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GOVERNMENT PLANNING HAS NO PLACE IN PEACE TIME

GOVERNMENT peacetime "planning," of which there is a well-founded fear, could mean only a continuance and extension of what we have had as essential wartime bureaucratic regimentation. Government would tell us what we could produce on farm and in factory, how much, and at what price the products could be sold. Government would fix the maximum temperature of our homes; who our doctor must be; what we might read; when to work, where and at what, and at what wages. It would mean regulation of all the details of living. It would mark the end of ambition, the individual's desire, or opportunity, to get ahead. It would make the people servants of the government, instead of our American way of government as servant of the people.

Germany, Italy, Russia have had government "planning." It meant Nazism, Fascism, Communism. It meant totalitarian government, as it is bound to mean wherever it operates. I do not believe the American fighting man made the sacrifices he was called upon to make, for the purpose of establishing in this country the practices and methods he fought against in Europe and Asia.

The only class who might approve government "planning" is that small minority who are without ambition, who are seeking a way of existence with the least possible effort involved, whose idea is a government that will provide three meals a day, a home and fire. The American fighting man is not of that class. If we are to avoid the catastrophe of government "planning" it will be largely because the fighting man will have the final say.

Those who would institute "planning" as our system of government are not propagandizing their efforts in that direction. They are working under cover in an effort to accomplish by indirect methods what the American people would definitely and emphatically reject if presented openly. With the "planners" it is the accomplishment of a bit here and there during wartime which they had hoped to have had so well embedded when peace arrived as to make the bits permanent.

The American people recognized the necessity for, and submitted to, a surrender of much of their individual freedom during the stress of a war emergency. For them to awaken when the emergency is over, and find themselves burdened with a permanent government "planning" system that regulates their thoughts and actions as individuals, would be productive of a revolution, bloody or bloodless as necessity might call for.

LOS ANGELES HAS barred the practice of men removing their hats in public elevators. The ladies prefer a man with his hat on rather than the jab of a masculine elbow in their ribs.

SMALL BUSINESS MAKES A BIG INDUSTRIAL NATION

THE REALLY BIG BUSINESS of America are the 40 corporations, each of which has assets of one billion or more dollars. Of these seven are industrial producing commodities. The seven are: Standard Oil of New Jersey, General Motors, United States Steel, Du Pont, Bethlehem Steel, Socony - Vacuum Oil and Ford Motors. Of the others six are railroads and two, Bell Telephone and Consolidated Edison of New York, are utilities. The other 25 are financial institutions, banks, insurance and trust companies. The seven industrial, though they provide a total of 1,471,135 jobs, and are owned by 1,091,823 stock holders, are but a small part of the total American business.

It is the small business, everything from the peanut stand, the country store, the family farm to the industrial plant with assets in the millions, that makes America tick. The number of small businesses run into the millions. Their total production and sales represent the big, important business of the nation. On business, especially small business, we are all, directly or indirectly, dependent.

"GET DOWN and get under" is becoming more and more an American practice.

CANADA, AUSTRALIA, South Africa, New Zealand, Ireland are all independent nations, they are not a part of England, as Illinois is a part of the United States. They are constitutional monarchies, whose king is also king of England. Each of them maintain their own international relations, make their own laws, have their own currencies, maintain their own armed forces. They have had that status since before World War I. It was fully recognized by the League of Nations.



THE SUPER-CHICKEN

The poultry world is out to produce the Chicken of Tomorrow. It is working on a postwar kluck-kluck that will give a greater percentage of white and dark meat, a fowl that will even have meat on the neck and wings.

The Baby Chick Association of America and outstanding poultry experts are to convene to set standards for the Postwar Bird. If they, by any chance, get an order of chicken on a train or in a restaurant on the way to the meeting, their zeal for the achievement of their goal should be warmed 90 per cent.

Our experience with chicken lately leads to the conclusion that there is a crying need for a chicken that will have any meat whatsoever on it.

We don't know about the Chicken of Tomorrow, but the Chicken of Today belongs among the war crimes.

There is not enough meat on most restaurant chicken to hold the feathers on. They must have been feeding these birds plastic cracked corn.

Or is it the fault of the chefs, whose practice it seems to be to cook a chicken only in some form that will magnify its faults?

There may be chickens in America with meat on them, but the restaurants have been getting the other kind. A good many chefs seek to cover up the faults of these birds by serving them in the style called "Southern Fried."

Now, the real Southern fried chicken is a delicacy, but too many cooks in the East, West and North have been merely demonstrating that they don't know their compass points.

We don't know what the stuff is that they have been frying the chickens in, but it could be a combination of sawdust, putty and discarded chewing gum.

We got a Southern fried chicken the other night that must have had a wrapper made from the sweepings of a porch where the painter had been burning off the paint with a blowtorch.

