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GOVERNMENT CHAIN STORES

The government has become one of the largest chain store operators in the world. It buys and sells on a mass scale through a central organization, and distributes everything from chewing gum to lingerie over the counters of thousands of "retail" outlets located at Army posts in the United States and abroad. Gross sales of the Army Exchange Service, as this super-chain is called, are approaching a billion dollars annually. Profits are used for Army relief and other constructive purposes.

The new government chain stores displace the old post canteens which were operated by the units they served and which often charged prices as high or higher than private stores of the post. The new system unquestionably brings many benefits to service men, in fact the same benefits that private citizens now get from private chains.

It is interesting to observe this logical expansion of the mass distribution technique initiated by the chain store industry many years ago. Mass distribution is now the backbone of retail merchandising. Independent merchants, as well as chains, have long used mass buying and selling methods. Instead of limiting competition as has been so often charged, modern mass distribution has stimulated it. Proof of this fact can be seen in the improved store appearance and the variety of goods handled by the average retailer. Both were brought about by the demands of competition, as well as by mass merchandising economies.

The war emergency has for a time limited quantity as well as variety of items in every store. But the mass distribution technique is there and very much harder than ever to supply consumers with necessities. Once the emergency is over, we will again move toward a higher standard of living.

SOLITAIRE UP-TO-DATE

With the people's minds long focused on the glamour and the horror of war, such commonplace things as buying an egg beater, a stew kettle, a pair of shoes, a sheet, or the family groceries, seemed to be trivial affairs. Stories about impending shortages meant little because most persons figured the store would have what they wanted when they wanted it.

When shortages finally became a reality and when figuring ration coupons became a game like solitaire for the average housewife, the importance of the retail distribution system of this nation became evident. Without it, the whole rationing program would break down, and without it the country would starve, for the simple reason that the consumer would be helpless to supply his needs.

Producers and regulators have suddenly been jolted with the fact that retailing must be maintained or the production line will clog for lack of distribution.

HANDWRITING ON THE WALL

Kansas has passed a labor union control bill with teeth in it. Other states are considering similar measures.

One bill before Congress would do away with racketeering by unscrupulous leaders within union ranks. Another bill would clarify the meaning of the term "employee" so that "supervisory" and "management" officials could not be forced into unions under the classification of "employee," thereby denying management any representation in controversial issues.

Organized labor has had the good will of the public, but the American people resent dictator policies. Labor leaders should take notice.

MERCHANT VESSEL TONNAGE DELIVERED

Year	Tonnage Delivered
1938	38,000
1939	41,000
1940	240,000
1941	240,000
1942	240,000
1943	240,000

POWER FROM ON HIGH

A thousand lewd women were kept to serve the heathen religion in the temple on the heights above ancient Corinth. All about the city sin was for sale in whatever form one might ask it. From the top families to the runaway slaves who hid about the city was a festering hole. Into this cesspool of iniquity, the Holy Spirit sent the Apostle Paul to spread the Gospel, to open their eyes to a better way and to turn them from the power of Satan unto God.

God told the Apostle that he had many people in Corinth. But they must hear the Gospel—the Word of Life—and by it the Spirit would call them out from their lost state. So it was that Paul gave the Message and the Spirit did His work. Many a one was called into belief. But being new to the better life, they were untaught. They broke into rival cliques, these new Christians. They followed human leaders. Some after Peter, others after Paul, others sought out the orator Apollos. Paul rebuked all this—"What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body."

This is the meaning—Suppose a famous physician came to your house to heal one of your family and you made him a prisoner in a cubby hole up under the roof? Not much help for the family, we should say. Like that the Spirit of God—the Holy Spirit—had taken up in the human bodies of these new converts. He had made their bodies His temple. Let Him fill His temple to the utmost; let the Spirit fill them; do not shut Him up. Let them live by POWER FROM ON HIGH. They were in need of the Spirit but they must be INFILLED.

How is it that Dr. Martin Niemöller is able to stand up against Hitler these years? For you see Niemöller shut up in concentration camp with its vermin, rags, starvation and violence all about. Niemöller is making it by POWER FROM ON HIGH. That is the answer for this man who spoke for God in spite of all.

And you? Are you saved but fruitless and running with the world? From the instant you received Christ as Savior, the Holy Spirit has made your body His temple. He indwells you. But He waits to INFILL you. He asks every room. Are you restless and joyless or have you the sweet peace that passeth understanding? Die to self; be filled with the Spirit; make it through by POWER FROM ON HIGH.

