

LOCKING AT WASHINGTON

Defense Spending Will Produce "Boom and Bust" Unless Congress Enacts Some Economic Control

The United States is spending billions of dollars for national defense and yet the cry arises from our responsible leaders for the expenditure of billions of dollars additional.

So fast are expenditures increasing for national defense that competent observers predict that the cost of our Army, Navy and Air Force will soon exceed \$20,000,000,000 annually and Beardsley Ruml, something of a tax authority, says that defense expenditures will reach \$30,000,000,000 a year within three years.

The impact of defense expenditures of this proportion, upon our economic structure, can hardly be exaggerated. Money spent for armaments is largely non-productive and the spending of the sums discussed without controls on prices, wages and profits, will inevitably mean a lowered standard of living for most Americans. It might cause another big depression and produce a clamor on the part of disappointed Americans for radical revisions in our capitalistic structure.

It is not only the part of wisdom, but is urgently necessary, for the people of the United States to look facts in the face and to seriously consider the implications of the course that is rapidly becoming an established national policy. Under the needling of a "red score" of tremendous proportions, a gigantic arms-making boom is getting underway and gathering momentum while Congress does nothing to establish essential controls which alone can prevent inflationary increases in prices which will mean, inevitably

and inexorably, heavily increased taxation.

In view of the world situation, which developed after the winning of the last wars, the United States would be very foolhardy not to augment its means of defense. Only two great powers exist in the world today—Soviet Russia and the United States—and they are the proponents of clashing philosophies that affect their national economies as well as their international policies. More than that, the existence of free, democratic nations, as we understand them, is challenged by the spread of Russian Communism, with emphasis upon stamping out individual liberties of human beings.

There is no doubt whatever but that the United States and its people have a valuable stake in world affairs. Now we doubt what would happen to free institutions and the liberties of humanity if the leaders of Soviet Russia extend their control over Western Europe and other

areas of the world. Not only does there exist a possibility of a militaristic Russia, but its existence constitutes a threat to western civilization and the way of life that Americans have long espoused and enjoyed. Following the end of the war in Europe, the Soviet Union has moved aggressively in Eastern Europe, consolidating many buffer areas into component parts of the Communist world. Recently, we have witnessed the seizure of Czechoslovakia, added pressure upon Finland, diplomatic probing of the Scandinavian Peninsula and a number of "severe and annoying" restrictions upon American occupation forces in Berlin and Vienna.

The House Armed Services Committee, facing these facts, considers them an indication of a "stepping-up of the tempo of Soviet resistance to the efforts of the United States and sixteen European governments to revitalize the life of Europe." The committee considers the possibility that they denote a recognition on the part of the Russian regime that time

is running against the Soviet Union and, consequently, "bring to the forefront a possibility that appeared remote six months ago," namely, that the Soviet Union might regard a showdown with the United States a preferable alternative to a "worsen-

ing of the Soviet position in the future."

This viewpoint, representing the opinion of twenty-eight members of the committee is opposed by a minority group of five representatives, who suggest that this country "is promoting distrust and unrest in

the world" by its plans to spend \$20,000,000,000 in 1949 for military preparedness.

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SAVE USED FATS!

HELP YOUR COUNTRY... HELP YOURSELF!

There is still a very real need for every ounce of used fats we can salvage. The world-wide shortage is greater today than ever before. Please... keep saving and turning in your used kitchen fats. P. S. Yes! you do get paid for them... and you know how ready cash counts today.

Keep Turning in Used Fats!
American Fat Salvage Committee, Inc.

A Program of Service to Our State

All over our state are beer retailers—thousands of them—faithfully living up to the letter and spirit of the law. They, in common with the brewing industry as a whole, stand for wholesome conditions in their business.

What of the scattered few who fail to "live up"? They are unwelcome hangers-on; and when they refuse to accept suggestions for correction of unwholesome situations, this Division, in cooperation with law-enforcement agencies, takes action to see that they remedy their shortcomings or lose their license.

This is a program of action within the industry. We call it "Self-Regulation". You, by your support, have called it a program of real benefit to North Carolina.

