

ABOVE the HULLABALOO

Given enough time, and proper management, we will win this war. Our manufacturers are capable producing more war material than all the Axis nations combined; and waves of bombers are not "coming over" every day to interfere with their production. We have the raw material to supply practically every need and the scientists to "synthesize" what we lack. With our allies, we have greater manpower than the enemy; and facts, past and present—prove conclusively that the American soldier has no peer, in fact—no equal.

So where is our danger? Right here a thome, and its name is—"Runaway Inflation"! We can no more have Military Victory and Runaway Inflation than we can have Prosperity and Depression; or a Stomach-ache and a Happy Holiday.

Now it is a fact that the "Men in Washington" are just the same sort of Americans as we are. Above everything they want to win this war, and the rubbish which is printed and screamed to the contrary is just so much waste material. But there are countless interests, details, groups, causes, involvements and conditions pulling in so many different directions, that our managers in Washington get just as much confused sometimes about the main issue as do we laymen.

The main issue right now it to stop inflation. In fact it is the greatest of all the many issues with which we are faced today. How much good is it going to do the British to drive Rommel out of Egypt if the United States has to quit because the inflation problem gets away from us and completely wipes us out as a factor in this war? How much good for the Chinese to hold Chungking, or the Russians to stop Hitler? These nations are depending upon

us to "tip the scales" and win the war. Runaway Inflation will "tip the scales" alright; it will tip them so far that the war will be over very quickly. And our side won't be the winner. We can lose a hundred battles on land and on the sea and in the air—and still win the war. But we can't lose the battle against Runaway Inflation and do so.

Probably the most patriotic class in this country is the farmer class. The farmer owns the soil—it is in his blood. And certainly no one can reproach the American laboring man for lack of patriotism. And yet these two great groups are being blamed by many honest citizens for the present inflation danger—principally because there has been no "ceiling" put upon their "production" while practically everything else has been "controlled." This is neither the fault of the American farmer nor of the American laborer. He is fully aware of the danger to his country, his family and himself from inflation. It is the fault of those who are trying honestly to represent the farmer and the laborer but have a mistaken idea of the feelings and wishes of either.

Maybe we laymen are not capable of appreciating all the fine points of the inflation program which today faces our government; but we do know that the President has been trying to stop inflation ever since it started. American presidents, however, are not dictators: They must obtain certain of their powers from congress, and congress must get its incentive from the wishes of the people. But congressmen are not necessarily mindreaders, and therefore if we want them to STOP inflation—we must tell them so. If it is not stopped, it going to be "just too bad" for all of us.

NEW SPRAYS CONTROL BAD ATTACKS OF ONION MILDEW

With every ounce of onion seed raised this year needed to replace former supplies from outside sources, protection given Oregon onion seed fields will be both patriotic and profitable.

A serious onion mildew infection has invaded Oregon seed fields in recent years that cuts yields seriously unless controlled, says Dr. F. P. McWhorter, plant pathologist at the O. S. C. experiment station, in a recent circular of information.

This is one of the few fungus

diseases that does not yield at all to the old standby, bordeaux mixture. The experiment station has found that it can be controlled by a dyestuff known as Malachite Green. This is mixed with red copper oxide and a spreader. This can be used throughout the season or, after the first application, a red copper oxide-oil combination may be used. Full directions are given in the circular.

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WOMEN IN THE NEWS

BY JANET CUPLER

WOMEN IN THE NEWS—
WOMAN of the Week:—Many Fay Bainter, long time star of stage and screen, represents the motherly type of woman. Today she is playing a similar kind of role in real life. She is a "block mother" at Santa Monica, Calif., where she has been selected by the board of education to head a block mother project. The purpose of the project is to locate one house in each block where some "mother" is always at home to care for the block children in case of emergency.

WING SCOUTS: According to Mrs. Paul Rittenhouse, national director, the Girl Scouts have begun to train leaders in the first step toward a nation-wide aviation program which will provide two years' basic training in aviation. This fall, when the first group of 30 girls now being trained at Philadelphia has completed the course which will qualify them as leaders, or "wing scouts," additional "troops" will be formed throughout the country. The program is open to senior Girl Scouts (of high school age) and will be directed toward exploring vocational opportunities for women in aviation.

Miss Simon Legree: Charles C. Stech, who has just completed a survey of standards of work demanded by both men and women, has come to the conclusion that men are easier to work for than women. (Surprised?) Also, Mr. Stech has discovered that women are rated slightly higher by the men than by the women for whom they work; that men would rather have a woman look nice and be efficient than just be efficient; that women demand less intelligence than men do.

NAVY NURSE: In discussing the Japanese attacks on Bataan and Corregidor, Miss Agnes Bernattus, the only navy nurse to escape from Corregidor, said recently that there are probably 70 nurses among the 100 or so women left on Corregidor. She said she is "certainly happy" to be in this country but is ready to go wherever, and whenever, the navy orders.

This Week in WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C. (NWN)—The man of average income will pay from two to three times as much income tax next year as he did this year, if the new tax bill, finally approved by the ways and means committee of the house of representatives, becomes law.

It is expected that there will be changes in the tax measure and that there may be considerable delay in its passage, but it is quite possible that the income tax part may remain about as the committee has written it. If it does, a man with an income of \$3,000 who has two dependents would pay \$172 as compared with the \$98 which he paid this year, and the man with an income of \$5,000 and two dependents would pay \$570 instead of \$271 and the man with an income of \$10,000 would pay \$1,880 instead of \$1,117.

