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Air Bubbles

OPA's Johnson Can See Inflation Already

State OPA Administrator Theodore S. Johnson talks like a man convinced that he is fighting a losing battle in his mind, the rising flood of inflation was set loose to follow its ruinous course at the moment Congress side-stepped control of farm prices and wages. He says the rising flood of inflation is not just in danger of being lost—but that up to now it has been lost.

In a speech here yesterday he quoted a popular news letter of recent vintage as saying that Congress did not want the price control in fact, and that the people themselves were indifferent. If that is true, the job, as he concluded, is simply hopeless. The talk of Leon Henderson about saving the U. S. fifty billion dollars in a year becomes a pipe dream.

There will be no district office of OPA in Charlotte, or anywhere else in the state except Raleigh. If Henderson is given no more than Congress wants to give him. And that, says Mr. Johnson, will foredoom price control, rationing and kindred operations to failure. If the national program meets with the failure he seems to suspect it will, we are hell-bent for disaster.

The winning of the war abroad, he suggests, might still find America losing the inflation war at home—and suffering catastrophe comparable to that which would attend defeat at sea.

Throughout, Mr. Johnson was pleading for co-operation, for understanding of the necessity of the program. But what struck us forcibly was that he sensed defeat and danger.

If the public is not brought to see beyond the little restrictions of the individual, then the 171 complicated schedules and the 171 regulations will have been in vain, and we will be starting at an economic ruin such as few nations have known.

Because Congress lacked the courage in these pre-election days to throw a stranglehold on the farm bloc and curb the wrath of labor with a wage control, the entire program is shaky in its infancy.

Three Quotes

No. 1 and 2 Would Be Improved for a Little of No. 3

—By War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt in an address to a NAAU meeting sponsored by Labor Victory.

"Our boys today from industrial communities all over America the sons of Furnaces, the sons of production lines. But one brain for the sound of breaking traditions, the cracking of the dikes that have supported starchy discrimination.

Whites and Negroes just want work together. That kind of work will not stand alone; the Negro Corporation, Lockheed-Vega, Bethlehem Shipbuilding and the Denver Ordnance plants. In all parts of the country they are working together."

—By the Hon. C. Gene Tallmadge, Governor of Georgia, as reported in The Atlanta Journal.

"Any lingering doubts that Governor Tallmadge will continue his leadership in the month of July spent at Monticello and while supervising his main line are swept away in the current issue of 'The Statesman' by the policy of the dikes that have supported starchy discrimination.

"That issue," said the article, "has dominated these 60-odd years only to be reviewed during the times of confusion and stress. These are the times when millions of dollars bequeathed to foundations, which foundations now raise that question."

"The Statesman" added that "it can be assumed that Tallmadge in his lifetime will continue to be a force for the better outside the hope to change the social order," adding that his campaign will be to "bring the son of a Tom Watson to credit."

—By Dr. Calvin Reid, a minister of Columbus, Georgia, in "The Georgia Observer" of June, 1942, a publication of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation.

"We need leaders who will enable us to distinguish which are our goals and which are our immediate objectives. We who are here today are very liberal comparatively speaking. In our race, we are the only ones who we think is racial justice, we would have a very different situation from what exists today. But we are not going to let the problem we face again and again is to decide what objectives to regard as immediate, that is, capable of

Russia Is Next

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON, (AP)—JAPAN is doing all the obvious things preparatory to an attack on Russia.



And now, no less important, comes evidence that the Japanese are fortifying those Aleutian Islands of Attu, Agattu and Kiska as advance bases, which could mean only the same thing—that they intend to prey on our Pacific supply line to Russia and to the main body of Petrovavlovsk on the Kamchatka Peninsula, the only strategic harbor in Siberia aside from Vladivostok.

These three islands of Attu, Agattu and Kiska could mean nothing to Japan unless she intended to make war on Russia, and it is hard to see how she could establish an them, and even earlier-based plans three must come to a halt.

Consequently, many American news readers have been inclined to over-estimate their importance, some indeed regarding as a first step toward conquest of Alaska or invasion of our Pacific Coast. Those suppositions are far-fetched.

But these three islands would have a real military value as outposts for the Japanese to break up Russian trade. No one except the Russians, of course, has any trade in that part of the world.

