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ALLIES AGREE TO REJECT PLAN TO FEED EUROPE UNTIL NAZIS GO

The United States government has again rejected the Hoover plan for feeding the small democracies of Europe under Hitler's domination.

Without examining the problem closely, to help those suffering people would seem a step in that direction. Proponents of the Hoover plan argue that a well-fed enemy of the Nazis on the continent will be more tempted to revolt.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden has announced that the only plan of the Allies to feed the hungry is now in form of a vast reservoir of food and other supplies to feed the hungry on the continent.

Next March 1, a good many Americans will have a rude awakening. They will learn, for the first time, that war and defense are an incredibly costly business.

The individual will not have met his share of new taxes when he signs his check for his income tax and sends it to the Collector of Internal Revenue.

When the news broke that the Federal Reserve Board was preparing regulations to control installment credit, buyers rushed in to buy cars, refrigerators and similar goods before the deadline.

Representatives of the automobile industry have been told by the Government that their production of passenger cars in January will be considerably less than half of the total made in January, 1941.

It is more important to watch how a man lives than to listen to what he says.

WILL BRIDGES WALK THE GANG PLANK.

By J. E. Jones

Washington, D. C., Oct. 20—Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast labor leader, is told in a recommendation by Charles B. Sears to get out of the United States.

It seems a little bit late to pick on Bridges' connection with Communists in view of the fact that the President recently sent a mission of prominent Americans to Russia to find out what Stalin wants for defense, and tell him he can have it.

Defense Work For Small Business

The Office of Production Management is establishing field offices in every State for the purpose of increasing the expansion of subcontracts to small business firms.

A Spark Plug Factory And Great Guns

Every motorist in the country at one time or another has had his experience with spark plug, but the most imaginative car driver never dreamed in the midsummer of 1940 that an important spark plug factory would be drawn into the manufacture of machine guns.

The Neutrality Act

Some officials in Washington are insisting that Congress repeal the Neutrality Act. Other men in and out of Congress have different views upon that question.

A Familiar Old Complaint

The Newspapers have been filled with freakish misinformation accusing a number of Congressmen with using their free franking privilege to mail out speeches and other documents about war, peace, and other excitements.

1941 OCTOBER 1941 calendar grid showing dates from Sunday to Saturday.

GOVERNMENT NEEDS MORE PRACTICAL MEN IN OFFICE

Specialists and professional men are taking an increasing and important part in the workings of our government today, men who are smart, honest, and anxious to do their best for the United States.

Professional men, college professors and specialists are respected by all as men, and as classes of men, but it is becoming more apparent, as the defense program fails to gather expected momentum, that the nation's rule-makers have relied too much upon the knowledge of theorists.

Many officials high in government circles won their present posts because they were good lawyers, good teachers, good engineers, or good doctors.

Professional men are often able and even brilliant in their special lines, but they will never solve the problems that are preventing a greater headway in the defense program.

The government's professional advisors are constantly being carried away with humanitarian ideals. This has been so marked that it will now take about \$1,500 for every man, woman and child to wipe out the public debt.

"OIL SHORTAGE" BACKFIRES

The so-called "oil shortage" scare on the Eastern seaboard, promoted for reasons hard to understand, has vanished like a morning mist.

The productive capacity of the American oil industry is more than adequate to meet today's enormous military demand, as well as the normal civilian demand.

Hitler's last speech, on the occasion of the opening of the Nazi winter relief drive, was in a sense a confession of failure.

Nothing succeeds like failure. Casey struck out and won immortality, but the pitcher who did it is forgotten.

It is always the minority group that is accused of misusing the franking privilege. When the Democratic and Republican parties get busy in an election each year they load down the mails with vote-soliciting stuff and it goes through under their franking privilege.

Congressmen are not expected to pay postage on matters of public interest, and the question of what is public interest is always left to their discretion.

"SAFE-SPEED" SIGNS BEING ERECTED

Motorists are urged by the Keystone Automobile Club, in the interest of highway safety, to observe with scrupulous care the "safe speed" signs now being erected on many of the principal highways of Maryland.

"These signs," said George E. Kenelpp, Manager of the Club, "are veritable life savers. They fill a need long recognized by safety engineers in giving definite visual indication of the speed which may safely be followed on curves."

"Heretofore, it has been a case of 'every man for himself' in judging proper speeds on curving roads. While the State Roads Commission has done a splendid job in indicating the approach to curves by re-rectorized signs, up to this time there never has been any means of conveying to drivers the exact nature of the curve in its relation to speed."

"Because of this lack, the 'trial and error' system has resulted in many deaths and injuries by reason of cars taking curves at too great a speed. With proper observance of the new signs, there is no reason why the casualty list on Maryland highways should not be appreciably reduced."

The "safe speed" signs are placed on poles underneath the curve signs. The figures denoting the speed found to be safe in negotiating the curves are reflected. Determination of the "safe speed" was made by engineers operating automobiles equipped with "bank indicators", which show exactly the speed which can be maintained without the car leaving its own side of the road.

