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Military Questions

By Hugh S. Johnson

IT is flattering to be asked so many questions in an hour about the rapid developments in military affairs, including the one at home. It is embarrassing to have his before they are ready to be answered. It is all answers aren't in stock—especially in the case of the general public. The questions are about the general situation about the continuing slight-of-hand performance overseas. The events and the questions are about the general situation about the continuing slight-of-hand performance overseas. The events and the questions are about the general situation about the continuing slight-of-hand performance overseas.

Starting After Another Bottleneck

—By Herbert



Congress Next Job

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON—The next big job for Congress is to get back to work in present session. The Administration is likely to request Congress to deal with this soon. It would not be surprising if President Roosevelt sent a general authorization message to Congress in another ten days or so.

Among officials and some leaders of Congress, it is felt that we are on the brink of runaway prices and that unless action is taken soon, conditions may go beyond control.

Failure of Congress to take adequate action during the last year was allowed to completely get out of control, producing a severe reaction afterward. Bernard M. Baruch, chief of the War Industries Board, made several attempts to obtain legislation but failed. He saw the unfortunate after-effects develop just as he had anticipated. That is the reason he has been so insistent upon pressing this time by the costly project in 1918.

Citizens They Won a Cup and Something Very Important

Citizens everywhere have a reputation for doing unselfish, worthwhile things. For the Charlotte Citizen Club to be selected at the international convention as the most outstanding group in the organization confers a distinct honor not only on the membership of the local club but upon the entire city.

In winning the Founder's Cup, Charlotte Citizens are recognized for making the greatest contribution of any club to its community. It is significant that the award was made on the basis of the work done by local Citizens and underprivileged boys of both races. This work required more than cash donations; it meant that Citizens have given generously of their time, personal effort and interest.

It is also significant that the local club is the only Citizen chapter to win the cup twice. This indicates continuing effort rather than a sudden or impulsive activity.

Charlotte Citizens are setting a standard for the community. Their work, past, present, and future is the important thing. Recognition—by cups or other awards—to the local Citizen Club only an accident.

USO Drive Will It Take Charlotte All Summer To Do Her Part?

Perhaps Charlotte should be content with two native movie stars but somehow we can't help but wish that Edward G. Robinson lived in the Queen City. The ulterior motive behind this wish is that Mr. Robinson recently donated a total \$100,000 to the United Service Organization in making the USO drive, the actor who rose to stardom as "Little Caesar" said he was "making a small down payment on the privilege of being an American citizen."

It appears that Charlotte needs not only Mr. Robinson's donation, but his attitude as well. After several weeks of sporadic campaigning, Mecklenburg County has raised only half of its \$20,000 USO quota. Meanwhile, more than 100 other counties in the state have "gone over the top." Others are successfully closing out their campaigns every day.

The merit of the USO plan, indeed, its necessity in building up the morale of our soldiers and sailors, already has the endorsement of almost every prominent citizen in the nation—from Franklin D. on down.

Charlotte's quota includes not only \$14,000 for general USO work, but an additional \$6,000 for the recreation of our own Air Base personnel.

Officials of the drive say they plan to keep plugging away until the goal is reached, "no matter if it takes all summer." If it does take until Fall, Charlotteans should be ashamed. They will have endangered their reputation for generosity as well as for patriotism.

Russia Totters And Our Brief Moments of Opportunity Are Running Out

After twelve days of some of the bloodiest fighting the world has ever known, the German High Command claims that organized Russian resistance along the entire 2,000-mile front is completely shattered.

There was an unmistakable note of pessimism in Stalin's message to the Russian people. When he called on civilians to burn forests, destroy crops and bridges, and organize sabotage against Soviet troops, the Red dictator tacitly admitted that he expected great areas of Soviet territory to be surrendered to the enemy.

Russian military resistance has been shattered—and this is the most likely situation—a fact toward the east. Stalin is preparing to move the Soviet Government into the Ural Mountains in case of necessity. But even here he will not secure unless a sufficient number of military units are able to outrun the enemy and to escape the great encircling army of Hitler's troops.

Pushed back into Siberia, stripped of her industries and sources of raw materials, blockaded by the Germans from the north, south, and west and by the Japanese in the East, Stalin would have no means to continue his resistance to the Nazis.

Five Kinds of Queries ON THE HOME FRONT

There are five kinds of queries on the home front are in five heads: (1) the announced "purge" of unfit army officers; (2) the general situation from the rule of seniority to an alleged rule of merit in army promotions; (3) the general situation of returning selected men to civil life before they are fit to rejoin the war; (4) the announced rule of seniority in army promotions; (5) the announced rule of seniority in army promotions.

There is nothing new about the principle of the purge or departure from the rule of seniority. In the World War, Purge didn't get much publicity because most of it was done in France.

PERISHING HAS A PLACE FOR "WASHOUT" OFFICERS

General Pershing set up a great "retention board" in the United States—which the soldiers appropriately called "bloody" there the stumbles and the great variety of the boys who were booting the ball on the job, were sent and "reclassified."

Similarly, by the device of "temporary" commissions the automatic rule of promotion only by the death of the incumbent is being changed, and any man who had been stuck up above the rank had some chance of promotion. It is a good thing that every "simple soldier" had a marginal chance of promotion if he had quality in action.

These two improvements are militarily necessary. In the stern tests of the war, the responsibility is more difficult. The responsibilities are more difficult. The responsibilities are more difficult. The responsibilities are more difficult.

