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"Jobs For All" A Mistake

Participating in the recent panel discussion of the Second War Congress of American Industry, Paul G. Hoffman, president of the Studebaker corporation, challenged the promises of "full employment" and "jobs for all" being made by post-war planners as being too extravagant and socially and economically undesirable. "I think it is terribly important," he said, "that we have abundant employment through a high level of productivity." But he expressed an uncertainty about what people mean when they talk about employment for everyone, continuing:

"If the definition is what I have sometimes heard, namely 'a job for every man and woman able and willing to work who wants a job,' I do not think that is a realistic objective. I think we can have abundant employment in the United States; we can have a level of employment that would insure a higher standard of living, that would insure more for more people than at any time in the history of this country; and yet not have full employment at the level indicated by that definition."

In building up such an anticipation in the public mind we are treading upon dangerous ground, Hoffman believes, for it is apt to result in widespread disappointment. There are certain classes of people now employed in industry and business because of the stress of war emergency whose continued employment in peacetime would be neither practicable nor desirable from an economic and social standpoint. There are thousands of elderly persons, both grandfathers and grandmothers economically independent by reason of savings or pensions, who may wish to continue at their lathes, benches or other jobs, who do not logically fit into any scientific scheme for the permanent distribution of jobs.

Then too there are the boys whose education has been interrupted by service in the armed forces whose inclination, if work is plentiful, will be to take jobs and neglect their schooling. While able and willing to work, many of them will be contributing more to the general welfare by pursuing their studies.

Most alarming, in Hoffman's estimation, is the evidence that a large percentage of married women who under the pressure of war have entered factories, offices and stores plan to remain there. Business and industry, no matter how great and successful the effort to expand production, will be hard-pressed to absorb the surplus of labor thus created. Even by increasing American productivity by as much as one-third, he said, there will still remain two or three million unemployed people and that is as close to "full employment" as we can reasonably expect to get. These two or three million might prove to be a dangerous and disturbing element if they are led to expect too much by over-enthusiastic propagandists. As Hoffman commented, "We can set goals, but the goals must be realistic."

Out of Luck

It is a traditional adage, emphasizing the land of democratic opportunity, that every American boy, particularly if born in a log cabin, has a chance to be president—that is he had in the horse and buggy days before the presidency became perpetual and congress had something besides nuisance value. Even these limitations do not seem to check the flow of unknown aspirants for the presidency, who blithely ignore party and politics and announce their candidacies to an expectant world, sometimes by postal card, sometimes by circular and sometimes by personal letter to the newspapers.

All these candidates seem to think essential is let the public know their hats are in the ring and the election will be unanimous, even if their names are not even on the ballot. At least a dozen such announcements have been received since 1944 made its bow to the world and many more can be expected before the ides of November.

The latest announcement comes in a circular letter with a cut of the candidate from Richard G. Harris, RFD 7, Knoxville, Tenn., addressed "Personal, to the Editor of Dear Editor":

"I beg to inform you that I, Richard G. Harris, of Knoxville, Tennessee, RFD No. 7, do hereby firmly declare myself to be an Independent, Progressive, Republican Candidate for the Presidency of the United States of America.

"I am subject to the General Election to be held November 7th, 1944, and if elected, I will return all of our soldiers, marines and sailors and all of our belongings back to America and fortify our Nation against all foreign invaders, and put the manufacturing and agricultural industries in progressive conditions. I will eliminate all taxations throughout the United States at least sixty percent.

"Notice. In event you do not want to publish this Declaration Free, please notify me before you publish it."

Mr. Harris has a platform, many of his rivals do not state any, confident in the assurance that their names are platform enough. But platforms that draw votes like molasses draw flies are hard to find—Roosevelt has preempted them all from soak the rich and share the wealth to a job at high wages and short hours for everyone, a quart of milk for every human being and mass production of prosperity for all humanity. Mr. Harris and his fellow candidates are out of luck—they don't even put on a good crooning and swooning show.

