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### ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

If a vestige of doubt remained in any mind as to this country's position in the current world struggle for power the President's speech at the White House Correspondents association dinner would have dissipated it. There was no humor in the President's voice. There were no light touches. He had grave words to say and he said them gravely. That speech coming hard on the heels of Congress' approval of the lend-lease bill made our policy clear as crystal, we are out to destroy dictatorship, and the entire resources of this nation will be spent freely to that end. He denounced the Nazis by name. He accused them of seeking the destruction of elective systems of government on every continent, including our own. He accused them of seeking to stir up controversies and to create disunion within all democracies including our own. And he said that they would fail, that the would be conquerors will find that the forces of democracy, though they move slowly will in the end be supreme.

That speech was obviously designed for more than American ears. Immediately after it was made it was broadcast to the far corners of the world in 14 different languages. It went, by short wave, to Germany, to the occupied nations, to Africa, to South America. For this government feels, as do the British that the moral effect of 100 percent support of the democracies' war is almost as important in some ways as will be its material effect. It is no secret that Britain expects that revolts in the conquered states will eventually be a major factor contributing to Hitler's collapse. The fact that the United States has actually intervened in the war, even though only as a non-belligerent is expected to give new hope to millions of people who now live as virtual prisoners of the nazi-fascist system.

It is significant that the President had little to say concerning the world after the war. The whole emphasis, here and in England, is now being placed upon victory. That dominates all official thinking and planning. There is little time for discussion about the world order of the future. That must wait. Highly important were the President's words to industry and labor. He definitely took the stand that many have wanted him to take for months. He said that all must work harder and longer, that all must expect smaller profits. He said in effect that all must sacrifice and that nothing will be permitted to stand in the way of the swiftest possible consummation of the aid-to-all-democracies program.

So the policy has been finally established. The debate is over and even the opponents of the lend-lease bill plan admit that public sentiment is overwhelmingly behind it. Now the real job begins, to make and supply the weapons Britain and Greece and China must have. That calls for greater industrial productivity than we have so far obtained. It calls for a ship-building drive of unprecedented proportions. Further it may be very likely call for use of the American navy to convoy merchant ships to England, it is obvious that our weapons will be of no use if the ships bearing them are sunk by the dozen in the Atlantic.

The President's request for a \$7,000,000,000 appropriation to put the lend-lease plan into effect was unquestionably designed as a dramatic gesture. It is known that at least two years must pass before it will be possible for our factories to produce that value of goods for England, some

think the war will be over before the appropriation is exhausted. The President apparently preferred to ask for a tremendous appropriation at once rather than to request smaller sums at intervals over a period of time, in order to show the dictators that we really mean business.

The tide is swiftly moving now. Watch for crackdowns on labor if it gets out of hand. Pressure of the strongest kind will probably be applied to organizations or industries which are still thinking in terms of business as usual and are not troubling themselves to give all-out effort. Even the Administration's strongest critics believe that it really means that sacrifices, financial and otherwise must be shared by all.

### TYRANTS AT HOME

There are little imitation Hitlers all over America.

Sometimes you find them in the uniform of a traffic cop who acts as if he'd enjoy nothing more than throwing you into a concentration camp for going 35 miles an hour.

Sometimes you find them in front of school rooms bathing in the sadistic thrill of making boys and girls hate you and punishing any pupils who permit their hatred to boil to the surface.

Often you find them holding political jobs and bossing their underlings like so many slaves.

You also find them in business, shouting and ordering employees around and knowing that they can get away with it because most men and women will take a lot before they quit a job.

Recently we heard of a Hitler-Ribbentrop team in the form of a dog catcher and a Justice of the Peace in a small Ohio town. An unemployed farmer's wife, who has four sons in the United States army was slow about paying a \$1 dog license fee. She wrote a letter of explanation, paid the dollar but postponed paying another dollar penalty.

The county dog catcher didn't like her letter. He took her before the Justice of the Peace and she was sentenced to a fine and four days in jail. She felt disgraced. She was afraid her sons would hear about it, her four sons who are busy serving their country.

While we're working on how to get rid of an international tyrant let's also revolt against petty tyrants at home.

### HOME, SWEET HOME

The word "home" has a lot of different meanings depending upon where we happen to be when we use it.

An American traveling in a foreign country speaks of "home" and means America.

A citizen of our state visiting a distant city in this country refers to "home" and thinks of the section of the country in which he lives.

A resident of our town when in a nearby town speaks of home and means this particular community.

And finally when one of us drops in on a neighbor we mean the particular house in which we live when we refer to "home."

Home thus expands or contracts in the scope of its meaning in relation to our distance from it.

But all of our homes, our nation, our state, our town and our dwelling, are included when we speak of the things most dear to us that we are willing to risk our lives to defend.

To most of us the private home which includes our family is our first consideration. We want to protect our community, our state and our nation because the safety of our private home depends upon them.

In Germany and Russia the philosophy is quite the opposite. There the nation is the first consideration, the private home and individual are dedicated toward furthering the interests of the state. There people are the state, here the state is the servant or protector of the people.

To preserve that status is why we are willing to defend the "land of the free and the home of the brave," against any attack.

### Demand for Pork Points to More Wheat Feeding

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