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Bad Tax

Morgenthau Would Subvert Function of Social Security

One Christmas dish that nobody will enjoy is the six-billion-dollar tax bill Secretary Morgenthau is cooking up. It is pretty obvious that as the present rate of Government spending, too much money is being raised by taxes in proportion to the amount being borrowed.

What Mr. Morgenthau proposes to do is to raise the tax on the income previously taken out of the working man's pay check from one to five per cent, and increase "somewhat" the tax on unemployment insurance. The taxes paid by employers would be upped proportionately.

The purpose of this increased taxation under the Social Security System? Mr. Morgenthau admits it with an almost alarming frankness: To prevent inflation and to finance current and future extraordinary expenditures. No one pretends to blame the tax on Social Security needs. The Social Security Board shows money on hand that it knows it can do with. In essence the proposal makes tax collecting a stooge of Social Security—a puppet, subverted to use never intended by those who laid the plan for old-age pensions and unemployment insurance.

to Dan's

The Ambassador, at 79, Heads North From Mexico City

It is the "poor health of his wife" that sends Joseph Dan to the States. President Roosevelt to accept his resignation as Ambassador to Mexico. Of his own volition the Ambassador has no complaint to offer, and one gathers that he is capable of attending to the duties of his office for years to come.

Dan's wife was born at Little Washington, N. C., on May 18, 1892. Which makes that next birthday will be upon his 80's, and the odds are that she will find him prosecuting, with a dash that would do credit to a man of his age, the many activities and interests that have kept him young.

Book Clubs In Charlotte They Are Almost As Plentiful As Churches Charlotte had a few less churches than an economic professor's devotion to this place could be advertised as the "City of Book Clubs." For, next to churches, there are more book clubs in Charlotte than any other kind of organization.

Yesterday when a boy put on our desk a copy of the 1941-42 Directory of Clubs and Organizations in Charlotte. This handy little booklet lists a total of 172 separate and distinct book clubs. And if names mean anything, there are literary circles of all sizes, in all sections and covering just about all subjects.

Many groups have chosen foreign names, following the well-known precedent that there is nothing like dash of the Continental to make a menu more appealing. In this category are the Aurore, El Fail, Chetochon, Entre Nous, El Viernes and Fete Clubs.

Some take their names from noted persons, literary and otherwise, like Beatrice Dewey, Dolly Madison, John Charles McNeill, Virginia Dare, Queen Charlotte, Queen Mary and Richard Tiddy.

But our favorite club, as far as names go, is Read and Chatter. Somehow, it strikes us as the most descriptive appellation any book club ever chose.

Retaliation

Best Way To Get Even With Hitler Is To Keep Convoying

By its terse announcement that 44 crew members of the torpedoed destroyer Reuben James' crew have been rescued, the Navy Department grimly indicates that the remaining 71 officers and men may be lost. Not only must the country be prepared to receive this casualty list, but we may as well learn to expect more and even larger ones. This is the price of convoying aid to Britain. There is no escaping payment.

America's factories may produce the armaments and, her fields the food that Britain needs. But when these supplies are shipped across the Atlantic, we take the same risks as the British Navy. In one sense, we have been rather fortunate in that more of our convoying destroyers haven't been sunk.

There is, then, no place in our war effort for hysterical and feverish attempts to take revenge on Germany. The best way to get even with Hitler is to keep on doing the things that have angered him most. Every convoy that American warships help speed to Britain is a deadly blow against Hitler.

Come to think about it, there isn't much else we can do. We might completely break off diplomatic relations with Germany. But when these supplies are shipped across the Atlantic, we take the same risks as the British Navy. In one sense, we have been rather fortunate in that more of our convoying destroyers haven't been sunk.

We might openly declare war. But what could we do after such a declaration that we are not doing now? And would we not play directly into Hitler's hands if we declared war on him in the Atlantic? But that wouldn't hurt Hitler's feelings. And it would close the last official listening post the Allies maintain in the German capital.

We are at war with Germany. It is a shooting war. But it is, so far, a limited war. Would it be better or worse for the United States to make an all-out military struggle at this present stage of the game? Apparently President Roosevelt doesn't think so, and logic supports him.

