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Important Link in the Long Chain of Total War

The new anti-inflation bill which was passed with relatively great speed by Congress and put into effect by Presidential directive on October 4, is one more important link in the long chains of "total war" legislation. Such a bill would be unthink able except in time of great crisis. It gives the government almost limitless economic control over the individuals and industries of the nation. But there was little opposition to it. Economists of all schools have agreed that inflation is the direct internal danger we face—and that tough laws and tough administration of the laws it absolutely vital.

The bill, as passed, does not go as far as many economists believe it should. It is frankly a compromise measure. The labor bloc and the farm bloc in the House and Senate got a good part of they wanted. Farm prices, for instance, are to be stabilized at the high level obtaining on September 15. All existing "parity" provisions are to be observed. Wages also are to be stabilized at the high level of September 15. It is further provided that the War Labor Board can raise wages it is finds that necessary to correct "gross maladjustments." It is certain that some labor groups will make efforts to gain wage increases under this clause of the statute.

The law places no restrictions on salaries below $5,000 a year. However, it forbids increases in salaries above that amount unless approved b ythe Director of Economic Stabilization—or unless the salaried worker in question has been advanced to a more difficult and responsible position. It is considered possible that this clausemaybe used to restrict salaries to a maximum of $25,000, after taxes. The Director has the power to order a corporation to eliminate all salary in excess of $25,000 paid to an individual in making its income tax returns, and in computing cost-plus government contract.

It is easier to pass a law of this kind than to rigorous ly enforce it. And so no big unanswered question is just what effect the law will have on the formidable and growing "black market" in this country. People with money in their pockets and a desire for scarce goods wil offer higher than ceiling prices—and sellers will be found to bootleg the goods law or no law. The policing job, as a result, will be a difficult one. One clause in the bill provides that it shall be enforced by any and all departments of the government, using any and all laws and powers of the United States. In short, the measure is an all-inclusive one, and Congress put teeth in it.

Within the next few months, it seems certain that a number of other unprecedented laws will be passed. The most important of the projected measures is the total mobilization bill. The draft is depriving industry and agriculture of sorely needed workers. Also, wor kers, attracted by the high wages paid by war industry, have left the farms in droves—and the agricultural labor situation is extremely serious as a result. The total mobilization plan envisions making it impossible for any man to change his job without permission from theWar Manpower Commission. It would prevent industries from competing against each other for workers. It would force millions of people who are now not working, or who are employed in "non-essential" undertaking to go to work in war plants and on farms. And it would probably outlaw enlistments in the armed forces. According to some experts, the Army and the Navy have been accepting recruits who would be far more valuable to their country in a civilian capacity.

It is obvious that universal mobilization and universal war service would represent dictatorship of the most absolute kind. For that reason, government officials have been chary of even discussing it. But a great many authorities are reluctantly coming to the conclusion that in time it will be unavoidable.By the end of next year, according to present prophecies, about 60,000,000 people wil have to be engaged in the war effort in one way or another. The latest prediction is that we will have an armed force of 10,000,000 to 13 million men. Their needs will be almost in satiable. So, the argument runs, every pair of hands which can do any work at all will have to be used. And the only way to obtain maximum utilization of our manpower and womanpower is through compulsion.

NOT TOO HOT NOT TOO COLD

Budget Time and Money

All of us realize that we must gather strength for a supreme effort that will play its part in ending and winning the war.

We find that we must arrange our lives according to a new pattern, and many of us are confused and baffled. We go into a frantic fervor of cutting down on necessities, or of frightened hoarding of things, or of many scattered forms of war work. This results in confusion and incomptence. Now, as never before, we must quietly and honestly survey our lives and make a definite plan.

We must budget our money and spend it carefully and deliberately. We must also budget our time and energy. We must learn to concentrate them in one helpful, valuable way rather than firitter them away over a widely scattered lot of activities.

Indiana Innocent Abroad

Wendell Willkie is the most conspicious Yankee abroad since Mark Twain was a hero in "The Innocents Abroad." In Russia, Mr. Willkie demanded a "second front". In China he observed that the leading Democracies should stand up for the "freedom of others after the war is over," and be counted. He wants all people to be free to govern themselves. . . . "I think we've got to pin this idea in our hats and look at it often," he observed.

He told a press conference in Chungking that he would say "what I damn well please in making public statements.

Evidently he isn't reflecting the views of President Roosevelt who told his press men that Mr. Willkie's views on a second front were not worth reading because they were purely speculative. That may be interpreted to mean that Willkie's words "were his own and not necessarily those of his sponsor."

There is a wide difference of opinion in Washington over Willkie, while he keeps the limelight.

