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Time to Call a Halt

WHY keep up the farce? Here, for example, is a dispatch from Washington, D. C.:

Washington, June 7.—What the government is doing is trading in so-called surplus war material to manufacturers in part payment for new equipment.

The government CAN, but why do it?

THIS government is not neutral, never has been, why pretend it is? More than that why not repeal all laws, that in any way conflict with the United States giving every possible aid to the allies at this critical time, and pass whatever laws are needed to make this assistance just as effective as it CAN be made.

Such a course appeals to this paper as the only sensible and honest one to pursue. We don't like the idea of Uncle Sam passing over a gun to John Bull with one hand, and pretending to pass it to some non-combatant American manufacturer with the other.

Such a policy is devious, hypocritical and undignified, unworthy of a great democracy such as this.

IN the present world crisis, as we see it, there are only two courses for this country to pursue:— Either extend EVERY POSSIBLE AID to the allies, or extend no aid at all,—either enter the war to the extent of being the source of unlimited supply for England and France, or keep entirely out of it.

Certainly no one can doubt the American people are overwhelmingly in favor of the first procedure. Then why in Heaven's name do it, and if there are any laws on the statute books in conflict, repeal them, instead of leaving them there and either evading or breaking them.

ANOTHER item in the same dispatch reads as follows: So that this arms exchange could not become a subject of heated discussion in the congress, an adjournment was taken over the week-end, even though there was a great deal of urgent business to transact.

THAT strikes us as even worse. Are we in such dire straits that public discussion and debate must be suspended, and normal democratic processes abandoned, so something slick may be put over in the interim?

To a man up a tree it looks very much as though the present administration were yielding to the present deplorable war hysteria instead of performing its plain duty, and combating it. By all means, in this world emergency, let us give the hard pressed allies EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. But let us do it HONESTLY,—above board and legally, not by silly subterfuge and pretense!

Compulsory Military Training?

WE doubt if the country at large will react favorably to the New York Times' proposal of compulsory military training at this time, even though President Roosevelt endorses it.

For outside of New York there are strong undercurrents of feeling against anything that savors of compulsion or militarism, and this proposal will undoubtedly be interpreted as a combination of both. Moreover, away from the Atlantic seaboard, the fear of any foreign invasion is far less acute than up and down the eastern coast, and only in case of invasion on this hemisphere would compulsory military training seem "INDICATED."

A general preparedness program is universally favored, but COMPULSORY or universal military training, at this stage of the game, will in all probability be accepted in the hinterland with lukewarm enthusiasm, to say the least.

NEVERTHELESS, this paper can see no serious objection to such action. We doubt if a large conscripted army will ever be needed, but why take a chance? As has been previously stated in this column far better to have more than we need to successfully defend our democracy, than not enough.

For the entire lesson of the present tragedy in Europe is the supreme danger of "chance taking,"—the criminal folly of the democratic habit to muddle through, —to be lulled into a sense of false security,—to invariably look on the bright side of things instead of the dark,—to prepare for the best instead of the worst.

Moreover, there is no great expense in compulsory military training, and if the need for extensive military action never comes,—everyone prays it won't,—the training and discipline gained would be of definite national benefit.

Frankly we can arouse no enthusiasm over such a program. On the other hand, better be safe than be sorry. Nothing certainly could be much more tragic than to find ourselves in need of a large, well-trained army, and then have to send in hundreds of thousands of boys, without such training whose lives, therefore, would have to be NEEDLESSLY sacrificed.

Paved With Gold: Newhall, Calif.—(P)—A new highway cutoff north of here is being surfaced partly with gold, silver and platinum, says D. F. Strobeck, a prospector. The gravel used has been traced by him to a mineralized deposit which he assays from \$1.40 to \$13.30 a ton.

Good Health Street: Morelia, Mexico (P)—There is a legend that says Carreras street in this city possesses mysterious powers of health. It is based upon the circumstance that many of the dwellers lived to advanced age. During epidemics many persons have fled to the street for immunity.

