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Post-War Planning

Three very important questions have been stated by the National Resources Planning Board, and in view of the prospects that victory and the post-war era are regarded as a good deal closer than was hoped for a few weeks ago the suggestions are timely. The Board indicates as specific objectives: Building America. Full Employment. Security.

Back in the "good old normal days" a problem that faced millions of men and women was, "how to get a job." Now there are jobs for everyone.

The problem of the future as outlined by the Planning Board, which was appointed by the President, considers preliminary objectives: "We must plan for full employment, for maintaining the national income at 100 billion dollars a year, at least, rather than let it slip back to 80 or 70 or 60 billion dollars again." In order to reach that goal the Board finds that our national production-cosumption budget must be maintained at a high level with "full employment"—jobs for everyone instead of mass employment

The question of security as defined by the Board emphasizes the importance of youth being kept in school. Aged men and women should be protected by relief under the social security programs that have been in the process of development in recent years.

"W must plan to enable every human being within our boundries to realize progressively the promise of American life in food, shelter, clothing, medical care, education, work, rest, home life, opportunity to advance, adventure, and the basic freedoms," says the report.

Another objective is outlined as follows: "We must plan to make Building America the keynote of the post war program, including both development of our national resources to add to the national estate, and service activities, which will increase the vitality, health, skill, pro ductivity, knowledge, and happiness of the American people, and thus together end unemployment and add to our wealth and well-being

These r e commendations of an outstanding committee of civilian leaders have been transmitted to Congress by the President, and the Congress has been asked to provide for the establishment in the post-war period of a national agency to coordinate all these objects, with special reference at an early period "under appropriate legislative directors" to provide for the security in the future of all methods of tran sportation.

Congress Gets Busy

While the result of the recent election surprised the general public it was nothing less than a shock to Washington. None of the politicians had "figured it that way."

But the National Capital didn't lose any time picking up labor legislation and putting it on the line for early action.

Before the election return were all in Senator O'Daniel of Texas introduced a bill in the Senate to suspend the wages and hours law. Senator Connally of the same State reasserted his opinion that the labor laws are outmoded and unworkable. Con gressman Smith of Virginia reminded the legislators that his bills to amend the labor laws had passed the House several times, and he recommended that the Senate should follow the lead of the lower Chamber and stand back of bills that would modernize the labor laws. Congressman Rankin of Mississippi assailed the Wagner Act and the National Labor Law and he said they had been administered shamefully by "bureaucrats. The Democrats stole the show while the Republicans were busy calculating their gains.

Democratic leaders saw the point when those four outstanding leaders from the Sunny South demanded that new legislation must be made so definite it could be administered under and according to the law.

According to the best judgment of news and editorial writers and columnists in Washington the present Congress must face the issue of remodeling the much criticized 1935 pattern of labor legilation. Political and bureaucratic administration has failed, and it is plain that the public, the workers and the employers are dissatisfied with jockeying for positions and favortism as was done in handling 3,312 strikes that threw 1,849,495 workers out of employment in 1941.

The present Congress is keeping the political kettle boiling and there is reason to believe that the incoming Congress will put new labor laws on the books in the com ing Winter.

NOT TOO HOT NOT TOO COLD

Put In Their Places

What this country needs to win the war in the shortest possible time is more men in government jobs like William K. Jeffers, temporarily "rubber czar."

The Army and Navy want rayon in heavy duty tires because it is stronger. "Cotton senators" are trying to delay its use—figure out your own reasons as to why.

As usual, some committee members tried to put anyone opposing them on the spot. But when they got through with Mr. Jeffers they were put in their places as "public servants," not privileged characters playing politics in war time for their own grain.

Mr. Jeffers delivered a deserved rebuke to the "business as usual" politicians when he told them the chief job of everyone, including members of Congress, "is to win the war."

He then said that if the Army and Navy want rayon reinforced tires, that is what they are going to get now and not at some indefinite date in the future.

Every business man who has felt Senate committee pressure, and every loyal American who wants to see this war won as soon as possible, will cheer the words, speed and spirit of Mr. Jeffers. The former Union Pacific chief is used to getting things done. Give us more administrators or the same kind.

A Dangerous Assumption

Too many people assume that an all-out war has to be fought by an all-out dictator government. This is not true. And it could never be true because modern war requires gigantic production and governments are not producers. At best, they can force the citizen to produce under compulsion, after the citizen has failed to do so for one reason or ano ther.

