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SHALL STRIKES IMPERIL THE NATION?

Borrowing from the thot of Lincoln as expressed at Gettysburg more than three quarters ago it may now it may now be said:

"Eight score and five years ago our fathers brot forth on this continent a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Then it was the crisis of a great civil war, now it is the crisis of totalitarianism threat from without our own borders that is "testing whether that or any nation so conceived, can long endure."

In these crucial days when the fate of our nation hangs in the balance, when millions of people in Europe have already been deprived of liberty of thot and action and when the surviving remnants of democracy are fighting desperately for self preservation a small minority in the United States is permitted to wreck havoc with the national program of war materials vital to defense and aid to Britain.

If Hitler were at the moment directing the affairs of the United States in his own interests he could ask no greater show of sympathy and cooperation than is now being evidenced by the numerous strikes in essential defense industries, the violence associated with the Bethlehem Steel and International Harvester strikes, the internal dissension in the ranks of organized labor and the revelation of racketeering methods used in collecting exorbitant fees and dues in connection with construction work on government projects.

If Nazi, Fascist and Communist hirelings were seeking a way to weaken this nation in its determined course to safeguard itself from aggression and also to give all possible aid to Britain and the other embattled democracies they could pursue no more effective course than to fo-

ment the disunity being evidenced by strikes in defense industries or in the production of materials necessary to the steady maximum output of these industries.

But it is not Hitler, Mussolini or Stalin who is directing the course of this nation, nor are Nazi, Fascist or Communist agents or sympathizers assumed to have a voice in either of the antagonistic labor organizations. It is President Franklin D. Roosevelt who is the executive head of this nation and also commander in chief of its military forces.

A recent statement by President Roosevelt bears repeating for the emphasis it merits:

"The determination of America . . . must not be obstructed by unnecessary strikes of workers, by short sighted management or by deliberate sabotage . . . Let me make it clear that the nation is calling for the sacrifice of some privileges but not for the sacrifice of fundamental rights. That kind of sacrifice for the common national protection and welfare for our defense against the most ruthless brutality in history; for the ultimate victory of a way of life now so violently menaced."

And President Roosevelt has said: "Wise labor leaders and wise business managers will realize how necessary it is to their own existence to make common sacrifice for this great common cause."

Germany has no labor unions. Russia has no labor unions. Italy has no labor unions. The privilege of groups to organize and bargain collectively and the "right" to strike as accorded only to people who are adjudged capable of self government and who evidence willingness to proceed in orderly manner, to exercise their privileges and rights under the law.

The time is again at hand for every American in whatever capacity he may serve to at least temporarily put bickering, greed and self interest in the background and to once more become "dedicated to the great task that lies before us . . . and to highly resolve that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom . . . that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."--Mansfield (Ohio) News-Journal.

Alarmed by the outbreak of subversive activities marked by explosions and wrecks, strikes in vital defense industrial plants, sabotage in airplane factories and other disturbances, James R. Bain, Oregon's hard hitting district attorney asks newspapers to cooperate in combatting growing fifth column menace

Recent reports of the Dies Committee state that tests of new type plane uncovered definite evidence of tampering, and there have been unreported crashes that were fatal to plane and crew.

"The strike situation in the Northwest is rapidly spreading thru the basic wood and maritime industries Wood and timber are vital to the defense program and shipping is essential for transportation" points out District Attorney Bain. Publicity is a real weapon for combatting undercover activities is like the rays of

a searchlight in a dark alley, it scares the rats, he claims

DRIVER'S LICENSE IS BOOSTED TO \$1.50

Word has been received here this week from the office of Secretary of State Earl Snell that when Oregon's 490,000 drivers renew their drivers licenses for the 1941-1943 license period they will pay \$1.50 instead of the \$1.00 charge of the past. Current licenses June 30 with the new permits being required on the first day of July.

Under the act passed by this years legislature a "motor vehicle accident" fund is established in Oregon. Along with the one dollar fee for each driver's license the secretary of state is now required by the new law to collect an additional 50 cents which goes into this fund which will be used to pay hospitalization expenses for indigents injured in automobile accidents.

There has been no change in the examination requirements for drivers licenses this year and drivers holding current licenses may renew them without submitting to any examination this year. Those not licensed during the current period 1939 to 1941 will be required to take the law examination the eye test and the drive test. Persons over 70 years of age regardless of whether they hold current licenses or not also must take these tests. Renewal application forms will be available about May 1 while the 1941-1943 drivers will not be valid until June 15.

Crop Report Shows Big Wheat Surplus Looming

Latest crop reports on the condition of winter wheat in America emphasizes the necessity of a vote on wheat marketing quotas according to Will Steen chairman of the Oregon AAA committee.

The April crop report indicates that spring and winter wheat production plus the present carry-over will add up to nearly 1 1/2 billion bushels. This is about twice as much wheat as America normally consumes in two years. Other great wheat producing countries also report big surpluses of unsold wheat making the export outlook dark even without considering the war conditions which have cut off practically all chance of shipping wheat to countries which

could use it.

The final proclamation of marketing quotas must be made prior to May 15 and will probably follow the May crop report. Already the tentative date for such a referendum is called for has been set for May 31 if the quotas are proclaimed and approved by growers, all farmers can sell all the wheat grown on their AAA acreage allotments. In other words, AAA cooperators will have nothing to worry about under the wheat quota system.

Farmers who have overplanted allotments will have to store the excess or pay a penalty on it. Marketing quotas are a guarantee that all wheat growers will share in taking care of

the surplus says chairman Steen.

National figures show that wheat growers are cooperating well with the wheat adjustment program. The indicated acreage this year will be somewhat less than 63 1/2 million acres which is remarkably close to the acreage allotment of 62 million acres. The heavy prospective surplus has been brot about by the stoppage of practically all exports following several favorable production years.

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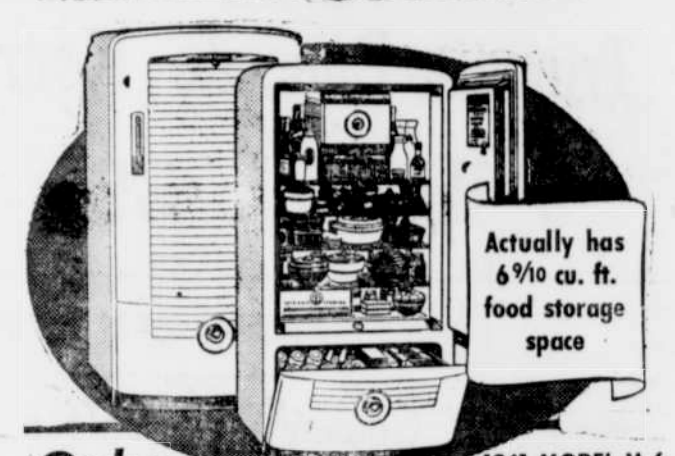
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