



"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."
—George Putnam.

Women in the Services

The nation-wide campaign to increase to 112,000 the number of women in the Armed Services has pointed up, once again, that manpower includes womanpower.

At least it does as far as the Department of Defense is concerned. With the Armed Forces expanding to three and a half million by July 1952, the need for WACs, WAVES, Women Marines, WAFs, Nurses and Medical Specialists of all types likewise has expanded.

Assigning women to jobs they can do so that men in turn can concentrate on jobs that require men is simply a case of using manpower to the best advantage.

Appealing especially to women in the 18-34 year age group who are high school graduates and have no dependents under 18 years of age, Assistant Secretary of Defense Anna M. Rosenberg has emphatically stressed the factor of SERVICE in the services.

"The selected young women who have chosen to serve America in the Armed Forces have done so in the finest traditions of the Services," she said. "The demand for more women to fill more and more jobs is a sincere compliment to their ability, loyalty, and devotion to duty."

The Reds Must Decide

In the larger sense Korea stands as a big question mark for both sides—United Nations and the Reds. The United Nations knows what it must do in Korea—halt the advance of the Reds. The Reds are staggered by the show of force of the United Nations—thus the "cease-fire" talk. The original plans of the Reds have been stalled. The Reds, however battered their armies, are not in a state of positive submission. The Reds must make a decision—more force and arms or let the whole thing grind to a halt. More Red force means greater United Nations force.

For months now a "cease-fire" in Korea has been underway. It is said that the game in Korea is the old deal of using a program of first fight, second talk, and then fight again. The Chinese war-lords have used this stunt many times in their seemingly endless warfare and pillage. Stalin's World War II arsenal obviously is working on a stock of orders from the Korean front. These orders are being filled and the material moved to the waiting Reds. The United Nations aircraft busy themselves with chopping up these military supplies before they reach the hands intended. So far the Reds must not have at their command all the modern military weapons and technique. The Reds, however, are doing the same as the United Nations—testing military equipment and exploring all phases of modern warfare.

Whether or not Korea flames up or smolders is up to Stalin. If United Nations forces get bombed and machine-gunned wherever they are caught—then expect United Nations counter-blows on the Reds in Manchuria and other places now banned to U. N. planes. Present signs show Stalin is quite willing that more Koreans spring up in other parts of the world. Again, obviously the Reds are following the idea of spreading the U. N.'s military might paper thin. The U. N. must gather strength and unity. Strength in numbers and arms—unity in its purpose—peace.

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Editorial Comments:

GOOD UNION MAN IS GOOD CITIZEN FIRST

To be a good union man you must first be a good citizen, William Green, AFL president, declared in his New Year message to the eight million AFL members.

"To make 1952 a year of progress," he said, "we must first make it a year of action. Giving a good day's work on the job is not enough. All of us must devote some of our time to keeping informed on national and international affairs and to political action."

The present Congress has failed the nation "miserably," he continued, but "if we make our voices heard and demand action . . . perhaps we can get some prompt correction of inadequate price controls and inequitable tax legislation."

The big opportunity, he said, is next November. He urged all to register and vote, to elect a liberal Congress. If that happens, he said, the Taft-Hartley act can be replaced by a fair law, price stabilization will match wage stabilization, there will be a decent housing program, broader federal aid to the schools and medical education, and perhaps even health insurance.

A liberal Congress, he pointed out, "would strengthen America's hand in world affairs. It would convince Soviet Russia that our country has the will to fight and the strength to fight in defense of freedom and international justice."

He concluded: "Surely the men and women of our labor movement will not forfeit such opportunities by default. Surely all of us can resolve on this New Year to serve together and to act together for a better America and a more peaceful world."—The Oregon Teamster.

APATHY GOES TO SCHOOL

We have recently drawn attention in these columns to the difficulties American schools are having in these days of inflation, rearmament, steel shortages, population increases, demands on the pocket book, and curbs on academic freedom.

A hopeful note is sounded in this dismal refrain by Roy E. Larsen, president of the National Citizens Commissions for the Public Schools, who asserts that popular apathy about the schools is disappearing. When the citizens' commission was formed two years ago, he declares, only a handful of communities had organized groups working to help the schools; now there are 1,600 such groups, and the number is increasing.

This does not take into account the excellent parent-teacher associations of long standing, but it indicates the growth of public interest in the schools. Unfortunately, this interest is exploited in some cases by organizations with high-sounding names which, in fighting communism or progressive education or both, throw doubt on the whole school system.