FIRE'S TOLL OF LIFE

New figures released by the National Board of Fire Underwriters show conclusively that fire takes its greatest toll among children of tender age. This fact was produced in the course of a study of the latest vital statistics available.

Under five is the dangerous age by a ratio of almost three to one over any other similar age period. Fire fatalities are lowest between the ages of 10 and 14, and are not greatly higher at any later age. In an average year, fire takes the lives of 1,673 children under five, which amounts to 25 per cent of all accidental fatalities in this age group.

Continuing with its study of fire deaths, the National Board estimates that in an average week, 148 people will be fatally burned, and many more will die as a result of asphyxiation, electrical shock and lightning. The annual total of death from fire in one form or another is in excess of 10,000 lives. In the years since the World War, fire has killed more than 230,000 Americans. By comparison, only 50,000 American soldiers lost their lives in battle during that conflict.

The National Board states that modernized building codes and adequate fire prevention ordinances in the cities, towns and villages of America would save a high proportion of the 10,000 lives that are needlessly sacrificed each year. Here is a job for every community—a job which should be done at once.

DRAFT OFFICIALS LAUDED FOR WORK

Members of Selective Service Local Boards and Appeals Boards, Appeals Agents, Examining Physicians, and all those connected with the administration of the Selective Training and Service Act throughout Maryland, are lauded by Governor Herbert R. O'Connor.

"I am gratified to state," the Governor wrote, "that the successful administration of the law in Maryland has been attributable to the conscientious and dutiful services for all those who accepted our call as a patriotic duty. Favoritism, political considerations and improper practices have been conspicuous by their absence."

"I was requested by President Roosevelt to make recommendations for appointments, and it is naturally a source of satisfaction that the administration of the Act in Maryland, has been pointed to as an example of efficiency and justice. However, I realize that this success could not have been attained without your public-spirited assistance and I wish to express to you my sincere thanks. You and your associates can long remember that you will have done a distinctly serviceable act for the United States at a time of grave emergency. On behalf of our citizens, I again express gratitude for your cooperation."

"YOU CAN DEFEND AMERICA"

Since the first edition of "You Can Defend America" a million copies have been distributed and newspapers throughout the country have written reviews and editorials about it. Business firms, factories and labor unions have presented copies to their personnel, and report increased efficiency and morale as a result. The Bendix Radio Corporation, the Equitable Trust Company, Hender's Creamery, Locke Insulator Corporation and the Curtis Bay Towing Company are among the Baltimore firms which have taken such action.

During the summer, a stirring patriotic revue, inspired by the handbook, has been touring the New England States, as part of a campaign for building national morale. Maryland people have taken part in this campaign and helped to make the revue a success.

MOVIE STAR JOINS U.S. NAVY



Ensign Wayne Morris Seeks Wings

Wayne Morris, recent star of "I Wanted Wings," became a member of Uncle Sam's Navy in May, 1941, when he was appointed to the rank of Ensign.

When asked what he thought of the United States Navy, Morris said, "I think every man who is considering joining a military service should look into the 'chance of a lifetime' which the Navy and Naval Reserve offer to get into the big pay field of the future—aviation. In the Navy you can attend the finest flight training schools in the world, and receive instruction from Navy pilots who introduced dive bombing, aircraft carriers and catapult take-offs to the rest of the world. Also, there are opportunities in Naval Aviation for men who don't want to fly. They can be trained as aviation machinists, metal smiths, photographers, observers, or they can receive instruction in many other trades. It's a great life in the Navy."

Ensign Wayne Morris is pictured here in his line of duty as a member of the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board at the Long Beach Naval Reserve Air Base.

"NAVY INTELLIGENCE"

Is it necessary to be a high school graduate in order to enlist in the Navy? No, Navy enlistees need not be high school graduates. All applicants will be given an examination containing approximately 100 questions. A grade of 50 per cent or better on this examination is sufficiently high to pass the Navy educational standards. However, a high school education will be valuable to the seaman during his Navy enlistment.

SAFETY SLOGAN

The Maryland Traffic Safety Commission's slogan for the week is: "Drive Safely: You Bet Your Life When You Take A Chance"

SPECIAL UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The War Department having decided to release from military service approximately 200,000 men the amendment to the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Act adopted by the 1941 session of the Legislature providing special benefits to those who are unemployed following a period of military service will soon become effective, it is announced by Director S. C. Cromwell of the Unemployment Board's Compensation Division.

LUMP-SUM DEATH PAYMENTS UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY

Lump-sum payments made under the Social Security Act in cases where an insured worker died leaving no family member entitled to monthly survivors' insurance benefits went to 1,085 persons in Maryland during the first six months of 1941, according to H. Norman Milburn, Jr., manager of the social security office at 32 South Street, Baltimore, Maryland. These payments totaled \$117,331, he said, adding that the number of persons receiving payments is greater than the number of deceased wage earners, with respect to whose wages payments were made, since on the death of some insured workers more than one person may be entitled to share in the lump-sum payments.