

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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Magnitude Not Appreciated Excessive Losses Avoided Anglo-American War Effort

The recall of Maxim Litvinoff from Washington by the Soviet government has produced an amazing amount of speculation as to Russian policy and provides fresh evidence, if any be needed, that many people in the United States and Great Britain sneeze quickly when Joseph Stalin takes snuff.

So insistent has been the Soviet demand for a second front that people in this country overlook the fact that the United States and Great Britain are making a contribution to the prosecution of the war that is on a par, if it does not excel, that of the Soviet itself.

Every intelligent Anglo-American appreciates the importance of the Red Army and its splendid performance. To admire the fighting heart of the Russian soldier should not lead one to over-emphasize what the Russians are doing on the land front and under-emphasize what the British and Americans are doing in the rest of the world.

The Red Army, operating strictly in defense of the Soviet, finds it necessary to resist the German army. In its struggle to save Russia, it is making a stupendous contribution to the defeat of Germany and thus assisting the Anglo-Americans in their war against Hitlerized Europe.

It is perfectly true that the heavy casualties of the present war are shared mainly by the German and Russian armies fighting in Russia. The toll of manpower is enormous and leads some observers to the conclusion that, without accepting equality in losses, the Anglo-Americans cannot make an equal contribution to the winning of the war.

We do not agree with this line of thought. Nothing in modern warfare is more intelligent than the effort of the Anglo-Americans to avoid an unnecessary heavy slaughter of soldiers. Nor is it yet apparent that a premature effort to invade Europe, at the expense of enormous casualties, will result in greater assistance to Russia than a delayed attack, after complete preparations, which will insure success of the offensive.

It is very important for us to realize the extent of the Anglo-American contribution to victory. It is far greater than most people imagine. Here is the record:

(1) A successful campaign in the

Mediterranean area, inflicting a million and a quarter casualties on the Axis and freeing North Africa and the Near East from the danger of German attack. In addition to its effect upon the war strength of the Axis, the operation has preserved a transportation route through Iran to Russia, over which an immense volume of supplies is being sent to the Soviet.

(2) The Anglo-American air forces have launched, and are expanding, the greatest aerial offensive in the history of the world. It is inflicting tremendous damage upon German factories, industries, transportation facilities, ports and seriously threatens the economic structure of Germany, upon which depends the fighting power of the German armies. This activity in the air results from a prodigious production of aircraft and aviation gasoline and the training of air crews on a scale unparalleled in the history of the world.

(3) The Anglo-American navies assumed the entire burden of sea warfare and have maintained vital sea lanes, without which the defeat of Germany would be impossible. This sea power is effective because it is backed by a miraculous production of cargo vessels and warships. It is supplemented by huge bases, many established for the benefit of Russia, which makes possible the delivery of supplies and the continuing conduct of the war.

(4) The United States and Great Britain, in addition to equipping huge armies, have been extremely generous in the dispatch of planes, tanks, motor trucks and other implements, in the thousands, to aid the Russians in their land warfare against Germany. Not only have the Allies accepted the responsibility of assisting the Red Army but food and other supplies have been shipped to Russia in great volume.

(5) The Anglo-Americans have under way a full-scale war with Japan, with the fighting front thousands of miles away. Despite the geographical advantage which enabled Japan to overwhelm their forces in the Far East and acquire control of a vast area, the two Allies have consistently aided Russia, even at their own expense, in the war against Japan.

They have not added to the problems of Russia by demanding assistance in the war against Japan, even though they are busily engaged in the war against Germany and the mobilized power of Japan, in army, navy and air force, was greater than that of either at the beginning of the war in Europe.

We do not believe that the extent of the Anglo-American war effort is fully appreciated by the British and American peoples and, consequently, it is not surprising that Soviet officials are inclined to minimize the effort.

After all, Russia is essentially a land-power, unfamiliar with the difficulties confronted and overcome by the Anglo-Americans in their war program which involves full participation on land, in the air and on the sea.

Payments For Dependents
The Office of Dependency Benefits, which has sent out more than three million checks monthly to soldiers, wives and other dependents, announces that 90,000 persons claimed or accepted unauthorized payments but that fewer than one thousand

showed sufficient evidence of fraud to warrant prosecution.

Brigadier-General H. H. Gilbert, director of the office, says that most of the dependents accepting benefits to which they were not entitled were ignorant of the requirements of the law and not criminally inclined.

Some 4,521 family allowances have been discontinued as a result of investigations, many originating in "tips" from neighbors of those receiving dependency-payment checks. Some "Forgotten" Americans

Caught In The Price Squeeze
In his recent radio address to the American people, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes discussed the home-front battle against inflation, giving facts which should strengthen the resistance of all people to new boosts in wages, prices or profits, which will inevitably lead to further inflation.

