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EDITORIALS

UNITY, OUR DEFENSE

The strength and security of our nation depends on the national unity.

There is no room in this country now for narrow partisanship, for class hatred, for exploiting old grudges and differences. But unity must be more than a slogan, more than a vague and appealing word. It can be achieved only by action.

Unity calls for fair dealing between industry and labor, for a policy that neither favors nor penalizes either side. It calls for an attitude on the part of both labor leaders and industrial managers that will make possible frank and honest arbitration, with each understanding the problems of the other. The nation cannot afford exploiters now—the industrialist who would grind down labor, or the labor leader who would disrupt industry to gain his ends.

Unity calls for a government policy of honest cooperation with all industry. The need of the hour is production—and still more production, in the interest of our ordinary needs no less than the interest of our extraordinary defense program. The country cannot afford that kind of politician who fights industry, reviles industry, and who attempts to ruin industry in reaching out for more and more power. Nor can it afford costly and unnecessary government competition with industry, which means the eventual extinction of private enterprise.

Unity calls for a tax and spending policy which will get maximum results in the least possible length of time with minimum waste. Taxation must be distributed equitably over all income groups, and all industries and businesses. We are willing to spend every dollar that is needed for real defense.

We can have unity. We must have it. If we are to survive as a free people. Now is the time to put into effect a program that will really achieve it.

Lifted Editorials

The following editorial was written by Governor Clarence D. Martin of Washington as the first of a series being published under the same heading by newspapers connected with the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association. It so well portrays the feeling of this editor of this paper that we reprint it in full.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

I am very proud that Washington Newspaper Publishers have invited me to contribute the first editorial in a series they will use under the heading "God Bless America." I feel more deeply on the subject than I can put into expression in for I owe all that I am, and all that I have to these United States and to my own State of Washington, of which I am a native son.

Today America is still a free nation. It is still a land of opportunity, where every man may stand on his own feet. I want to keep it that way for my sons and for yours.

America and the State of Washington still permit every man, no matter whether his station be high or low, to think, speak and do as he pleases, so long as he does not break the laws upon which this nation was founded, and which have been necessary to keep it a nation of free people, with the right of the individual to life, liberty and the pursuit of what he deems may be his happiness.

Where else in today's world is there a nation which has this freedom?

Where else can we live through the day and night without fear of the hand of arbitrary authority on the shoulder, the fear of bullets or bombs?

In my opinion the danger to America lies not in any foe or combination of foes from without, no matter how powerful. It lies only in any possible failure of ours to appreciate the blessings of the government under which we live.

America did not always exist. It was founded scarcely more than a century and a half ago. This freedom which we enjoy was purchased by the toil, the sacrifice of our forefathers in both blood and treasure. They knew what they wanted, and they valued it so highly that they were willing to and did make any sacrifice for it. It has come to us of the present generation without effort.

There are forces in the world today who look on us with greedy eyes. They would make vassals of us, and take our resources. They are entirely without compunction. We will keep America as it is and continue to enjoy its blessings, only if we appreciate what those blessings mean, and by our conduct and our character deserve them. As a united people, with the resolve and character of the founders of this nation, we will be unconquerable. Without that appreciation we may have two ocean naval strength, a great Army, but they would mean little. We have examples of nations with great armies, but who were sick at heart, whose character had become decadent.

I cannot conceive of an America that will let its freedom, its manner of living go by default. We have built a civilization that is superior to any that ever has existed. An aroused America can perform any task surmount any test that it may be called upon to face. Let us reflect earnestly on the blessings that we enjoy and keep them against any force, at any cost for ourselves and for posterity.

If I gave back to America everything she has given me, I would still be in her debt. So would you. God Bless America.

Economic Highlights

The Axis' spokesman continues to boast of the dreadful doom that is about to befall Britain and all other powers which dare to oppose German-Italian-Japanese ambitions to create a new and revolutionary "world order." But in much of the present boasting there is a hollow and discordant note. For it is a plain fact that today the dictators are winning most of their battles on paper instead of the field of action.

