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Thinking Ahead of the Peace to Come

We are at last beginning to feel the colossal changes war has forced on the economic and social life of the nation. And, in the next six months or so, changes in a far greater degree than anything we have yet experienced will invitably take place.

It should be clear to every one by now that the American standard of living, which has been infinitely lux urious by comparison with that of most of the rest of the world, will be largely abandoned for the duration. This year, our national income will be the largest in our history. But the amount of money which the people will have to spend for goods and services will be down to the lowest depression levels and perhaps lower. There are three principal reasons for that. First, and most important, is the tax burden, which will be felt in the lowest income groups, and will reach staggering proportion in the middle and high income groups. Second, War Bond purchases, whether vol untary or enforced, will take a substantial part of everyone's remaining income. Third, the price level is far above that of 1932 and 1933.

For the most part,we have not yet felt any particular lack of "luxury good." While manufacture of such goods was stopped some time ago in most lines, stocks on hand have kept store inventories adequate. Soon it will be impossible to buy a refrigerator, an automatic heating plant, a radio, an office machine, and ten thousand and one other items, unless you have a first-class priority rating, and the item is needfor a purpose directly connected with the war. Rationing of public transportation services may make pleasure travel impossible. And it is generally expected that a card-rationing system, similar to that now in effect for sugar, wil be extended to oth er foods, to clothes and to many additional necessities.

Whole professions are being virtually wiped out. For example, there is the plight of the salesman. There is no need for his services if his industry is engaged in war work. If his industry is not in war work, its production is swiftly declining and he has less and less to sell.These people are being absorbed by war industry, for the most part. After the war they will face another difficult problem of readjustment.

Whole industries are in the same position. The mortality, for instance, in the businesses which have been built up about the automobile—service stations, repair shops, roadside restaurants, resorts, etc.,—is great, and before long it will be tremen dous. All their proprietors and employes can do is to close shop and get a job. There is no place for their businesses in the war picture.

The face of American com munities of all sizes is chang ing swiftly. Gigantic war plants are being developed insections where there was little industrybefore.Inmany defense areas, population growth—unprecedented in its rapidity—has created an exceedingly severe housing and transportation problem. These problems have not yet been adequately solved, and they will grow worse. They constitute a major headache to governmental authorities

The population trend from country to city is intense. Agricultural workers, attrac ted by the big wages paid by war industry, are literally leaving the farms in droves. The farm operator can't get enough labor, and, even when he can, he must offer wages that in many cases are beyond his ability to pay This has offset a good part of the benefits of increased farm income.

The foregoing simply illustrates a few of the almost revoluntionary changes that are occuring in this country. And they illustrate, by inference, what our post-war problems will be. Authorities in both business and government seem convinced that none of the problems are insoluble. They know that there will be many mistakes, many errors in judgment. But they believe that, after the war, this nation's incredible industrial plant will be able to provide jobs for all employables, and will in time bring the general standard of living to a level way beyond anything we have known. It is a healthy sign that, even as we grapple with the immense problems of war, we are also thinking ahead to the peace to come.

NOT TOO HOT NOT TOO COLD

Your Retail Store

As times goes on, your retail store will have a changed appearance. There will be less goods on the shel ves in many instances. Some items will vanish altogether, and some will be extremely scarce. In time, widespread rationing of a large number of necessities may be put into effect. These are the inevitable result of war's normous demands on America's productive resources.

But there is one thing that will not change in your retail store—and that is its management's ambition to serve you to the limit of its ability. Whether you patronize a chain store or an independent store, its policy will be guided by the com petitive urge. Tomorrow, as in the past, it will be seeking ways and means to earn your patronage.

In addition, retailing is now carrying on some extremely special activities on behalf of the consumer It is conferring ith manufactures and others in developing suitable substitutes to take the place of priority goods and materials. In the food field, the chains and other retailers have taken the lead in promoting the National Nutrition Program—a program which is backed by the government, and whose purpose is to help build a stronger, healthier country. In every sound activity on behalf of consumer welfare, retailers are always at the forefront.

War will force immense changes in the home life of the American people. We will have to forego most luxuries, and use a minimum of many necessities. Retailing's job is to help us in making these difficult adjustments in our living standards.

A Favored Class

Labor uions are among the biggest businesses in the United States. Their total income from initiations fees and monthly dues, reach an astronomical figure.

These unions, however, are very different in certain vital respects from other enterprises. They are not subject to regulation. They do not have to register with the government or make periodic financial statements. Their take is not subject to taxation.

Spokesmen for labor have bitterly fought the mildest proposals for requiring the unions to register with government, and to publish public statements of their financial standing, as required of other business. The unions demand special privileges not accorded other business. They want to remain a favored class.

Disturbing the Load

The American people are at last learning one inescapable fact—everyone must help pay for this war. The old slogan, "Soak the rich' no longer has any meaning.

