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Agriculture and

Conscription

According to an editorial in the Dairymen's League News of New York, Brigadier General Ames T. Brown, New York State Director of Selective Service, states that conscription boards serving rural areas have as great a responsibility to not increase the shortage of skilled farm labor as do boards in urban areas not to drain the supply of skilled industrial workers. "Agriculture," the General said, "is among the nation's chief defense industries and it would endanger the health and safety of the nation if farmers were to be deprived of irreplaceable workers."

Here is an example all states should follow. For every man under arms, there must be men in the fields and in the factories to supply his needs—and to supply civilian needs as well. All conscription boards face a tremendous responsibility in this.

Why Wait For War?

Almost every night incendiary bombs are dropped on England. Any one of these bombs might ignite a whole city. Yet the English have kept the fire destruction caused by cash bombs down to the minimum. They have done that largely because all citizens feel themselves responsible for fire control. Great Britain, in fighting for life of the Empire, has found time to train its people in fire prevention and fire control.

Will it take a war, with all its bloodshed and horror, to make us Americans conscious of our responsibility for our own fire problems? According to the National Board of Fire Underwriters now celebrating its 75th anniversary, America is a backward nation, as regards fire prevention and control. Our average citizen has little sense of responsibility for conditions in his community which may cause the destruction of lives and property. He does not realize that if he and his fellow countrymen took proper precaution against fire, the United States would save enough money to build a Panama Canal every two years.

England, in the midst of war, has roused its citizens to the danger and the need less expense of fire. Can we Americans be roused in time of peace? There is a challenge that all of us must accept—and it is a challenge which is doubly important now, when fire is an ever-present danger to the swift development of the defense program. Fire is the enemy of efficiency, of production—and fire is the enemy of defense. Every fire prevented means that a step has been taken to make this country more powerful and secure. This is your job, and no one else can do your share for you.

Socialism Isn't Democratic

It is much easier for the people to get the government to maintain proper regulation of private industry than it is to get the government to check on government-owned industry. In the former case the government is a neutral party; in the latter case the government is not a neutral party, and is not likely to regulate without prejudice.

For a government to be democratic it must be neutral. The thing that makes democracy is the ever-present existence of a neutral force with sufficient strength to outweigh any dictatorial group. When the government owns and operates enterprises, its neutral relations with society are destroyed. It becomes less democratic and more dictatorial. Socialism isn't democratic!

Danger At Home

As a people, we Americans do things in a mysterious way. We will do all in our power to help release foreign nations from the hands of dictators. Then we will accept a labor policy here at home which, if not corrected, will nullify all the help we seek to extend to others.

The list of defense industries that have been or are struck is too long to enumerate. Take but one as an example, the Southern coal mines. Without coal, our defense efforts would be paralyzed. It is estimated there is only a 15 days' supply of coal above ground. The mine was closed through April with one strike. Yet labor leaders threaten another coal strike to enforce demands, instead of accepting arbitration.

The President's declaration of a national emergency may prevent it. But all the people have suffered and stand to suffer more from such methods.

There are different types of national undermining. Our nation's safety is endangered by the domestic as well as the foreign brand.

Not Too Hot Not Too Cold



By JOHN EMBERT

How Close Are We to War?

How close is war to the United States?

No one can answer this question unless he is able to read the mind of Adolph Hitler, leader of the German Reich.

It is admitted that the policies of the United States are hostile to the continuance of Hitler in power as a world dictator and that acts of this country in sending supplies to the British provide him with ample excuse for declaring war.

Will Hitler choose to declare war upon us? The answer is, according to most experts, "No."

This does not mean that Hitler is afraid of the United States. It merely means that, at this stage of his career, it is more profitable for him not to have a war with the United States.

To engage this country in actual warfare would undoubtedly unite the American people, as nothing else could, and cause them to redouble their assistance to the British. It would cause the United States to take direct naval and, possi-

bly, aerial action against Germany. In time, it might mean soldiers, armed, equipped and machined by American industry, which is without a par in the world.

Hitler will make war upon the United States when it suits his purposes. He will not, very likely, precipitate a crisis unless he becomes convinced that this action is necessary to prevent the delivery of supplies to the British. If this becomes evident, he may risk an attack upon us, especially if Japan plays her appointed role and attacks us in the Pacific at the same time.

France Backing Up

This government, beneath the surface, now regards France as being virtually an Axis ally. There is good reason for that. The real head of France today is Admiral Darlan, who likes the Germans, hates the English, and has always had a reputation for playing whatever political angle seemed most profitable at the moment. Even Marshal Petain was suspected of anti-democratic sympathies long ago, and he is so old and so ailing now that he is head of the new French total state in name only.

Well-substantiated reports come from Vichy to the effect that France will conclude a permanent peace with Germany, and give to the Reich certain important French possessions. One of those possessions is Dakar, which this government regards as being a definite threat to American security if held by an unfriendly power.

Best chance of our actively entering the European war, therefore, would be for France to make this transfer. No one believes we would sit quietly by and let the Germans occupy Dakar. And no one believes Hitler could be stopped from doing that without a scrap.

Where The U. S. Stands

The position of the United States, in relation to the present war in Europe, may be summed up as follows:

1. The outcome of the struggle will determine who will regulate the world for many years.

2. The main interest of the United States in the post-war world are identical with those of Great Britain.

3. A German victory would mean German control of the seas and the destruction of American commerce.

4. From a selfish standpoint, it is necessary that the United States aid the British to defeat Hitler in order to have a chance to avoid staggering armaments or a stupendous war.

5. American aid will be sent to Great Britain, regardless of German threats and attacks upon American ships will begin a fight.

6. Shooting incidents in connection with getting goods to Great Britain may result in an undeclared war, with our objectives limited to protecting our commerce.

to protect our commerce. hemisphere will not permit Hitler to acquire Iceland, the Azores, or the Cape Verde Islands, and, possibly, Dakar on the West Coast of Africa.

8. While every effort will be made to avoid forcing Japan to join in the struggle, there will be no appeasement of Japan at the expense of the British, the Dutch, or the United States, in the Far East.

9. American defense production will be vastly extended and our forces—Army, Navy and Air Corps—will be enlarged and ready for protective action whenever and wherever required.

10. At this time there is little idea that American soldiers will ever participate in the battles of Europe, but will be sent anywhere, if necessary, to protect this hemisphere by preventing potential enemies from securing dangerous bases.

Farmers Will Rebel

The Board of Directors of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association of New York, recently called upon the Federal government to halt strikes and lockouts in defense industry and labor.

It is clear that such a program is vital to national unity, and to the consumption of the defense effort. The farmer must receive prices that will meet production costs, and return a fair profit. We can't expect the farmer to go on working on a dawn-to-dusk basis, when government refuses to take adequate steps to prevent strikes in industries where pay is the highest in the world and hours the shortest. The cost of food will skyrocket if this continues.

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