It Took A War to Prove It

For fifteen years or more chambers of commerce, highway associations and other civic organizations as well as the affected county courts have been clamoring for and pleading with the state highway commission to secure improvement of the Pacific highway between Salem and Albany, the curves, grades and narrow pavement of which constituted one of the worst bottlenecks along this heavily traveled interstate motor route. Despite the fact that this piece of road is one of the most congested in the state and considering the large percentage of heavy trucks passing over it both night and day, making it extremely hazardous, little progress had been made toward securing the needed modernization up until last week.

Proponents of the improvement argued in vain about the importance of the road as a military highway in time of war. The highway commission was adamant in its policy of making small periodic appropriations for the job, insisting that finances would only allow the project to be undertaken a few miles at a time. But now the federal public roads administration, acting upon the recommendation of the army, has decreed that the bottleneck must go. Out of \$1,500,000 of federal funds and another million dollars of state money the PRA has directed that \$1,300,000 be spent immediately in replacing the fourteen miles of obsolete roadway between the two points as a matter of military expediency.

Further demonstrating the military value of the road is the fact that the funds for its construction are to be taken from a congressional appropriation of \$25 million for roads of strategic importance wherever the army might deem them necessary anywhere in the country.

A Dog's Life

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Tomorrow being Washington's birthday we gotta good notion to go down to the Willamette river and see if we can throw a dollar across same. This will be dependent on whether we're able to get hold of a dollar between now and then. We had thought some of getting a hatchet to chop a cherry tree down with instead but found out hatchets take a priority permit from the OPA and that is out. But it all just shows to what steps one has to go in these days to properly observe the anniversary of the birth of the father of his country. We imagine the missus would appreciate it more if we'd start out the year tomorrow by not telling a lie but there are some tricks no old dog can learn.

Letter comes from Chet Moffitt, Railway Express agent up at Tillamook, formerly for many years in the express office here, in which he reveals a startling discovery in geography. He first asks how things are in Salem and then confides, "I just stumbled onto something that might be of value to our army strategists. I would like to have you check on a Northern Pacific time table, turn to page 36, table 5, and there is Tokio just 89 miles from Pasco, Wash. Enough said, they should be able to blot it out in short order and bring the boys home. If I am correct you may have credit for this discovery." So, Chet is trying to shove this discovery off on us, but we bet if the old national guard company was still around here they could capture said place with unloaded guns. Incidentally Chet adds, "all fooling aside I miss my old home town and your column, Salem will always be home." We hope Chet keeps us advised as to when he's ready to get into the FT & BA and we'll put on a special night for the discoverer of Tokio.

Novelties In the News

Insult to Injury

New York—Thieves stole a car owned by James A. Watson, of nearby Yonkers, N. Y., while he was visiting here.

After reporting the loss to police, Watson started hitchhiking home. The first car to come his way—and pass him—was his own.

More War Horses

Kent, Conn.—Horse trading booms in wartime, reports Stephen Chase, veteran stock dealer who set a record for his career by selling 30 horses in one day last week.

His previous record—26 in one day—was set during World War I.

Should Be Westport, Pa.

Williamsport, Pa.—East is east while west is confusing at the Sylvania Electric Products plant here—Mrs. Margaret West is married to employee Lloyd E. West and is secretary to Engineer Lloyd E. West who is married to Mrs. Margaret West—no relation to the first Mrs. West.

Snack Thieves

Richmond, Ind.—Richmond police are looking for thieves who mixed pleasure with their work. The thieves tripped into a tavern, ate a snack, tipped at the bar, took \$20, trundled off six cases of whiskey and disappeared in the dark.

Wet Storage

Cherokee, Ia.—Parker Rutherford ordered 200 gallons of fuel oil for his new home. When it was delivered he found a manhole and told the driver to put the fuel in there.