Of the new taxes, many go into operation October 1, unusually early for the beginning of a hard winter.

For the blonde who is not actually repulsive, there is one more chance: No Miss Nazi Spy of 1941 has been proclaimed.

A Hollywood café fracas in which an actor is stabbed brings up a point in table etiquette: which fork is correct for ham?

By waiting too long to put up that ceiling, Congress may see that prices won't be round-shouldered from stooping.

No AEF Next Year

By Hugh S. Johnson

A MAN would be a fool to try to predict this way by three months and much more than a year. But there is at least one aspect that seems predictable. The jitters about a "No AEF" now, or for a year to come. There will be none because there could be no more.

We haven't arms for an expedition against the tank cannon, aircraft and explosives as to make any such expedition less than inexcusable folly? Considering the situation in both Britain and Russia, we are cutting off our own noses to spite our faces.

Russia cannot stand without the supplies of tanks, aircraft and planes. Her losses in these categories have been tremendous. Her losses in the Middle East. The only thing that can possibly save her is a very heavy flow of the very things which are indispensable to our creation of any real military force.

How Can We Make Delivery To Russia?

As to Russia, when we have, after months of effort, we might manufacture the kind of equipment that is needed for the life of me I can't see how we can deliver it on the battle lines. The Russian routes are so long and so precarious that we have even attempted for a major effort through the White Sea, through the Persian Gulf, through Vladivostok. The time taken for the long haul of this transportation could be quite easily saved. Vladivostok is at the mercy of Japan. The routes through the Persian Gulf are long and the transportation too slow to force through the vast distances of the Persian Gulf.

But in order to do all this at the same time, we need a great new AEF to clear out of the picture. That doesn't mean that we can't do it. It means that we need a great new AEF to clear out of the picture. That doesn't mean that we can't do it. It means that we need a great new AEF to clear out of the picture.

"Where Even the Pickets Smile"

Business Week This looked pretty good for the Muller Bros. of World's Greatest Service Station's one day last month when a picket line was suddenly thrown around the station. But the line hadn't been in evidence for 24 hours. The agreement had taken effect in hand and turned the situation to the Muller Bros. and their pickets. Are the Muller Bros. of World's Greatest Service Station's one day last month when a picket line was suddenly thrown around the station.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

We never forget a mental picture, a parable, but your life is a mental picture in others: And he speaks many things to them in parables.—Matt. 13:35.

Senator Soaper Says:

The Roosevelt move to sell the New York town house, and immediately Brother Landon puts two and two together and sounds the alarm. "Fourth Term!"

Postpone Closed Shop

By Raymond Clapper

THE Roosevelt Administration probably would be in a stronger position to deal with defense labor difficulties if it laid down a clear, firm policy as was done under the Wilson Administration in the last war.

More than half of the labor disputes handled this far by the National Defense Mediation Board have been related to organizational troubles, such as union recognition and the closed shop, as distinct from wages and hours disputes, according to William H. Davis, chairman of the board.

WOBST DISTURBS DON'T CONCERN WAGES OR HOURS These organizational disputes are the most troublesome ones. The captive coal mine strike had nothing to do with wages and hours. The only issue was the closed shop.

The question was whether the steel companies which own the mines should be compelled to hire only members of the United Mine Workers and discharge miners not in good standing with the union. Practically all of the miners are ready to belong to the U.M.W. Mr. Lewis was insisting upon the compulsory check-off, under which the employer would deduct union dues from the pay envelope and thus assist the union in collecting dues. The companies wanted the voluntary check-off—that is deducting dues of miners who requested it.

LABOR WILL GAIN BY CO-OPERATION Labor is not going to lose any ground by suspending this kind of a drive for additional security during the emergency. In fact by over-reaching itself in this direction labor is much more apt to damage its standing than to strengthen it. Defense production is so urgent that a good many people think there should be an armistice until after the emergency is over.

