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The Charge

Goebbels Find a Little Truth To Tell About Our America

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facts, discussed freely with the people for weeks on end, have finally cropped up in the figures for August.

What the public would rather know now, as well as the boys already near the top for greater effort will put us over the top. We understand that we are behind, and want only to know how we might catch up. Nelson's cry for a speed-up didn't sound like the answer.

Weasel Word

"Fix" or "Freeze" Would Carry More Assurance

There's that word again—that word "stabilize." It cropped up back in April in the President's message to Congress recommending measures to prevent inflation and restrain the rising cost of living.

We do not like that word "stabilize." It is subject to more than one interpretation. It has a half-dozen definitions. It is a flexible word, and it seems to imply that as the cost of living advances, prices, wages and salaries—which determine the cost of living—shall be adjusted accordingly.

There is a measure of comfort in the vote (82 to goose-egg) by which the Senate passed, and sent to the House, the bill directing this stabilization. The boys evidently came in with the conviction that they had to get on with it.

It will be up because it cleaves to the very marrow of the country's economic destiny and policies. The nub of the controversy between Congress and the President was whether Labor and Agriculture should be allowed to make a good thing out of the war, or simply Labor. The President, which is to say Labor, won.

Hail, Chief

Walter Anderson Begins a Big Job in "The Murder Capital"

Police Chief Walter Anderson begins his new job in Charlotte today, and before this efficient career man makes a move, we would bid him Godspeed and say that our hopes are high for his administration. His is the considerable task of bringing order to a well-nigh intolerable situation.

A man like Chief Anderson, who has had a reputation as one of the ablest law enforcement officers in the entire area, will find the raw material of his profession in great abundance. For years crime, and especially murder, has been an important by-product of this city's life. And because of the presence of that enemy of man, the Police Department has been in a state of flux almost continually.

It is our hope that, as this man begins his job, he will mark the end of an old era of changing authority and begin a new one of consistent progress. The manpower he finds in his department will be, we believe, acceptable to him. There will be many a reform he could make; perhaps the most important an expansion of the recently inaugurated system of officer training.

Chief Anderson, an FBI graduate, brings a hope and promise for the well-being of the community. We feel, as he takes the leadership of a new and bigger police department, that this man may lead us to a better day.

One of the islands in the Solomon group in Mundt-Mundt—the theory being that it was named, with a sigh, after a hard week-end.

Though meat is scarce, one can still drink in at the political delicatessen and ask for a candidate's promises, sliced.

What's as long and tedious as the wait for a second front, to be opened on the spur of the decade?

"Who S-says My Government Is Sh-Shaky?"

—By Herblock



Whatever Happens Now

Farm Prices Go On Up

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON THE White House was able to cut into the power of the farm bloc on this farm price-wage increase bill (that is a more accurate title than the one it bears) for several reasons.

No. 1 is it did not matter much anyway. They only real issue was whether farm prices would be boosted from 108 per cent of parity which they are now, up to 118 per cent, as Mr. Roosevelt's plan proposes.

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Another reason why the Administration was able to trim farm bloc power is that several farm bloc senators are up for re-election this year, and loyalty to Mr. Roosevelt was made the test in the volume.

The Administration, with all its power, to help its friends and hurt those who vote "no," can be formidable enough to come between a senator and his constituents. A third factor was the farm bloc knowledge that radical inflationary desires were apparent in its stand on technically loose credit.

Any one of the three explanations should have been enough to leave Mr. Roosevelt with fairly free rein to do as he pleased. But the idea has been advanced that the farm bloc revolt would lead this country to dictatorship, one man rule. It was assumed the farm bloc would dis-

We Can Celebrate

Uncle George Runs Again

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON UNCLE GEORGE NORRIS is going to run for the Senate in Nebraska again—at the age of 81 and after 39 years in the House and Senate.

Throughout that generation he has been a pillar in some of the things I have written about in the past. He has been trying to say that it would be a great thing for our country if both the legislative and executive branches could always be moved by the kind of spirit that I think he possessed Uncle George Norris during his long public life.