The new tax bill goes down into income brackets never before reached. And, in the view of economists who deal with facts, not hopes, it will not be long before the people of small and moderate means will have to be hit harder still. The people in the middle and high income brackets are already paying just about all the traffic will bear with out total confiscation of income. We can't substantially increase taxes on industry without depriving it of the money that it vital to its progress, expansion and solvency. Noth ing is left save to turn to the lower-income groups—and those groups are the groups which, for the most part, are receiving the bulk of the vastly increased purchasing power resulting from war expenditures.

The annual income tax will not be adequate. Some system for collecting taxes, in part on a monthly basis will be put into effect. Dire necessity is also likely to force the passage of a general sales tax.

This should have one good effect on the American people. It will give many of them for the first time, a knowledge of their own stake in the government. It will prove to them that governmental spending comes out of their own pockets and is their own business. Every American, whether he earns ten or a thousand dollars a week, must join in demanding that all government non-war spending be cut to the bone—and that every frill, every lurury, every non-essential, be immediately eliminated. It is essential to curb government spending, as well as personal spending, to check inflation.

Underground Drive Towards Socialism

In some "ultra-progressive" circles, a campaign has been started to force government operation of the railroads, on the grounds that this is necessary to the success of the war effort. The arguments for this end consist of a curious and subtle mixture of misstatements, half-truths and misinterpretation of fact As part of the campaign, criticism is being directed at Federal Coordinator of Transportation Eastman, despite the fact that competent authorities consider him able and unprejudiced, and his past record completely belies the intimation that he is a "tool of the railroads" or anyone else.

In all probability, this campaign is not honestly designed to advance the war effort at all, but is, on the contrary, designed to use the camou flage of war necessity to make possible the extension of state socialism to one of our greatest private enterprises. No industry has done a better job in meeting war demand than the railroads. Incredible quantities of freight are being moved without serious delay or congestion Shipper-railroad cooperation has produced miracles of efficiency. Every so-called "transportation crisis" has been met with great success.

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Telephone Subscribers Receive New Directories

Telephone subscribers in Queenstown have just received new directories, according to a statement made by L. S. Gabler, manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City for this area. More than 450 copies of this directory were delivered here This directory also serves subscribers in Centreville, Chestertown, Church Hill, Galena, Millington, Rock Hall, Stevensvile, Still Pond and Sudlersville.

Mr. Gabler emphasized the importance of consulting this new directory before calling because of the many number changes since the last directory was released. It is also suggested that subscribers review their personal telephone number lists with those in the directory in the event these lists may contain numbers which have been changed. These suggestions are in line with conserving telephone service in the interest of national defense.

Telephone customers are also urged to carefully thumb through their old directories and make certain that all notes, money and personal papers are removed before the old directories are disposed of.

In the past subscribers have been asked to destroy their old directories when the new book is delivered, so as to avoid confusion. Now the old directories have their use in the paper salvage program and should be saved along with newspapers and magazines and turned over to the proper agencies to be used for defense purposes.

FARM IMPLEMENTS

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6 h. p. Gasoline Engine, $10, 1 h. p. gasoline engine, $5, Rotary pump practically new, for pumping water for stock, $10, Sorghum syrup Out fit—14 ft. automatic skimming pan. Chattanooga No. 70 power presser, doors, grates, etc., Cost $225, will sell for $100, finance. 1-row corn planter, shop worn, $10, McCormick 1-horse mower, 3½ ft. cut, replaced by larger mower. $10. Fodder cutter hand, $5, 50 Hotbed Sashes with glass, $1.50 each., 50 hotbed Sashes without glass 50c. each.

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M. W. Aker. Queenstown, Md.

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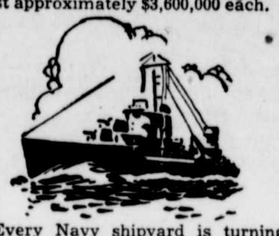

Every Navy shipyard is turning out Destroyers in record time. They are essential for our two-ocean Navy. Purchase of more and more War Bonds will assure all-out production of these vital units for the Navy. Buy every pay day. If everybody invests at least ten percent of his income in War Bonds we can do the job. *U. S. Treasury Department*

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I feel that the knowledge I have gained, during the time I have served as your Representative, of the needs of my Country and the District, and the experience I have had in meeting these, makes me capable of better serving the interest of the people in the First Congressional District during the trying days before us.

David J. Ward

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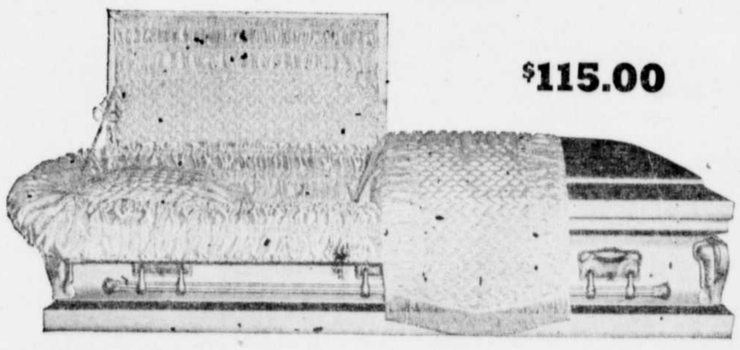

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