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A Good Rule

Only, It Ought To Apply To All Kinds of Labor Disputes

An amendment to the plant seizure bill by the House Military Committee severely punishable to prevent or attempt to prevent any person from accepting employment in any defense plant, from continuing in such employment or from entering or leaving the plant.

By eliminating the word "defense" from the above and tacking the amendment onto the Labor Relations Act, Congress would make a notable contribution to peaceful, democratic labor relations in the United States.

President Roosevelt enunciated the policy that there could be no strike against the Government. He found out and is still finding out differently. He declared that defense work must be kept going while labor demands were considered. He had it to stop in his face.

He called the justification of a national emergency to be sure, and there was no belief, experience or a managerial capacity should have shown him what the rest of industry, both bosses and working men, have known for a long time: that the recognized tactics of labor on strike are riot and the defiance of civil authority.

These are no more labor's "rights" than it is management's right to inspect, tough and armed plug-ulgers to work strikes. Both are unlawful under a government of order. Both should at least be defined as unlawful.

Migration

The Negro Farmer—A Vanishing American

There is thunder in figures just released by the Census Bureau. Figures showing that during the last decade, while the number of white farmers in North Carolina increased by 15,173, there was a net decline in Negro farmers of 1,000.

Where have these Negroes gone? They haven't died off; on the contrary there was a great increase in the population of their race. A few of them, no doubt, have left the state, but there has been no mass migration.

When they left the farms, the Negroes went to the only other place they could go—they poured into the cities and towns of North Carolina. Unprepared for employment and with not enough private jobs to go around, great numbers went on relief.

In a broad social trend of this magnitude, there is thunder, thunder before a storm.

A further breakdown of figures discloses that the number of Negro tenants during the last decade has increased by 1,008 in North Carolina since 1930. Meanwhile 15,145 Negro tenants gave it up.

And while the number of white sharecroppers in the state decreased by 789, 8,002 Negro croppers lost out during the decade. It is not reasonable to suppose that many of these sharecroppers were able to secure farms of their own; the figures deny this possibility.

S. H. Hobbs Jr., prominent rural-social economist at the University of North Carolina writes in the UNC News Letter: "What has happened in North Carolina during the last decade has occurred throughout the entire South."

It is a patent fact that the decline of Negro tenants, renters and croppers is not offset by any increase in ownership. In other words, the decline means that those people either have left agriculture or are hired labor system, has compensated renter, and cropper interest in Southern agriculture."

Interpreted, Mr. Hobbs means that Negroes lose and lose a farmer's job and become a day-laborer. He

is becoming less and less a rural dweller and more and more "civilized." A Negro population scattered out on hundreds of farms to one jammed together in the slums of a city it is another kind of disease, and many other problems multiply.

The Negro cannot be blamed for leaving the farm if he couldn't make a living. In fact you can't blame anybody for moving anywhere. That's America—when you're dissatisfied, move on. But mass movements bring on problems in other areas, and it is plain to see that this problem is going to have to be dealt with.

A Bas Vichy!

Recognition of Free France Would Help

By renouncing the puppets of Vichy and recognizing General DeGaulle's Free French regime as the real government of France, President Roosevelt could strike a timely blow against the enemies of democracy.

American recognition of Free France would satisfy Frenchmen everywhere that the United States rejects the premise that France's salvation may be attained only through co-operation with Germany. It would inform Vichy that Darlan, Laval, and other Nazified Frenchmen have been exposed for what they are. It would act as a psychological spur, prodding Frenchmen not entirely under the heel of Vichy to resist German aggression.

At the same time, recognition of Free France would not necessarily be an admission that the United States had been unwise when it recognized the Vichy government. When Vichy was recognized America hoped to persuade Britain and the others at least to keep France neutral. It was an effort to discourage, if possible, the thing that has happened—complete and active co-operation of the Vichy government with Hitler. Even though our government failed in this effort, it was a worthy attempt and one that reflects no discredit upon the Administration.

Now that the failure of this effort is obvious, there can no longer be any real excuse for fooling around with Vichy. The traitorous leaders of that unhappy land are no longer entitled to recognition by any honorable nation. American recognition should go where its open aid is going—to General DeGaulle and his Free French.