Personal Liberty

Permit me to commend Governor O'Conor's Pulaski Day speech in Baltimore which he said: "We must secure the privileges of our citizenship for ourselves and preserve them for the generations to come." Too seldom do we hear those in high places speak of liberty as a personal possession. Too frequently it is spoken of in the abstract—something about which to make pretty speeches.

Many of the pilgrims coming to our shores in these latter days come with the intention of changing our form of government. That they have succeeded far beyond the average citizen's realization is shown by some of our Nazi-minded politici-

The battle for democracy on the home front is won or lost at the ballot box. Therefore, it is something to gladden the heart and lift the spirit to hear our Governor urge us to fight for freedom.

In the words of the Rt. Rev. Phillips Brooks, we who believe that liberty is a personal and spiritual possession affirm our determination to work unceasingly to remove the Nazi infection from the body politic, thus:

"And then activity; the readiness to wake and watch and do a citizen's work untiringly, counting it as base not to vote at an election, not to work against a bad official, or not to work for a good one, as it would have been to shirk a battle in the war. Such strong citizenship let there be among us;such knightly doing of our duties on the field of peace."

Let us hear more of our leaders come out for real personal liberty and the honest observance of the Bill of Rights.

Gasoline Ration to Save Rubber

National ration of gasoline, as recommended by the Baruch Committee, is not proposed because there is a shortage of motor fuel.To the contrary, there is an abundance of gasoline of all ordinary grades, and in the producting areas the oil companies are hardput for storage facilities. Gasoline rationing is to be imposed, instead, to save rubber—and to save rail and water transportation facilities for other uses.

At the present time, gasoline is rationed in 17 Eastern States. According to Leon Henderson, it will be extended to the balance of the country on precisely the same basis. That means that the average motorist will be entitled to four gallons weekly—enough to carry him about 60 miles. Supplemental allowances are given to "essential" drivers. Practically all pleasure driv ing will be eliminated for the duration. The effects of this will be felt most severely in the West. In the East, with great cities and heavi ly concentrated populations, the motor car has not been nearly so necessary as it is in the West,where distance are vast and cities are few and far between. Furthermore, public transportation has naturally attained a higher state of development in the big-population areas. The street car and bus systems, out side of the largest cities, are simply not adequate to handle the load that has long been carried by private automobiles.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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This is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphan's Court of Queen Anne's County, Maryland, Letters of Administration on the estate of

MARY TURNER

late of Queen Anne's County, Maryland, deceased, who died intestate leaving real estate situate in Queen Anne's County, State of Maryland, but leaving no personal estate in said State so far as it is known.

Pursuant to the Order of said Court notice is hereby given to all resident and non-resident creditors of said decedent to file in said Court their claims against said decedent with the voucher thereof legally authenticated on or before the 8th day of April, 1943.

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The stores participating in this campaign represent retailing in all its branches. The chain systems have been promoting the idea, as well as thousands of independent stores in both the food and the non-food fields. So long as this war lasts, stores will push War Savings precise ly as they push any other item of merchandise they stock. And they'll do that without a penny of profit—and in addition they will absorb the substantial promotional expense themselves.

Early reports indicate that the "Retailers for Victory" campaign is fully living up to expectations. Every legitimate form of promotion—advertising, store displays, posters, etc.—is being used to bring War Savings to the constant attention of the shopper. One of the goals set by many of the chains is to have War Savings account for 4 per cent of their total sales.

Retailing's all-out cooperation in this vital matter isn't surprising. American retailing, chain and independent, has always been at the forefront in any worth while civic or national endeavor. Now it's doing its full part in the biggest job the nation has ever faced. So, when you go shopping take a War Stamps book with you—and fill it as fast as possible.

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EDWARD D. E. ROLLINS, of Elkton is a candidate for Judge in the Second Circuit of Maryland, of which Queen Anne's County, is a part.

He has been elected States Attorney three times, with increasing majorities. He has practiced law in this Circuit for twenty years; appearng many times before the Court of Appeals. He has earned the respect of the members of his profession, throughout the State.

His opponent was admitted to the bar only six years ago.

Mr. Rollins served his country with distinction in the first World War. Always he has taken a leading part in community work. His neighbors have learned to rely upon his judgment.

Of his service, the September Grand Jury said in their Report:

"We commend the State's Attorney of this County for his untiring efforts in the enforcement of law and order for the past twelve years."

He deserves your active support.

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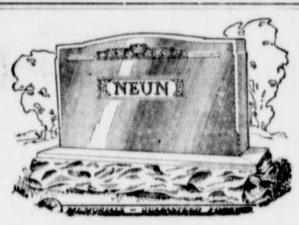

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