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Trained Leadership Imperative

What is done by our government right now with our boys and girls of teen age is going to have more effect on our future than most of us realize.

It is predicted that we face a long war, say four years, and then at least as many more to get settled down in our position of world responsibility. In the war period, we will either be wise or foolish in what we offer to our grown-up children.

This is a war of new weapons based on science, on physics, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, etc. To build machines requires thousands of experts and research workers, and to operate them requires tens of thousands of highly skilled and trained men. We can only discover and train those who can do this job through using our schools, colleges and universities to sift out those who have the willingness, aptitudes and brains to do these jobs well.

The Germans and the Japanese are very terrible opponents because they have selected and trained many thousands of their youth in every field related to war and are still doing so. Great Britain learned in the last war that they must not let those who should be trained in laboratories or libraries be wasted. In every million babies born, it is said there is but one great physicist, and yet the war is going to be won by applying physics to the procedures of war.

A country like ours can succeed only if it follows trained leaders. We have the experience and the places to train them in every state. Certainly with military policy on a basis that recognizes education also, we can sort out and train our boys and girls for the fateful jobs they must meet.

Not only must we retain and train selected students, but we must give them national recognition by uniform or insignia so that they will not be tempted to join the armed services too soon.

It will be stupid to misuse a whole generation of our boys and girls through failure to prepare them wisely. It is easy to get hysterical, to forget the future in the haste of the moment. Have we not the right to ask of our Congress that whatever compulsory measures are passed to use our teen-age boys and girls, that they shall be on a controlled man power basis that will recognize the imperative necessity of giving them a chance to prove their qualifications for training for special and needed tasks.

Any program which fails to provide for a study of their individual possibilities for advanced training would be a ghastly stupdity.

Initiative, Energy, Materials

Henry J. Kaiser, probably the world's greatest shipbuilder, has this to say about the place of private industry in the future: "It has to be pounded into Americans that now is the time to make industry great ..... we have the whole world to produce for and there is no limit to it if people only realize it." He pointed out that we have three "expendibles": initiative, energy and materials. American industry has plenty of all three. And only industry can make the fullest use of them. Kaiser warned that: "Leadership in industrial planning for after the war must come from within industry itself. It cannot come from government, although the government must be recognized in such planning. The government must cooperate in the planning, check and approve it."

Nearly two billion people will be destitute when the war is over. In all likelihood this country will remain with its industrial plant intact. It is a plant of proven ability. During the last century, its energies have been devoted almost wholly to giving to the American citizen necessities and luxuries that were unheard of in the rest of the world. It gave these things to the people because the people themselves maintained a form of government which protected and encouraged the individual. Resources such as timber, metal, coal, oil and electric power were discovered and developed by hardy pioneers engineers and business men —all individuals—all striving to furnish something that society needed in return for a reasonable profit. It was a fair deal. Everybody benefited. We got our automobiles, our modern homes with magic light, heat and power. The masses of America got things that the feudal lords of Europe could never get.

What our privately-operated industry has done for America it can help do for the world, it we give it a chance. To give it that chance we must guarantee its existence as free enterpraise under equitable public regulation.

NOT TOO HOT NOT TOO COLD

To Commerate Pearl Harbor Tragic

Our country is getting ready to commemorate its tragic first anniversary of Pearl Harbor, and, surveying the past twelve months, it is gratifying to see how much has really been accomplished—despite all the complaints and controversies.

Here in our own community we have reasons to be proud also, especially of our men in the services, and I mean us here out in the country as well as the town folks. All of us have accepted the restrictions, with cheerful grumbling, which after all is only the signs of a healthy democracy. But we do the things we are asked to do, we salvaged scraps and fats; we canned our fruit without sugar and some have pulled the old horse-buggy from under the cobwebs. We don't mind. All we want is to make sure our boys have what they need by way of food, weapons, ammunitions and medical care. That is, MOST OF US DO.

But there are still a few who seem unaware that we are at war—that there is a necessity and a reason for saving gas and rubber. Some who still speed along our quiet country roads at seventy miles an hour—and just now, there are those who shamefully waste precious material and time hunting a few miserable cottontail rabbits or do their best to exterminate the pitiful remnants of wild life around here.

Do you think Mr. Editor, that it would have been a sensible thing to call off the hunting for the duration at least? If only to give game a chance to reproduce itself. Instead now, every morning cars speed around here and park on anybody's property without so much as asking leave to do so, and proceed to shoot aimlessly around, whether they see a bird or a bunny, or not. I would call that a sheer waste of ammunition which could be used for much better purpose.

Why Such A Policy?

Regulation of business has grown so voluminous that it may soon be necessary to regulate the regulators. It is becoming a threat to expanding production in the United States. Countless examples could be cited.

One of the latest is the propoosal of the Security and Exchange Commission for proxy rules changes in corporation management, publication of salaries in addition to the three highest as at present, publication of pensions and a new method of preparing annual reports which it is feared would principally promote controversy and disagreement rather than the interest of the stockholders.

If some corporations are making unsatisfactory reports, the Commission can correct such cases without disrupting the long established and satisfactory business practices of the great majority of corporations, at a time when all pubic and private agencies should be straining themselves to smooth out production problems, rather than complicate them.

The seriousness of the situation at a critical time like this, cannot be over—emphasized. Executives already swamped with their endeavors to meet war production demand should not be endlessly compelled to divert their energies to meet new red tape regulations, largely to satisfy the appetite of growing bureaucracy for a constantly increasing hold on the operation of private business.

Share-The-Ride

No one really knows how far-reaching will be the effects of stringent nation-wide gasoline rationing. Its resulting problems will be particularly acute amidst the vast distances of the Western United States. Thousands of war workers and farmers live many miles from production centers. Plans are under consideration for sharing of rides. Compulsion should be avoided whereever possible. American citizens, by nature and traditions, simply don't like it.

Saving Fuel

The Standard Oil Company of California recently ran large advertisements in the papers, which promise to help immeasurably in this transportation problem. They urge workers to go to the nearest Standard Station and put their names on share-the-ride registers where every effort is being made to make possible for car owners and workers to coordinate routes and times of departure.

Industry in every field of endeavor is striving to aid the over-all war effort. It knows that a problem that is not solved voluntarily, must be solved by government authority. If the oil industry can help solve the auto transportation problem on a voluntary basis, all of us will owe it a debt of gratitude, because it will have helped avert official restriction of individual action and movement, which are dear to the American citizen. We should cooperate to the limit.

State Deer Season Begins Next Monday

Maryland hunters will take to the field December 7-12—the State's official open deer season—to seek what probably is the largest supply of deer in several years.

E. Lee LeCompte, State Game warden, said the supply has been built up considerably in the last year, and forecast one of Marylands best seasons.

However, he cautioned hunters to comply strictly with hunting regulations, pointing out that licenses should be displayed clearly and that specified ammunition should be used.

He urged hunters to report their prey and other essential data to the State game warden within twenty-four hours after making the kill.

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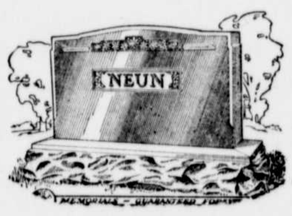

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