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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, June 8—The circuitous trail around the Johnson act, legally mapped in the Jones RFC bill, bears an invisible but authentic stamp of administration approval. It was sanctioned in the cloistered privacy of Mr. Roosevelt's cabinet. Originator of the scheme which might furnish a billion dollars of United States government credit to the allies, was Carl Robbins, president of Commodity Credit Corporation. He worked up the idea of having the RFC pay in advance for rubber, tin and other strategic war materials in order that the allies would buy our surplus farm products. Robbins is a retired wealthy west coast businessman who has worked in the government for relaxation.

He sold the venture to Agriculture Secretary Wallace who carried it to a cabinet meeting about two weeks ago.

NO STORM
 The agriculture department hoped to get rid of cotton, prunes, raisins, pork and similar products, exports of which have been most seriously injured since the war started. The original Robbins' plan was to stimulate and finance only these exports particularly to Britain by having the RFC pay Britain with earmarked gold in advance for tin, rubber and the strategic war materials.

Jones refined and expanded the project so Britain could buy, not only our surplus prunes, etc., but planes and any manufactured products in such a way as to constitute government underwriting of general credit, with promises to deliver tin etc., in the future, as collateral.

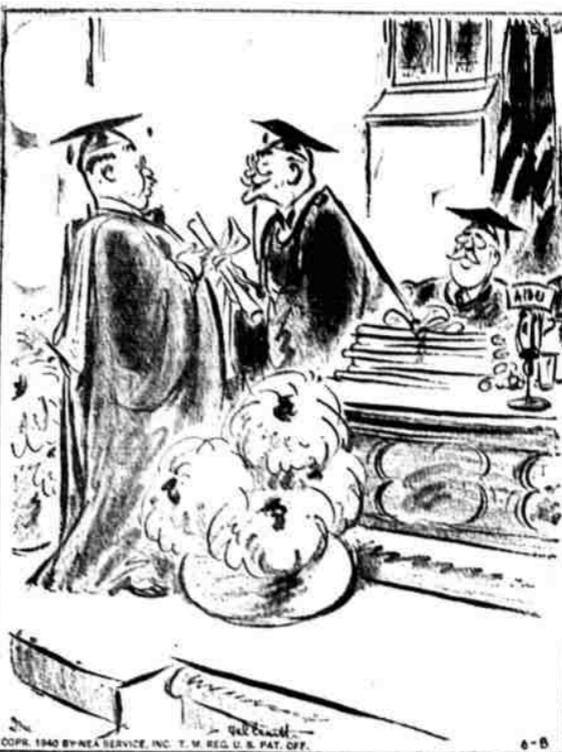
This might have caused a national political outburst a few months ago, but the legislators now are in a much stronger propped frame of mind, and some of them choose to look upon the plan as a barter deal, in which the reception of the goods we get may be indefinitely delayed.

WAR FINANCE
 The legislators, who have been getting a shock a day, received the maximum voltage so far when the Lee bill to confiscate wealth emerged suddenly from the senate military affairs committee with an apparent administration imprimatur. The official White House ghost, Laughlin Currie, and left-leaning SEC chairman, Jerome Frank, were seen hobnobbing with Senator Lee on a revised version of the measure which had formerly been opposed by Treasury Secretary Morgenthau. The word got around they had been sent to Lee by the White House.

These facts are correct but the deduction which was drawn from them does not appear warranted. Currie and Frank are working out a new draft of the bill, whereby the government will draft income instead of wealth at 1 per cent interest for 50 years.

They plan to take about 10 per cent of incomes between \$1000 and \$10,000, 15 per cent

SIDE GLANCES



"Confidentially, Tom, you old walrus, we're going to send you the bill for our new gymnasium."

over \$250,000, 25 per cent over \$1,000,000, and 50 per cent over \$7,500,000 to finance the cost of the war.

But both Currie and Frank have crossed their hearts and assured senators the administration does not want the bill passed this session. The White House merely wanted to perfect the bill now. If war comes this method of financing will no doubt be sponsored by the administration.

