

DPs Have Many Skills U.S. Needs

Useful Citizens Stay Idle In Displaced Person Camps

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WASHINGTON.—It's a strange thing about us Americans who grew up under a Declaration of Independence which states that we're all born free and equal, and a Constitution which is so scornful of blue blood that it specifically declares that "no title of nobility shall be granted by the United States; and no person holding any office of profit or trust under them shall, without the consent of congress, accept any present, emolument, office or title of any kind whatever from any king, prince or foreign state."

In other words, we're supposed to believe "a man's a man for a' that."

Nevertheless, come election eve, somebody always gets very excited about the ancestors of any prospective candidate for the office of president (or the office of dogcatcher, for that matter).

So I wasn't surprised to see a dis-



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patch come over the wires saying that somebody, who says his grandfather was the brother of the grandfather of General Eisenhower, is in a displaced persons' camp in Denmark.

Eisenhower, when questioned, says his ancestors came to America before the revolution and he has little or no information about the family in Europe.

A good American answer, I'd say.

And it serves to bring up the question of displaced persons in Europe, a matter with which the congress of the United States is mildly concerned at present. Not as much concerned, however, as Rep. William G. Stratton (Rep., Ill.) would like, since he has introduced a bill "to authorize the United States . . . to take its fair share in the resettlement of displaced persons in Germany, Austria and Italy, including relatives of citizens or members of the armed forces, by permitting their admission to the United States in a number equivalent to a part of the total quota numbers unused during the war years."

There are some 11 million persons who were enslaved, captured in war or thrown into concentration camps by the Nazis, who have been sent home, and 850,000 others who, like the alleged relative of General Eisenhower and many who have escaped from under the iron curtain since the war, can never go home for fear of political persecution in Soviet-controlled countries where they would face slavery or death. Fifty per cent of these still in the camps are women and children. One-fifth are Jews.

Many DPs have skills and are only too anxious to use them. And there is room for

them — or somebody — to take the place of the manpower which has been drained from the farms in the Middle West into factories.

There are 95,000 DPs who are trained farm workers. Now, instead of producing food for others and easing the terrific strain on the American farms due to the shift in population, these DPs are eating at America's expense. I doubt if any American is hardhearted enough to say: "I am not my brother's keeper. Send 'em all back where they came from . . . to strengthen the sinews of the Communist dictatorship and live out their lives in slavery . . . if they are allowed to live at all."

Breaking down the DP census under the "agriculture" classification made by American officials, we have:

Farmers (all types)	77,270
Agronomists	5,440
Lumbermen	704
Hunters, fishermen	723
Millers	1,191
Other agric. workers	10,099

Many other skills are represented. Need any carpenters? More than 5,000 are in the camps; nearly 2,000 painters; altogether more than 21,000 trained in construction and maintenance. And so on.

No comment is necessary on the items: "Hospital attendants, 1,135; nurses, 4,057; physicians and surgeons, 1,763"; or, from the housewives' point of view . . . "Domestics, 22,066."

It isn't as if we had thousands of unemployed in this country, or that we weren't trying to increase production to feed and house our people.

It costs our army (that means you) \$400,000 per day to keep these people semi-prisoners, growing up to be useless citizens by denying them freedom and hope. What does it cost our consciences?

Creed of Destruction

What is Communism, as exemplified by members of the Communist party in the United States? Some say it is a religion. Well, if the whirling dervishes are religious, so are the Communists. They are certainly as fanatically devoted to their creed. If the American people were a little more familiar with that creed, they would understand the Communists better, and it is to be remembered that that creed is more than an "I believe." It is a set of rules, and if you don't obey those rules, your life is in danger. Communists don't believe in punishment in a future life. Their motto is "do it now," and they do it.

My attention has been directed recently to one paragraph in the Communist bible, a resolution passed and accepted and integrated into the Internationale. It explains just what you can expect of Communists when they join a club, a union or any international body. Expect no more of them; no less. This is the paragraph:

"There can be no question of the utilization of bourgeois governmental institutions except for the purpose of their destruction."

