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"Free Enterprises In American Democracy"

In a contest for the best editorial on "Free Enterprise" in the newspapers of the United States, Editor George W. Hojkins of the Lake Region, Eustis, Florida, won first place in the Herrick award made at the recent meetings of the National Editorial Association in Milwaukee. His editorial not only merited the award, bu is worthy of the widest distribution. Editor Hopkins said:

"Free enterprise is not a political term. Some people seem to think that as soon as one begins to advance the idea that American business industry, commerce or agriculture was built up on free enterprise in this country, one must be a Republican.

"As a matter of fact, free enterprise is a basic American principle, as free from politics as the Constitution of the United States itself. It came into being with the Constitution. It emerged from such episodes in American history as 'the Boston Tea Party,' and drew its first baptism of blood at Bunker Hill.

"The implication of free enterprise is simple, straightforward and honorable. It derives its rights from a natural human impulse; the right of the individual to the initiative, and to enjoy the liberties guaranteed in the Constitution; liberties bought with the blood of patriots who 'pledged their lives and their sacred honor' to establish those liberties.

"The American people have never surrendered their liberties to their representatives, or the government, which is of, by and for the people. Whatever liberties we have lost through these agencies has been usurped by them by assuming powers not found in the Constitution.

"Our form of Government is definitely set up for the Congress to follow. The President of the United States and the Congressmen have taken solemn oath that they will 'defend' the Constitution against all enemies.

"If Congress had dutifully considered this sworn obligation, free enterprise would today be a fact instead of a tradition.

'Congress can, and should reverse its trend and return to the basic principles of the American enterprise system If such action is not voluntary on the part of the Congressmen, the American people have the right to replace every mother's son who has by voice and vote indicated that he has little or no regard for Constitutional government.

"Free enterprise has financed two world wars. It has created more wealth among 130,000,000 people than exists in the rest of the world; it has enabled us to spend approximately 400 billions of dollars to train, equip and mechanize an army to fight for the principles of free enterprise for our selves, and that other peoples may be enriched. Therefore, free enterprise is not a selfish as claimed by some; it is not founded upon greed. It is based on human initiative and the right to create, share, enjoy and spend the wealth amassed by our individual and collective efforts as a people.

"As Democrats and Republicans, and especially as Americans, we will not surrender free enterprise to national socialism; to any system of paternalism; to bureaucracy or dictatorship Such agencies have been the downfall of governments since the beginning of history, because they fail to recognize a fundamental human right—the right to 'life liberty and the pursuit of happiness' and the right to the wealth the individual has honestly earned by creative genius and the sweat of the brow.

"Free enterprise is American democracy in action!"

Peace in Hands of American People

With the end of the war in sight, people are beginning to think of the day when readjustment to peace can be made. Part of that readjustment must include a new conception of the United States in relation to the rest of the world. Hereafter the problems of world are our problems. If there is another war, we will be in it.

It is our responsibility to help lay the foundation of during peace by seeking to re-establish equal trading opportunity and free markets. Admittedly, this may take time, but failure means another world depression and another world war, in the opinion of J. B. Condliffe Professor of Economics in the University of California who declares that: "The whole case for expanding international trade is that there is gain, not loss, to the national economies participating in such trade. In the circumstances of the immediate postwar period it does not require much reflection to realize that not loss but disaster, is threatened if the channels of trade cannot be re-opened promptly. There is little chance of a relatively smooth conversion from war to peace economy unless this conversion can be carried out in an expanding system of international collaboration.

"In the successive emergencies of recent years so much stress has necessarily been laid upon the regulation of all sorts of prices . . . that the more important necessity of maintaining active and healthy markets has come to be forgotten. The foundation of prosperity is abundant production and free interchange, not nicely regulated equity.

"It is as unrealistic to consider national economic activity apart from its international repercussions as it is to draw a distinction today between the home front and the battle lines. The connection between domestic and international economic policy is so intimate that for many practical purposes they constitute a single entity."

The future is in the hands of the American people. If they will but inform themselves and act wisely upon the strength of their information, lasting peace is within reach. No other people have ever been blessed with such an opportunity—or obligation.

NOT TOO HOT NOT TOO COLD

Women Peacemakers

Because all reasonable people everywhere desire that after this war the peace shall not be lost, because women are unexcelled as laborers in the filed of international peace and because experts are needed, not politicians, as delegates to the coming peace conference, there should be a large number of women delegates.