The promise that the bill is to be delayed is a pretty good official hint the White House is not contemplating American entry into the war this summer.

NAZI METHOD
 The German method of blitzkrieg is described with detailed authenticity in a government report from an official observer abroad. First dive bombers are sent down from the skies against a specific point in the allied infantry lines. Their bombardment is more destructive than artillery, which preceded attacks in previous wars. Then great squadrons of tanks are wedged at the bombarded point. Crossing a narrow opening they spread out fanshape like the stretched open fingers on your hand. Immediately following are squadrons of light infantry in cars and on motorcycles, armed with machine guns. At nightfall the tanks return to a rendezvous which could be the center of your palm, there to

hospitalize the wounded, replenish their stores of gasoline and ammunition for the next day's operations. They feel secure through the night because they have cleaned out all large enemy field pieces within the radius of the outward tip of the fingers. Not until the second day does the regular infantry come up with heavy field pieces to occupy the positions thus won.

Telling The Editor

Not War But Recovery

KENO, Ore. (To the Editor)—I would like a small space in which to answer Mr. Fletcher in regards to war in Europe.

War is bad, I know. Do you remember in the World War when the U. S. went in to help the allies? General Pershing wrote a history of the war after 18 years. He said he wouldn't dare write any sooner, but as it has been a long time a great many things have been forgotten. He said when he first landed in France, the head of the French army told him to put his men in with the French. Pershing told him he intended to handle his own men.

"No, you can't do it. The U. S. isn't prepared for war and you will have to put your men in with ours."

Pershing said he cabled President Wilson and told him what he wanted. In a short time he received a large supply of provisions and camp equipment and everything he wanted and 25,000 men and it wasn't long until he had over 250,000 men in the field. And then he commenced moving in toward the enemy and kept at it until the war was ended.

This was printed in the San Francisco Examiner 18 years after the war. We won the war but what thanks did we get? When we asked them to pay their loan, they just laughed at us and said "we all won the war together and we don't owe you anything." And that is the reason Europe went into this last war—they said, "if we need help the U. S. will help us with money and men."

But a large majority of the American people say, no war for us in Europe or across waters.

There are a few politicians that would like to see the U. S. in war. They think it would help them get the unemployed young

people killed off and that would make better times. We need national recovery to start the factories and mills and give the unemployed work at living wages. That would help the farmer as it would give him a good market for his produce. And help all kinds of business and all kinds of labor would be in demand. The railroad companies made a statement a short time ago, and said if national recovery would start, they could use a million more men in their factories and on the road.

Some of our big politicians thought the social security act was going to do wonders, but it turned out to be a farce. No old worker would quit his job for \$18 or \$20 per month.

C. SNOWGOOSE.

MR. BURKE WRITES AGAIN

MERRILL, Ore. (To the Editor)—I welcome Mr. Young's comment on my previous letter to the editor, it thoroughly concurs with my ideas, two wrongs never make a right. Your idea I was upholding any warring warrior is in error. I compared the two warring warriors to each other for previous and present exemplification of acts. Therefore we made a mistake in 1917 by sending troops across the ocean, why should it be repeated to make a right—No. Read history, it's the surest way to get all the facts about countries you have mentioned. Your conclusion may differ from our present one. In line, what did the countries ravaged by Alexander the Great deserve, did Alex reap any benefit therefrom, history repeats and so I say, beware of 1917, and after experiences with Europe.