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION



United States
Brewers
Foundation

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— VOTE FOR —

Donald Boone Sherrill

Democratic Candidate

— for —

N. C. Commissioner Of Labor

WHO BELIEVES

That out-of-state union bosses should not interfere in the North Carolina Democratic Primary, and that a state official should not be under obligation to these arrogant men.

I stand for impartial, courteous and efficient service to the people of North Carolina.



WALTER W. COHOON

WILL APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT

— FOR —

Solicitor

15 YEARS EXPERIENCE AS A PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Public Office Belongs to the People And Is a Public Trust

No candidate, whether elected or appointed to fill a vacancy, has any other rightful claim to succeed himself, except that, first, he shall have adequately discharged the duties of that office, and, secondly, that he shall have merited the continued esteem and approval of the people to whom the office belongs. Any assertion to the contrary, whether based upon the plea of precedent or otherwise, is not only mere political argument but disputes the principle that public office belongs to the people.

Since the posters and letters of one of the candidates for the office of Solicitor put emphasis on being a Veteran of World War II, and since the Voters may wonder about my status in this respect, it is only fair that I make them acquainted with it. It is as follows:

I Was Not a Veteran of World War II BECAUSE, AT THE AGE OF 3, I WAS A Veteran of War of Infantile Paralysis.

YOUR VOTE WILL BE APPRECIATED!

(Paid Political Advertisement)

A DISTINGUISHED RECORD OF LEADERSHIP SPEAKS FOR ITSELF TO THE FARMERS OF NORTH CAROLINA



FORMER GOVERNOR

J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON

CANDIDATE FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE

As Governor, Legislator and Public Servant, Former Governor Broughton Took An Active Part in the Accomplishment of These Progressive Measures for the Farmer:

1. Former Governor Broughton has been engaged actively in farming for over twenty-five years and is himself a flue-cured tobacco grower.
2. Mr. Broughton has been active in securing better prices for tobacco. In October, 1943, while he was Governor when the price for tobacco collapsed, he declared a marketing holiday and kept the markets closed until he was successful in working out plans for better prices and a stabilized market. In 1945 he personally appeared before officials of the Office of Price Administration insisting on an increase in the ceiling price for tobacco. The increase was granted which meant more than 10 million dollars to the growers of tobacco. In 1946 he appeared before the proper government agencies insisting that ceiling prices and allocations on tobacco be abolished. This was done and meant millions of dollars to the growers.
3. He has long been a member of the Farm Bureau and State Grange and has probably spoken to more farmers in farm meetings than any person in the State. He delivered one of the principal addresses at the annual meeting of the National Grange at Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1944. He appeared on the program of the National Farm Bureau meeting at San Francisco in December, 1946.
4. Mr. Broughton was instrumental in establishing the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation which has meant many millions of dollars in increased income to farmers. He prepared the charter and by-laws for this organization and has worked closely with the organization since its establishment.
5. Mr. Broughton in 1947 drafted the legislation authorizing the establishment of Tobacco Associates, Inc., and prepared the charter and by-laws for the organization. Tobacco Associates is proving to be of great benefit to tobacco growers in the European Recovery Program and the continuation of satisfactory Federal farm legislation for tobacco.
6. Mr. Broughton has been actively connected with the dairy industry of the State. While he was Governor he approved the program and procured the allocation of funds to set up at State College the best dairy equipment for institutional purposes to be found in any institution of the South.
7. Mr. Broughton has shown great interest in other agricultural crops produced in North Carolina, such as cotton, peanuts, and fruits and vegetables. He collaborated with State Marketing Specialists in drafting the Commodity Referendum Act passed by the 1947 General Assembly under which farmers may act jointly with dealers and processors in promoting the sale, distribution and consumption of farm products. At the present time he is advocating the establishment of processing plants for Irish potatoes to place potato-growing on a sounder and more profitable basis in North Carolina.

ON THE BASIS OF THIS RECORD

J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON

MERITS YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT FOR

UNITED STATES SENATE

IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY MAY 29