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Pearl Harbor Investigation Should Reach Appeasers Too

During World War I there were a number of so-called, flag-kissing incidents. In fact they were quite numerous. If there were a citizen in the community who failed to buy bonds and failed to donate to war charities, etc., he would run the chance of being looked up by the "holier" element who proceeded to take him out and smear him with yellow paint, march him down the street and finally have him kneel and kiss the flag.

Now, of course the thing that was not apparent to the average unthinking observer, was that no first class citizen would be involved in such a proceeding to enforce such mob rule against another. We thought of it generally as patriotism run rampant. However, we found on closer inspection that many of those who took leading parts in such escapades, were generally just as guilty and often more so than the culprit. They were distracting attention from themselves by a gaudy show of patriotism against someone who could not kick back.

There is some of this class of stuff now going on in Washington in the clamoring for places to sit on the belatedly ordered Pearl Harbor investigation. Many of these congressmen and senators, both Democrats and Republicans, did everything in their power to bluff the president and the war department out of any definite action against either Germany or Japan. They watched like hawks for any action by the president; so that they could accuse him of being a "war-monger."

Long after it had become glaringly apparent to every American that Germany and Japan planned with deadly enmity the destruction of this nation, our congress was not lacking in men who thwarted every effort of the president and the war department to arm and prepare the country for the inevitable conflict. During those days, those very men kept up such a barrage of fault-finding in congress and on the radio, telling the nation that we were being pushed into a war by the president and the war department; that one can almost excuse them for not being on their toes when Japan struck.

Now there is a clamor to get on this committee and punish those who were derelict. As a matter of fact, no congressman or senator who voted against the war measure, should have any place on the committee. And it

would not be entirely out of place to have that group investigated. They ought to be telling some committee or group why they were so smug before Pearl Harbor. If they were not the active agents; in the Pearl Harbor catastrophe they should by all the rules be tried as parties to the crime.

Will People Continue To Pay Taxes And Buy Bonds?

Various commentators and proponents of "good will" propose that the United States cancel all debts incurred by Great Britain for war supplies in this country prior to Pearl Harbor, and that we further extend her food and other supplies without making any charge. We are feeding the "bloody" (that's a real description, not a figure of speech) Italians now and we are talking about sending coal to keep the "poor" Germans warm this winter. There will also be food doubt it not at all, both to Germany and Japan.

We confess that we are often dizzy with it all. A few years ago when China needed help, food, clothing and especially arms and ammunition, we could not think of sending it to them, even though, mind you, China not only offered to pay, but owed us nothing and always did pay. China with a little help in the way of war material could have wiped the "bloody" (same explanation) Japs off the face of the earth, but it seems we couldn't possibly do such an "unlawful act" nor tolerate it. But arms and ammunition to Japan? Well they got oil and gasoline and steel and airplanes and airplane parts and all other classes of raw material that was the very bone and sinews of the war they were waging on China and out of which they made the war machine they used on us.

We are sorry to see the folks in England and the occupied countries hungry and think perhaps there should be something done to keep them, especially the children from acute hunger or cold. But as far as the Italian back-stabbers, the German ghouls and the Jap monstrosities are concerned they can jolly well fry to a crisp in the mess they themselves have cooked up before a single dollar of American taxpayer money could go with the consent of this scribe. Buying "goodwill" has twice cost us blood and treasure in such measure that America will feel the effect of it for centuries.

England, the great humanitarian nation, has not always

wept over those who were hungry, even those under her dominance. She was practically unperturbed by millions of people in India who died of starvation in wholesale numbers and are still dying. Not many years ago, still currying favor with Japan in her devilry in China, she closed the Burma road, to help the Nips carry out their blood lust and help "preserve the Empire." Hilariously too, she cancelled her War I debt to us. We're not an anglophobe, but we don't want that kind of "goodwill."

The American people ought to "get tired" of the constant drain of "billion" dollar thinkers in congress and the bureaus that have unlimited power to spend money. Taking almost one-fourth of the average persons income away from him, may be in order when war is on but it is hard to believe that sane, sensible people are going to continue to offer up their wages and incomes in order to "buy" goodwill that is never obtained by such means and always results disastrously to saps who try it. If the policy is continued as it seems is possible, since most congressmen revelling in 20 to 40 thousand dollar salaries, according to how many of their relatives are on the payroll, know nothing of skimping to pay the tax collector on an income that is not as great as the years prior to the war. Unless the tendency to spend unlimited sums, ceases; then war bonds and other small savings will go, not for "refrigerators" as the bond salesmen have told the folks but to feed a constantly hungry treasury. Already there is talk and call it loose or otherwise; that unless the orgy of spending ceases in Washington, bond holders plan to cash their war bonds

and will refuse to buy in future loan campaigns, already projected by the treasury.

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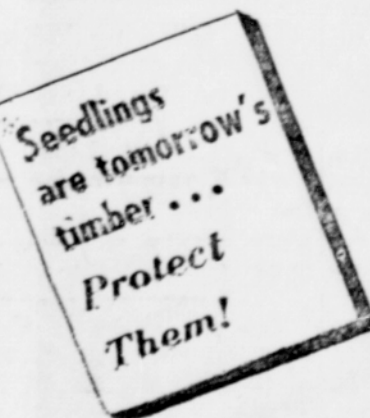
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