Personal Health Service

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

PHYSIOLOGY OF DRINKING

A question asked frequently in warm weather is whether one should, if thirsty, drink water before a meal, or in the course of a meal. When one is very warm, either from active play or work or from exposure to high temperature, it is better to drink ice water, water slightly cooled, tepid water, hot water, or water containing oatmeal, barley, fruit juice or salt. May one drink all the water one wants or should the third be restrained and only a small amount of water taken at a time, when one is very warm? It is carbonated, sparkling, charged, soda, seltzer water harmful or beneficial to drink? Is distilled water preferable to natural water for drinking purposes? Precise chemical tests of the gastric juice or chyme (food in process of digestion in the stomach) have shown that in ordinary circumstances the effect of a good drink of water, hot or cold as you prefer, is just the opposite—it causes increased secretion of gastric juice and promotes better digestion.

On scientific ground and ample experience we advise everyone who is not actually ill or under medical care to drink all the water he wishes before, with or after meals. There is just one sensible caution to heed—don't use water or other beverage to wash down incompletely masticated morsels of food. Eat when you eat and drink when you drink.

Feeble or elderly folk may prefer to drink hot water, especially before breakfast in the morning. If so, all right. Hot or cold it is a healthful habit, aids digestion, improves peristalsis or intestinal activity. Unnatural and unphysiological, in my opinion, is the practice of drinking of large quantity, from a pint to as much as a quart, of tepid water containing a level teaspoonful of salt in each pint. The avowed purpose of this is "thorough cleaning of the digestive tract each day." There is no better reason for cleaning the digestive tract each day than there is for cleaning the respiratory tract each day. This morbid fancy is a vestige

of the ancient belief that all disease begins in the stomach and the modern quack fallacy of "autointoxication" which appeals so strongly to the wise-acres. It is silly to deny yourself the refreshment of "ice water" or water as cold as you like, when you are overheated and very thirsty. It is silly to restrict the amount of water you take when thirsty. If you have been sweating a good deal it is more refreshing to take some salt with each drink of water, in order to restore the normal salt and water balance in the body—a good deal of salt is excreted in sweat. This is not only more refreshing but it tends to prevent so-called heat cramps and heat stroke, heat exhaustion.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: Silvery Scale Disease: Dermatologist of large experience reports that of numerous methods of treatment for psoriasis he has found 200,000 units (four capsules) daily of vitamin D for three or four weeks, after that one capsule daily, most satisfactory. I have a monograph on "The Silvery Scale Disease"—for copy send stamped envelope bearing your address and mention what you want.

Files and Food: Please explain the danger of files in a room where people eat. If you point out the danger it will make a good many people more careful. (Mrs. J. T. P.) Ans.—Files in an eating place may be only unpleasant, but it is well to remember they may carry germs of dysentery, typhoid or worse on their feet and so infect any food to which they have access. A fly flitting about the eating place is a greater menace than a cockroach, bedbug, ant, mouse or rat. A fly may bring disease into the cleanest looking place from some filthy source in the vicinity.

Sulfur: Why can't a person who lacks sulphur eat the vegetables that contain it, without stomach upset? Is it all right to take powdered sulfur? What is the daily requirement? (Mrs. H. H.) Ans.—Sulfur is so plentifully present in so many foods that it seems doubtful that anybody lacks it. Peas, beans, cabbage, egg, milk, wheat, nuts, fish, cheese, fruit—however, no harm in taking a spoonful of powdered flowers of sulfur once or twice a week if you wish—it is merely a mild laxative—as in the old time "spring tonic" mixture of equal parts of sulfur and molasses, of which the folks took a spoonful once or twice daily for a few weeks after the big thaw. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNEP. Released by the North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc.

Washington, June 7.—The next national defense development is likely to be a presidential request for about \$1,000,000,000 additional for the airplane program. Thus far, the plane appropriations asked of congress total only about \$500,000,000—a ridiculously inadequate sum for the 50,000 plane air-force announced by the president in his defense message.

In the weeks since the delivery of the defense message, the problem of production capacity has been carefully studied by Dr. George J. Mead and Captain Sydney Kraus, the aviation engineer and production expert recruited by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau to plan the plane program's first stages.