Many explanations have been offered as to why a normal, natural-born American should embrace communism. The reasons range all the way up and down the scale, and include everything from a broken heart to some hidden neurosis that makes other people nag their husbands, maltreat their wives, drink, kick the dog or jump into the river. But whatever the urge is, it has some strange effects on the patient.

Take, for instance, that one-time firebrand member of the "Wobblies," Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. Many of you recall the picturesque IWWs, "International Workers of the World," who flourished in the early 1900s. Miss Flynn played a spectacular part in the famous Mesabi range strikes of 1919 — her father was a miner.

She helped organize the Communist party in America in 1920. Now she conducts a column "Life of the Party" in the party organ, the Daily Worker, published in New

York, which follows the party line as a fox follows the aniseed bag or a rat follows the smell of cheese.

In a recent column, Miss Flynn described a luncheon in honor of the "First Daytime Women's School" of the Communist party's Kings Highway section. Says she (note how Marxism flavors even the simple arts of the housewife): "The luncheon which the women prepared themselves was so delicious it is evidence they are equally good Marxists and good cooks. How can I reduce under such temptation?"

Perhaps sensing that someone might reach for a grain or two of salt before perusing her observations further, she sounds a somewhat different note in another breath:

"The Communist party of New York affords us not only this wonderful opportunity (attending a big meeting) to meet together to memorialize the noble life of Lenin, but give us inspiration to be guided by his teachings."

BUMPER BABY CROP

Boom in Births Means Changes

Biggest boom of all right now is that which is expanding the U. S. baby crop to historic proportions.

More than 26 million new babies have arrived on the scene in this nation since 1940, when the baby boom began. That is nearly 11 million more than had been expected on the basis of what has been considered the average yearly birth rate of the past, about two million.

And this bumper crop has increased the total national family to more than 144 million souls—considerably more than even any government bureau had counted on.

Last year more bundles from heaven arrived in the U. S. than ever before in its history, a whopping 3.37 million; and this year probably will measure up to approximately the same standard.

Big families mean big changes, as every parent knows. Although the future is seldom less than obscure, it is possible to predict in general terms what this expanded birth rate will mean to the U. S. during the next 10 or 15 years.

There will be more growing children to provide for. That means bigger markets than ever for industry, business and manufacturers. It will mean the building of more schools, the production of more food, the manufacture of more clothing, the building of more homes.

The infants' wear and toy industries, of course, have already rocketed to new levels of endeavor and production.

As the children start to school and outgrow their little quarters at home the construction industry will

begin to feel the impact in the form of a stepped-up demand for more single-family houses, builders believe.

This, in turn, will give impetus to the home furnishing and home equipment business. Further, it will mean the building of more banks and stores and the extension of bus and street car lines. In short, it will stimulate and sustain a higher level of employment.

Another implication lies in the fact that the present babies will have reached the peak of their youthful strength between 1960 and 1970. Military and other authorities are quick to figure that if universal military training were to be adopted now America's potential military strength would be extremely impressive in the eyes of the world at that time.



THEY'RE ROARIN' FOR WARREN . . . California's Republican assembly, meeting in Del Monte, heartily approved a resolution to "go out and sell Gov. Earl Warren as the best man for president of the United States." The campaign to get the GOP nomination for Warren has been gaining momentum.

NEWS REVIEW

House Debates Tax Bill; Gandhi Is Assassinated

All signs pointed to an income tax cut of one kind or another this year as the house of representatives changed the bell for the opening round of crucial, election-year debate on that much-belabored issue.

Joseph Martin (Rep., Mass.), speaker of the house, started things off with the assertion that an income tax slash is in the bag. He conceded, however, that it might not run as high as the 6.5 billion dollars provided in the Knutson bill, now up for debate.

But in the end, he said, the Republican congress would override a presidential veto "of the tax bill we send to the White House."

In order to beat the veto that Mr. Truman might slap on the tax bill, however, the Republicans would have to line up a few Democrats to vote on their side to make the necessary two-thirds majority. And to bring enough Democrats around, it was thought, the senate Republicans would tone down the bill.

Rep. Robert Doughton (Dem., N. C.), ranking Democrat on the tax-fixing ways and means committee, pointed out the obvious fact that Republicans would have to trim the size of the cut to get anywhere. Otherwise, he said, congress will uphold the veto "and we will have no tax reduction at all."

