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Still Keeping War News Under Cover

Some of the most effective criticism of the government in its handling of the war effort has been based on the theory that there has been a definite and lamentable lack of frankness in telling the people what is going on. Many officials, this argument runs, seem to regard the people as children, from whom unpleasant truths must be kept. One of the most common sayings in Washington circles today is that "the people aren't awake." The defenders of the people say that the people are more completely awake than a good many of the big wigs in government—and that the extent of popular bewilderment as to the course of the war is directly attributable to a stupid kind of censorship.

In the newspaper fraternity, a peak of disgust was reached during the long drawn out trial of the eight Nazi saboteurs. The high Army officers who made up the trial court seemed to work on the principle that the people should be told absolutely nothing. Not until the strongest kind of pressure was brought to bear were newspapermen even permitted to view th trial chamber. And even then they were allowed in for only a few minutes and the presiding General stopped all proceedings until thy had left.

That is simply one example out of many that could be cited. There has been much criticism of what some authorities regard as the refusal of the Navy to tell the whole truth about Dutch Harbor and the occupation of certain Aleutian Islands. And lately, a San Francisco Judge brought serious charges against the ranking Army General in the Far West. Defenders of this General say that, in truth, he has done a first-class job, and they have much evidence to substantiate that. But again as Time phrased it, "The trouble seemed to lie in the Army's tell-the-people-nothing attitude."

There are obvious difficulties in the way of deciding precisely what information would be of benefit to the enemy, and so must be suppressed, and what can be told the public fully and frankly. But it seems virtually certain that in a long series of incidents the military authorities have leaned over backward to an extraordinary extent in refusing to release news which, according to the American tradition, should and must be told. And the fault is by no means confined to Army and Navy authorities. Time and time again, various non-military officials of the government have made completely conflicting statements about the same subject—as, for instance, in news releases on the oil, rubber and automobile problems. Under those circumstances, it's no wonder that a very considerable part of the population is lost in a welter of con fusion.

The main hope for ironing out this unfortunate business lies in Elmer Davis, the cool and canny head of the Office of War Information. Mr. Davis, it will be recalled, was given his appointment some months ago after the other governmental information bureaus has made an almost complete failure of the job. So far, Mr. Davis doesn't seem to have been able to make a great deal of headway. But, according to reliable reports, he is working stubbornly, and is determined that eventually the American people shall be promptly and truthfully told everything it is possible to tell them. He is said to have the confidence of the President, and he isn't frightened by either the military or the civil brass hats.

In the meantime, Mr. Davis' OWI is apparently doing the best job possible under the circumstances. An August 8, it issued a statement on the war situation which is hearteningly different from the usual Federal publicity releases. The statement is not glowingly optimistic. It isn't full of high-sounding phrases. Instead, it is simple, factual and impressive. It points out that so far our Allies have done most of the fighting, and that this state of affairs can't continue indefinitely. On the subject of production it says that "we have done pretty well, but not well enough." It observes frankly that "we could lose this war"—and that it's going to take an infinitely greater effort than we have so far made to win it. And it says one thing that every American should remember: "We are fighting fanatical men out for world domination and we can beat them only if we want to beat them as badly as they want to beat us."

In conclusion, it's reason able guess that, in the future the American people will gradually get more—and more accurate—information on all the phases of the war than they have had before. There is a definite and growing movement against unnecessary and unreasonable censorship, either direct or indirect. And there is a growing feeling that John Jones, who must do the fighting, working and paying that total war demands, is entitled to every fact, good or bad, which would not be of real aid to the enemy.

NOT TOO HOT NOT TOO COLD

Mr. Roosevelt Was Merely Seeking Relaxation

Our Commander in Chief has been criticized in certain quarters for dabbling in New York State politics. I feel this criticism is highly unwarranted.

Playing New York politics now is a form of mental relaxation for Mr. Roosevelt. Lincoln used to read corny humor to relax so he would be in better shape to think things out. Hitler relaxes by wiping out innocent villages and hapless hostages.

Thank God we have a President whose only sin is his love of New York politics. New York politics is somewhat different from the politics of any other State. Anyone who indulges in it is incapable of finding joy in any other diversion. Mr. Roosevelt knows as well as anyone how insignificant New York politics at this juncture of world history actually is. To say that the President was thinking of '44 and a fourth term when he relaxed for a moment by "horning in" on the Brooklyn convention is like saying that he is thinking in such a manner because he enjoys stamp collecting!

Yes, New York politics has been relegated (by Hitler and Hirohito) to the company of such innocent pastimes as philately, swimming and playing with Falla! Yes, verily, the war will go on as usual, and the Roosevelt Administration is as tight in the saddle now as was Paul Revere the night he made his famous ride.