The war, in other words, is not going well, from the Nazi-Fascist point of view. Germany has apparently abandoned hope of invading England—a move which, according to Hitler's original calendar, was to have been completed months ago. Her air attacks go on and they do much damage. But there is no evidence to indicate that the plane can win a war or break the morale of a proud and determined people. In the meantime, English plane production, buttressed by imports from this country, moves steadily forward toward the day when Britain will be Germany's equal in the air. Nazi raiders and submarines have sunk an immense amount of British shipping. But Britain's merchant marine is still vast, and is being added to almost daily. And new British war-

ships, including one or two 35,000-ton super-dreadnaughts, have lately been commissioned.

Greatest fiasco has been that of Italy. One expert recently observed that Germany alone is stronger than Germany and Italy together, and that may very well be true—Italy is one of the least self-contained of nations, and Hitler must keep supplying her with materials which he could use to advantage at home. On top of that, the military experts are shaking their heads in amazement over what they regard as the almost incredible stupidity of Mussolini's much-bemademed general staff. The invasion of small, poorly-armed Greece is a vivid example. Italy attempted to use blitzkrieg tactics in a rugged, mountainous country in which there are few roads, and she started in the worst possible season. It was inevitable that her losses would be tremendous. No authority believes that Greece can hold out indefinitely, but Italy's victory will be won at great cost, in prestige no less than in men and material. And in the meantime, England has been able to establish air and naval bases on the Greek islands which are of immense importance in cementing her hold on the Mediterranean.

The British air attack which disabled three Italian battleships and a number of lesser craft is, if English reports of action are true, one of the major victories of this war. It means that the Italian fleet has lost close to half its effectiveness so far as the surface vessels are concerned. And that, in turn, means that Britain can now release ships from the Mediterranean to other places where they are badly needed for purposes of convoy, and to hunt down and engage the German raiders which are operating in the mid-Atlantic.

Watch Africa now—the next showdown will probably come there. More and more of French Africa has disavowed the German-dominated Vichy government and is throwing in with the "free French" cause led by General De Gaulle. Myerstein General Weygand is now in Africa. He was sent there by the Vichy authorities to hold the colonies. But reports leak out that Weygand may have an entirely different plan in mind—that he may join De Gaulle or, at least, keep the part of Africa he controls out of an alliance of any kind with Germany. If he does that, it will be a blow to the Axis, which must conquer Africa as a main step in its program for destroying the life-line of the British Empire.

Also watch the Far East. There is quiet on the surface there at the moment, but there is turbulence underneath. Japan has been withdrawing great quantities of troops from China. Some fear she will use them in a foray against French Indo-China and the Dutch East Indies—or, if worst comes to worst, against the

Philippines. Ray of hope is provided by Far Eastern experts who insist that Japan knows she is far too weak to provoke us into war, and that she will back down if we maintain a strong and unyielding policy.

Most of the columnists have been busy as bird dogs in forecasting what course the Administration will now take. And all of them seem to have different ideas. Some think the President will pursue a conservative policy; others that he will go in for experiment on a bigger scale than ever.

For the time being, discount all of those forecasts considerably. Only one man, the President, knows what he plans to do, and he hasn't talked about it publicly. The speeches and statements he has made since the election have been moderate in tone and have not indicated any startling new departures.

It is obvious that the demands of rearmament come first in government now. Whatever the Administration thinks is necessary to expanding production with maximum speed, will be done, but no one yet knows what that will entail.

The Secret Weapon Of the U. S. A.

It isn't poison gas or a new and deadlier kind of explosive, it isn't even that coveted bomb sight we hear so much about these days which is known to us alone. Nevertheless, we do have a "secret weapon" which gives us great prestige among the informed leaders of other nations and would make us a formidable enemy to any foe. And unlike the so-called "secret weapons" of which other peoples boast it is of use to us in peace time as well as in periods when we build for national defense.

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