Scram!

It Was High Time To Be Rid of Nazi Spys-Consuls

The people of the United States have known for a long time that German consuls in American cities were abusing the privileges granted them by an easy-going Uncle Sam. A consular is the commercial agent of the nation that maintains it. His business is business.

American recognition should go where its open aid is going—to General DeGaulle and his Free French. With trade and normal tourist exchange between Germany and the United States reduced to the vanishing point, no legitimate excuse remained for the maintenance of Nazi consulates. But the consulates were kept open and their political activities in behalf of the Nazis became scandalous. Evidence piled up that many German consuls were nothing less than master spies.

Long-suffering Uncle Sam has at last ordered the consulates to close and the consular officials to go back where they came from. The action is not only defensible, it is long overdue; and nobody knows it better than the bumptious Nazi Government itself.

OR DO THEY GIVE A DAM? In texts held at the Bronx Zoo it is found that an elephant does forget. We expect hourly to learn that beavers have organized for vacations with pay.

LENSBURG, MAYBE "The star, Antares, is said to be 125 trillion times as large as the earth." In due course, we have no doubt, it will receive a threatening note from Tokyo.

WHERE? Laval thinks the French will come out O.K. under the benign Nazi management. Why, sure—Adolf has them in the hollow of his heart.

Faise Prophets

By Dr. Fraser Hood

(Head Davidson College Department of Psychology)

No conqueror, which history tells us, has ever taken a world with less goal than world domination. I have scant patience with those who tell us that Hitler wants the domination of Europe. I have but a little more patience with those who tell us that Hitler desires the complete control of the world.

Fact No. 4 is that Hitler has had eight years to prepare for war. This fact ought to make us cautious in entering too easily into any declaration of war against him would be. But I can see no solution, and I prefer to be patient with the preventable interference with our foreign effort to get ready for such an eventuality.

The Wheeler and the Lindbergh are not only trying to bring the war to a close by trying (however unconsciously) to keep us from getting prepared. All that we need to do is to keep our feet out of war, though their activities may delay the time of entrance by Hitler. We are adequately equipped.

HAVE ISOLATIONISTS ENOUGH FORESIGHT TO ADVISE PEOPLE

However sincere these two isolationists may be, I seriously question their abilities to use their foresight to counsel the American people. In the early days of the war, I heard a certain isolationist tell me that all the defense we needed was 10,000 planes to keep off the bombers. At that time he had raised his estimates. It is a species of arrogant conceit which is not fighting only when the enemy has invaded our shores. I hear many say that the German invasion of Europe to fight, but if any hostile force attacks us I am ready to fight.

The fifth fact that we must not permit is that the technical military term attack does not mean precisely what we mean. It is an old-fashioned and outmoded phrase which is being used only when the enemy has invaded our shores. I hear many say that the German invasion of Europe to fight, but if any hostile force attacks us I am ready to fight.

In this day of undeclared war, the physical attack is so sudden that the one attacked is at a disadvantage unless he has foreseen it.

THE THREAT TO ENGLAND IS A THREAT TO AMERICA

The threat to England today is to my mind an unmistakable threat to our country that I cannot understand and which does not see it. Events are tied in trains in a kind of conspiracy which is being perceived. There is a linkage of causal sequence that is being perceived. There is a linkage of causal sequence that is being perceived. There is a linkage of causal sequence that is being perceived.

In these five facts, I think you can see something of the sequence of events and the glimpse of a law running through them all. We are not without opportunity to our country. There are 500 many among us who are saying, "Let us see it as it is."

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A Condemnation Of Doubt and Fear

Dear Sir: Nell Dixon Russell's literary aptness have followed by me with much interest. She seems to be a very regular contributor to your column, always writing in the name of the "Burrhead."

Her recent letter containing such a statement and comment is a condemnation of the policy which has been recently demonstrated by the National Defense Highway Bill. As we know it, it will disintegrate.