Rutherford now has 200 gallons of oil in his cistern.

Volunteer

Moline, Ill.—Dr. William R. Hodgson volunteered to fill in a role in the high school production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" when the original player became sick. The part was that of Sir Toby Belch, a drunkard. Dr. Hodgson is a minister.

MEDICATED POWDER FOR FAMILY USE
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The War Today

By DeWitt Mackenzie

An interpretative analysis of war developments by a famous Associated Press war correspondent.

Uncle Sam's victory at Truk is a dream come true, for we have administered a defeat which has so rocked the Mikado's capital that the Japs are making no effort to conceal the devastating effects, both moral and material.

Not only has the Tokyo government acknowledged sweeping destruction but it tacitly has admitted the gravity of the situation by firing the chiefs of staff for both the navy and the army. None less than the great General Hideki Tojo, Japan's militaristic premier and master gangster, has taken over the position of chief of general staff of the army in addition to his other duties.

During the two days on which we blasted at Truk we sank at least 19 ships, including several war vessels, destroyed 201 warplanes and damaged more than 50 others, and probably sank seven other ships. Our bombs also created havoc among the enemy installations in this great base. As against this big killing we lost only 17 planes and suffered moderate damage to one ship.

Southern Advance Continued

Meantime, our marine and army force has continued to consolidate its position on the important Jap base of Eniwetok. And to the south, American destroyers have blasted the Rabaul and Kavieng bases.

Tokyo certainly has the right angle in saying that the decisive battle of the Pacific has begun. The enemy also is both correct and frank in asserting that the raid on Truk is America's challenge, for there is far more significance in this sensational operation than appears in the material damage wrought, though that in itself is a heavy blow to Japan.

The big point, of course, is that our fighting forces have demonstrated their ability to penetrate Japan's most powerful naval base by air, from aircraft carriers conveyed by a large fleet of warships. In doing this we invited the Japanese navy to come and get us.

Now this momentous development was no flash in the pan. We were able to carry out such a highly dangerous operation because we are stronger than the enemy. Our superiority is due to two causes: we have been constantly amassing power as the result of our strength.

Haven't Got the Ships
"But," someone protests, "how can that be when the Japanese have in their possession all the vast wealth of China and Indonesia?"

Well, it's true that the Nipponese have seized enough resources to enable them to wage world war indefinitely—if they were able to utilize those resources. In order to do that, however, the raw materials must be transported over thousands of miles of water to the mother country to be fabricated.

Water transport means ships—and the Japs just haven't got the ships and they can't build them in sufficient numbers to meet their needs. The Nipponese never have had enough cargo vessels, and they have been losing shipping steadily because the allies have been sinking more than Japan could produce.

Thus the Japs are like Midas. For a long time everything they touched turned to gold, but they finally discovered that it wasn't doing 'em much good, because they couldn't eat it or beat it into weapons.

Halsey Lieutenant Wears Silver Star

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Lt. Sydney James Smith, Jr., Halsey, wore the silver star today. Capt. L. D. Whitgrove, supervisor of shipbuilding for the navy, awarded the medal to him Saturday for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy." Smith was credited with leading landing crews ashore at Guadalcanal and other islands without losing a man or boat. He is an Oregon State college graduate.

Serving Uncle Sam



Dallas—Lt. Richard Riggs of the army air corps left Dallas Friday to report for duty at Salinas, Calif., after a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Riggs. Lt. Riggs is a P-38 pilot. He received his commission last week at the advanced flying school at Williams field, Chandler, Ariz. He was a Dallas high school graduate and had attended Oregon State college a year before enlisting in the air corps about a year ago.

Joe Card has received a promotion from ensign to lieutenant (j.g.) at the Norman, Okla., naval air station, where he is an instructor, according to word received here.

