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No Time For Strikes

It has become obvious to almost everyone that labor is the Number 1 problem in the defense drive. On April 5th, defense director Knudsen said that 90 per cent of strikes must be eliminated or the defense program will fail. Under the best of conditions our arms program is not coming up to original hopes, and when strikes occur precious days and weeks are irretrievably lost.

The waste occasioned by strikes was computed in one of General Johnson's late columns. According to him, during January, February and the first three weeks of March, the strike toll was 1,129,000 man-days. And that, as he further observed, does not tell the whole story. Many of the strikes took place in key factories, the result being that other factories could not get needed materials, so hundreds of thousands of man-days were lost elsewhere.

Labor's excuse for strikes is that it is now getting its fair share of profits—that the industries which have been given war contracts are rolling up unprecedented gross revenues, and that the worker should be paid substantially more and be given other, non-monetary benefits in addition. This argument may be valid in some cases. But, so far as most industries are concerned, earnings, and there can be no doubt that taxes will be higher in the years to come.

Furthermore, the very pace of the drive is adding heavily to industry's operating costs. You can carry on an operation in the most economical way when you have plenty of time—you must often take the most expensive way when the days are flying by and a deadline for delivery is at hand. The cost of most raw materials is on the rise. Long ago, top government officials said that no one is going to get rich out of this war. That will be pretty largely true. Through taxation, the Government can control and limit income just about as it pleases.

A number of thoughtful friends of labor are of the opinion that the strikes are, in a sense, suicidal—that they may alienate public good will to the extent that the immense gains made by labor during the past eight years may be lost. Every poll indicates that the public is "fed up" with what it regards as labor racketeering. They indicate an over-whelming majority of citizens favor some sort of forced mediation by government that will prevent strikes. As Raymond Clapper, a columnist who certainly has never been anti-labor, recently wrote, "Don't think that thousands of families, into whose homes conscription has reached, will not support the Roosevelt Administration if it is driven to take the hard-boiled way. Mr. Roosevelt will have pub-

lic sentiment fully behind him."

This feeling is obviously shared in Government circles. According to columnists Alsop and Kfátner, "Such episodes as the Allis-Chalmers strike have filled the Congress, the best of all reflectors of public opinion, with violent resentment. The demand for strong measures to deal with the labor situation would have produced results long ago had not the House and Senate leaders struggled manfully to hold their followers back. The demand will soon grow too pressing to be ignored."

Not Too Hot Not Too Cold



By JOHN EMBERT
Built by Public Credit

This country was built by private credit. It has always been maintained by private credit. There is one great difference between a democratic and a totalitarian state.

The money that built our vast industries—utilities, railroads, steel companies, oil concerns and the rest—came out of private pocketbooks, individual and collective. Government was never the dominant factor. In later years, government has expanded greatly in the role of "financier." Even so, private credit remains the bulwark of our social and economic system—the free enterprise system.

Let us remember that now. We will have won a hollow victory indeed if, when the wars are over and the defense drive has been consummated, we find ourselves with government as a financial dictator—the provider and controller of all credits. There is but one way that can be avoided—and that way is to depend upon private credit to the greatest possible extent, and to call upon government credit only when there is no other course open. Such institutions as the banks have declared their willingness to do the biggest financing job in their history, in the interest of defense. Let them do it.

Let All Work that Will

If Congress would pass a law requiring all business firms in the United States to be open shop, both union and non-union men and women could get jobs. When one class did not want to work the other class could.

There are 130,000,000 people in the United States, and they have some rights.

Can't Legislature Progress

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Laws did not create the skill of the modern physicians, laws did not create the knowledge to cure disease. These things came only through the striving of individuals to make a better world.

Laws have a right and proper place in the regulation of progress. But never for a moment believe that laws, in themselves, are progress.

Are We Right?

The question, as I see it, is not whether conveying means war, or whether war brings in its wake many and great evils. Undoubtedly it does, and undoubtedly

conveying can be construed as an act of war—and will be so construed when and if it suits the purposes of the Axis powers so to do. By the same token, it will not be so construed unless it suits their purposes.

The record of Hitler and associates is clear. They need no act of war on the part of some other country in order to make war upon that country. They do not declare war. They launch one when it suits their purposes. And they refrain from launching one until it suits their purposes.

Strength alone deters them, strength and the knowledge on their part that there is a serious purpose to use it against them. Vacillation and delay invite their attack. Halfway measures and palliatives defeat those who employ them. America has had too much of them already.

"When a strong man keepeth his house, his goods are in peace." It is not enough to be strong. The aggressors must know that "the house will be kept." The best way to keep it is to meet the aggressor before he arrives on the door step.

I am interested in reestablishing and maintaining Americanism (by which term I mean the form of government conceived and instituted by the founders of this country) here against all those who would destroy it, whether by circumvention from within or by direct attack from without.

While I deplore and resent the attacks which have been made upon it by circumvention from within, I do not believe that that is the present greatest peril. Our domestic house must be put in

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