You do not have to be ashamed for me because if you read and understood clearly, I did not in any way uphold any part of any European conflict or its disasters, so read closer the next time. Do not cross the bridge until you come to it. Perhaps when the war has gone on for an indefinite period of time which may be a long time a

loaf of bread or a bolt of cotton goods may be more welcome than a dreadnaught or a plane. As stated in previous letter, let all citizens back up the government to the extreme. This nation has clean hands, we have only fought in the defense. Sorry for our part in the last world war. Surely no one with intelligence would advocate for us to go over to Europe under present conditions before we are properly mobilized and our defenses strengthened and built up to and far beyond a stable basis. You've mentioned you are a war veteran—every one who helped in the production of the nation's needs are entitled to a part in that honor. If you were in the battlefields of 1917-18, you probably fought with my brothers who volunteered service. I place my whole confidence in the attitude which the American Legion has taken at present in the American situation towards war and furthermore my interest in the present war should not in any way distract me from our own situation at home. There are five of my nephews and nieces in the British navy and hospital corps and I still insist our place is in the United States to help build and boost our government. I am not writing this letter to cause any mud-slinging and do not intend to boast but you may think I have no right to be interested in current developments, so you have caused me to explain my situation, and pray each and every citizen will calmly judge and peacefully handle every situation or difficulties which may arise in future and be more disposed to peace and harmony.

Truly,
 JOHN F. BURKE.

YOUTH SENTENCED ON AUTO CHARGE
 Louis May, alias Louis Jackson, 19, was sentenced to six months in the county jail Friday for operating an automobile without the consent of the owner.

Jackson was sentenced by Circuit Court Judge Edward B. Ashurst.

Weekend Roundup

If things continue in their present trend, this isn't going to be the kind of country you and I have known. No longer will it be a country whose outlook for the future is based on a presumption of a world at peace—or at least, a country at peace. With the mad dogs of war loosed on the world, we know now that we must prepare for the worst. And that means huge armament programs and a return to emphasis upon the military. At this time, for instance, the idea of universal military training for American youth is being strongly advanced and is meeting favorable reception. Not so long ago there was serious consideration of abandoning compulsory military training in the university and state college of Oregon—a suggestion that no one would even hint at today. It is probably against the wishes of the vast majority of American people, but unless there is a drastic reversal of the present trend, the country must be changed to hold its place in a warlike world.

It is to be said to the credit of the people of this community that recent local hysteria over "fifth column" suspicions was short-lived. It appears that Klamath people are taking the advice of those who, like the state American Legion commander, advocate calm alertness, rather than a foolish hysteria. There are authorities charged with the responsibility of investigating lawlessness and subversive activities, and there is no reason why good Americans, if they have well grounded suspicions, should not report those suspicions to these authorities. But there is good reason for maintaining discreet silence, once the report has been made, and for leaving the matter of "direct action" to the authorities.

The Eugene Register-Guard, the Bend Bulletin, and the Coos Bay Times, have recently been discussing military highways. Each of them, of course, has in mind highway development that may affect the arterial roads which serve their communities. The Bulletin, which is published on our own The Dalles-California highway, challenges the idea that military road development would be necessarily confined either to the Pacific highway or the coast highway. The question is one in which narrow community interests, however hard and creditably they might work, would probably receive little consideration. It would, of course, be decided by the issues of military expediency, which would not be likely to be the same as community expediency. What happens, if anything, may be important to this or other communities, but there probably isn't much we can do about shaping its course.

Letter writers, whose contributions appear on this page, dropped the political business nicely as soon as the election was over, and turned to the principal topic of the day—the war and America's attitude toward it. We welcome these letters and invite others to join in this public forum discussion. We are announcing, at this time, one new rule, to which we will rigidly adhere. That is that all letters published must bear the name of the writer. Anonymous communications will be dropped into the editorial waste basket.

There is a faint buzz of rumor about the municipal election this fall and those who may enter the lists for the offices to be filled on that occasion. City Councilman Charles Thomas has been mentioned as a definite prospect for the mayor contest. Any others?

No, the "Fifth Column" isn't a title for a newspaper feature—not yet, anyway.

So many armies have been "annihilated" in the past few weeks, its remarkable there are still several left to fight each other.

There has been some difficulty in getting under-secretaries of the interior who stay on satisfactorily. The dispatches are not clear as to whether Ickes irks them or they irk Ickes.

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