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Enlightened Self-Interest

This department has been such an enthusiastic supporter of Winston Churchill as Premier, it seems strange to differ with him as leader of His Majesty's opposition.

But we do—and emphatically. It is this paper's conviction that if Mr. Churchill's advice is followed and,—we quote:

"Britain and America hide the secret of the atomic bomb from Russia and all other powers." Only trouble can result,—serious trouble.

RUSSIA is suspicious enough of the Anglo-American powers as it is. With this infernal machine solely in our possession, what will Russia proceed to do?

Set her best brains,—and the Russian Communists failed to liquidate ALL of them!—on the job of securing the secret of this miracle-bomb and manufacturing same to the limit of her capacity.

APPARENTLY all the leading experts in this country and England agree the secret CAN'T be kept long,—probably not more than four or five years.

Whereup an armament race in the diabolical business of harnessing the elemental powers of the solar system will be on, and nothing,—and we MEAN nothing,—will be able to prevent another world war.

If there were any reason to believe the secret could be kept, there might be some excuse for such a policy as Mr. Churchill proposes. For it is true as he maintains such a potent weapon would be a great force solely in the hands of the English speaking powers, for world peace.

But, there is none! In fact, some other country might stumble on the secret tomorrow.

Then all ethical considerations aside, why not at least make a virtue of necessity and voluntarily turn this secret over to the United Nations, with the solemn pledge it be outlawed except as used by that organization of 50 nations to enforce WORLD PEACE!

UNLESS this, or some similar action, is taken, it is this department's complete conviction that nothing will be able to prevent another world war, and complete destruction of what has been known as modern civilization.

No holier-than-thou attitude need be assumed by the donors, no plea of impractical idealism would be justified to condemn such action, for at heart the action would not proceed from any altruistic motives, but solely from principles of self-interest and self preservation!—R.W.R.

Churchill Versus Russia

Nor do we approve of Mr. Churchill's remarks concerning Soviet Russia.

And for the same reason. For here too, serious trouble may result.

NOT that what Britain's former Prime Minister said was untrue.

Every statement he made regarding Russia is, in our judgment, historically correct.

But, it is not always wise to tell the truth PUBLICLY.

And this is especially true at this critical time when as distinguished a source as that of Britain's former great war leader is responsible.

"DICTATORIAL Communist forces behind an iron censorship" as Mr. Churchill declares "ARE seeking to rule by terror," and it is "not impossible that tragedy on a prodigious scale WILL result."

But, the way to prevent it is not to openly defy and condemn Russia at this time.

We don't say Russia should be "appeased," as so many of the so-called "liberals" in this country advocate. Nor should the silly chant that Russia can do no wrong be continued.

As has been pointed out before in this column, such a course will no more prevent trouble with Russia, than it prevented trouble with totalitarian Germany. In fact it will inevitably lead to trouble by convincing Stalin that he too, "has the world by the tail" and no large power will ever dare oppose him, no matter what he may do.

BUT, with World War II just ending this is emphatically NOT the time, to wave a red-flag before the Russian bull, but to follow the dictum of Theodore Roosevelt under somewhat similar circumstances when he said:

"Speak softly, BUT carry a big stick!"

For, as we see it, only by speaking softly, being friendly and conciliatory in our ATTITUDE, can we ever hope to allay Russia's fears regarding the inner motives of the two great English speaking nations thus giving Russia an opportunity to understand us and likewise giving us an opportunity to really understand her.

WE would not, however, withhold the secret of that atomic bomb as our "big stick," we would keep the power we have on the sea and in the air, as the basis of it, and a friendly but a firm and frank attitude as its foundation.

Yes, we would endeavor in every possible and self-respecting way to keep friends with Russia; for unless we do, another war will threaten. But we would keep that friendship only as Stevenson kept his:

"WITHOUT capitulation!"

Or to express the same idea in another way, the Anglo-American policy in our judgment should be to do everything humanly possible to avoid trouble with Russia except to abandon the fundamental principles upon which World War II was waged and won!—R.W.R.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 17—A tendency to hold back demobilization to cushion the shock of reconversion has long been visible through Mr. Truman's actions or lack of them.



Our obligations in occupations and peace-keeping are mentioned as the reason. The unsettled state of the world is another, although not mentioned.

