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TO HELP "WIN THE PEACE"

There is under consideration in Washington this week an important piece of legislation, designed to keep 20 million American automobiles rolling for the duration of the war, to which, we believe, entirely too little attention has been paid by the public.

This bill—it is called the Ellender-Patman tire conservation bill—offers definite, sensible solutions to the problem of how to keep the nation's vital motor transport moving in the face of a rubber shortage. This would be accomplished by retreading 30 million tires every year with all-reclaim-rubber capping stock; and to those who point to the shortage of rubber and say it cannot be done, the Rubber Manufacturers' Association has said that it can be done. The bill would stabilize tire prices and release for immediate sale those odd-sized and lower-level tires which are obviously of no value to the war effort.

There is a further provision in this bill, which, it seems to us, is even more important than its other sections, from the standpoint of "winning the peace" which must follow the winning of the war. Designed to contribute to the maintenance of free enterprise, this measure provides that, for the duration of the war, all tire sales and service be turned over to independent tire and gasoline dealers, so that these "little businesses", by getting all the business that is left, may be sustained until Victory brings a lifting of tire sales restrictions.

This would mean that the rubber company-owned factory outlets and the big oil-company-owned super service stations would turn retail tire business over to these "little fellows", during the war, retaining for themselves only the wholesaling function.

But it is important to point out that this measure would hurt nobody. In the first place, these big companies are prospering through war contract work, and don't need the comparatively small amount of business represented by tire sales.

But beyond that, it is a fact that both the oil companies and the rubber companies do most of their business through independent dealers—so it would mean, for them, simply concentrating on wholesaling, so their own independent dealers could exist. Doesn't that seem fair?

At The National Capital

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17—The gauge of battle has been thrown down by the president in respect to his anti-inflation movement. He challenged congress to act before October 1. He demanded that the farm price issue be revised so that the farmer would get no more than parity, or the present price for his products, whichever is the higher, and put this before attacking the wage increase problem.

What effect this will have on congress remains to be seen. There are indications that congress will

not stop with farm price legislation but will include wage stabilization. Congress had previously tried to pass wage control bills, the president opposed, yet the brunt of the responsibility for the threatened inflationary condition is put up to congress by the president.

Administration statisticians declare that the gross income of the nation during this fiscal year will be about \$115,000,000,000. It is stated by these same authorities that \$67,000,000,000 of this total will be used in the purchase of goods and services which are essential. Simple subtraction leaves \$48,000,000,000 which the people will have over and above so-called necessities. In what manner can this huge sum be assimilated? England, Canada, Australia and

SHOOTING THE WORKS



other countries have found no serious difficulty in controlling air through paroxysms in a similar effort is not understood. Critics of the administration insist it is all due to the president's program of not opposing the demands of labor, and as 63 percent of the cost is held by opponents of the president to be the most important factor in the threatened inflation.

The president did not ask for a ceiling on wages but talked about stabilization. Under the Judge Rosenman plan, so far as worked out by the labor board, "stabilization" has meant an almost constant increase in wage levels. As a rule, the highest pay of an area has been taken as a target to shoot at and one after another of the craftsmen in that area have demanded the right to come up to the higher level.

W. C. Mendenhall, director of the geological survey, is not at all optimistic over the possibility of commercial production of oil in either Harney county or the Coos Bay region. In essence, he says in response to a request for further investigation of the oil possibilities of these regions, that he considered further field work in those areas inadvisable, since reconnaissance surveys in other regions were more promising. The geological survey, in cooperation with the Oregon bureau of mines, made a survey in Harney county in 1919, and in the Bandon and Coos Bay quadrangle in 1901, which was followed by an Oregon bureau survey in 1919. Mendenhall stated that the Bandon region showed some possibility of yielding oil but he doubted that it existed in commercial quantities.

