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## To Wage Economic War Against the Axis

President Roosevelt's recent appointment of an Economics Defense Board is generally regarded as proof of the Administration's intention to wage economic war against the Axis on a big scale. The Board is headed by Vice-President Wallace, and its other members are the Secretaries of State, War, Navy, Treasury, Commerce, and Agriculture and the Attorney General. The important position of executive secretary has been given to W. W. Riefler, a professor of economics at Princeton, and a former economist for the Federal Reserve Board.

Economic warfare will mean the use of all this country's vast resources to advance the cause of the democracies, and to oppose the purposes of the dictatorships. A start has been made in the case of Japan. The Administration is obviously prepared to squeeze the little island empire to the limit. Our present Far Eastern policy says, in effect, that if Japan will call off her current program of conquest, we will continue to buy her silk and sell her the raw materials she so sorely needs—while if Japan insists on going ahead in the East, she need expect nothing else from us than ruthless economic sanctions and possibly a naval war.

While it comes to Germany, our technique must of course be different. We have had almost no trade with the Reich since the war began. Battleground of the trade warfare in this case will be Latin America. Despite all our past efforts, Germany is still a big factor in many countries south of the Rio Grande. Job ahead is to destroy Germany's Latin America influence and disrupt her plans for bartering her manufactured goods for South America's raw materials.

At the moment, it looks as if most of South America is ready to play along with this government. Uncle Sam isn't loved without reservation down South, but thinking South Americans regard him as a far better friend than Herr Hitler. In the case of South America countries which hesitate to adapt their economic and military policies to ours, polite threats of trade penalties and even military pressure may be used. This government is dead certain that South America must be saved for the democratic cause if the war is to be won, and it will not hesitate to do anything possible to keep South America in line.

Vichy's complete sell-out to Hitler will also form the basis for U. S. action. Few will be surprised if American marines eventually take over Martinique and others

French Islands in this hemisphere. And if Vichy goes ahead with her plans for a joint French-German "defense" of strategic Dakar, many expect that he will have to send our Navy in to do the talking for us. Control of Dakar means control over trade routes and military positions which are vital to this hemisphere. From a naval point of view, Dakar is a fairly tough nut to crack but our admirals think it could be done with dispatch.

Russia's entry into the European war, in the opinion of most, has made our early participation unlikely. For the time being at least, there is nothing for us to do but send materials abroad. If the American flag does go into battle, it is much more likely to be in the Pacific or off Africa than in Europe.

### Politicians Set

#### Poor Example

The whole theme of the defense program can be expressed in the single word sacrifice. Public officials from the President down have rightly emphasized that modern mechanized war requires appalling quantities of a nation's resources. Home owners and consumers must of necessity depart from normal American living standards. The manner in which the people of America have responded to the call for greater cooperation, is exemplified by the recent aluminum drive. Citizens of communities from Maine to California, "chipped in" to fill parks, civic centers, and street corner bins with mountains of aluminum. Their response was unhesitating.

Hope the nation's lawmakers have been equally cooperative. They have not! Pork barrel politics has been carried on as usual. When President Roosevelt attempted to iron out some of the inequalities in the new tax bill, and recommended that exemptions be lowered so that the income classes which are receiving the bulk of the war spending would be taxed, the House killed his request at once, with hardly a hearing.

It is high time, to put it bluntly, that the people of his country demand that their representatives practice what they preach—sacrifice. If there is to be a civilized post war world for Americans, it will have to be based on a solvent Federal government. Millions of citizens stand ready to do their part in guaranteeing a better world for the future. It is too much to expect our public officials to do the same?

### Not Too Hot Not Too Cold



By JOHN EMBERT

#### DEMOCRACY

My definition of democracy: That form of political government, understood and supported by appropriate mental concepts, which encourages a maximum practice of the Golden Rule, Beautitudes, and Ten Commandments, as well as inviting reciprocity on part of beneficiary.

### Advice to Unions

This country is arming to defend itself against a possible attack by Germany, where no man is allowed to join a labor union, and Japan, where labor conditions are worse than in any other civilized country. The union that cannot keep on working to help a defense against that oppression, and arbitrate its differences as it promised, can hardly command the respect of anyone who believes in the dignity and liberty of men under democracy.

### It's Up To You

Every community, whether it be a tiny village or a teeming metropolis, should at this time make fire prevention a headline civic activity.

Fire prevention is vitally important at any time. In this period, when we are attempting to turn all possible national resources to defense purposes, its importance is magnified many times. Anyone can understand the menace of fire to defense factories—one conflagration could delay vital production for months. And it should also be understood that the prevention of fire everywhere is a definite contribution to defense. Materials and labor which are needed to rebuild a home or a barn or a place of business, cannot be used for defense work. The more fires we prevent, the fewer material shortages we will have—and the faster the defense effort will go through to successful consummation.

Many organizations, of which the National Board of Fire Underwriters New York City, is the leader, are doing everything conceivable to fight and prevent fire. The National Board for instance, has given its full services, without charge to the War and Navy departments in order to prevent fires in army camps, naval bases, etc. It is carrying on 24-hour-a-day work against arson and sabotage. It is intensifying its inspection of communities and industries. These activities are bearing fruit. But they cannot achieve maximum success without unlimited public and civic aid and cooperation.

Keep in mind the fact that fire prevention is in the direct interest of your safety, your security, your survival. And do your part.

### Hitlerian Tactics Here

To put it bluntly, it is clear that certain powerful labor leaders have one aim in mind: To make it impossible for any man to obtain a job, in short, are driving toward a labor monopoly—and toward personal dictatorship over every working man and woman in this country. In pursuing that goal, these leaders will use any weapon that comes to hand. They will call strikes in defense industries, appar-

ently not caring a whit that the country's security and safety are thereby imperiled. They will rig labor elections in one way or another, so that the ordinary union man is virtually voiceless. They will, on occasion, stoop to violence and terrorism. They make use of that most terrible weapon—the blacklist. Their obvious purpose is to put the fear of God into workers and employers, so that they will knuckle under.

The callous disregard certain labor leaders have shown for government itself in this time of grave crisis indicates the way the wind blows. They make totally unjustified and impossible demands on industry on an "or else!" basis. Their methods are often impossible to differentiate from those of Capone in the heyday of organized vice. This project labor monopoly is one of the most serious problems the United States has ever faced.

Let this state of affairs go on long enough, and the country will be helpless. A few fat-salaried labor leaders will rule this country as surely as Hitler rules his Reich. Nothing will be done without their permission—and on their terms. These are the syndicalistic tactics that did much to destroy France.

### Tolchester to Cut Out Boat Service

We were reliably informed yesterday that the Tolchester Lines will abandon its passenger and ferry service between Baltimore and Tolchester after Labor Day until further notice, including the usual weekend round trips which the company had been making prior to the excursion season. The abandonment of this service will leave Kent County with no steam boat service between here and Baltimore for the first time in many years and will put passengers and traffic to the inconvenience of long drives either to the Matapeake and Love Point ferries, or around the head of the Chesapeake Bay to reach the city.

The reason given by the Tolchester Company for abandoning the service, it is said, is because of lack of patronage recently and the withdrawal by the state of a two-year appropriation of \$10,000 for maintaining a ferry service.—Kent News

### What Your Mouth Tells

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