The proposal to limit incomes to \$25,000, which has been pushed by labor leaders, was dropped by the committee, although the tax on big incomes is now so high that a man would have to earn over \$50,000 to be able to pay \$100,000 he would only be able to keep around \$35,000 of it. That, of course, is before consideration of state and other taxes, so that it is quite likely that the man of \$100,000 income would not be able to retain more than \$25,000.

The bill lowers exemptions so that any single person earning \$500 instead of \$750, and any married man earning \$1,200 instead of \$1,500 would be subject to a tax.

Although the new income taxes are very high, the tax bill in which they are included comes far short of the minimum amount which the secretary of the treasury said should be collected in taxes this year.

In addition to individual income taxes, which, it is estimated, would yield approximately \$3,000,000,000, the new revenue bill also calls for about \$3,200,000,000 from corporation taxes and \$800,000,000 from excise taxes.

More costly to the people than income tax will be inflation, it is the belief of many here, unless Leon Henderson and his Office of Price Administration, are permitted to carry on with their price control program. Although the OPA was created by congressional

action, and although there are few in either house who will deny that price control is essential to keep prices from skyrocketing, both the house and senate are still refusing to give Mr. Henderson the funds he claims he must have to carry on.

It is evident here that this cut in OPA funds has nothing to do with an economy move on the part of the congress but is being made to punish Mr. Henderson for not appointing the men the politicians wanted for OPA jobs.

In a statement explaining that the OPA would lose all control over prices if it is curbed as congress has proposed, Mr. Henderson emphasized his stand on the political angle when he said:

"We have attempted and are attempting to recruit loyal and competent Americans strictly in accordance with the price control act which specifies that appointments shall be on the basis of merit and efficiency and that 'no political test or qualification shall be permitted or given consideration.'" Evidently congress is annoyed because the head of the OPA took seriously those clauses which congress

wind-up-testing. Mr. Henderson is greatly disturbed over amendments approved by the senate committee on appropriations which would put the appointment of all jobs calling for salaries of over \$4,500 in the hands of the President and would give the secretary of agriculture the right to over-ride any price regulation affecting a product made from farm commodities. On the amendment to give Secretary Wickard control over prices related to farm goods, Mr. Henderson said:

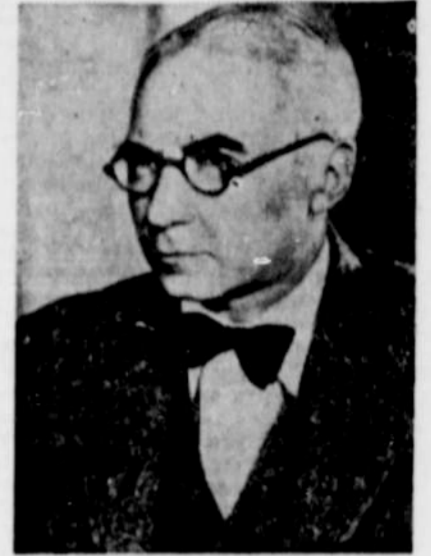
"The amendment in question was drafted and proposed by the American Farm Bureau Federation. It is part of a co-ordinated program by that organization to destroy effective price control, not only on farm commodities, but on all things made from farm products. I am confident that the vast majority of farmers themselves repudiate completely these attacks upon the war effort."

In view of congress' obvious political considerations in practically every move it is making as the

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election draws nearer, it is interesting to note one of Senator Barkley's recent talks in defense of congress in which he said: "I urge that congress be judged by its total accomplishments in this crisis and not by two or three short-sighted or foolish things it may have fallen into. As it has arisen magnificently to the requirements of its position on all great problems in the past in spite of contests and opposition, it will do so now and in the future in spite of contests and opposition."

—Buy War Savings Bonds—



ELMER DAVIS
Director of War Information, recently very prominent in news over release of news on trial of 8 U-boat saboteurs.

QUESTIONS

1. What great mountain range is in central Europe?
2. On what Dutch island is grown the largest flower known?
3. How large is Mexico?
4. What is the population of Portugal?
5. What breed of cattle produces the best beef?
6. Who designed the national capitol?
7. How many planets are in our system?
8. Who was the greatest Roman orator?
9. For what was Alexander Hamilton noted?
10. Where is "Little America"?

THINK YOU'RE SMART? WORD SQUARE WILD LIFE LINES

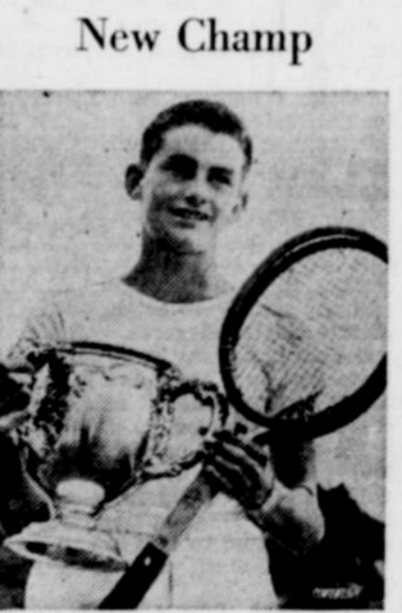


Here is the world's smallest crossword puzzle. Fill in words according to definitions. The squares will then read the same down as across. After you have solved it, see if you can make up any good 5-letter word squares.

1. Our planet.
2. To isolate.
3. Royal.
4. Knight of the road.
5. Amiable.



A large black cousin of the crow, Made known by Edgar Allen Poe Whose poetry I like a lot, Although my record proves I've shot A dozen kids—perhaps a score— Whose "Quoth the Raven Nevermore" Filled me with righteous indignation Because I'm anti-recitation.



The new inter-scholastic tennis champion, Bobby Falkenburg, of California, who defeated Frank Willett of Anniston, Ala., in the finals of the singles at Haverford, Pa.



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