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It'll Come Out All Right

Congressman Patman of Texas told the House a few days ago that in his daily mail from soldiers and sailors overseas, "the thing which strikes me so favorably in the majority of these letters is the desire of the sendersto stand on theirown feet and be able to become businessmen themselves in a number of the fields for which their wartime or prior training has prepared them." He said that "these are not, in many cases, letters from men who are humbly pleading for jobs. Instead they are from men who say, 'we are competent and able to take our places in our home towns as citizens capable of running our own individual businesses."

Apropos of all post-war planning there is a general feeling in the National Capital that the main responsibility rests with our own industries and private business institutions. It would, indeed, be a tragedy if these men should return in high spirits full of faith in their own abilities and confident that their own communities would receive them with open arms, welcoming them as fellow businessmen, only to find out that normal credit channels were not open to them for reasons beyond their ken.

Can they give their old jobs back to their former employees? Can they maintain the normal wage standard? Private business has already answered "yes"

Most of the loose talk that the Government must hold the bag doesn't gain public approval.

Mr. Ickes' recent "trial balloon" blew up. He suggested that the Government should turn over its own war production properties to the returning soldiers and sailors and let them carry on management and operation. No one stepped out to second-the-Motion.

It is certain that there is going to be a huge demand for all kinds of American goods after the war—demands in the home markets where you and I live. Mr. Hull's prophecies about tremendous foreign trade is in the dream-stage.

The whole question, in a nutshell, is to restore old formulas that have made America rich, great, and powerful

The Government will be prepared to settle all war production matters on a fair basis, and private business will resume peacetime operation as speedily as possible. There is not other way!

Of course, the Government will look after its men and women when they are released from service and "see them through" in the interim of weeks, or months until they become-re-established.

Don't worry too much. America will march forward!

What Are We Waiting For?

The Senate unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Administration to send food to Europe's starving children on February 15 of this year. The House of Representatives has taken similiar action. Congressional approval has kept step with editorial comment by Statevepost that "the time to feed hungry people is when they are hungry"—is NOW, before Invasion, if it wins the complete and necessary official okeh.

"For nearly four years, the patriots in the occupied countries have endured every form of torture and persecution in order to continue their resistance to the common enemy," observes Dr. Howard E. Kershner, Chairman of the Temporary Council on Food for Europe Children, and he makes it very clear that these same patriots have scorned the inducements of the enemy to submit to the hated regime.

Many thousands have made the supreme sacrifice of losing their lives for their convictions. A considerable number of these martyrs have died because they sheltered British and American airmen and aided them to escape.

At the moment when a last call is about to be made on these patriots to support the action of the invasion troops, some tangible evidence in the form of food for their children, showing them that we care and appreciate their help, would stimullate their capacity to render aid to our forces.

Child feeding experiences in Greece and Southern France have shown that the Germans do not take the food. By requiring the child helped to exhaust its ration of local food before being given a supplement of imported food it is known that no equivalent was left as a result of the relief operations by which the enemy could profit. This was the system followed by Dr. Kershner, who directed the feeding of hundreds of thousands of children in France. In no instance was the ration card of the child being helped reduced on that account.

The food—the money—the ships are ready! All that is needed is permission from Britain and America to start relief.

The occupied countries are as anxious to win the war as we are. They believe child feeding would help and have pled for it earnestly. They are a part of the United Nations Group. What right have Britain and America to ingnore their pleas?

Military men such as General de Gaulle and General Giraud, as well as our own Generals Pershing, Dawes, Disque and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Admirals such as Pratt and Byrd, and many Past Commanders of the American Legion have urged child feeding. By unanimous action the United States Senate and House of Representatives have urged it. The Gallup Poll shows three votes for it to one opposed. Church leaders of all faiths and organized labor have demanded it. In Britain the evidence of favorable public opinion is almost as impressive.

The President has the power to act and has been urged to act. It is certainly in order to ask—MR. PRESIDENT, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

NOT TOO HOT NOT TOO COLD

Drifting Back 50 Years

Casting an eye over the files of The Queenstown News during the past half decade when everything was milk and honey with little money and everybody happy, we find in our past issue of January, 1944, when money is not considered and is reckoned by the billions instead of the thousands, the announcement of the Fourth War Loan drive, with the names of public-spirited and patriotic Queen Anne's county business men and citizens who were sponsoring U. S. Treasury advertising promoting war bond sales.

