

Springfield Plant Vital In War Effort

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WASHINGTON — Once again we face the possibility that our will be shut off. This blow will not fall immediately, if at all, but we cannot ignore the fact that when and if the Communists control Southeastern Asia — including Malaya — we will be back to the synthetic rubber days.

We learned before that the loss of our rubber supply was not intensely serious. We quickly learned to produce enough very good synthetic rubber. There was only one big defect in our synthetic rubber program during World War 2—alcohol, the essential ingredient of synthetic, was made from food products including grain, sugar cane and potatoes. Food products also tend to become scarce when we are at war.

The real answer, and the one finally arrived at by the War Production Board, is to produce

normal supply of natural rubber the needed alcohol from wood waste—sawdust from our western mills. But with the same care-free abandon that characterized many of their other efforts during that period, the boyish optimists heading our federal government dumped the big Springfield plant into "surplus" as soon as the war was over. Some of us here in Washington did some hard battling to prevent the outright junking of the \$3,000,000 plant. Fortunately, it was not junked, but was leased to people who are operating at least a part of it.

The blow to our rubber supply will not fall for a while. It may not fall at all. We have time to get ready for it. The government should proceed at once to get the wood-sugar alcohol process perfected and operating in the one plant. Then plans for quick construction of other plants, based upon the experience at Springfield, should be made ready for quick action.

I have already started to hit the offices of the defense procurement people and the resources board urging such a program.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the kind and thoughtful people of this area, who last Friday, helped us at the time of the fire which threatened our home. Such loyal people, we believe, can be found in no other place.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tygart.

PORTLAND — Oregon State headquarters, Selective Service system, issued a warning to men delinquent in registering or in returning their questionnaires.

"It may be necessary," stated Col. Francis W. Mason, deputy state director, "to instruct all local boards to immediately classify late registrants in 1-A and order them for induction at the next call." It is evident that a considerable number of young men in the state have failed to register. Ample time has been given them to correct this oversight and unless there is definite evidence that this type of de-

linquency is at a minimum it will be necessary to treat them as delinquents as is provided in the selective service act.

Attention is also called to the fact that those registrants who fail to return their questionnaires and are therefore classified 1-A as delinquents are subject to receive orders to report for induction even though they may have passed their 26th birthday "The Registration Card", continued Col. Mason, "is not evidence of a man's age. The questionnaire is only basis for classification which simply means that no local board may place a registrant in Class 5-A, over 26 years old, unless it has a signed questionnaire in its possession."

The attorney general of the United States has ruled that local police, any law enforcement officer or even a private citizen can make an arrest if there is probable cause for believing a felony has been committed. "This simply means," concluded Col. Mason, "that any local board member may himself make an arrest or request and expect the assistance of any law enforcement officer wherever it is felt there is a delinquency under the selective service act." Col. Mason further explained that whenever an arrest was accomplished under these circumstances the United States Marshal should be immediately contacted.

paredness against future developments, whatever and wherever they might happen to be.

It seems to me we now have no other choice than to do most of the things the president suggests. It is a grim outlook. We have been pushed to the edge of the precipice. The alternatives are possible destruction by resisting or certain destruction by going over.

In a speech on the floor of the house during debate on the omnibus appropriations bill, I made the following comment:

"The Communists know they have two possible ways of destroying our freedom. One is the long method of infiltration and destruction from within. This method involves at least two steps; the first is government control under a system called socialism. This step would be followed fairly soon by communism and Russian domination. The other route they might choose for obtaining their objective would have the advantage of speed, destruction, chaos, and would make intermediate steps unnecessary. This plan involves a shooting war. But to the Communist destruction and military success is not enough. Our people must be forced to place themselves under dictatorship for a war emergency.

"It is obvious, I think, that the enemy could prolong such an emergency to any length that suited its purpose."

Apparently the Russians may be combining all methods to destroy our free system of government.

Representative Walter Judd of Minnesota is not only better informed regarding China and Asia than any other person now in

government, he is objective and fair-minded. Recently he made what I think was the outstanding, statesmanlike speech of this 81st congress. He talked for almost an hour reviewing United States-Asiatic developments from 1930 to date. Although between two and three hundred members were on the floor at the time, you could hear a pin drop the attention was so keen. When he concluded his remarks every member jumped to his feet and applauded.

I understand some re-prints of his speech are being made. I've asked him to send me a few and shall be glad to send one to anyone who wants to read it—and it is mighty well worth careful reading. Just write me a letter or post card.

Less than two weeks before the attack on Southern Korea began, Deputy ECA Administrator William C. Foster told the senate foreign relations committee:

"In my judgment, the trend of events in South Korea is more favorable than it has been at any time since the liberation of that country in 1945. The reasons for my optimism are military, political and economic. It is my considered opinion that in the face of great difficulty the government of the Republic of So. Korea is now steadily gaining strength in each of these three sectors.

"A rigorous training program has built up a well-disciplined army of 100,000 soldiers; one that is prepared to meet any challenge by No. Korean forces."

Apparently, in addition to our numerous other troubles we do not actually know what is going on in the world.

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