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By Fred P. H. Clyde
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I was never much of a hand at second hand visiting—to be explicit—long, winded conversations over the telephone. For it takes more than I possess in the way of knowledge of the feminine as to how some of the girls can really work a phone.

Now you take my wife for instance. She is only slightly afflicted with this dread phobia—her symptoms is an occasional outbreak of ten minute telephonic blabbing bees to her sister—Madeline Ezell. (I am glad that Madeline don't phone collect—bless her heart.)

Sometime ago I mentioned the fact that another Fred Clyde dwells nearby. His wife's name, it seems, is Velma. Mine is Wilma. Now some out-of-towner will occasionally ask about this. His wife's name, it seems, and my Wilma answers. Figuring the other lady is chewing nougat candy and can't quite enunciate Wilma, the little woman will carry on the nicest little chummy chat-chat you ever did hear when she suddenly realizes that she is working on the wrong gal. My cheery ruffians don't seem to bring a lady-like echo.

I prefer to watch the face of my conversationalist. Expression and gestures give a great deal in actual meaning and interpretation. Telephones are OK but not as a good honest Bull Session.

At hand is the deal of OPA on fish prices—which at the moment of writing—smells like a well ripened funny denizen. The idea of Salmon selling for 75 and 80 cents a pound is criminal. I consider it gouging of a low, cringing, crawling nature. I have been critical of federal agencies in the past but I highly applaud OPA's laying of the heavy hand on this example of fishy profiteering.

It is regrettable that human instincts give way to low, animal cunning. I didn't say intelligence. I have in mind a hoarder. I know of, of the first water. This guy would hear some asinine rumor that something was getting a little scarce and he'd break his neck to buy all he could lay his hands on. (Don't count that two pounds of coffee I had.) Half the stuff this gink bought he'd never think of buying in normal times beyond minute quantities. One time his grocer was out of these little cans of tomato sauce for several days. When it was back in stock—this two-legged porker tried to buy a case. Of course the grocer turned him down. In anything but a civilized society a guy like that wouldn't be turned down—he'd be knocked down.

A shipment of King Humbert (Both Red and Yellow) Cans arrived today. The tubers are as quaint as any I've ever seen. This is my first try on this member of the banana family. From what I can gather, culture is much the same as Dahlias—in regard to painting, soil, position (sunny), and digging up after frost for tuber storage. The broad, tropical leaves are a contribution to any yard while the flowers in the hands of hybridists are in reds, yellows, carmines, pinks and I've heard, some variegations.

If you come up to my place some time this mid-summer and see a bony specimen chewing a mango, dressed in a Lamour Sarong, and reclining under a dwarf banana tree don't be frightened; it'll just be yours truly by the Cannas.

Advertising does it for you

Substitutes for Pressure Cookers

Many people are asking about pressure cookers and finding them hard to secure. War Production Board has released material for manufacture of only a fraction of those that are wanted. A rationing plan among co-operating users is under way for distributing the pressure cookers when they arrive.

What substitutes are there for pressure cookers is often asked. Hot water bath canning is suitable only for tomatoes and fruits. These foods are protected by their acid content from the growth of poison-forming bacteria. Nonacid foods are subject to botulinus poisoning, especially prevalent on the West coast, unless canned at pressure cooker temperatures.

Meat and fish can be salted, or salted and smoked, or frozen. Nonacid vegetables can be stored, frozen, dried and brined. In view of the shortage in pressure cookers, it is no too late to plan to grow plenty of cabbage, carrots, onions, potatoes, rutabagas, squash, and other vegetables that can readily be stored. Winter and spring gardens are another alternative for canning vegetables. Directions for curing, storing, freezing, drying, and canning, and for making homemade evaporators are available on request to your County Extension Office.

Organization of Flax Growers About Complete

The organizing committee of the Washington County Flax Growers is drawing up Articles of Association and By Laws which they will, in the near future, present to the farmers who have indicated they will grow flax, reports Palmer S. Torvend, secretary of the committee.

Farmers who have not as yet seeded their flax are urged to do so as soon as the weather permits as the desirable time for seeding will soon be past.

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"I'm mighty glad to hear that, John. As the report says, no Army in American history has been so orderly, so well-behaved,

so well-trained. Why, even on pay night, there's very little drinking done. I was particularly interested in that part which said the Army, with an eye to its own problem, usually prefers to have its camps in wet communities rather than dry communities because wet communities can be regulated... dry communities with their bootleggers can't. It's just more proof that prohibition does not prohibit."

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