As far as Knutson's 6.5-billion-dollar measure is concerned, GOP congressmen were touting it on the grounds that it would spur business, increase production and relieve the price-pressure on taxpayers in addition to leaving the government enough revenue for an 11-billion-dollar payment on the public debt in the next two years.

Democrats, of course, take the diametrically opposed view, holding that a tax slash that big would force the government to borrow money, threaten national security and hinder the European recovery plan upon which so much of the current phase of U. S. foreign policy is founded.

DEATH:

Gandhi:

Mohandas K. Gandhi, India's champion, peacemaker, patient saint, was dead at the age of 78—a victim of an assassin's bullets.

He died barely two weeks after Hindus, Sikhs and Moslems alike, overjoyed at the possibility of peace that Gandhi's latest fast had procured for their dominions, were shouting "Gandhiji ki jai" (long live Gandhi) in the streets of Delhi.

It was a violent ending for the mahatma who all his life had preached and practiced a philosophy based on an abhorrence of violence. A Hindu from Poona approached him during a prayer meeting and fired three shots into his body from close range.

To India and to India's Hindus to whom Gandhi had devoted his life, his death was a bitter experience and a shock that left the already turbulent sub-continent in an even more complete state of turmoil.

After the partition of the country into the dominions of India and

Pakistan Gandhi had been the man of strong spirit to whom all three opposing factions, Hindus, Moslems and Sikhs, had looked for guidance.

And in his last fast, of five-day duration, he had given it to them. He had provided the three clashing religious groups with a foundation for peace. His action had tended to narrow the schism between Moslems and Hindus, had lessened the talk of war.

Whether his death would undo the good that the last days of his life had accomplished remained, for the time being, an open question.

LITTLE MAN

And What Now?

To the senate banking and currency committee came a representative of America's beloved "little man" to talk of inflation and ask the question "What now?"

Economists may define an inflationary condition as an excess of demand over supply or a disproportionate amount of money and credit in relation to exchange, but



WAUD AND FAMILY
"We're not living . . ."

to Cyrus J. Waud of Camden, N. J., a week salary can't take care of his wife and six children.

Waud, a cannery worker, told a story familiar to millions of his cohorts across the nation: The endless, insufferable rise in prices; the hand-to-mouth struggle to keep even with the implacable economic circumstances which gradually were beating him down.

With the dispassionate bitterness of a good U. S. citizen who knows that it is within his rights but not within his power to have economic freedom and comfort for his family and himself, Waud summed it all up in the 1948 "little man's" tragic cliché:

"We're not living, we're only existing."

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PROBABLY the main reason that Rear Adm. James M. Holloway Jr., head of the U. S. naval academy, hasn't called us in to help select Navy's next coach is that Admiral Holloway is an extremely smart person — one of the finest types West Point or Annapolis have drawn to date—and a better educator than he is a football selector.

Another reason is that the admiral figured we would cast our vote for Capt. Tom Hamilton, who is now Navy's director of athletics.

Captain Hamilton, a brilliant navy officer, only needed a bit more mod-



Grantland Rice

ern experience and a slightly less rigorous schedule to be a match for anyone. He was far behind such coaches as Fritz Crisler, Lou Little, Frank Leahy and many others in experience. And experience is the most vital requisite of any football coach.

Suppose Navy had

its pick of the field? Who would be the one to select? Among the best coaches in college football — in no selected order—we could name the following:

Leahy, Notre Dame; Crisler, Michigan; Little, Columbia; Red Blaik, Army; Matty Bell, S.M.U.; Jimmy Phelan, St. Mary's; Blair Cherry, Texas; Jim Tatum, Maryland; Wallace Wade, Duke; Paul Bryant, Kentucky; Red Sanders, Vanderbilt; Bobby Dodd, Georgia Tech; Wally Butts, Georgia, and Bernie Bierman, Minnesota.

But how many of these can Navy get? I don't think Navy could get Leahy, Crisler or Little. I doubt that Navy would reach for Blaik. I've heard two names mentioned lately—Phelan of St. Mary's and Tatum of Maryland. Either would be an excellent choice.