The Storm

By Gordon



Letters to the Editor

Song Of A Solon

Dear Sir: I commend to your report and respectful attention the following perfect lyric by my good friend Frank Sullivan which appears in this week's New Yorker. I hope it becomes the State Song:

"Nothing would be finer, Than to be in Carolina On the volin' day the polin' Routs a certain to-and-foin'— Yours truly, —STURTHEVANT DURT, Southern Pines.

We like it that you're Ain't directed at Jordan—Editors, The News.

Thrills In Change In Street Names

Dear Sir: Hundreds of thousands of people all over the United States, and millions throughout the world who have access to a free newspaper press, service, and information at the disposal of your City Council to draw from its roster of street names that are discarded and new names that are introduced have come to be associated with a course of action that in its eventful application would be as an active ally and a junior partner if you will, but none the less an ally and partner of a criminal—Nazi Germany.

Thank God that there is still a man in the country—vision without which we should certainly perish. Brains are being recruited for the Hitler or anti-Hitler perils. Brains among us are having labels attached to them which will leave nothing to the imagination. There is no such a thing today as neutrality. You are either for the Hitler or anti-Hitler perils. Those, like your City Council and City Manager, who can think clearly and who are aware of the true implications of this whole trend of thought of the Nazi movement among us. The traitorous and rednecks utterances of this gang, crystallized in the cry for "New Deal" and in the contemptible squealings of the suckling-pig solons from the grass-roots, would be as the Middle West being backfired.

Let us hope that if we do have concentration camps for active workers in the German cause the first inmates confined will be the leaders of the "Burrhead" crowd.

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Side Glances

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The Right To Trade

By Raymond Chapter

WASHINGTON—Germany is not keeping the situation in Berlin by using an authorized Nazi spokesman.

It is Berlin that she will continue to sink every ship carrying munitions to Great Britain.

From the details reported to the State Department, it seems certain that the American ship carried no munitions.

The question is, does Germany intend to make it a policy to sink American ships under such circumstances?

We may expect that Germany will try to sink any American ships caught carrying munitions to Great Britain. But are we to expect that Germany also will make it a policy to sink any American ships carrying other than clearly marked as an American vessel?

It is now for Berlin to decide what the incident shall mean. If Berlin by declarations of policy and by subsequent incidents of the same kind shipping, there is trouble ahead. That kind of policy led to our going into the previous war and very likely would lead us in again.

GERMANY MAY NOW FACE THE ISSUE OF WAR

The situation has arisen now through which Germany can decide whether to force war with the United States. As for the sinking of the Robin Moor, it is considered as an isolated case of unwarranted brutality by a submarine commander, that is not a real cause for war. We are justified in insisting upon punishment of the commander and indemnity for the lost lives and property.

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GERMANY HAS WEAKER EXCUSE THAN IN 1917 TO SINK SHIPS

There is less justification for a German policy of unrestricted sinking now than in 1917. Then we were attacking upon the right of our ships to carry munitions into the British Isles. But now that Germany would try to sink such ships, we could have expected nothing else.

But now we have the Neutrality Act, which excludes our ships from combat zones and from carrying munitions to belligerents. I don't think we can be surprised if Germany attacks American ships carrying munitions into the Red Sea. Technically President Roosevelt has declared that not to be a combat zone, which excludes our ships from combat zones and from carrying munitions to belligerents. I don't think we can be surprised if Germany attacks American ships carrying munitions into the Red Sea.

Actually the purpose is to use American ships to carry munitions to the back door of the British forces, and we would be foolish to assume that Germany will not try to sink such ships. Berlin might hesitate to do so, but that would only be because of a deliberate policy of looking the other way because Hitler did not want to draw us into war by firing on our ships.

HAVE AMERICA SHIPS THE RIGHT TO NON-INTERFERENCE?

All of that is something else, far from the question involved in the sinking of the Robin Moor, which is the right of American ships to make commercial voyages in neutral waters for destinations outside the war zone.

Berlin can declare the Robin Moor incident and reduce it to an isolated case of no general significance, or Berlin can use it to establish a policy of unrestricted attack upon all American shipping.

I think that what we do will depend, finally upon whether of these courses Berlin chooses to take.

Visitin' Around

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