It is hardly necessary to point out that previous peace conferences have been managed entirely by men and their results have been doubtful, to say the least.

Ever since World War I the number of women has steadily increased in the United States who have devoted themselves to intensive study of the causes which have led to international conflicts and of the essential procedures for maintaining permanent world peace, and in consequence there are now fully as many women as men, perhaps more who are qualified to cope with the problems which must be faced at the peace table.

These women delegates would have no political ambitions—no personal advantages to gain; and they would know far better than politicians and diplomats and military men that the foundation for lasting peace and stabilization of the post-war world must be laid upon principles—those intangibles which are the mainsprings of human action; that the equality of races and nations must be recognized and justice meted out to all peoples to as great an extent as is humanly possible.

The Civilian Defense Budget

It may be that I am a bit dense when it comes to financial affairs, but it really does seem to me that it is the height of folly to throw away $45,000 of the peoples money in the continuation of a totally obsolete air-raiding warning system at this time. Adolph Hitler is too much occupied with trying to defend the Reich against invasion to spare a single plane for nuisance raids on American cities.

A year or two ago there might have been some faint excuse for the appropriation of $100,000 for the purpose of listening for a chance raider and broadcasting a warning, but no excuse for the appropriation of a single penny exists now, and the people of the county have better places for their tax money.

Charting the Road to Peace

The Dumbarton Oaks Conference in Washington has made remarkable progress. In the very beginning Secretary of State Hull held conferences with John Foster Dulles, the personal representative of Governor Dewey, and the two men brushed away some of the obstructions that laid in the way of a nonpartisan international conference. Secretary Hull and Mr. Dulles agreed that the issues were more important than political advantages that might be gained by Roosevlet or Dewey.

The American, British and Russian delegates who came here for the purpose of discussing the basic points in a set-up of an international security organization, were comforted by the Hull-Dulles arrangement.

The three nations agreed that an Assembly composed of representatives of all peace-loving nations, based on the principle of soverign equality, should be created.

On top of that Assembly there would be a Council made up of "a smaller number of members" in which the principal states would be joined by a number of other states to be elected periodically. In understandable American language this Council will be the United States, Great Britain and Russia. China will be included, later. These Big Boys would maintain military powers, and occupy and dominate Germany and Japan whenevr those Axis countries showed any war-like inclinations. If they started to rebuild their armaments or air forces, they would be cracked down upon. The whole idea is to make it impossible for Germany or Japan—or any other nation—to start another war. There is a lot of sniping at these methods and these programs.

Nevertheless, the DumbartonOaks Conference is the most outstanding and representative group of internationalists that have gotten together anywhere, since the beginning of this War. They have acted on the assumption that the Big Three powers that have won this war must preserve the peace, and they propose that the United States, Great Britain and Russia shall at all times remain under the authority of the Legislative branches of their countries, before the Executive branches of the Governments are permitted to employ military measures to prevent another war.

Home Laundry Shortcuts

With thousands of women tackling the full load of the family wash for the first time due to laundry service curtailments, there is special need for home-front education on th eeasiest way of doing an expert laundry job.

Encouraging news for home laundresses is offered by a recent time study which reports that, with efficient planning and shortcut methods, an average laundry for a family of four, amounting to 35 pounds, takes about two hours and twenty-five minutes to wash in a washing wachine and rinse. Careful sorting of clothes ahead of time and advance soaking of soiled articles for 10 and 15 minutes were proven to be helpful time-saving purocedures. The operations also were streamlined by several time-saving techniques which are inexpensive and available to amateur laundresses. For example, by dissolving bluing flakes directly in the suds, bright looking clothes were achieved without any streaks and there was no need for the traditional chore of a separate bluing job. Another shortcut recommended by experts calls for dissolving a quarter of a cake of a special wax-like product in each quart of starch to insure the iron against sticking. This method assures a satiny smooth finish in addition to making the ironing easier an davoiding strain on the fabric. This way-like product also saves time by making it possible to iron starched clothes while slightly damp and dispense with the time honored chore of drying first and then sprinkling.

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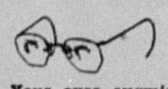

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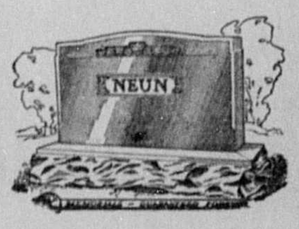

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