What We Want Is Tires

The charge that oil companies have deliberately blocked the production of artifical rubber for mercenary reasons is an example of political buck-passing of the worst type.

One of the largest oil companies recently stated categorically that it "supports and will fight for just one program for the production of synthetic rubber. That is, whatever program the government adopts to give our nation the most rubber in the shortest time, from any raw material whasoever, and with the least possible drain on vital construction materials." That is the policy of the industry generally.

What has delayed the synthetic rubber program is inexcusable political manhandling. Bureau after bureau has struck its finger into the pie. The public has been fed one conflicting opinion after another. Only recently has any order come out of the chaos—and only recently has any real start toward solving the problem been made.

Whether synthetic rubber can best be made from petroleum, grain alcohol or anything else is a chemical problem, not a political problem. The oil industry, like the rest of the country, wants results. Its interest, like the interest of all of us, lies in getting tires in the shortest possible time, irrespective of the process used to manufacture them.

Manpower on the Farm

In a recent address, John Brandt, head of the National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation, had some common-sense things to say about agriculture in this country.

On the subject of the farm labor situation, he observed: God pity this nation and its liberties if the farmers of America said tomorrow, 'We are going to quit on Friday at four o'clock and we won't turn a wheel again until eight o'clock Mon day morning.' We'd be licked before we started. . . . . Our men are going to the Army, as we expect them to go, and we likewise expect whatever is necessary of the manpower of the city has been used to the extent of more than 40 hours a week, they have no right to draw from agriculture men and women out of the 70-hour category."

Food is as necessary to this war as bullets. We have obligated ourselves to supply other United Nations with gigantic quantities of foodstuffs which they cannot obtain elsewhere. If the farms are drained of manpower, that food sup plly be produced. In some sections of the country, lack of manpower, that food supply cannot be produced. In some sections of the country, lack of manpower for farming is already forcing curtailment of operations. This is a real and imminent problem, and it must be solved.

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Jap Beetle Invasion About Over

The 1942 season for Japanese beetles in Queen Anne's county is practically over according to county Agent Mark Miller. A few stragglers, may be seen until frost but the numbers will be so reduced that damage from feeding will be neglible.

In areas where adults were abundant this summer Mr. Miller said he anticipates some damage to lawns, pastures and the roots of plants this fall and next spring. The reason for this is that the females of the beetles that were flying this summer laid on an average of from 40 to 60 eggs each. These eggs which are laid in the ground, usually in grassland, hatch into white grubs that feed upon and damage the roots of plants.

In commenting upon the control work that is being conducted in Queen Anne's county by the County Agent, in cooperation with the Department of Entomology at the University of Maryland, and the Board of County Commissioners, Mr. Miller explained that the main objective of the county program is to establish disease and parasites, thus reducing the beetle of the status of an unimportant insect. Trapping affords seasonable relief and retards the spread of the beetle somewhat.

Mr. Miller, quoting Dr. George S. Langford, of the University of Maryland. "Improvement is being noted in many areas throughout the State. Reports show where milky disease is being used in a concentrated way beetle populations are diminishing.

Traps should be taken up now and stored in dry shelter to protect them from rusting out as they will if left exposed to the weather over winter.

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AUGUST SCHELLBERG

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of March, 1943, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of August 1942.

HENRIETTA SCHWEIZER
WILLIAM G. SCHELLBERG,
Executors.

Date, Friday, August 28, 1942.

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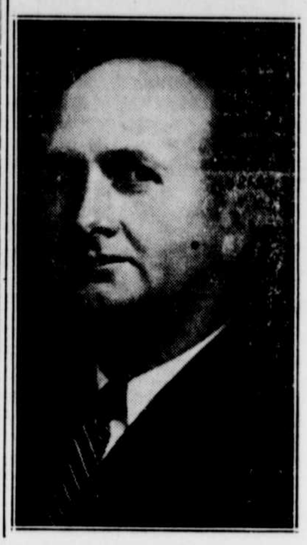

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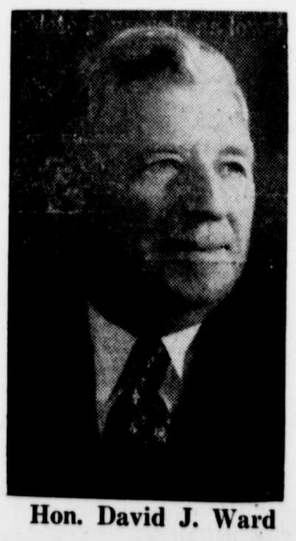

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