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FACTS WITHOUT SUGAR COATING

The United States will face the greatest economic disaster that this or any other nation ever has suffered "unless it finds ways to put private capital at work after the war to a degree that will provide full employment," the senate special post-war economic policy and planning committee was warned.

The report was delivered by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Democrat, of Wyoming, one of the committee members, and was based in part on a study of the problem which he recently made in the West Coast states at the request of the committee. He asserted that failure to meet the objective he set forth would mean that the national economy would inevitably be regulated to a degree obnoxious to American citizens, either by government agencies or huge private monopolies.

"We had to adopt totalitarian methods to fight successfully," said the Senator. "But control of our economic system has been concentrated, geographically and in industrial units, to a degree which has almost destroyed the ability of states and other sub-divisions to protect the economic interests of their citizens. It is to be doubted if the country realizes how the very basis of a free economy has been undermined."

On the matter of "incentive taxation"—taxation which encourages the establishment and expansion of business—he said:

"If we believe in free enterprise we believe in the profit system. If we believe in profits we must make up our minds to make profits possible by encouraging the owners of capital to risk its investment. There are two enemies of profit, the Socialist who would have the State make the investments necessary to keep the economic machine running, and the monopolist, who would prevent any but himself from operating at a profit."

BELATED RECOGNITION

War has one virtue. It reawakens a people's sense of values. For example, in peacetime everyone takes the local newspaper pretty much for granted. Its value to the community and to the ideals of freedom which the editor symbolizes with every opinion he expresses, is almost wholly lost to sight.

In ordinary times the editor is painfully reminded of the arbitrary value placed on his services. Advertising is hard to obtain. When it is obtained it is strictly on a basis of getting so many customers for so-and-so's gadget. Any advertising manager who bought space in newspapers with the partial objective of encouraging a free press and free enterprise would, a few years ago, have been looked upon as light-headed by his colleagues.

But today circumstances have changed. The nation is at war. It is at war to restore freedom to other nations and to perpetuate it in this country. Our people have had abundant opportunity to contemplate the horror of nations where freedom is dead.

Our business men, all of us, have observed that in those nations disappearance of personal liberty was accompanied by the disappearance of the virulent free thinking and free speaking editor. After the disappearance of the editor came the iron hand of dictatorship. It is not surprising that we begin to look upon the editor and the free press he represents as something to be preserved at all costs in this country.

Industry realizes at last that without our free press there could be no free enterprise. Industry realizes now that if it wants to do business at the same old stand after the war, it will have to first help preserve a system of government that will let private enterprise live. War has reawakened industry to the value of the editor. Its representatives have discovered that the American press renders a service far beyond selling a few yards of Blank Company's cheesecloth. They are finding out that this latter service—the keeping alive of freedom—cannot be measured in dollars and cents, or bought by the inch.

TOO MUCH SPEEDING

Citizens of 6th street complain there is still too much speeding on this street and the high school pupils appear to be the principal offenders. Hazards are increased further by the fact that as the days grow shorter more night driving will be necessary and with darkness and a wet street, the dangers will be even greater. Supervision of this street by the city police may be the answer unless a serious accident is avoided and several have been chalked up already in years passed.

PEACE TIME COOPERATION

Peace time cooperation is just as essential as war time cooperation, but is usually lacking in the average community in community affairs. Reviewing our past mistakes, most of us admit that the present mess might have been avoided with the proper cooperation nationally, which we eventually had to give to start winning the war. But this cooperation so vital in winning as well as keeping the peace, vanished with the signing of the armistice of the first World War.

This is Armistice day and on this day it is fitting that we pledge anew, our efforts as individual citizens to be ever diligent in preserving the American way of life and to renew this pledge several times a year if necessary.

We can aid our community and nation in cooperating when the present struggle has ended in doing our part in the rehabilitation program which must follow in seeing to it that no stone is left unturned to a better place in which the returning veterans may want to live. If as many radical changes and as many new improvements take place as we have been led to believe, we can not afford to "let nature take her course," as some are prone to do.

CERAMIC STOVE MODEL BUILT

12 hours, it will be ready for use at any time.

HOLLY SHIPMENT SCHEDULE LISTED

Nine express cars loaded with Oregon holly which will spread holiday cheer throughout nearly 30 eastern, southern and midwestern states and the District of Columbia will leave Portland terminals during the first nine days of December, the state department of agriculture reports.

Washington Letter

(By Harris Ellsworth)

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 6, 1943—Very shortly there will be considerable discussion of the proposed revision of the existing soldier voting bill (Public Law 712 approved September 16, 1942). To date these bills, companion bills in House and Senate, have only been under heavy discussion in the legislative committees to which they were assigned. Very shortly there will be plenty of discussion of them.