LIQUOR WAS SQUEEZED ON CANNED FRUIT

Price Fixer Leon Henderson was squeezed into making what he called the first move in the price ceiling, raising prices of a number of fruits and vegetables.

But this time it was not the first move. A few weeks before Henderson raised the price on canned citrus fruit.

Certain powerful Administration Senators, including Pepper of Florida and Connally of Texas, steamed into Henderson's office, and the price was set at their say. This, they felt, however, the inner pressure was stronger.

And then the price of citrus and fruit growers complained their prices did not reflect parity with growers, and the price was raised. Henderson said he had no choice. They went in both Henderson and Agriculture Secretary Vilsack.

Even the American Farm Bureau Federation demanded Vilsack exert his own power. When he refused, the federation threatened with a campaign of opposition in Congress.

Then the Farm Bureau wrote a letter to Henderson demanding that the price be raised. Henderson sought a way out. He got Congress to pass a subsidy bill, providing a bonus to the growers. Congress refused.

TEXAS KNEW MORE ABOUT SUGAR

Apparently some information about the sugar situation is not always complete. I have received the following correction on a recent column from a Texas editor: "I had left out the fact that in one of your paragraphs, regarding the sugar situation you said:

"A Texas factory said it was going to shut down because it had no sugar to use."

"I made it read: "The huge refinery at Sugarland, Texas, with millions of pounds of molasses ready to be refined, has been closed down on two weeks and will not reopen until July 6, if there is no great shortage of sugar. It is being filled with refined sugar, while millions of pounds have been shipped to other parts of the country. Having no outlet for refined sugar, the manufacturer stated it had no other alternative than to close its plant."

"We printed pictures of the bottling plant, showing it not at all busy. The heavy crop of this variety largely of record, packed and stored on the bushes for a long time. It is being processed in the neighborhood of the county of change did not open to the public. It is being used for sugar. Applications for sugar for processing, made works was, are being filled by the hands of the growers, much too late.

"These weeks ago I made application for sugar for processing. I got my permit today.

"I am glad to learn you are in these parts, while we are waiting around in the staff shoe-maker."

"People don't here want to do more, heaven knows, but these people don't have them scratching their heads."

Just The Facts

San Francisco Courier: The witness had been warned by the court to make no statement except as asked for by the court. "I don't know," said the judge, "that you have learned anything from the witness."

Bliskring: Charlotte News Bulletin: "The witness had been warned by the court to make no statement except as asked for by the court. 'I only know that by hearsay.'"

"Because a little time he calls, he makes a little progress."

5th Column on the Economic Front

—By Herblock



Serastopol Chaser

Turkey Goes On The Fire

By Pertinax

WASHINGTON, (AP)—OVERSEA, since twelve months ago on the eve of Hitler's conquest on Russia, Turkey had come very close to altering her course.

On June 18, 1941, a German-Turkish political treaty was signed. Article 1 stated that both parties were pledged to "co-operate with each other in friendly manner on all questions affecting their common interests in order to bring about an understanding on the treatment of such questions."

All over the world, diplomats were still wondering what might be the significance and the implications of those words when, by a sudden turn of the wheel, Germany's military machine charged direction and was huddled at the Soviet Union. Syria and Iraq were relieved from what had seemed to be impending attack.

Last year, it was reported that Turkey had agreed to accept German troops in the event of a "catastrophic" situation in the Middle East. The German Ambassador tried his hand at that task several times but came to the conclusion that Turkey would not be able to overcome Turkish resistance.

Now, with Sevastopol in the grip of the Nazis, German prospects in Ankara are brighter. And this week the Turkish Government has announced that it will accept German troops in the event of a "catastrophic" situation in the Middle East.

Technically, the Turks are still bound by the treaty of alliance they signed with the British Government on Oct. 18, 1939. But they are not bound by the League of Nations. And they should have no obligation to the League of Nations. The Turks merely promised that the spirit of the pact would continue to direct them.

It meant, in practice, that to the advantage of England, their policy would more or less continue to be what is commonly called "benevolent neutrality." Under the arrangement, Ankara is bound by the "leave-land" act. At first, indirectly, as deliveries made from this country to the United States were to be transferred, then from the end of last year, directly.

Platform Of The People

The Belated Clean-Up

Editor, THE STATESMAN: There have been published, lately, a number of newspaper articles, and a number of food handling places, particularly restaurants, by the State sanitary inspectors.