Mr. Byrnes pointed out that there has been a 34 per cent increase in the weekly wages of factory workers since the United States entered the war; 50 per cent gain in net farm incomes in 1942 over 1941 and an 80 per cent rise in corporations' net profits since 1939.

The former Justice of the Supreme Court also stressed the plight of some 20,000,000 American citizens whose incomes have not been increased during the present emergency.

These are "the forgotten Americans" of the present time. Without increased incomes, they are caught by rising prices and increased taxation. Certainly they, of all people, should be resolute and determined in the war against inflation.

Warning To Labor Public Opinion Shifting

Organized labor has gained considerable strength in the last ten years as a result of the favorable attitude of the Roosevelt administration.

Unfortunately, some unions have not accepted the responsibility that inevitably accompanies increased power. Moreover, the number of unauthorized strikes indicates a lack of control of union membership.

It is no surprise, therefore, that the President has given the War Labor Board the power to punish a recalcitrant union by withholding check-off dues. In addition, defiance by individuals, where a union is not to blame, may be prosecuted under the anti-strike law and the draft status of the worker changed.

These sanctions should come as a warning to organized labor, both to officials of unions and to the members. The public opinion, which has been favorable to unionism, has been affected in recent months by strikes and work-stoppages in war industries. While the evil effects may have been exaggerated, the net result, so far as unionism is concerned, is a loss of popular support. It is to be hoped that the sanctions thus outlined will serve as an adequate warning to labor and that intelligent leadership will produce results to discourage further restrictions.

Labor leaders should recognize that the vast majority of the workers of the nation are unorganized, that many of them, along with the public in general, have the idea that labor is being coddled to an excessive degree.

Rayburn Warns of "Rot" Sob-Sisters And Sob-Brothers
Speaker Sam Rayburn predicts that "within sixty days after the end of the war sob sisters and sob brothers will start crying that the common people of Germany, Italy and Japan had nothing to do with this war."

We agree with the Texan when he says this "is rot." He adds, "If it had not been for the common people of Germany, Italy and Japan, there would have been no Hitler, Mussolini or Hirohito."

There is no evidence whatever that the common people, so-called, of the enemy countries were unwilling to share the spoils of conquest. In fact, it would have been impossible for the Axis nations to begin and prosecute the present struggle without, at least, the tacit consent and acquiescence of the common people.

The great lesson that must be taught all these people, at the conclusion of the conflict, is that those who stand ready to profit by war must be prepared to suffer the consequences of unsuccessful freebooting. Only when this becomes known will there develop a yen for peace among the aggressor nations.

Increase Acreage And Wheat Yield

North Carolina growers are asked by the War Food Administration to increase their wheat acreage and the officials suggest that it is even more important to increase yields per acre.

They state that the Nation's acreage goal for 1944 is to be increased by 26 percent and they request Tar Heel growers to cooperate in producing more of this vital wartime crop.

They urge growers to follow the three most important rules recommended by the North Carolina Experiment Station at State College for obtaining a good wheat yield. These recommendations are: "Prepare the land thoroughly, use the proper amount of fertilizer, and get the crop planted at the right time."

The WFA officials state that there is no limit as to the number of acres of wheat which may be planted on a

North Carolina farm. They suggest, however, that the farmer follow good farming practices needed to maintain production and prevent erosion.

They point out that good farming practices of proven value include contour farming, strip cropping, and crop rotation. They advise that "Farmers hold land for increased acreages in 1944 of peanuts, soybeans, potatoes and feed grains, and then plant all other acres to wheat consistent with good farming practice."

According to the WFA, the 1943 loan rate is \$1.47 for North Carolina for No. 2 red winter wheat. The 1944 wheat loan rate will be announced as early as possible next year.

The officials say that the situation with respect to combines for harvesting wheat will be more favorable next season. The output of new machin-

ery will be approximately 80 percent of the 1940 level, which will make it possible to meet the minimum needs for all-out food production.

County Farm Agent Urges All Citizens Aid Cotton Picking

In an effort to aid farmers of the county to find sufficient labor for the picking of cotton this fall, County Farm Agent, L. W. Anderson, this week issued an appeal to all citizens of the county, where possible, to render assistance to cotton producers in seeing the crop is properly picked and harvested.

Mr. Anderson stated that labor, at the best, will be short in Perquimans during the fall harvesting season and pointed out that the only way for the crops to be housed will be for every person able to do so to join in with helping the farmers.

Cotton picking has already started in some places and it is expected it will be in full swing by the end of next week. Cotton is important this year, more than ever before, for the many uses in the war, and every effort should be made to get the entire crop picked and marketed.

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