There was some excuse for the Southern fried "wrapper," as the chef didn't have much to work on in the first place. Our dining companion swore that his order was a woodpecker wrapped in fire-hose and dipped in hot tar.

The chicken a la king hasn't been running good, either. It has been strictly a libel on royalty.

And have you ordered any chicken salad recently? Now we know what becomes of those old ends of lead pencils.

FALL REVERIE

A haze on the far horizon,
The infinite tender sky—
The ripe rich tint of the cornfield
And the wild geese sailing high;
And all over upland and lowland
Hot brakes and the smell of
gas. . . .
Some of us call it autumn,
But others just let it pass.

SO SHE'S NERVOUS!

A California judge, granting Barbara Hutton a quickie divorce, was told by Barbara that her husband, Cary Grant, sometimes had queer moods and showed indifference toward her guests which made her nervous. From the court records:

Judge—How did this affect you?

Barbara—It made me nervous.

Judge—Did you require the services of a doctor?

Barbara—Yes.

Judge—Decree granted.

Curious fellows, these jurists. If all the women in America who were made nervous by their husbands got divorces there wouldn't be a handful of homes left in the land. America is what she is because the wives and mothers bore a lot with the old man and managed to take a little nervousness in stride. There are thousands of husbands whose behavior toward the wife's friends is at times pretty bad. But even if the average husband started heaving crockery the wife would overlook it. Only when he hit a guest would she call a doctor.

MUSINGS

It is a fairly safe bet that the year 1945 will go down in history as the twelve months that saw nobody putting in any claims to be a superman.

It is going to seem nice to phone the fuel-oil man without beginning the conversation with a supplication, an apology, a character testimonial and a claim that you know his cousin well.

Overheard at a gas station: Just keep cranking until she begins to resist.

Receives Honor—Expected Blame



"The general and his lady," shown in Washington, shortly after their happy reunion. General Wainwright stated that all the time he was a prisoner in Japanese camps, he thought the American public would hold him responsible for the fall of the Philippines. The honors heaped upon him by the nation came as a gratifying surprise to America's No. 1 hero.

President's Daughter Chorister



Listeners throughout the country had the opportunity to hear Margaret Truman, center, daughter of President Truman, when she broadcast with the choir of the Trinity Episcopal church, from the Independence, Mo., "Church of the Air," on a coast-to-coast network. She has appeared in operas in several cities in recent years.

Rattlesnakes at Ford's Funeral



The faithful of the Dolly Pond Church of God, surrounded by a pushing crowd of curious, bury Brother Lewis Ford, as he had wished, fondling over his open casket the rattlesnake which killed him. Preacher Ford died as the result of snake bites received during a service held near Daisy, Tenn., at which snake handling was a highlight.

Millionth G.I. Home From Europe



Corp. Almon N. Conger, medic, of Tacoma, Wash., left, the millionth G.I. to be redeployed from the European theater of operations since V-E Day, is greeted by commander of the 35th infantry division, Maj. Gen. Paul W. Haade, on the arrival of the Queen Mary at New York. Conger wears the distinguished service cross along with his service bars.

Tojo in Suicide Try



The "mighty" leader of the Japanese empire at the start of the war, Premier General Hideki Tojo is pictured here as he lies in a semi-coma condition after shooting himself. Doctors report his life will be saved so he might be hung.

Named to State Post



Donald S. Russell of South Carolina, whose nomination as assistant secretary of state was made by President Truman. Russell will fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Dean Acheson to undersecretary of state. It is expected that other changes will be made.

Try Lidice 'Butcher'



Karl Hermann Frank, German secretary of state for Bohemia-Moravia, who is better known as "Butcher" Frank of Lidice. He is considered responsible for the liquidation of the Lidice populace following the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich.

In 'Hall of Fame'



Dick Fowler, 20 years old, Philadelphia Athletics, who by pitching a no-hit no-run game against the St. Louis Browns has entered baseball's hall of fame.

Lighter Buses
New buses made of aluminum weigh from 1½ to 2 tons less than previous models.

Japs Like Baseball
Baseball is more popular in Japan than anywhere else except in the United States and Canada.

Lacks Nitrogen
The firing of corn during the exceptionally wet weather is principally due to a lack of nitrogen.

SNAPPY FACTS

about
RUBBER



Largest inflatable rubber units ever made (200 ft. long and 25 ft. high) were the pneumatic breakwaters used to control the waves on the beaches during the Normandy invasion.

The various raw materials used in the manufacture of tires came from 35 different states.

35.7 pounds of synthetic rubber are used up in driving a car 20,000 miles at 35 m. p. h. 61 pounds are used while driving the same number of miles at 50 m. p. h.

Sponge rubber, a century-old discovery, may become a hundred-million-dollar industry.

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