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What About Government Man Power?

The nation's shortage or faulty distribution of man power, more than any other one thing, has made it difficult for industry to attain what President Roosevelt has described as but little more than 50 per cent of the maximum possible war production and that it maximum capacity could be reached "only by stripping our civilian economy to the bone.

How to find the necessary man power to reach our maximum war production capacity is the nation's most troublesome question. Many ways have been tried to solve this problem such as freezing jobs, hiring women training new workers and scores of others. One fruitful field of man power has been overlooked—the federal government payroll. It is over-loaded with possible war production man power.

At the end of the eighth month of World War II it has over 2, 300,000 civil servants, as compared with the 917,000 federal government employes at the end ofWorld War I. Today's list is growing by the thousands every day. Many of these men and women could help the war effort more by filing war jobs in the factories or the farms than they possibly can in the government jobs they fill. This applies particularly to the thousands of new public servants, now in the process of being hired by three separate government departments to re-negotiate war contracts for the purpose of recapturing excess profits.

The services of these men will not be needed if the government sets up the right machinery for recapturing excess war profits. They will not be needed, if the law is amended, because then the Internal Revenue Bureau's trained staff could do the job quicker, better, at far less cost and with infinitely less confusion than could the new bureaucrats. In the second place their information demands of industry, under the provisions of public law No. 528 which created their jobs, will force industry to hire an estimated 30,000 additional men to supply this information.

None of this waste, expense and confusion will be necessary if this law is amended to provide a percentage limit on sales after taxes, instead of before taxes as it now does, because the Treasury Department's regulations and procedures will be applied by its present staff.

Unamended, this law will siphon an estimated half million men and women out of war production work and put them at work which inevitably will hinder the war effort. This seems foolish and it is foolish. The onlyreason it could happen, is happening, is that the milions of fathers, and mothers, son sister, wives, relatives and friends of men in our fighting forces have not yelled their heads off at the government in out-raged protests over its own waste of the nation's man power, which is our most precious war asset, our most limited raw material that cannot be replaced quickly.

These 500,000 more or less men and women who may be siphoned off from production can be kept on their productive jobs if the people will demand that Congress amend public law No. 528 so that the job of collecting excess war profits, after taxes, is given to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Maintaining Medical Standards

American medicine is doing everything in its power to meet the enormous demand of war for physicians. It is assisting the military forces in swiftly obtaining the doctors and dentists they need. As a war measure, the medical schools of the country have increased the size of their entering classes by about 10 per cent, and have adopted an accelerated program which calls for the graduation of a class every nine months. In addition, the bulk of the medical schools are now making available for military service members of their faculties except those who are absolutely essential.

The purpose of this medical program is twofold. First the Army and Navy must be provided with sufficient men of medicine. Second, and equally important, there must be no deterioration in the standards of medical instruction. It is obvious to anyone that a badly-schooled or underschooled doctor would be a definite danger to the community in which he might practice. As a result, medical groups have insisted that the medicalschool maintains their standards—and the government authorities have wisely cooperated.

A "speed up" in medical education can only go so far. There is a definite limit beyond which the time necessary for education cannot be reduced. The future welfare of this country demand the highest possible standards of medical care and service—and American medicine will see that those standards are maintained.

Farmers Aren't Rich

Those city dwellers who believe that agriculture is prospering tremendously from the war should look a little closer at the facts.

In a recent press release, Ernest C. Strobeck, secretary of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association of New York, said: "Dairy farmers have responded to the government's program of increased production. They have incurred expenses and experienced many inconveniences. . . . With farm labor only 57 per cent of normal and with farm wages higher than in any period in history, dairy farmers are now confronted with the prospect of prices being frozen at levels below even the low levels prescribedin theEmergencyPriceControl Act. Also, they face a constantly shifting price policy under the lease-lend program.

Similar situations are perplexing farmers throughout the country. Increases increases in farm operating costs have generally offset increases in prices. War, in short, has brought agriculture some of the toughest problems it ever faced.

NOT TOO HOT NOT TOO COLD

War Bonds and Stamps As Christmas Presents

Since Christmas is only three months away and people will soon be starting their annual Christmas shopping, I have a suggestion which is worthy of every American's consideration during these crucial times.

This war is a total war, concerning every man, woman and child, and as such every American should shoulder his responsibility. We must not merely depend upon our valiant armed forces, but we here at home should do all in our power to help win this war. My suggestion is, therefore, that we dispense with our usual gifts of wearables and luxuries and instead buy the equivalent in stamps and war bonds and exchange our good will in this manner.

Many Christmas exchanges have been unusable and unappreciated—just go to our department stores the week following Christmas and see the exchanges desk.If we should adopt the plan of buying and exchanging stamps and bonds as Christmas gifts, we would all be doing our patriotic duty, with one hundred per cent return on our investment.

Let us this year "buy a share in our American Government" and simplify our shopping worries and heed our Government's policy: Spend wisely and safely, keep down inflation.

Up to the Government

As time goes by, the commodiy price problem becomes more acute. It is clear that our present methods of price control are inadequate,and that the inflationary trend grows steadily stronger.

According to reports, a good many consumers are making the mistake of blaming this on retail merchandising. They are accusing merchants of profiteering at their expense.And that indicates a complete misunderstanding of the facts at issue.

High officials in the Office of Price Administration have publicly praised retail merchandising for the cooperation it has given the price control policy. Only a handful of cases where merchants deliberately sought to violate the rulings, have been unearthed. Both the chain systems and the independent stores have, as a general rule, reduced their margins of profit to the lowest possible level. And it should not be forgotten that, long before the price order was imposed, a large percentage of America's retail merchants voluntarily cut their profits in order to protect the living standards of the consumer.

The reasons why price control is failing are many and various. Certain important labor groups have demanded and received abnormal war wage increases—and that is a big item in production costs. Farm labor now receives the highest wages in history. The tax burden has already reached record levels, and will go higher. And, in the long run, the consumer must pay for all of this. The problem is now in the hands of the government—not the retailers.

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Fuel Oil Deliveries To Be Cut 25 Per Cent

Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, this week ordered fuel oil rationing on the Atlantic seaboard and in thirteen Middle Western States, to take effect during the coming season.

Mr. Nelson predicted that the rations would reduce normal winter use of fuel oil as much as twenty five per cent, but explained that definite figgures on the curtailment could not be given at present.

Until rationing starts November 30, deliveries of fuel oil will be under control in thirty Eastern and Middle Western States and the District of Columbia.

Beginning October 1, no deliveries may be made without a written guarantee from the consumer that he will surrender ration coupons to be issued subsequently under the ration plan equivalent to any deliveries.

In addition to the Atlantic seaboard, fuel oil will be rationed in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota and Kentucky.

Mr. Nelson said that changes in the fuel-oil situation might require expansion of the ration area in the future.

The coupon rationing system, which will be administered by the Office of Price Administration, will vary in different regions. The OPA is expected to announce details soon. It has worked for weeks on the plans.

Until September 30, any fuel oil tank used for heating, cooling or water-heating equipment in a private dwelling may be filled to capacity, proving the capacity does not exceed 275 gallons. In other than private dwellings, fuel-storage tanks may be filled to fifty per cent of capacity.

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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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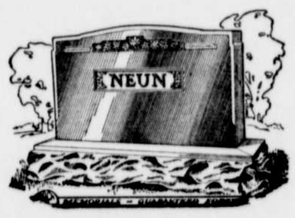

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