Letters to the Editor: Old Hickory's Natal Cabin

Editors, This News:

I have seen many write-ups as to the birthplace of Andrew Jackson. North and South Carolina both have a monument in honor of his birthplace.

No one knows for certain just where he was born.

About 50 years ago I asked Uncle Reece Mackey, who was at that time an old man and who had all of his lifetime lived in the neighborhood of the birthplace of Andrew Jackson. His reply to me was that no one knew for certain. But I have always been told that he was born in a little place called Cabin Creek, which stood directly east of the Jack Curson residence, and have heard that the state line ran through the cabin in the chimney in the west end. The supposition was if it was a warm spell in March, Andrew Jackson would have been born in the back end of the cabin which would cause him to be born in North Carolina. And if it was a cold spell in March, he would have been born in the west end of the cabin, near the fireplace, which would make him born in South Carolina.

I have surveyed the state line at this point and there are signs of a chimney place at this point—just a few feet west of the state line. If anyone doubts this statement, tell him to come to me and I will go and show them the chimney place. Jackson claimed to be a citizen of South Carolina because he was raised by his uncle Major Crawford, who lived north of Waxhaw Creek and west of Highway 521 in Jackson Township, S. C., about nine miles north of Lancaster, S. C.

G. W. SECRET.

They Won the Battle Of the Trousers

Excerpts from the letter of a U. S. Army officer in Panama. The Christian Science Monitor.

I shall always remember X as the day when the Battle of the Trousers was won. Not ordinary trousers but Trousers, of black tropical worsted, for dress, were required to pay our respects to the Commanding General and his staff "at the earliest possible opportunity" after arriving at a new post. In evening uniform.

Six of us went down together to order our dress clothes the day after our arrival. They were promised in five days, then seven, then for Monday, and finally for Tuesday night of a certainty. But Panama is the land of "manana" or tomorrow.

Thursday was the final day which military courtesy permitted to delay before dressing the day after he had just an hour and a half to produce, or else we would be jumped on by the "Jokers," and if we were jumped on, he could expect similar action from us.

An hour passed, and we were still waiting. Things didn't look very hopeful even though native workers were supposed to be laboring overtime on the pants somewhere in the rear of the shop. Then the phone rang and the tailor answered: "Oh, yes, General . . . Yes, General. No, sir, they are not ready yet. Two cutters didn't work yesterday and today they took a too long siesta. Ready tomorrow sure."

He hung up and turned to us. "You see what troubles I got. Now even the General is after me. He's got visitors coming tonight maybe, and he wants his pants sure."

You know now how we won the Battle of the Trousers. We made certain that no deliveries were made to Fort Y that night.

Portrait of the Man Without a Hoe

New York Times:

The outstanding news photograph of this week was a perfect example of the diabolical cleverness and the ultimate dumbness of Nazi propaganda. Taken by German Army camera men, it showed a giant Russian captive, disarmed, helpless, befuddled—the perfect image one might say, of the vast bulk of a nation into which Hitler has been attempting to thrust the rapier of his treatment.

But this blundering stunt stirred before these eyes the day the Nazis wished to suggest. There he stood, like Markham's Man with the Hoe.

The emptiness of ages in his And on his back the burden of the world.

This was not his first capture or earliest betrayal. The Mongol

Voluntary Control Is Breaking Down

The voluntary price control which Leon Henderson has attempted to exercise is breaking down. He has placed some goods under price ceilings but reports of widespread bootlegging at premium prices are coming in.

The exact nature of the legislation will be up to Congress. This is a matter of fundamental internal policy, which will affect numerous special interests which are of concern to various Senators and Representatives. This legislation will be loaded with political controversy as a tariff bill. Farm-state members in Congress, and particularly some cotton-state Senators, already are protesting against Mr. Henderson's attempts to hold commodity prices down. He is rapidly running into political trouble that will make it difficult for him to go on much longer in the absence of statutory authority.

ADMINISTRATION WILL HAVE TO GET NEW IDEAS

Although development of legislation will be up to Congress, the Administration naturally will have its own ideas of some things that should be covered. There will be the central question of price themselves. One approach might be to set prices as of a given day of the year. That would be followed up by a more detailed adjustment, commodity by commodity, until a normal relationship was established.

License power might be suggested, so that where it seemed necessary, that issue of goods could be controlled in order to prevent bootlegging at premium prices. Several precautions against dodging may be necessary, such as "quality control" to prevent concealed price rises by cutting down on quality or quantity.

Some formula may be suggested for dealing with such states controlled over rents. Living conditions in defense areas and around army and navy establishments are becoming worse every day. Some scandalous conditions are likely to be averted before long. Rent profiteering is becoming an acute problem and it cannot be neglected. Here constitutional limitations on Federal authority may create some difficulty. A formula for inducing state co-operation may be the only way of getting at the problem.

MACHINERY FOR APPEAL MUST BE SET UP

Some machinery for appeal must be provided. There will be injustices both fancied and real. Quick and efficient machinery must be provided for. One suggestion is that a special court be created, staffed by a bench of Federal Circuit Court judges, with the right of appeal to the Supreme Court. In any case some judicial body in which the public has complete confidence must be available. With that safeguard, it probably would be possible to prohibit court injunctions. Free use of the injunction power might hamstring administration of price controls.

But prevention of inflation means more than price control. It means preventing wages so that we do not go into a repetition shortly of the recent 10 to 12 per cent general wage increase. It means better taxation to hold down means buying power and excessive profits. The danger is not in prices, or in wages, or in increased purchasing power, or in excess profits, but in all of them together. The danger is inflation, and the plan is to strike at it from every direction.

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