In spite of the fact that nearly every member of the congress would gladly make it more easily possible for the men in the armed forces to cast a ballot in the 1944 elections, the bills mentioned are highly controversial—more than that, they are highly political.

Prepared by the administration, and with the heat from "down town" obviously on them, they will doubtless be reported out soon. The administration, wants such a bill passed.

Here are some of the provisions of H.R. 3436:

An all powerful War Ballot Commission appointed by the President and consisting of three Democrats and two Republicans would administer the law.

Voting would not be done by name of candidate but either by straight ticket or by writing in the names.

All citizens overseas whether in the armed forces or not would come under the provisions of the bill—including Merchant Marine.

State voting laws would be completely disregarded.

Since the name of only one Presidential candidate is really well known, it is pretty easy to guess how the ballot mentioned above would work.

The argument is made that the present soldier voting law is not adequate, that state absentee ballot provisions are not practical for permitting service men to vote and that the soldier voting law passed last session did not work.

Most Secretaries of State believe that recent legislative action in the various states has fixed up state absentee voting laws so that they will permit service men to vote.

It is true that only a very few ballots were cast by soldiers using the war ballots provided under the soldier voting law passed late in 1942. That law never had a chance to work. It was approved September 16—just 47 days before the election. The paper administrative work had to be done and the ballots and everything else printed and distributed all over the world and back in time for the election. It just could not be done—But it is now pointed out by administration forces that the law did not work and therefore this new proposal must be enacted.

Politically the proposed voting bills are dynamite—or at least may be so regarded by many members of congress. Nearly every member wants to have the service men vote and he knows the people at home and the service men themselves feel the same way. But members on both sides of the aisle will certainly balk at the proposed change in the law if it is reported to the floor in its present form.

The alumina-from-clay plants, discussed at much length in my recent weekly letters, were approved—or were they? I understand that two, the one in Wyoming and the one in South Carolina, are going ahead. But the one for the Northwest is not yet located. The location of the plant in the Northwest has been referred to state War Urgency Committees in Oregon and in Washington. It is expected by the Washington, D. C. authorities that the two states will agree on a plant location in one of the states. Maybe they will—but it looks like a long delaying battle to me.

Then, too, we must not overlook the fact that when the WPB approved construction of these three plants it did so with the proviso that essential or critical materials and labor would not be used.

In other words, WPB has not yet come completely "clean" on these alumina-from-clay projects, but has, it seems to me, rather grudgingly approved them.

Republicans were elated over the recent eastern elections. The state that gave G.O.P. members the greatest cheer was Kentucky which not even the Republican optimists really expected would elect a Republican governor. In spite of the claims of the Fourth Term advocates that the elections were purely local and did not indicate any national trend, it is a fact that the question of approving or disapproving the New Deal administration was injected into all three state elections—New York, New Jersey and Kentucky.

Only two major bills will be

considered between now and the adjournment of this session—the new tax bill and the Commodity Credit bill—the latter involves the highly controversial subsidy issue.

BUSINESS AS USUAL
THOUGH THE HEAVENS FALL

To the Editor: Twenty-three years ago this morning I marched in Washington, D. C. with the world's highest dignitaries. That day we buried the "Unknown Soldier." What a lot of unknown soldiers we have had ever since!

It had been an honor to have served aboard the vessel that had conveyed the body home, and as windy orators of the day stated—so we believed—"That we had fought for this country (and also for its Chambers of Commerce) a final war—when peace and freedom would be eternal. That we were mistaken and misled by that spawn of the Devil—called a diplomat—was not our fault. We had just fought a war, that was the epitome of all things evil, a cruel war, in its way even crueler than this present conflict (read the editorial in "Life" November 8th copy, page 32). And had we lost that conflict—for the past quarter of a century—we would have been Hoenzollern slaves (or worse) and business would have been delegated to the masters (the same old Herron folk who are again wiling).

Now it is not my wish to quarrel with such an august body of little dictators—as the American Chamber of Commerce (or its local satellites) but "competition" on a National Holiday against such a community as Eugene? where any day of the week, local folk do their buying in preference to buying locally (and we fought for the right for them to be so privileged) so that I would ask is this "Why? such a momentous decision—to ignore men who gave you the privilege of 'Business as usual' (and that in the face of a constant threat of inflation) why?" I venture to state that not over 10% of the gentlemen who are the Chamber of Commerce, ever served their country more dangerously than in some bond drive. But my son and their sons are again trying to preserve for them the right of business as usual—at least gentlemen—honor them. If you don't—in their day—they will tell you what business you will do—and this is not intimidation on my part, but a plain statement of fact.