But these necessities fit snugly the developing balanced reconversion policy, which has not been defined or announced to the public in any official way.

This is the heart of the Truman spending as shown in action—necessary spending in defense to prevent too many men from being thrown upon the dwindling employment market.

THE same theory is being pursued to the more limited extent possible, in cancellation of contracts. First announcement at the moment of peace concerned only \$6,000,000,000 of navy cutting, mainly in ordnance.

I suspect Mr. Truman resolved all doubts in favor of high budgets for the army during the latter days of the war for the same purpose—to keep the economic mills churning.

How long this tendency can be maintained in the face of contrary pressures—of troops to get free, and from setting the treasury in order (tax reduction?), remains to be seen.

Certainly the government appears determined to go as slow as it can in dismantling the war budget.

So, also, with specific reconversion policies. For many months, the popular and undispensed public thought has run to the conclusion that the end must bring an economic shock, with widespread unemployment.

Now the economists are beginning to inquire deeper into the matter, seeking to ascertain what particular types of workers and how many in which industries are being affected.

They have found there is another balancing side of the picture which has not been explored or fully observed.

ORDNANCE workers, for instance, are sure to go at once, and production will not be resumed. But all the other non-ordnance industries will be different to some extent.

In the two largest industries, motors and steel, the highest possible peacetime production will be developed as swiftly as possible.

In those lines much unemployment will be temporary.

Shipbuilding production, for another instance, will drop near zero, but the Kaiser plants on the Pacific coast, two months ago, had employment of less than 40 per cent of their war peak.

The majority of workers knew what was coming and went back home for better jobs. Also Kaiser long since started to go into other fields, including motors, and his total peacetime employment may yet run as high as wartime peak.

The large number of workers who got into industry for the first time during the war will find husbands or supporting relatives returning from the war, and may desire to return to their homes.

THE core of the trouble, I think, will be found among the migrated unskilled or least skilled workers, particularly in ordnance centers. They came in droves to war manufacturing zones from consumer service jobs, small stores, restaurants, hotels, shops, farms and such work for jobs which offered more wages than they had ever dreamed of.

Certainly there exists a tremendous demand for this type of worker, back in his former endeavors, back in the shops and on the farms. Will they want to go, is the question which looms more important than the one being popularly asked, namely: Will they be able to find jobs?

Unless they do go back, and competitive labor standards are re-established in the country, it will be impossible for the nation to regain its economic equilibrium. Some say a depression is the only thing which will cause them to go back.

The immediate unfreezing of employment was undertaken also to see what will happen, where these workers will go, what then may be needed in the way of federal action.

Certainly the developing problems are particular rather than general, variously affecting different types of workers and industries, and this points again to the theme I have been stressing—specific remedies are needed

rather than an overall spending program or similar tactics of the Roosevelt regime, which might create a disastrous economic effect, by encouraging the unemployed to avoid the jobs where peace so vitally needs them.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Aug. 17—(UP)—Livestock: Cattle, salable 65, calves, 75, market stock, active mainly to shorted slaughtering week, only scattered sales made today, few cleanup sales late Thursday, much as 25 to 30 cents lower, odd common to medium heifers today 10.00-12.00; few medium vealers steady at 12.00-13.00; good to choice vealers, held at 14.00-14.50; one carload unsold.

Hogs, salable none, total 125, market nominal, harrons and gilts salable 13.75, sows 15.00. Sheep: Salable 50, market active, steady one lot mostly choice, 120 lbs. lambs 13.50; few common to medium lambs 9.00-11.00; common to medium ewes 4.00-5.50; good ewes salable to 6.00.

South San Francisco, Aug. 17—(UP)—Livestock: Cattle past two days 1,250, generally steady. Odd choice steers 217. Bulk medium to good steers \$15.25-16. Few loads steady \$13.50. Monday, three loads fed heifers \$12.50-15.75. Good range cows 11.00-13.75, lower grade steady 10.00-11.00, cutters 8.50, canners 8.00-8.50. Common to good milk cows 10.00-12.00.

Calves, past two days 350. Steady, top \$15, low lots medium to good calves 13.00-14.25. Hogs salable past two days 500. Steady; harrons and gilts top \$13.75, good sows \$15. Sheep: Good and choice lambs steady mostly 13.50-14.10. Medium to good yearlings 12.00-12.50. Numerous loads common to good shorn ewes 3.00-6.75.