The president has now put Mead and Kraus under William S. Knudsen of the national defense commission. But their preliminary studies have been completed, and unless their new boss reverses their findings the \$1,000,000,000 supplementary appropriation will have to be asked.

With appropriations totaling \$1,500,000,000 and large future authorizations, the preliminary studies indicate we ought to have 15,000 planes to hand and a monthly production of about 4,000 by this time next year. It is to be hoped that the Mead-Kraus calculations are correct.

The president's course on national defense is still distinctly mysterious. The need for the broadest possible defense program is only too obviously apparent. The country is so eager for it that the administration was actually forced to offer a tax program by public demand, and will now probably be forced to expand the tax program originally offered.

Yet the president's favorite service, the navy, requested a 25 per cent increase in building authorizations long before the present emergency arose. The increase was cut by congress to 10 per cent. And although the first request is now plainly insufficient, the president has just al-

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

THE Germans say the Weingand line (north of Paris) proved on the first day it can't hold out, adding that it appears to be of a more or less "improvised" character. Allied reports hint that it may have been craftily improvised to trap blitzkrieg—letting tanks through and then blasting them from ambush with 75's firing pointblank.

ABOUT all we can be certain of is that another great battle is on and in the course of time we shall know its outcome.

MEANWHILE—A. L. Schafer of the San Francisco regional office of the Red Cross reports that war-stricken Europe has received \$4,000,000 from the United States in the past month. This money has been provided by voluntary contributions to the Red Cross relief fund. If we could know all the good it has done to suffering people, we would be amazed.

FOUR million dollars, looked at in a lump, appears to be a large sum. Divided among the 130,000,000 people of the United States, it represents a per capita contribution of about 3 1/2 cents, or around 15 cents for a family of four. That is small. The sums needed (if every body helps) are so little. The human need is so tragically great. America is so fortunate, and innocent human beings in Europe are so abysmally unfortunate. Let's all do our part now.

If you have any fever, according to Dr. Buenaventura Jimenez, of the University of Michigan, you're above average in intelligence. So smile when you sneeze. For nine years Dr. Jimenez has been comparing the records of his allergy department (by this time everybody knows what an allergy is) with the results of student entrance examinations. Those suffering from hay fever, asthma and eczema (allergic manifestations), he says, rate from 5 to 10 percent higher in mental achievements than non-allergic students.

Emerson wrote a great essay on Compensation, proving volitionally that for good there is offsetting bad and vice versa. Being smarter, according to Dr. Jimenez, is the compensation for being allergic.

Translated. Prague. (P)—A modern translation into the Czech language of Holy Writ is under preparation by a commission of Bible experts. An early Latin text constitutes the basis for the work which is being carried out under the supervision of Doctor Josef Heger, professor of the Czech university of Prague. The idea of the work is to modernize the Bible linguistically and to omit obsolete words.

Shocking Story. Columbia, Mo.—(P)—A local farmer enclosed his farrow lots this spring with an electrical fence. The farmer said none of his 93 pigs escaped or got mixed with a strange litter. The pigs had so much respect for the electric wire they avoided it even when the current was turned off. But when the fence was removed the farmer got his big shock. The pigs would not even cross the line where the wires had been.

Don't Prefer Man. Durham, N. H.—(P)—The next time you're bitten by a mosquito don't think you naturally attract the insects. Entomologists of the New Hampshire agriculture department report that in choosing a victim, the mosquito prefers a horse or a cow to a human being by about six to one. Pigs and dogs, they say, are also more popular than man.

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can do, personally, will hasten the day. Consequently there is no incentive for a younger officer to strike out for a brilliant career. This has paralyzed initiative.

It was a sergeant who devised dropping troops and material by parachute from planes. The brass hats had no imagination or vision; regarded it as a sort of country fair stunt. A German military attaché saw the possibilities and made a report, the results being the use of this technique by Hitler.