Being a man with the courage of his convictions—and having had the courage to enlist and serve honorably for you before, I still have the courage to sign my name: Edward James Gotch, commander Calvin Funk Post 32, the American Legion.

Note: This statement is voluntary on my part and in no way involves any veterans organization.—E. J. G.

YOU MUST KNOW YOUR
HIGHWAY

To the Editor: Each time we have had occasion to drive over the new stretch of highway in the south part of town: we almost admired the highway commission for the splendid job they did (through court action) in opening some of the streets leading onto the new highway. In permitting traffic to get on and off the new road at other intersections, it greatly lessens the congestion at Ninth and Main, a dangerous intersection without a stop and go signal. But the first of the week when we drove over this stretch of road our admiration was somewhat lessened when we ran into a maze of signs erected the latter part of last week at the newly opened intersections on the highway.

It would take a navigator with no little ability to obey these signs and use the highway as it should be used.

Out of all fairness to the taxpayer public such child's play in a tax-supported commission seems unnecessary and these signs should be removed. After all the opening of the once-closed intersections was ordered by the courts after a fair hearing had been given to all concerned.

A. W. Shofstall.

SRU RECRUITER IN EUGENE

Men interested in obtaining petty officer ratings in the navy's new S.R.U. (ship repair unit) are asked to be at the Eugene navy recruiting substation on Friday morning, November 12th, to be interviewed by Warrant Officer Leo Wolgamood of the navy's Civil Engineer Corps.

Chief Bell, in charge of the substation, emphasizes the fact that only men with skilled trades will be considered for the jobs available in the S.R.U. Persons with a limited experience, or those who have never been engaged in skilled work, are not eligible for ratings.

Salesbooks, receipt books, book-keeping systems. The Sentinel.

RADIO REPAIRS

By Dexter Somers

318 Main

'NEATH THE HILL OF
GOLDEN SHADOWS

Dear Editor: May I contribute the following lines to your news paper:

'Neath the Hill of Golden Shadows
Brave men died, today—
Sacrificial stepping stones
Along Freedom's great highway.

'Neath the Hill of Golden Shadows
Free from pain and hate and
grief—
They sleep peacefully—as brothers.

Caring not for race nor creed.

'Neath the Hill of Golden Shadows
Where "The Twain at last, has
met—
Engrave it on our hearts, Dear
God,
Lest once again, we might forget—
—MARY WILSON

REDUCED OCTANE IN GAS

Premium gasoline used by civilians will be reduced from 78 and 80-octane to 76-octane to conserve tetraethyl lead and volatile gasoline fractions, both of which are required in the manufacture of high-octane military gasoline. More than 50 million gallons of gasoline, fuel oils, lubricants, and other petroleum products are going directly to the fighting forces every day, the Petroleum Administration for War disclosed. One-third of all gasoline produced in the U. S. is now required for military purposes.

TIRE SITUATION TIGHTENS

Operators of passenger cars may find it impossible to obtain used tires because commercial vehicles delivering essential goods are now eligible to receive used passenger and truck tires of sizes smaller than 7.50-20 to replace tires no longer serviceable. November quotas recently released by OPA for new passenger and truck tires show 30 percent fewer for trucks and 14 percent fewer for passenger cars.

BLIND GIRL HITS HEAD—
SIGHT RESTORED

Walter Winchell reports an interesting incident in a recent column, as follows: "New York Novelette: Her name is Eileen Fox . . . When she was 13 she had her choice of an operation on her eyes . . . blindness—or death. . . The operation left her blind . . . Last week, while in the Paramount Theatre, she leaned forward to adjust her stocking, and her head struck the back of the seat ahead with such force—it stunned her. . . When she 'came to'—she could see. . . She hastened out of the theatre to her doctor—who pronounced it a miracle. . . She is 21, blonde and pretty, and the happiest girl in the world. Her great pain, however, is having to give up her Seeing-Eye dog."

A miracle? Yes! But it can be explained by the fact that there have been many cases under Chiropractic whose sight has been restored. It is probable that Miss Fox produced an automatic adjustment of the short-circuit causing her blindness.

DR. H. A. HAGEN

Save Steps

If toilet soaps, toilet tissues, and other bathroom supplies are kept on a shelf in the linen closet or an upstairs clothes closet, many steps will be saved when these articles need to be replaced in the bathroom.

Shipping Uses

The percentage allotments of the War Shipping Administration tonnage in a typical month were these: army, 36.2 per cent; navy, 11.1 per cent; Lend-Lease, 37 per cent; all others, 15.7 per cent.

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