

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON (AP)—ALTHOUGH there has been a lot of easy-going talk about 60,000,000 jobs after the war, the backstage truth is that nothing tangible has been done about 60,000,000 jobs or even 40,000,000 jobs, and some of the Administration's advisers are getting worried.



What actually happened is that the President is concentrating so exclusively on the necessary job of winning the war and setting up a peace machinery for after the war, that domestic problems, have gone by the boards.

Last Fall, when a German victory seemed just around the corner, certain Senators such as Kilgore of West Virginia and Murray of Montana gave a lot of thought to reconversion and peacetime jobs. So also did Nelson Nelson. They did it, however, in the face of the military, who so bitterly objected to Nelson's plans that they eventually persuaded the President to exclude him out of the War Production Board and out of Congress.

After that came the temporary set-back to U. S. forces in the Belgian bulge, and since then no one around the War Production Board has wanted to talk about reconversion above a whisper for fear of having the brass hats accuse him of interfering with military operations.

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on the subject is Henry Wallace, but even that the Federal loan agencies have been taken away from him, his current Commerce Department job as Supervisor of the Census, the Patent Office, and the Goodwills Survey leaves him definitely creamstrained.

Meanwhile, what most people don't realize is that in our best boom times of peace, the most the United States ever employed was 44,000,000 people. Today we are employing 67,000,000 of whom 12,000,000 are in the armed forces. When those 12,000,000 come home and start looking for their old peacetime jobs, putting 60,000,000 people to work is not going to be easy. Some real thinking might well be done about it.

Texas Ruses Capital

After a month in Washington most people get the idea that Texas, not New York, is the capital of the United States. Not only are there dozens of Texans in key positions in Congress and throughout the Government, but their energy makes them even more obvious than their numbers. But the Texas Congressional delegation was caught short last week, when it nearly forgot that March 2 was the 100th anniversary of the independence of Texas. It even took a rook-tipped Republican from Vermont, Charles Plumley, to remind them of it. Plumley looked around to see what the Texans were planning to do about commemorating their anniversary and to his surprise found not a single Texan on the floor.

So Plumley arose and delivered a one-minute address congratulating Texas and noting also that Dec. 29 will be the 100th anniversary of the annexation of the United States by the Republic of Texas, as all Texans in their innuendo modesty would have us believe.

He varied the usual staid and colorless topical headings in the Congressional Record by titling his remarks "Hurrah for Texas."

It wasn't until near the close of the House session that day that someone mentioned Plumley's speech to Representative Albert Thomas of Texas. Thomas and veteran Fritz Latham then put their heads together and Latham delivered a tribute to the State from a real Texan.



"Slip into your old clothes, dear, and I'll give you my free course in physical culture!"

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A Tyranny

We are accustomed to persevere freely at the very mention of restriction and regimentation. There are shouts of "Un-American!" at a whisper of stiff taxes, or regulations to be strung around the businessman—or even the ordinary citizen.

And in this state of mind we have come to suspect that there is no parallel to our plight, anywhere under the sun. It is easy enough to see anti-American forces looming about us, but we never stopped to consider that other people might be similarly afflicted.

There is an insidious movement underway in that little isle which will impinge upon the rights of every right-thinking, law-abiding Briton.

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Two Evil Faces

We saw the faces of our enemies a few weeks ago, and it was as if we saw them in reversed mirrors, in uncanny distortion. For there was Adolph Hitler, grimacing and shouting again from ruined Berlin.

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Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious, and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record)

FOLLOWING an exchange between Representatives Rich 'Punch' and Cooley 'R. C.', during which Mr. Rich continually referred to Mr. Cooley as "brother," came this:

Mr. DONDERO (Mich.). Mr. Chairman, I have taken the floor but not to talk about the bill. During the recent colloquy which occurred between the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. Cooley) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Rich), there occurred what, undoubtedly is a clear breach of the rules of the House.

For Oblivion

If the present South Carolina liquor situation is a co-operative enterprise, giving purchasers voting rights according to the amount of their purchases, North Carolinians would be entitled to a considerable say-so about this investigation proposed by Governor Williams.

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End Of A Battle

In its closing days the General Assembly may do more than tuck up loose ends and grind out the routine. There is important business ahead, and one bit of it has to do with the State Hospitals.

Because there was conflict over Senate Bill 170, which sets up new hospitals and eliminates executive committee at each institution, among other disputed items, the committee went to Governor Cherry. The Governor told them that he would insist upon retaining those two items in 170—intimating that he signed no bill with amendments to the bill if those features were retained.

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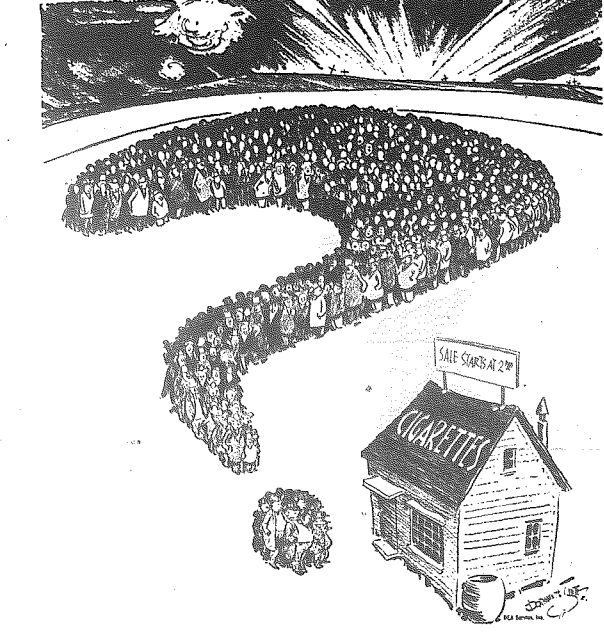
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The Great Manpower Problem

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A Yank Dies In Yugoslavia

By Marquis Childs

ROME (AP)—THIS war is like a huge tapestry, with so much going on in the foreground and all of it so highly colored and exciting, that extraordinary happenings in the backgrounds are overlooked.

Sgt. Carl W. Mitchell, now attached to the American military mission in Yugoslavia, was one of about 30 American enlisted men and officers who, in January, 1944, along with British Commandos, joined a band of Tito's Partisans on the island of Vis off the Dalmatian coast.

When the group landed on Vis, it was the only force between that part of Italy held by the Allies and enemy-held Dalmatia. The assignment of the mixed force was to harass enemy communications and create the utmost confusion by repeating Communist radio broadcasts.

Police Can't Keep Peace

By Samuel Grafton

NEW YORK (AP)—THE prime business of a world organization is not to police the planet, but to remove the causes of war. Some of our more infamously internationalists, who pin their faith on the establishment of a world police force, seem to forget that the use of a world police force is war.

The world police force is thus a weapon which, in a sense, can never be taken out of the cupboard. The moment we have put a world police force into operation, it ceases to be a world police force, and becomes only a limited military alliance; for so great power is going to be used as materials in a world force to be employed against itself.

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