Pedestrian soldiers have been the backbone of armies from the days of the Roman legions, therefore the old man who attained the brass hat stage and whose words of wisdom carried weight, pooh-poohed mechanized equipment which could transport troops 200 miles a day compared with the 15 miles a day on shank's mare. One officer who ordered mechanized equipment and demonstrated what it could do, was held personally responsible by the general accountant's office, which prides itself on seeing that not a penny was spent without congressional authorization.

AIR officers and ground officers could not agree on the importance of planes and bombers and the ground officers had the last word as air officers were sort of orphans or poor relations who had to be tolerated. Admirals and their fliers got along better, although one of its best fliers resigned when he was ordered to sea duty, which would have discontinued his experimenting. Today the army is short of everything from gas masks to uniforms. Congress has been as blind as the old codgers in the army. Congress refused funds to supply the newest airplane carrier, S. S. Hornet, with plane. Recently it refused funds for an army air base in Alaska. It prohibited relief labor from working on any defense project.

When \$20,000,000 was requested for "educational orders," congress approved of \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000. Educational orders are to enable industries to learn how to make a certain item, train men to make them, and be in position for mass production when necessary. Earlier this session congress trimmed requested airplanes to a minimum; was opposed to expanding the navy.

ALL was to be sweetness and light when S. S. Washington was sunk and naval construction was suspended. From now on this generation of Americans will be war-conscious. There will gradually grow up a standing army of one million officers and men. It will be an air-minded America with defense aimed chiefly against attacks from the sky.

Air depots will be underground and probably aerodromes, such as Hitler is using, camouflaged by a cow barn. Industry may also go underground and a race of Troglodites develop. Always there will be bigger and faster planes (a commercial plane will fly from New York to Portland in 14 hours next spring, according to announcement), and parachute jumping be part of high school education. There will be compulsory military training, starting young, and all aliens will be registered, fingerprinted and carry a card of identification.

It will be a dangerous matter to pull a strike in a navy yard or a plant where munitions are being manufactured for the government. The bill of rights will not be a protection for alien scum undertaking subversive activities and no individual will be permitted to roll up millions of profits filling defense orders. The tax load, as the cost of defense increases, will make everyone with a job stoop-shouldered and go to the grave that way.

Fantastic! All signs point to that picture of the United States for years to come. The current defense program is only the beginning. Uncle Sam is arranging to strap on his shooting irons and defend his altars and his fires.

Houston, Tex.—(P)—A water well was drilled five miles out in Galveston bay by the Humble Oil & Refining company. The company wanted the water for steam boilers at an oil test in the bay. It's easier to drill a well for fresh water than to extract salt from bay water.

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Flight O' Time: Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY: June 7, 1930 (It was Saturday) Widening of South Pacific highway starts.

High school senior class warned of "Perils of Jazz Age." Carol, who left throne for red-haired lady, to rule Rumania.

National guards encampment to open next Tuesday. Ex-kaiser and family hold reunion at Doorn, Holland.

Russell Sherwood to graduate from osteopathic school this week.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY: June 17, 1920 (It was Monday) Gasoline situation in state improves, but still not enough on hand for pleasure cars.

Secretary of state apologizes to Great Britain for Irish woman burning a British flag in this country. G. O. P. conventions open tomorrow with Lowden, Wood and Johnson the three leading candidates.

Presbyterians hold their annual picnic and it rained. State chamber of commerce membership drive to start June 14.

Ye Poets Corner: 'Tween Waking and Sleeping I feel luxurious as a queen, As tired at night, I slip between My smooth cool sheets so white and clean. Then resting there, before I sleep, Before I drift to slumber deep, I see tree shadows softly creep. On wall and curtain, window-pane, They move and sift and form again, Dark silhouettes of leaf and limb. I watch them there with drowsy eyes, Outside the night wind gently sighs And goes on crooning lullabies.

The moon looks in with silvery beams; Ere long its mingled with my dreams. —Edna V. Chamberlain. Fresh Water. Houston, Tex.—(P)—A water well was drilled five miles out in Galveston bay by the Humble Oil & Refining company. The company wanted the water for steam boilers at an oil test in the bay. It's easier to drill a well for fresh water than to extract salt from bay water.

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