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RedsReady With Gas By Paul Mallon WASHINGTON MR. Churchill could also have said, if the Reds start gas warfare, they will find the Reds better equipped than the Nazis.



The Only Fair Way By Raymond Clapper WASHINGTON TO a very young Congressman from Tennessee, Albert Gore, ought to go a great deal of credit for having the backbone to propose a forced savings plan in a political campaign.

GRUMBLES Criticism of Gas-Rationing Based on Two Objectives The latest one is about the traveling salesman and his B-3 gas ration card. He came into the civic club luncheon, grumbling and growling. In his hand he clutched the certificate entitling him to a measly 57 gallons between May 15 and the first of July.

Letters to the Editors: Saving \$40 Per Voter Editors, The News: Wouldn't a proposal to make an outright gift of \$25 to every adult resident in your territory appear their courtesy? And their interest? Or almost exactly \$40 for every voter in 1947?

In the same bracket goes Senator George of Oregon, who comes up at the same time with a plan for a withholding tax of 5 to 10 per cent of all wages, salaries and dividends. This point is rather the relative merits of the two plans nor their specific details, which are matters for expert study, but the fact that here are two men, a younger in the House and an older in the Senate, who are paying no attention to politics but are attending to the urgent business of facing a rough dose of quintine, bitter medicine which they know it is bound to be.

As to the actual necessity for rationing in this section, we just don't know. But do hear from people in the oil business that Mecklenburg County could get all the gas it can consume without depending on sea-going tankers to war industries, Army or Navy.

It is still true that "a penny saved is a penny earned." Consequently the two-billion-dollar economy proposal of Senator Byrd of Virginia, which, if adopted by Congress and approved by the President, amount to a wage increase of \$25.20 for every man and woman in the United States 21 and older. Or \$15 for every man, woman and child. Or \$40 per year.

But we are going to be worse off than this year. From now on, this is over because we did not plan far enough ahead. We bagged over whether to expand steel capacity, and now can't build both ships and railroad cars because there isn't enough steel. You can fill out the rest of this story.

The Law Says... By Strict Interpretation We Mayn't Have an Air Raid A more or less likely casualty in the event of an enemy air raid on Charlotte would be the telephone system. A demolition bomb plumped at the right spot would disrupt all communication by telephone, and at once the system of communication between the Civil Control Center and field services would have to depend solely on messengers.

It would, as computed by the Virginia Statute, pay for 6,000 fuel-bomb equipped four-engine bombers, or 48,000 medium tanks, or 25,000 heavy tanks, or 200 destroyers, or 400 submarines. The Byrd program would save almost enough to buy every man, woman and child in America one defense bond!

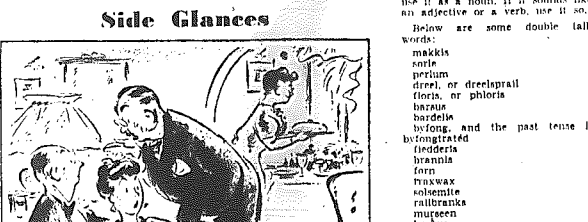
INFLATION ISN'T ACADEMIC; IT'S REAL The same sort of thing is going to happen to us in economic matters that has happened to us in industrial matters unless we use our imagination and more foresight. Talk of a possible rubber shortage sounded academic in 1940 when some were beginning to be alarmed at the danger. And talk of uncontrolled inflation sounds equally academic now. But surplus purchasing power is flowing out all over the country. It isn't academic.

That Season Animals Bear and Minkind Labors With Its Notions The season when Aries, Taurus and Gemini rule over the horoscope of the zodiac was in full swing. Herds and flocks were multiplying, while man, deer, dignified creature, was not unproductive himself. For proof, take a hasty glance at some of his new-born notions.

Side Glances WASHINGTON, top middle square field of sorely needed open space, to say nothing of living space so badly needed that they fell of pushing men into the Potomac and then standing in line to rent their cramped lodgings! And "he said that 'sleeping three in a bathtub' is average comfort. The Byrd program would also release 100 Federal payrolls for jobs directly connected with our war effort.

CONGRESS KNOWS DRASTIC ACTION IS NECESSARY There isn't a man in Congress who, if he knows what is going on, doesn't know that sooner or later a drastic move must be taken. With at least 25 billion dollars more of spending money and at least \$1 billion more of steel goods to buy, the problem stands itself. Excess money must be scooped up. It won't be enough to urge everyone to buy war bonds. Fixed assets must be taken by expropriation. That is the fair way, as rationing is. Everyone is treated alike.

Observation on Municipal Economy North Wilkesboro Hustler We are not familiar enough with the several channels of excretion of the Town of North Wilkesboro or Wilkesboro, whether either of them can cut down expenditures or not. Mayor of New York City, on account of the war, has cut off 5,000 employees and closed 100 Federal Government institutions ten per cent, amounting to a saving of eleven million dollars. A city of Charlotte authorities say they can't see where they can.



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Today's Bible Thought Here is a perfect formula for fine living, imitate Christ: For to live in His spirit, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labor.—Philippians 1:21-22.

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