Market closed until Monday. Chicago, Aug. 17—(UP)—(WPA)—Livestock: Hogs 3,000. Active, fully steady; good choice harrons and gilts 14.00 lbs. and up at \$14.75 ceiling; good and choice sows at 14.00. Cattle: 1,000. Calves: 400. General market steady; moderately active except on medium grassers and warmed up steers and heifers; hardly enough here to quote; few loads good and choice steers in broad demand at 16.50 to 18.00; latter price, the ceiling bid for 1318 lbs. Sheep: 500. Spring lambs and shorn slaughter ewes active, fully steady; medium to good choice lambs 14.00; odd crop lambs and yearlings mixed; bulk good and choice native slaughter spring lambs 14.50, with bucks discounted 1.00.

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GI'S PROMISED HELPFUL SHOVE UPON DISCHARGE

Five Million to Return in Year; Extensive Advice Is Given on Rights, Finance.

Washington, Aug. 17—(UP)—The War department promised today that every one of the 5,000,000 soldiers scheduled for demobilization within the next year will receive a "helpful shove" in his reorientation back to civilian life.

By the end of this year, American troops will be pouring into 27 separation centers at the rate of 500,000 per month. There they will spend their last 48 hours in the army.

Next of Kin Only These messages will be accepted from next of kin only and will be delivered by the American Red Cross in the Pacific Area North of Hongkong and by the British, Australian and Netherlands Red Cross in the area south of Hongkong, as soon as prisoners are liberated. Messages will not be accepted for men missing in action. They will be accepted for Prisoners of War who have no specific camp address. If delivery of the messages within six months proves impossible, consideration will be given to new messages.

From 850 to 900 words will fit on the prescribed form which must be used. This form is in the Red Cross office only. One small photograph may be attached. The messages must be strictly personal.

The letters must be in the Medford Red Cross Office by Saturday morning, August 18, so that they may be typed and in the mail by noon, Saturday.

500 In Cash The soldier receives only \$50 of his final pay in cash. The remainder by check, so there will be less inclination to "fritter it away."

He may wear his uniform for 90 days after being discharged. During this time he is not entitled to travel by train at the special rates accorded servicemen.

"FILL 'ER UP" IS REQUEST AT MANY STATIONS

"Fill 'er up" is the usual gasoline order at Medford service stations since Wednesday when rationing control went off, and some motorists said a request to "splash a little on the car," according to a poll of a dozen stations today. Business increases varying from only slightly above normal to 1000 per cent are reported by the attendants in the survey, which covered stations of eight different oil companies.

Supplies are adequate for the increased demand at all stations, and it is expected that a greatly increased run will be noticed this week-end when city residents travel to outlying districts on ration-free gas for the first time since December of 1942. Badly worn tires will keep many motorists home attendants say.

Most of the stations were closed at least a part of Wednesday and Thursday, but the rush which prevailed during open hours appeared to be subsiding somewhat generally today. One station, open half of Wednesday, reported 10 times the normal day's sale, and during regular hours Thursday, the average day's business was tripled.

Orders are usually for five or 10 gallons, or to "fill 'er up." Other stations report increases of 30, 75, 100 and 200 per cent over normal sales.

Only one station, which pumped four times a normal day's sales Wednesday, ran out of gasoline temporarily. Supplies were delivered in time for Thursday when three times an average day's business was handled.

SOUTHERN OREGON BOYS ON HAWAII BROADCAST

Southern Oregon boys at Honolulu will be featured in a Mutual radio broadcast Saturday at 3:30 p. m., PWT in "Hawaii Calls," a regular Mutual program. The Saturday broadcast will especially feature southern Oregon's scenic attractions. KUIN, Grants Pass Mutual station, will carry the program.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 a. m.—Too late to Classify 12:15 p. m. Please remember.

PRISONERS' KIN MAY SEND WORD VIA RED CROSS

Jackson County Chapter, American Red Cross, has received a telegram from the American Red Cross, National Headquarters, stating that, due to cessation of hostilities, the next of kin may now send messages to Prisoners of War held by the Japanese.

Through special arrangements made with the agencies of the United States government, and governments of the Allied nations, plans have been completed for collection of messages from officially designated next of kin for delivery to United States and Allied nations Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees in the Far East upon their liberation.

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