, the arbitration channel was functioning independently of the government, it was in a position to make a decision based solely on the merits of the dispute.

Now the captive coal mine strike is over. Labor has won. John L. Lewis and the government were labor's champions. By being labor's champion, hasn't the government undermined John L. Lewis' position? Hasn't the President of the United States succeeded in isolating John L. Lewis' command?

In criticizing John L. Lewis' demands, the New Jersey State Industrial Union of the C. I. O. passed a resolution denouncing John L. Lewis for his connection with the "America First Committee and its Fascist character." The resolution also said that "no labor leader can represent the interests of labor and at the same time be connected in any way with the America First or any other Fascist-linked organization."

Laborers have a right to be disgusted with John L. Lewis. Was it not John L. Lewis' captive coal mine strike that turned the wrath of the nation on organized labor? Is it not

true that John L. Lewis' strike was chiefly responsible for the House passage of the Smith Bill, which has been termed by the present Administration as a much too drastic measure?

**U. S. vs. Axis Aggressors. Schools vs. Battleships. Isolation Proves Costly. We Face Stupendous Test.**

For once in the history of the United States, the nation finds itself faced with three great powers, as a result of war declarations against us. It should be noted that Japan, Germany and Italy took the initiative in declaring war against the United States and that Germany and Italy acted to support the hostilities initiated by Japan and to demonstrate complete Axis solidarity.

We well remember, a few years ago, when admirals of the United States' fleet appeared before Congress and based their requests for warships upon a comparison of our naval strength and that of the three Axis powers. They were hooted and derided by the pacifists, isolationists and economy-minded congressmen who insisted that this nation should build schoolhouses and not battleships. Few congressmen at that time, had the faintest idea that, in 1941, the United States would be engaged in an all-out war with the Axis aggressors.

Japan's attack upon the United States widened the conflict to embrace the entire world and the action of Germany and Italy provide overwhelming evidence that these three nations are engaged in a supreme effort to overthrow Western civilization, including the governments of both the United States and Great Britain.

Luckily for us at this time, the English-speaking nations are receiving assistance from the armies of China and Russia. This is not due to any foresight on our part but solely to the aggressive attacks of our enemies. Japanese war on China and Germany's attack upon Russia have spread hatred between the peoples concerned and this will probably work to the advantage of the United States and Great Britain.

The chances are that Germany and Japan will ease their attacks upon Russia and China and concentrate the full fury of their aggression upon their main enemies, the United States and Great Britain. There is every prospect that the United States will find the present conflict a stupendous test of national strength and morale and that peace will be won only through an amazing expenditure of money and a frightful cost in blood.

There is nothing to be gained in ignoring the terrible dangers which confront the United States as a result of our foolish disarmament policy, the absurd fetish of isolation, and the utterly senseless pacifism of misguided people in this country. They have brought the country to the brink of almost inevitable disaster and the Ship of State will be saved only through the exertion of a united people, steered to super-endurance and ready to pay the price to maintain their independence and to preserve the liberties and freedom of America.

### Farmers Urged To Produce No. 1 War Material — Food

"What can I do?" is the question being asked now by North Carolina farmers in the early days of this war. Dean I. O. Schaub of State College, agricultural representative on the Executive Committee of the State Defense Council, answers the question in part.

He says: "Agriculture's part in the war-time economy of the United States is to produce the No. 1 war material—food. We need to grow more food than we've ever grown before. We don't need more tobacco or cotton, and if necessary we should sacrifice acreage of these two crops to produce food, and feed from which food can be produced."

Dean Schaub said the goals established under the Food-for-Freedom campaign, and accepted by farmers when they signed their Farm Plans for 1942, will insure enough food for home use, and for the fighting forces of the United States and her allies. "But under no circumstances can we afford to fall short of meeting these goals," he declared. "The best policy now is to plan to exceed the goals."

The State College leader said the two immediate and practical jobs for farm people are to see that farm machinery is in good repair, and to collect scrap metal off the farm and sell it to junk yards.

"Steel is scarce," Dean Schaub asserted, "and more scrap metal is urgently needed for steel production. The manufacturers of farm machinery must know at once how much steel will be needed to produce repair parts for farm tractors, combines, and other machines. The metal will be allocated to produce these parts. The problem right now is to determine what parts are required."

The United States has a great superiority in the matter of food, Dr. Schaub said, "and it is up to farm people to see that we remain superior," he asserted.

**Not Called That**  
Psychologist — When children are naughty, quickly switch their attention.  
Mother — Switch their what?

## New Farm Publications Available At College

State College announces that three new farm publications are available for free distribution to North Carolina farmers, and that a popular Extension circular on egg production has been revised and re-printed.

The new publications are: Extension Circular No. 252, "For Better Farming in Western North Carolina;" and Extension Folder No. 49, "Creep Feeding Beef Calves."

F. H. Jeeter, agricultural editor at State College, announced that Extension Circular No. 158, "Feeding for Egg Production," was revised and re-printed because of the demand which exhausted the supply of the original publication. He explained that interest is high in expanded egg production to meet the goals in the Food-for-Freedom campaign which is a part of the National Defense program.

C. F. Parrish, Extension poultryman, and Prof. R. S. Dearstyne, head of the State College Poultry Department, are co-authors of both the Chick-Raising and Feeding for Egg Production circulars. T. T. Brown and C. J. Maupin, other Extension poultry specialists, helped with the former, and H. C. Gauger, poultry disease specialist at the college, assisted with the latter.

The circular on Better Farming in Western North Carolina is a compilation of reports made by farmer-committees who attended the annual

Western North Carolina Farmers' Convention at Boone last summer. The reports, offering recommendations for approved farming practices in 13 enterprises, were compiled by R. W. Shoffner, Extension farm management specialist.

Sam L. Williams, assistant Extension animal husbandman, prepared the Creep Feeding folder which contains a drawing of a calf creep.

Any, or all, of these publications will be sent to farmers free upon request, by name and number, to the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

### CHILD KILLS AUNT

Chicago. — Explaining hysterically that she thought the pistol a "cap" pistol, Roberta Long told police that she had picked up a revolver from a kitchen table, pointed it at her aunt Mrs. Nellie Armstrong, 73, and cried, "Bang." Mrs. Armstrong fell dead with a bullet in her head.



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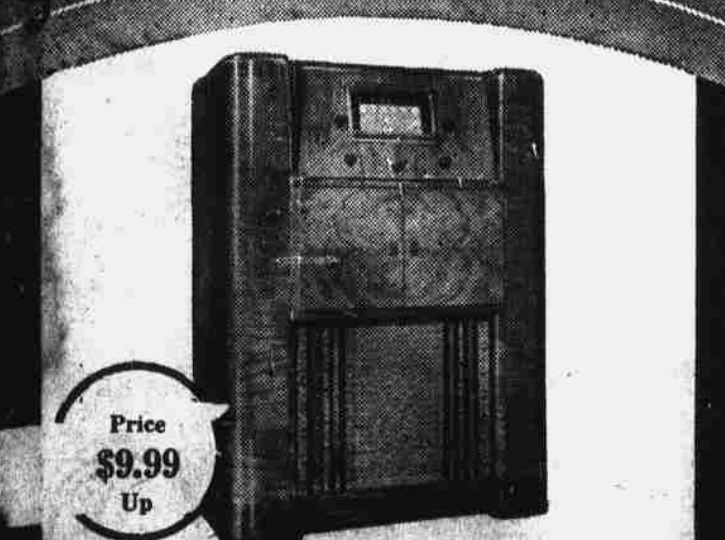


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