IN ONLY FAIR If labor is to recognize, as all other elements of the population have to recognize, that the defense program creates an abnormal and urgent condition which requires the suspension of many normal practices, then such a trade in the war over the closed shops seems only fair. In the last war there were fewer jurisdictional disputes because there was no CIO, and the only controversies arose within the AFL itself. But the existence now of two large labor organizations, bitterly at war, means many more jurisdictional disputes. These and the fact that the public shop are causing much of the interruption of defense production.

Public sentiment probably would support the Government in a move to bring labor and management into an agreement suspending industrial warfare over organizational disputes.

Leaders of organized labor could make an effective contribution by participating in a defense trade with management. It would benefit the nation by insuring uninterrupted production. It would reduce the number of strikes. It would put labor in a much better position for the struggle which will come after the emergency. The chance is that a large portion of the public would support the Government in insisting upon such a defense trade.

Visitin' Around

Prospect (North Wilkesboro Hustler) Mr. Will Alexander and son Clay and daughter Aida, of the Haystack country, were here Saturday. He said that he was thinking of buying a tractor for plowing.

Before Or After? (Green Hill Item, Rutherford County News) Mr. Frank Rainwater, fell last week and hurt his leg. Mrs. Rainwater, fell last week with her sister in Foy's Creek.



Letters to the Editor: Gen. Frank's Compliments

Editor, The News: Your paper's help was one of the important factors contributing to the success of the Interceptor Command's exercise last week, and I want you to know that my staff and I appreciate the excellent coverage you gave to our activities. I should also like to know that we enjoyed and profited from the week's close association with Mr. Daly.

for information about acoustical apparatus. It was obvious that the farmer was able to hear perfectly, so the salesman heartily suggested that he might be of some help if he knew for which member of the farmer's family an apparatus was required. "Oh, we all hear just fine, knock over," the farmer said cheerily. "I've just always been curious about those contraptions."

And something else to do with their time for the duration. The first indication that the bubble bath was doomed came several weeks ago at the annual convention of the National Automobile Club. One of the hotel's executive girls was induced to participate in a kind of funeral service for the bubble bath. They were to make a parade with the bubble bath in a parade float. They were to carry it to the city hall and bury it in the city hall.

Folk Melody (A poem by Henry E. Baker, Newport News, Va.) A folk-melody caprice is treasure indeed. If you snare it, for how elusively it flies! If it has the least suspicion You are prying, off it darts full speed. Dearly grieved at your confusion, Gone in a moment where none may pry.

The Chapel of The Good Thief Los Angeles Daily News Strange things go on in this sorry world—and where will you find one stranger than a chapel built by thieves within a prison and given the name of a thief? Yet few things could be more reverent than the dedication at Clifton Prison, Danvers, N. Y., of the Chapel of the Good Thief. To men confined in Danvers, his story means something that it is not likely to mean in the rest of us. We have, perhaps, forgotten Luke's moving incident of the crucifixion.

Hoover Masters the Microphone—Almost Wall Street Journal Former President Hoover's microphone technique has reached the point where engineers and production men view him as expert radio man. His broadcasting technique is a special portable rack that is set on top of a desk, and a lamp and rack are carried in a little bag by Hoover's staff. His notes are printed on cards in large type for convenience of reading. Also, he is just how far he should stand from the microphone so his voice is effective and his breathing between phrases sound controlled.

The Perils of Salesmanship

The New Yorker More about the Indian Summer of New England: A Boston firm which deals in electrical equipment for the aid of the deaf recently got a letter from a man in New Hampshire requesting information about its products. Perilous that a man in a sweater might be more fruitful than correspondence. The firm dispatched a representative to the New Hampshire town from which the letter had been addressed, learned that the writer lived on a farm some miles out in the country, and after a diligent search found him working in his south field. Approached by the salesman, the farmer said yes, he had written

Bubble Bath Business Week

One of the many products which are going to run short soon because of the defense program is the bubble bath. It seems that the chemical that makes the bubbles is pretty essential for cleaning airplane fabrics, so bubble-bath soakers are going to have to

Side Glances

It is just as well that the dance and cocktail sets had to set the world on fire. Babalage by a tenor would be too much.