America is outproducing Europe's slaves because free men are doing the job. If they are allowed to finish the war as such, there is not the slightest doubt as to the outcome. Victory will be ours. Our industries are rolling at an unheard of pace. But they could do even more if bureaucrats and the people would once and for all realize who must keep mines and factories going full blast. Let government place the orders under proper supervision—American industry will do the rest.

Our armament and plane makers, our utilities, our railroads have proved they can accomplish miracles. The oil industry has been ready for months to begin production of synthetic rubber, awaiting only the "go" signal from officialism. Our metal and timber resources are being utilized to the fullest by the ingenuity of private management, and the coal industry has provided the nation with the biggest stock pile of fuel in history.

All of these things have been and are being done by private citizens. They, and not the bureaucrats, should get the credit.

Keep It That Way

More members of the medical profession are going into military service every day. Young doctors just out of medical school, doctors who have barely established themselves in the community, and long-established men who would soon begin to shift the burden of their practice to new partners, are donning uniforms. For the medical men remaining at home, the task will become gigantic. But one and all they are grimly determined that essential medical care will be provided to civilians.

There are many ways in which the layman can help in this medical crisis. He can guard his own physical well being by keeping regular hours and eating and sleeping properly. He can be tolerant if he is kept waiting for an appointment. And he should follow stringently the advice of his physician in order to return himself to full usefulness as soon as possible. These are the tangible ways in which the layman can help the doctor.

In addition, there is a vast intangible aid that we can give our medival men. We can keep in mind the fact theat they are a part of the system of private medicine that has doubled the span of life for the ordinary citizen in a comparatively few years. The doctors in the armed forces, just as the ones staying at home, spent years in training and more years interning because competence and efficiency are the very foundation stones of our medical system. There is no taint of 'ism' or politics in their blood. The worst disservice we could do them in their absence would be to lend ear to crackpot schemes to inject political control of any form whatsoever into the medical profession. As it stands today, American medicine gives us the best care in the world. Let's keep it that way.

Mission To London

Mrs. Roosevelt is always interesting whether "My Day" shows her to be happy, or unhappy.

No one knows just why she has raced about so hurriedly over the British Isles, but there has been a resurrection of the old legend that she is making a study of conditions abroad for the purpose of reporting to the President. Somehow, people like to believe that.

While her report to her husband will be accepted 100%, it is very doubtful whether she can add anything that will change or influence the President's opinions or affect any of his decisions with reference to the war. He is up-to-the hour in knowledge and information about World War events.

Special emissaries have been com ing and going between the Old and New World Capitals at close intervals for the last two years.

Mrs. Roosevelt evidently wanted to go and see for herself, in the same way that she has "globe-trotted" all over our own big country.

Blunt Truth

Agriculture is one of our most essential industries, but it remains the orphan of the war effort, notwithstanding the political uproar that has surrounded its problems.

Manpower is the most critical of these problems, plus a lack of faith by the dirt farmers in the ability of the Washington swivel-chair farmers.

The Dairymenn's League Cooperative Association of New York recently published some figures relative to thousands of producers going out of business, that make graves reading for the consumer. The blunt truth is that our farmers either will be given the opportunity to produce, or we will starve. And if we wait much longer, we will suffer severely because it takes years to replace a good milk cow that has been slaughtered for beef.

Yule Shopping Begun Early

With so many of its fighting men overseas the nation has done more of its Christmas shopping early this year than ever before, Census Bureau figures indicated today.

During October sales of giftype articles took unprecedented leaps over the records set the previous fall, the nation's independent retail ers reported.

Topping the list was the 82 per cent sales increase reported by the jewelry stores, followed by 32 per cent in both apparel and department stores, and 31 per cent in drug stores.

The volume of the sales of mailable type articles indicated that Johnnie Doughboy won't be the only one to get most of his Christmas gifts out of the mailbag. Because of wartime travel restrictions the mailing of gifts to civilians is expected to show a big increase.

While several causes—including the heavy excise taxes which went into effect in October, 1941, placing a damper on sales—were seen behind the general increases over that month, the campaign to mail early to the boys overseas was admittedly a potent factor in the heavy purchasing.

The total October increase for all types of stores from the thirty-four States which made reports was 12 per cent. However, this failed to show the actual high points of the purchasing picture since the average was held down by two understandable decresaes—an 81 per cent drop reported by motor vehicle dealers and an 11 per cent decrease in filling station business.

"But we don't talk about those any more," grinned a Census Bureau official.

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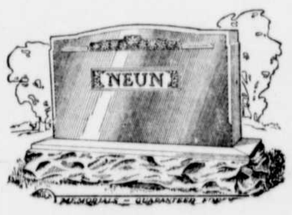

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