This is not a re-election blurb and is not intended as an comment on his personal merits. It is a statement of fact about the problems of democracy—that of having men in public life who have sufficient judgment and force to make representative government effective.

It is not a question of whether you agree with every position that Senator Norris has taken. He is a business of practical politics. He has had as good a bag of tricks as any of them. But the point is that he has had something more than that.

Possibly the real value of a man like Senator Norris has been largely in his independence of imagination and his capacity to follow through. His work in establishing the uncamerain legislature in Nebraska was a useful experiment in the mechanics of democratic government. It was an attempt to improve our old Model T. We need more experiments in improved machinery of government. The machinery of government can be improved just as any other kind of machinery.

The Senator's amendment to abolish the landmark sessions of Congress is another instance of his passion to make democratic government more effective.

grace Congress with the country and enable Mr. Roosevelt to assume one man control. To me it seemed to lead the country toward the opposite conclusion. If this fight has made Congress unpopular, we should not first receive a dictator—but a new Congress. In five weeks, the people will express themselves in the democratic way and bring a democratic result.

Quite a little contest is brewing, between Manpower McNutt and General Hershey's Draft Administration program which is coming up like so many other important problems after election.

A few Congressmen have already tipped up to Harry Hopkins, the President's third ear, to question Mr. McNutt's plans to handle that draft through his Social Security organization. The Congressmen particularly criticize Chairman Altmeyer of the Social Security Board, whose social opinions have aroused doubts among non-New-Deal legislators.

The argument for the Hershey draft boards is that they are of a more judicial non-political nature. As they are deciding who shall go into the Army, they could, at the same time, decide who is to go into which industry, it is being claimed. Thus the battle is already on within the Administration and in Congress although it has not reached the point of open discussion.

Both these organizations, of course, agree that labor should be conscripted. The ideal democratic way of meeting the sectional labor shortages would be something else again—something which neither proposes.

It might be a democratic board, made up of representatives from labor (fairly distributed as to little and big war and non-war industry, with proportionate representation for the vast field of non-union labor) as well as farmers.

A large board of men who know the technical problems involved were given the information collected by the McNutt-Hershey draft questionnaire. It could ascertain both where men are needed and where they are available, and could direct local appeals to meet the situation, using the draft only in difficult cases if at all.

This ideal may gain some favor in Congress, but those who have spoken so far for the Administration are not so sure.

Mr. Roosevelt is expected by Congressmen to announce his policy in a message immediately after elections.

have done—at least it was not being done and was not being contemplated.

That undertaking gave new life to the economy and new life to the area, previously neglected. The inspiration of TVA led to development of the great water-power projects of the West. All of them are now proving invaluable to war production.

What do we have a right to expect of our leaders at Washington, whether in the executive or legislative branch?

I read in the New York Times Magazine something that General Hershey, director of Selective Service, said in answer to a question. He said, "The really great man is endowed with a higher degree of sensitiveness, so that seeing a little sooner and farther than his fellows in coming situations, he can size them up in advance."

Senator Norris has had that quality. In modern times it is not enough to say that men in Congress reflect the people; it is not enough to say that men do it. It is sufficient? Or do we elect men with the idea that they will become expert in their jobs and see what is needed in advance and get busy?

When you call in a plumber you want him to know more about fixing the plumbing than you do. When I am building a house I want the builder to know more about that than I know.

So when a man is paid to come to Washington and work for the people, do we as taxpayers expect him to just keep his seat and wonder? Or do we expect him to know more about national problems than we know and to be seeing ahead? From which are we going to get our money's worth?

As a freshman in Congress nearly 40 years ago, the Uncle George Norris led the inscription that broke the power of Speaker Cannon. Time and again since he used the force of his personality and ability to break through the walls of tradition to make our Government a more useful instrument of the general welfare, as he saw it. What is democracy living up to its fullest possibilities, isn't it?

Black Germany

Poland's Rape

From the Polish Information Bureau NEW YORK

PARTICULARLY revolting is the treatment of women in Poland by the German invaders for it was deliberately planned and is being scientifically carried out. It is part of a general policy. Poland differs from other occupied countries in that the Germans are not only bent on exterminating Poland as a nation. As it is not possible to murder 35 million human beings, Germany has set about to kill as many Poles as the boys already near the top for greater effort will put us over the top.