Pvt. Kendall Helgeson, who has been on military police duty at a Jap relocation center at Delta, Utah, arrived in Dallas Friday to spend a 15-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Helgeson. Pvt. Helgeson entered the service last year and received his first training at the Boise barracks, Boise, Ida.

Mill City—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shepherd honored Sgt. Kenneth McDonald with a dinner party. Sgt. McDonald's home is in Longview, Wash. He is a former Mill City high school student. Covers were placed for Mrs. Nellie Charpiloz, Mrs. Florence Roten of Stayton, Sgt. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd.



Recent graduate of the Kingman army air field flexible gunnery school, situated a few miles outside of Kingman, Ariz., was 25-year-old Melvin J. Pillette, son of Mrs. W. B. Pillette of 2575 Brooks avenue, Salem. PFC Pillette entered the army at Portland, August 11, 1943. He attended Salem high school.

Lt. Joseph Ernest Nohlgren, of Salem, has been appointed resident physician at the Ancker hospital, St. Paul, Minn., and to accept the position has been deferred from active service until next fall. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nohlgren, 1530 State street.

Ensign Kenneth Strawn, U.S. navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Strawn, has been spending a two weeks' leave with his parents and other relatives. He left Saturday for Camp Peary, Va. His brother, Jesse E. Strawn, who reported to Portland Saturday for army duty, accompanied him as far as Portland. Mrs. Jesse Strawn and their three children will remain at their home near Salem.

Mill City—Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cline received a telephone call this week from their son, Seaman First Class Charles Cline, USN, that he completed his aviation storekeeper's course in San Diego on February 15, and will enter the storekeeper's school in Alameda, Calif., for six weeks of further training. Seaman Cline will have a six-day leave before entering his next training, and planned to stay in California, due to such a short leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Baker are leaving tonight for Santa Barbara, Calif., to see their son, Major Dick Baker, who was recently awarded a distinguished flying cross for action in the South Pacific. Major Baker, who has been on the mainland about two months, got two of his Japanese Zeros on his birthday.

Second Lt. Harold V. McAbee, 22, of 999 Locust street, Salem, has completed advanced officer training at the Quantico, Va., marine base, and is now ready for assignment to a combat unit.



Major H. B. Glaisyer, Jr., Promotion from captain to major in the United States army air corps has been accorded Herbert B. Glaisyer, Jr., of Salem, says official announcement by the war department. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Glaisyer, 773 Stewart street. Major Glaisyer is director of instrument flying at Williams field, Ariz. He received his first commission in 1941 at Stockton, Calif.

or specialists school. He is a '43 graduate of Willamette university and has been in training since last July.

Bob Quamme, who was wounded in the South Pacific area and spent some time in hospitals in Australia, telephoned his mother from San Francisco over the week-end and said he expected to be home in about ten days. He is in a hospital at San Francisco.

Lyons—Mrs. Merle Brasfield went to Seattle Wednesday to visit with her son, S/2 Bob Brasfield, and other friends.

Silverton—Yeoman 2/c Marvin Senter is visiting his grandfather and aunt, C. J. Rosheim and Miss Sophia Rosheim at their East Hill home. Yeoman Senter has been with his mother and other relatives in San Francisco, and with an aunt in Roseburg for several days. He is listed for officer training school.

To be with their brothers, Lt. LeRoy Rue of the engineers transport division located at New Orleans, and air cadet, Waldo Rue of Denver, Mrs. William C. Boesel (Ruth Rue) of Gresham, and Mrs. Claude Millage (Esther Rue) wife of Rev. Millage of Portland, spent Sunday at the Waldo Hills home of their parents, the K. O. Rues.

Citation for bravery and meritorious work while engaged in five bomber combat missions over occupied Europe has been received by Staff Sgt. Wilbur Goodall, son of the William Goodalls of Mill street, Silverton.

Pvt. Alvin Lund, son of Mrs. Anna Lund of Brush Creek, has been transferred from Camp Greely, Kodiak Island. (Concluded on page 11)



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