Several restaurants were temporarily closed, according to the inspectors, because they had no running hot water, to be used in the washing and cleaning of dirty dishes.

What comes to my mind is this: as the sanitary requirements of the City of Charlotte so far that they have to be executed by the city, and the health of the people is at stake, it is the reason for all this additional inspection? I know that it was the purpose of the State Sanitary Department to inspect all restaurants, and the health of the people is at stake, it is the reason for all this additional inspection?

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Handicaps At Home

By Col. Frederick Palmer

WASHINGTON

HOW far, in some cases, is the best of intentions to be seen and super-strenuous industry waiting motion on our home front, which hinders us from backing the men on the battle front to the limit of our strength? For my own part, I still wait for a satisfactory reason for the failure of the Alaska railroad beyond the desire in some regional interests to gratify an expensive imagination in a fantastic adventure.

Now will it help our Navy in getting back the Aleutian Islands the Japanese have occupied, and the Russians in holding the German offensive?

Next, how will it serve the future offensive in striking at Tokyo? To reach a Russian port from the Bering Sea, or to reach a base in the Aleutians within striking distance of the Japanese, will require a series of tunnels connecting the chain of islands.

Unless we have the tunnels, material must be transported overseas in their destinations. Then why not send it direct from our southern Pacific coast ports which have pier space and more facilities for handling? For we must have control of all the north and mid-Pacific before we undertake any direct offensive against Japan which we can and will make.

We are told, however, that the main object of the railroad is for defense against a Japanese invasion by way of Alaska in spite of the generally accepted idea that we are not in war with her by casting it to the enemy in offensive action. The enthusiasm for the railroad should take account of what the Russian Winter did to the German army.

We cannot expect the Aleutian climate to change for the duration. In winter the cold is such that in handling a rifle or gun of any metal your hands will be frost-bitten. In summer the mosquitoes are so thick as to have it struck by a heated blanket of mosquitoes, and under foot it is steamy thawing ground as you work your way through underbrush and primitive forests.

If the Japanese, who have shown they are no military fools, are to invade Alaska, which they can do only with a desperate invasion by way of superior air power, they will choose to attack further south where the going is easier. And on the British Columbia and our main Pacific Coast is where, if we are worried about actual Japanese invasion, we should have the usual preparation for defense.

No one questions that our engineers will shrivel at the challenge of the problem of building the railroad and their skill will master it. To a land which has only 25,000 people they will have to bring all the labor material and all the steel for building the rails and the ties, and the road adequately built. Would it be better if all this should go to meet the need of General Douglas MacArthur in East Asia or the submarine warfare on the East Coast or to any other major front?

It might lay a pipe line for gas and fuel oil to our Eastern seaboard. And with all respect to the excellent work our air warriors are doing we find them being seized with war helmets when there is an urgent call for scrap steel.

So far, some of our civilian leaders are in much better luck. They are officers of the armed services have actually been called to waste their time in conferences to plan for the evacuation of the population of the Eastern seaboard 500 miles inland in case of an air raid. If the Axis thinks that they are not a great deal of a hindrance and disruption of production, they may risk a suicidal raid. If they can get bombers within range.

To my mind the charges that many air warriors' helmets will be denied by a bomb's explosion is about the same as the charge that the top of Tokyo Tower will be blown off by a hurricane, unless the Axis thinks a rocket bombing will really scare us. Making use of the fire-out of our coastal cities let their lights be a guide to submarines is another matter. And our air warriors and all our organizations can do a great deal by keeping an eye out in inform the FBI high for good things. In the same way, the New Deal streamlines for Communist while Congress remains chaotic.

Yours truly, F. A. TATUM, LaGrange, N. C.

All or practically all were housed in the same building (with regard to capacity), the Legislature of Louisiana declared, and the accumulation of sugar and the lack of adequate storage space resulted in several profitable suspending operations.

This condition, unless corrected, will be reflected in the loss of thousands of tons of sugar, and the loss of large quantities of sugar. The New Deal streamlines for Communist while Congress remains chaotic. The New Deal streamlining for Communist's graft. Vows are being made to clean up the mess.

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TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Then why should we expect freedom from tribulation and sorrow? It is enough that the discipline be at his master.—Matt. 10:25.

Visita' Around

Trick Rider, etc. (This Branch Item) Marshall News-Record: Mr. Wall News was seen motoring down Big Branch on a motorcycle.