Even during these drives we recognized that this form of semi-forced saving made necessary by the exigencies of war and the fear of inflation, were in reality one of the best things that ever happened to the average American who in previous years spent his income as he went along—or even ahead of its arrival—and when the proverbial rainy day came along was frequently left to depend on charity or public asistance.

During the months immediately following World War II, when the nation was readjusting to a peacetime economy, we noted with satisfaction that no extensive public welfare program was necessary. Men temporarily thrown out of work had their bonds to fall back on, and money thus kept in circulation obviated the post-war depression everybody has been expecting. The pressing demand for consumer goods, brought on by the war-time intermission in production, soon took up the slack left by discontinuance of war production, and everybody was working again, even before their bonds were entirely exhausted.

Post-war planning commission, inaugurated long before victory came, also had a hand in staving off a depression, as did the rising demand of foreign trade, but the main job was done by the backlog of cash furnished by the 1943-44 war-bond buying program.

Today, more than ever, the benefits of war bond savings are being felt. Young people from our communities are in college now as a result of bonds bought in their names or for them, in 1943 and 1944. The present boom in building, which is seeing the razing of old, unsightly houses and the construction of fine new modern dwellings all over the county—and all over the United States for that matter—has a direct relation to the fact that the 1943 and 1944 war bonds are now reaching maturity. It has been estimated that over 50 per cent more people own their homes today than did in pre-war times.

In addition, the spendthrift American people have acquired a valuable habit, the habit of laying aside a fixed portion of their income in savings. Through the war bond program, which made saving almost mandatory, they laid aside nest eggs for the first time and found out what a valuable asset they are.

Today most people are continuing to lay aside a fixed amount from each pay-check in savings and have the comfortable feling that bad luck will never find them unprepared. This makes for the feeling of security and prosperity so evident in the nation at this time.

World War II was a frightful catastrophe, but out of certain lessons were learned that did the whole world considerable good. Blessings often come so disguised. One of these lessons was that of bytual saving. We and our children and our children's children will profit by it.

They Are Free Enterprise

Government planning has become a phobia in this country. It hasbeen put forth as the cure-all for depression, unemployment, war, and kindred evils. The federal government is overrun with planning agencies. Some of them would theortically take the risk out of life completely. But the rugged individualist who hates to be confined to a set of plans can find rich solace in one fact: The United States is too big and unpredictable for any man or group of men to make a detailed blueprint of how the American people must live.

Even now new industries and new opportunities are opening up before us, that the planners of a brief decade ago failed to forsee. Among the most spectacular developments is that of air transport. Only a few imaginative individuals with unlimited faith in the airplane could forsee the vast expansion of today. And they were too busy making and flying better airplanes to be concerned with fancy planned economies. Progress always comes through individuals groping for ideas and willing to do a lot of work, whose talents can produce the most when confined the least. Because of such individuals working in commercial aviation long before the war, this country is the mightiest air power in the world. When the Japs attacked Dutch Harbor, planes from ten different United States airlines were speeding into that area with war material. The airlines afforded a ready-made reservoir of transport pilots, radio operators, crews and other skilled personnel which is the backbone of more than 100,000 miles of air routes under military operation.

After the war, the airplanes will create vast new markets in every corner of the globe. They will provide employment, opportunities for new industries, and stimulate activity no one on earth could have planned in advance a few years ago. They are free enterprise.

Cleghorn-on-The-Wye Is Sold

W. Clarke Grieb, real estate broker of Chestertown, has sold Cleghorn-on-the-Wye plantation representing what is reported as the largest real estate transaction ever made on the Eastern Shore.

Cleghorne-on-the-Wye was formerly owned by Henry C. Lockhart who in turn had purchased it from the Fletcher Estate. Cleghorn comprises eleven hundred acres and has several miles of frontage on the Wye River at Longwoods. During Mr. Lockharts's ownership, Cleghorn had been developed by him as a model farm. There are one hundred and two buildings, most of which are of recent construction.

The large manor house was originally built in 1825 and the famous gardens adjacent to the house are reported to have been originally planted about the same time. Cleghorn-on-the-Wye was originally known as Wye Heights and is part of an original grant to Charles Howard Lloyd in 1659.

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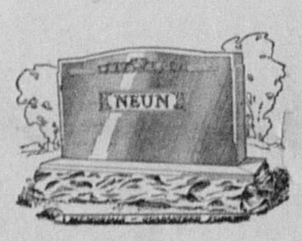

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