Increased production of wooden tugs and barges in west coast yards is not considered likely by Admiral Land of the maritime commission. He regards it as possible that some wooden ships will be built for lend-lease, but with the increasing difficulty in obtaining lumber expressed doubt of a renewal of the wooden ship building program unless conditions change. Douglas fir is being used however, on the flight decks of some of the new aircraft carriers.

Not all education is confined to schools these days. The education bureau of the services of supply of the war department is considering completing a motion picture which was started by Bonneville administration showing the value of the Columbia river dams to the war effort.

OPA has announced that price regulations are forthcoming which will permit apple processors to increase their maximum prices for canned apples, applesauce, apple juice and sweet cider, and dried apples to compensate or increased costs of production. A price differential is to be allowed in the east to encourage the drying of apples for military demands.



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STOCKMAN HITS SOLONS' EFFORT IN WAR PROGRAM

Lowell Stockman, republican nominee for congress from the second congressional district, opened his campaign at a meeting of the Hood River County Republican club in Hood River Friday night.

After giving a brief picture of his background, Stockman launched into a discussion of the war effort.

"No, we cannot be unmindful of this war and we are not unmindful of it", Stockman said. "We are ready to go all-out to win it. We will concentrate on this. We will save and scrimp and deny ourselves that this may be. We will forsake the pleasures and pursuits of peace. And we have a right to ask that in government also it should be an all-out war, that the politics of peace be forsaken and that the squanderings of peace be stopped in order that the financing of war may be accelerated, in order that the winning of the war may be hastened.

"As your congressman I would strive constantly, by word and vote, to make this ideal come true—in the national capital as well as in the nation.

"I have been shocked, as I know you must also have been shocked, by the spectacle of an administration and of lawmakers seriously postponing decisions and announcements of the utmost importance to the war effort in order that the political effort may go on.

"I have seen effective control of inflation delayed—until after the election. It is certainly true that continuation of inflation increases our war cost by billions of dollars, that it threatens, indeed, our financial and economic ability to carry on as a belligerent. For many months it has been apparent to all that inflation must be halted through a complete, inclusive program. But, to the political mind, it has also been apparent that enforcement of such a program would

create resentment here and there. Votes could be lost and the results of an election jeopardized. And so inflation goes on—until after the election. Then we may expect action; until then we will hear talk.

"While this continues and even without it, the national deficit has been increasing alarmingly, both actually and potentially.

"And once again—the warning has gone forth that it will be necessary to lower the draft age in order to meet war's demand for man power in the armed forces. Eighteen years is to be the minimum. But there has been no enactment of this amendment to the draft law. Nor will there be any such amendment enacted until—after the election.

"Parents who have votes might not like it. Their favor must be retained for a while. And so the unpleasant news must wait. It is coming, make no mistake as to that, but not until—after the election".

SAVING ARTICLES FOR WEAR URGED

"Our new pattern of wartime living means conservation of all articles of wearing apparel and household equipment, and refusal to buy any article containing materials need in the war effort, unless such purchases are imperative", says Miss Adreen Nichols, newly appointed director of consumers interest division of the Malheur county defense council.

"The responsibility of explaining the regulations of the price ceiling act and rationing rests with this division".

"To launch a county-wide educational program, the county library in Ontario is showing a display of books and pamphlets of interest to the consumer. These may be borrowed for individual or study-club use. The display will later be moved to other libraries in the county.

"As part of this program, individual leaders will be trained to carry on this educational work in their respective communities. They

will arrange exhibits, appear as speakers, and train other. Through this organization it is hoped that everyone in the county will be reached".

Anyone interested in helping with this program is urged to contact Miss Nichols at the farm security administration office in Ontario. Workers are particularly needed with training in consumer education, typing, or poster painting.

Woman Is Injured—

Mrs Raymond Sager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Foster, fell from a trailer hitch recently. Two bolts were driven into her leg, requiring two stitches. Mrs. Sager is recovering satisfactorily at the home of her parents.

BETWEEN FRIENDS

By Ed. Pruyn

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