However, this is no more than an alarmist fringe to a growing alertness to the importance of education in American life. Public apathy is the greatest of all enemies to the school system. As formerly apathetic parents visit the schools, learn their needs and problems, and participate in reputable civic groups to help win support for them, there will be little danger of this interest turning into destructive interference based on limited understanding of school objectives.

The intelligent collaboration of professional and parental interest in public school education is the only guarantee of its keeping abreast of the times.—From Christian Science Monitor.

EUROPEAN UNION MOVES

The movement for a union of Europe a-nears much of the time to be at a standstill. It gives the impression that there is no movement. So does traffic halted by a red light.

In the last few days any hasty glance would have discussed the stalling at Strasbourg and general disappointment over failures to set up any effective parliamentary body, would be descriptions of the opposition to a European army and the multiplicity

of obstacles General Eisenhower is meeting in the formation of an Atlantic Pact army.

Yet there is movement. Indeed, one reason for the traffic jam is that there is a confluence of movements. There has been no abandonment of the effort for political integration represented in the Strasbourg Assembly, although many thoughtful folk believe it can go little further until progress along nonpolitical roads has cleared the way. Needing by Americans has not facilitated the partial surrenders of sovereignty required. Britain's Conservatives are as aloof as the Laborites, and reluctant nationalism finds convenient delay in the conflict over methods.

There is progress toward economic and military union. The Schuman Plan has been emphatically ratified by the French Assembly in a smashing vote. The six-nation conference of foreign ministers did not complete arrangements for a European army, but did remove serious obstacles and prepared the way for further progress at the Lisbon meeting. And the Churchill-Eisenhower talks have produced a plan for British-American support of the European army.

Under the arrangement, neither Britain nor the United States join in a European army, but both would closely co-operate with and aid such an army. The United States is already committed to military aid to Europe, and Britain, although still unwilling to join the six continental powers, recognizes that their success in forming an army might promote British security. Besides, both nations are joined with their continental allies in the North Atlantic Treaty force.

There are many traffic jams and red lights on the road to European union. Success even for the Schuman Plan and the European army may not be in sight. Progress may prove to be too slow to meet the desperate challenge of today. Yet there is movement. And the physical movement is but the reflection of a movement of thought. There is a popular instinct in Europe today that supports the logic of union. It is forcing action even upon those who have a vested interest in separatism.

The people of Europe have not forgotten that Hitler unified much of Europe. They learned through that experience that local pride and local trade were frail bulwarks. They no longer count national sovereignty and national security as synonymous. They feel—if they do not fully sense the reason—that invention and modern industry are making larger states necessary, that the forces of historical development are sweeping them toward union. And a godly number realize that if they are to have union achieved by democratic processes of consent instead of dictatorial decree, democracy must demonstrate the vision, the discipline, and the largeness of mind which will permit more rapid progress.—From The Christian Science Monitor

CENSUS BUREAU TELLS WHO HAS THE DOUGH

What Labor repeatedly pointed out during hearings on the "spare the rich" tax bill has now been confirmed officially by the U. S. Census Bureau. Almost half the income in 1949 went to only a fifth of the nation's population. They got 47 per cent of the total money income. The bottom fifth got only 3 per cent. The second highest fifth got 24 per cent; the third highest got 17 per cent; the fourth highest got 9 per cent.

Put another way it goes like this: The top two-fifths of the population between them got 71 per cent of the income; that is, 40 per cent got the big share, and 60 per cent got what was left—29 per cent.

That means, that if there were only 100 people in the nation, and if the total money income for all in 1950 was \$100, it would have been divided like this: 20 people got a total of \$47; 20 others got \$24; 20 others got \$17; 20 others got \$9; the lowest 20 split up the rest—\$3. Multiply that by a thousand or a million, and the ratio remains the same.

Highest family income was in the

A. F. L. Supports Defense Bond Drive



WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1.—With the opening of the Treasury Department's nationwide Defense Bond Drive, President William Green re-emphasized the endorsement and support of Defense Bonds by the American Federation of Labor. Here he discusses his plans for active labor participation in the Drive with J. H. Thomas, President of Local 1759, International Association of Machinists, Washington, D. C. Mr. Thomas has long been a regular buyer of Defense Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan of his employer, the Capital Airlines. The Labor Day Bond "Kick-off" program was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, under the sponsorship of the United Labor Policy Commission.

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northeastern states, with an average close to \$3000; for the far west it was \$2907; for north central states it was \$2481, and for the south it was \$1940. Average for the nation was \$2599.

According to the Census Bureau figures, 13.7 per cent of the families had a money income of less than \$500 for the year; 56.8 per cent had less than \$4000. In other words, in 1949, almost 14 families out of every 100 families had less than \$500, and more than half the families had less than \$4000.—From The Oregon Teamster.



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