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Shall Strikes Imperil Nation?

Borrowing from the thought of Lincoln, as expressed at Gettysburg more than three quarters of a century ago, it may now be said:

Eight score and five years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Then it was the crisis of a great civil war—now it is the crisis of totalitarian threat from without, and labor strife within our own borders, that is "testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure."

In these crucial days when the fate of our nation hangs in the balance, when millions of people in Europe have already been deprived of liberty of thought and action, and when the surviving remnants of democracy are fighting desperately for self preservation, a small minority in the United States is permitted to wreak havoc with the national program of industrial production of war materials, vital to defense and aid to Britain.

If Hitler were, at the moment, directing the affairs of the United States in his own interests, he could ask no greater show of sympathy and co-operation than is now being evidenced by the numerous strikes in essential defense industries, the violence associated with the Bethlehem Steel and the International Harvester strikes, the internal dissension in the ranks of organized labor and the revelations of racketeering methods used in collecting exorbitant initiation fees and dues in connection with construction work on government projects.

If Nazi, Fascist and Communist hirelings were seeking a way to weaken this nation in its determined course to safeguard itself from aggression and also to give all possible aid to Britain and the other embattled democracies, they could pursue no more effective course than to foment the disunity being evidenced by strikes in defense industries, or in the production of materials necessary to the steady maximum output of these industries.

But it is not Hitler, Mussolini or Stalin who is directing the course of this nation—nor are Nazi, Fascist or Communist agents or sympathizers assumed to have a voice of authority in either of the antagonistic labor organizations.

It is President Franklin D. Roosevelt who is the executive head of this nation and also commander in chief of its military forces.

A recent statement by President Roosevelt bears repeating, for the emphasis it merits:

"The determination of America

must not be obstructed by unnecessary strikes of workers, by short-sighted management, or by deliberate sabotage. Let me make it clear that the nation is calling for the sacrifice of some privileges but not for the sacrifice of fundamental rights. That kind of sacrifice is for the common national protection and welfare; for our defense against the most ruthless brutality in history; for the ultimate victory of a way of life now so violently menaced."

Not Too Hot Not Too Cold



By JOHN EMBERT
The Newspaper Know

It is significant that one of the greatest waves of applause at the President's recent speech before the White House Correspondents' Association came when he said that unnecessary strikes cannot be tolerated.

The Washington newspapermen know better than any other group to what extent labor racketeering with the defense program. They know that the total defense we are after can never be attained so long as a few unscrupulous labor leaders seem to have no other ambition than to exploit the emergency to the limit.

Honest labor should keep this in mind. The man who delays defense though an unjustified strike belongs in the same classification as the war profiteer. Both are enemies of America's security and safety in a world gone mad.

Aid at Hand

America is a land of travelers. The wanderlust is firmly imbedded in our national character. The typical American wants to go places and see things, and he does on every possible occasion.

We Americans, as a result, have the finest transportation plant in the world. The number of motor cars we possess, for instance, is the envy and wonder of other peoples. A car is a rich man's luxury in most countries—here it is an ordinary man's necessity. The great bulk of Americans do all their traveling at home.

One unfortunate consequence of this vast amount of motor travel is our high accident rate. We skid into ditches. We hit other cars. We run over pedestrians. We collide with trains. The result is hundreds of thousands of injuries each year.

But in spite of carelessness of the American citizens, he gets a break in the form of the finest and most comprehensive medical service the world knows. No matter how remote the area, the chances are that a doctor can be on the scene of an accident within a few minutes. And he will be a capable doctor, who will go quietly and swiftly and efficiently about the job of treating wounds and doing whatever else is necessary. Outstanding medical technique is the rule, not the exception, in this land of ours.

There is a qualified physician in this country for each 767 people, on the average. That is a higher proportion than in any other nation. Whether you're in a big city or a tiny village or driving through the open country, you can be sure a doctor isn't far away. He's ready to serve if the need arises. And it may be that he will save your life.

Virtually Unanimous

By a vote of 324 to 1 the House has authorized its Naval Affairs Committee to make a prompt investigation of defense plant strikes and any other phase of the defense program that may need an inquiry. With a similar unanimity in debate the House seems to have concluded—along with the Senate—that the President ought to "speak out" on the plant disturbances and the blocking of production. With a similar unanim-

ity, we believe, the citizens of the United States would say, "Go to it."

Required Reading

The labels on cans are becoming "required reading" for efficient housewives. For significant progress has lately been made toward that long-desired goal—a system of food labeling that would tell the consumer, in clear terms, precisely what the can contains.

This step forward is the achievement of two groups—the organized consumers and the organized retailers. Both have been working together for a long time in solving the many technical problems that informative labeling presents. When the National Association of Food Chains, representative organization of all this country's important grocery systems, joined the membership roster of the National Consumer-Retailer Council, the labeling movement received tremendous stimulus.

At the present time, a number of important food chains have agreed to use the new informative labels for fruits and vegetables. Other chains will join the movement soon. And it is expected that packers will cooperate.

The labels are models of simplicity and clarity. Grade A signifies contents of the highest quality, representing but a small part of the total pack, selected at the peak of flavor. Grade B signifies choice quality, excellent in appearance and with fine flavor, and but slightly inferior to Grade A. For the thrifty, Grade C is offered—standard products, of good but

not fancy quality, and suitable for all general purposes where the finest appearance and flavor is not required. The Grade C label explains that sanitary and packing regulations are the same for all grades, and all have practically the same wholesomeness and nutritive value.

For some time, the labeling movement will remain in the experimental stage. It will be extended national as possible. It represents one more endeavor to give the consumer the best conceivable service.

O, Carlos Castle

O. Carlos Castle, the 5-week old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Castle, of Rockville, died Easter Sunday, in a Washington hospital. Mrs. Castle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Thompson of this town. Mrs. Castle who has been a patient in a Washington hospital for several months has fully recovered and able attend to her household duties.

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