From the first the fate of Polish girls has been worse than death. The invaders organized raids in all the principal cities and carried off the best-looking young women and girls who were placed in houses of prostitution for German soldiers. Some of these girls were only fifteen years old, taken from leading and well-to-do families, and daughters of bankers, lawyers, doctors, etc.

These raids were not only made by the Gestapo, but by the German army itself. In Warsaw, a patrol was sent out by the SS to search for young women and girls from a residential quarter of the city.

They were taken to the barracks occupied by the regiment and raped. Soldiers of the 7th Anti-Aircraft Battery did the same thing in the suburbs of Mokotow. In the homes and streets of Lublin the Gestapo organized a similar raid and a number of quite young girls and women were seized. After a medical examination they were turned over as a graduation gift to the young German pilots who had just completed their training course at the Swidnik air field.

Countless young Polish peasant girls, seized and sent to Germany for forced agricultural labor, have been placed in brothels in industrial cities.

Wholesale arrests of women are being made on suspicion that they are stiffening the resistance of the Poles on the home front. They are helping in the distribution of food and other supplies of underground newspapers that find their way into Polish homes, that they are bringing up their children to love Poland and to believe in God.

For such crimes, to which may be added the distribution of a little flour or the slaughtering of a pig, Polish women are flogged and tortured and put to death. For them, a special concentration camp has been organized at Ravensbruck where women are confined for days in dark cells without bed clothes, on a staved bread and water diet, with the addition of whipping with thin steel rods. Twenty-five cuts are given and the prisoner must be conscious throughout the ordeal. The burly German wardresses check the pulse and if the victim is unconscious, she is revived before the torture is continued.

Along with many others are revealed in the Polish White Book and in the Black Book of Poland. Here in cold print is set forth the fate that awaits Hitler's victims, be they men, women and children. No man can read these shocking pages without a blush, no woman without a shudder.

Side Glances



"If you're lacking an answer to a letter you gave your husband to mail, I can understand it—I never can remember to mail my wife's letters!"

Corporal Punishment

Loyal Little Jap

There was a little Jap corporal guarding us in concentration camp with whom I became friendly.

Sometimes he would ask me questions about the Bible, usually making fun of it. But sometimes he would seem very serious and impressive.

I came to know him well enough to play jokes on him, because he often kept me up all night, talking, talking. One night when he fell asleep I tied his feet together as a joke, but when he woke up and found he was tied he began cursing the Chinese around him so I quickly released him and confessed I had tied him. He just gave me a sideways glance.

He was a sadist, I suppose. He'd often just grab a Chinese off the street, kick him off his bicycle and beat him unconscious, kicking him in the stomach with heavy boot.

But they never beat us during our six months there. Once when I was talking with him he said, "I got sick of this here guarding you. I want to be off fighting." He said he wanted to die for his country. Then he told me how many Chinese he had killed and how many he had seen he had killed them, and all the conditions of the dying.

He said he wanted to take a bomb in his arms and run and throw himself beneath an enemy tank, so he would be a hero.

There were nine new Jap gods made, he said, at Pearl Harbor. They were made in the shape of man-spelled torpedoes. And thousands of volunteers had asked for their chance.

Why should Americans not show an even greater loyalty to their cause than this little Jap corporal showed to 1937-Dr. Grady Cooper, recently returned Lutheran Missionary to China.

Quote, Unquote

LITTLE information about tankers or Joes has been made public. At one period the submarine corps was so grave that all tankers were held in port for twelve consecutive days.

A COUNTRY is judged, to a large extent, by the great men it produces.—Ray Critchman, newspaper feature writer.

IT was just like shooting sleeve targets.—Lieut. Robert E. Macleod, U. S. Marine pilot, after Solomon battle.

Bible Thought

Are you lonely? May be you have failed to cultivate the friendship of your father.—Matt. 23:29.

Job is the wrong kind of clothing worn at the end of the world.—Matt. 23:20.