

Mobilizing Manpower

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON. SOME will wonder why President Roosevelt is taking \$300,000,000 for special unemployment relief when war industry is short of workers.

That question goes to the heart of a new problem in the mobilization of manpower which has broken upon us out of the sudden upheaval now taking place in the daily life of this nation.

Workers and jobs are going through a violent shift as we change from peace industry to war industry. Detroit, the metropolis of war industry, has some 200,000 idle because of the changeover in the automobile industry.

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Our whole handling of labor and manpower must be overhauled. Here is one of the biggest internal jobs of the war—mobilizing manpower.

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Another worker was ready to take a job but was unskilled. The Government put him into a training camp—Birmingham 35 of them—and paid him a nominal wage and subsistence until he was ready to take a skilled job.

These simple illustrations suggest how complex the task is. We shall have to bring women and youth into industrial work. Sailors who have never touched a machine will be needed in factories.

We need to consolidate and enlarge our handling of manpower, possibly by Sidney Hillman's new Selective Service, and a new OPM labor division.

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Wallace's Big Dream

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON. ADVANCE thinking about the kind of world we should have after the war is circulating abroad.

He wants to industrialize non-industrial lands, to divert to feed and cotton to clothe the unemployed and ill-fed around the world.

A PLAN FOR "ASTRONOMICAL REFORM"
He also wants a world "ever-normal economy" for the future world stabilization of production and prices.

But the detail and scope of Mr. Wallace's vision goes far beyond common imagination into the realm of the fantastic.

WALLACE NEGLECTS FINANCIAL SIDE OF HIS DREAM
A great deal of Mr. Wallace's dream is in the air.

Bottle Trouble

Flying Boat Christener Fine Plane Hulls Tender

About a week ago Mrs. Henry Wallace, wife of the Vice-President, hailed off and flew with a bottle of champagne against the nose of the big new American flying boat Excelsior.

But not perhaps, as distressing as what happened at the christening of the Naval ambulance plane bought with donations from North Carolinians.

These lessons, we trust, have not been in vain. Obviously, if the christening of aircraft is to continue, either champagne bottles must be made thinner or the hulls of the flying boats further reinforced.

Fetish

Right or Wrong, Mrs. FDR Won't Cross a Picket Line

It would be interesting to know what Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt thinks she accomplishes by indulging her fetish against crossing picket lines.

What Mrs. Roosevelt did was to call public attention to a particular rotten spot in an arbitrary and predatory labor organization.

Time magazine's account of the episode is reprinted on this page. If Mrs. Roosevelt had bothered to inquire into why the theater was being picketed, she would have found no legitimate issue involved.

Puzzled Man

City Council Is Due To Clarify Status of O. C. Fogus

O. C. Fogus, superintendent of the City's motor transport division, must be going about his work in something of a daze.

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A Simple Repetition It Would Nullify Rio Conference

Argentina is hedging. Reports that Foreign Minister Garmuzi had pledged her government to break off relations with Germany and Japan were, as we had suspected, no good to be true.

What Secretary Gullman says is that the signing of the forthcoming Pan-American agreement be slightly postponed.

Certainly the conference did not meet merely to reaffirm a right which all sovereign nations possess. Many of the governments represented at Rio already have broken with the Axis.

First Lady

Stops Short

Time Magazine
Full of the eager anticipation of the coming of Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, she stepped out of her car to her hotel's entrance.

The President's wife would no more than Queen Victoria would have painted her fingernails.

We can afford to wait a little while. But not long. If the unfortunate tyrants of Argentina should choose—even secretly—to throw in with Hitler's gang, if they should endanger the security of the whole hemisphere by satisfying their appetites for wealth and power, then all our American nations, acting in concert, shall have to take sterner action.

A famer biologist thinks—the great American cause of life will defeat the Axis. Particularly if one has a gun trained on the fellow, while saying "this one will stay you."

MacArthur!

By Herblock



Letters to the Editor: Soldiers And Alcohol

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Old Soldier Cites Evils of Prohibition

Editor, The News: In answer to your question of Tuesday, January 23, 1942, I would like to give you our side of the question.

I am an old soldier, a veteran of the First World War. I saw what happened then when the use of alcoholic stimulants were forbidden.

I have seen the time when a drink of this kind would have saved the life of some American boy, badly wounded and suffering from exposure during the winter of 1917-18.

Most of the soldiers have given up their job, hours and families to help protect this country of ours, and they are glad to do it.

God has a dinner for every mortal. He is looking for people to work for Him. He is looking for you right now. For the son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.—Luke 19:10.

Secs War as God's Lesson

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