Phelan's 1945 or 1946 St. Mary's team was certainly as well coached as Leahy's Notre Dame teams or Crisler's Michigan teams. Leahy and Crisler currently are rated on top. Both are brilliant coaches. But no one knows how large a part the best material plays in football.

Coaching and Material

In my book, material is far more important than coaching. Leahy and Crisler have had far the best material lately. They have had material that completely outclassed rival players through the last year, and both know it.

They have been meeting teams that never had a man who could make their first squad—line or backfield. Notre Dame and Michigan steadily get the best material in the Midwest, a strong football sector.

There is no such monopoly in other sections. Since the war Army and Navy took a drop—a terrific drop on Navy's side.

Material is important, but a smart, keen, alert coach also is a big help. Modern football moves at a killing pace. There are so many new offenses and defenses that a coach slightly behind the times is completely bewildered.

A football coach is the hardest working instructor in the realm of sport. No other coach in any other game faces such consistent pressure. No other coach faces so many problems, has so many worries, so many shocks.

The pro game is full of fine coaches: Paul Brown, Steve Owen, Sutherland, Greasy Neale, Buck Shaw—on and on. But the answer here is still largely material.

I have no record of Navy's material for 1948. But it should match Army's, and with a pro coach such as Phelan or Tatum or one of that class, Navy isn't going through a season again winning one game a year.

Navy has won only two games in the last two years. This won't happen through 1948.

A Possible Tangle

The Big Nine either is gambling on Minnesota to win her conference crown next fall or figuring the West Coast is too dazed to care what happens. At least nothing so far has been done about sending her second or third-place team to the Rose Bowl game in case Michigan and Illinois run 1-2.

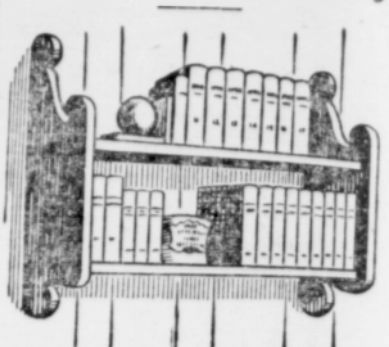
Our information on Illinois is slight. But our information on Michigan is complete, and it indicates that the Wolverines will be just about as tough next fall as they were last season.

Michigan loses a flock of stars, including Chappuis, Weisenburger, Yerges, Mann, Ford and Pritula. But there will be more than enough stars left to plug the gap and make the Wolverines again as formidable as any squad in the land.

Bernie Bierman at Minnesota will have a fast, powerful line, one of the best in football. But he could use one or two of Michigan's backs.

The point is this—suppose Michigan wins again and the Big Nine sends out Minnesota or Purdue to play against the Pacific Coast conference champions? I have an idea you will hear one of the loudest squawks that ever churned up the coastal waters of the purling Pacific.

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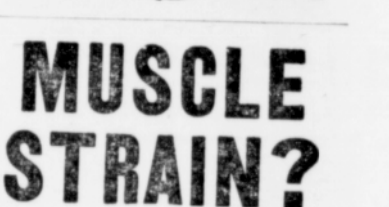
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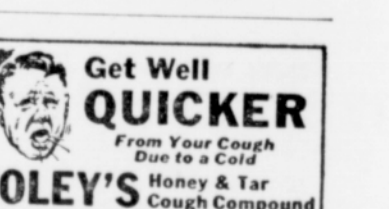


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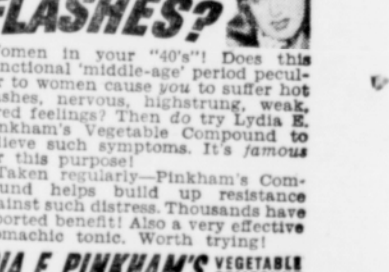
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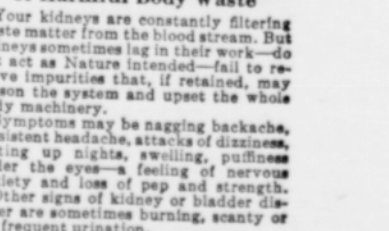
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