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## Soup's On House Bill Hints New Spending Era, Puts Cities on Alert

When a bill designated as the First Post-War Planning Act of 1942 was introduced in the busy House by Representative Better of New York, a green light should have flashed in Charlotte's City Hall. Here was the first call for state and local governments to put their houses in order that they might receive the beneficence of tomorrow. The bill, quickly referred to the Ways & Means committee, is not likely to get immediate attention, but it clearly foreshadows the future.

The proposed appropriation is set at \$100,000,000, and is tagged solely for planning, surveying and investigation of state and local programs of public works projects. There will be far greater funds available later, even if this particular bill never escapes committee hearings. And a very nice line it bugles reveille to those agencies who will be seeking Federal aid in the post-war period.

From the fund, advances of two types would be available to state and local agencies, repayable (detailed plans and surveys for specific projects) and non-repayable (general surveys by local planning commissions). The bill aims directly at taking up slack in a post-war let-down, and at major progressive steps in all parts of the country. It only prescribes the way, but performs a vital task and it was not conceived in haste:

Allocations or advances are to be made only when the plan preparation provided for in the Government operations was completed. It will be in accord with the assistance in a long-range plan of community, state, regional or national development.

In those words is an admission to Charlotte and all other communities, no matter how small, that the problems of the future may be foreseen and that governmental organization may be prepared to meet them. In short, if the City has in mind new Parks and Recreation projects, hopes to build that upland stadium, or to make other additions, it is well advised to have its administration get down to work with the plans for a plan.

Not only will those communities without plans be at a disadvantage at the inevitable Federal banquet board, but they will continue to suffer from present fiscal ills which result from following haphazardly a day-to-day course of government.

## Grindstone Round-the-Clock Bombing Is a Pacific Offensive in Itself

The Pacific offensive against Japan's spread eagles, for long months for that day to come. For weeks, the first round of that coming drive has been fought, and is being won. The director is Lieutenant General George C. Kenney, commander of Allied air forces in the Southwest Pacific. Almost every hour of every day his big bombers are carrying the attack in a war of almost infinite distances.

Intensity of American air attacks on New Guinea, around the Solomons, and in the East Indies is steadily increasing. And as they hammer harder, the Jap defenses weaken greatly. In recent days, U. S. losses in pilots and planes have decreased proportionately. Jap losses are climbing at a faster rate. For three weeks, as an example, the Japanese have lost 100 bombers without an air raid.

General Kenney has found new uses for his big birds of destruction. Now engaged in reducing the big enemy bases on Rabaul in New Britain, this Flying Fortress has turned into a bomber, blasting with delayed-action bombs from low levels.

For that kind of warfare the four-winged Fortresses and their twin-engineed helmsmates were made. While the Japanese press forwards in the Solomons, many squadrons are busy 2,000 miles to the West, striking at the fringe of the Indies, at bases in Timor and Ambino. And the big fellows thrive on the aerial war of attrition. Having proved themselves all but invulnerable to the enemy's fighters, they have taken a terrible toll of the Japanese's armoured air planes. In October, the Japs lost 360 planes, and in the same month the Solomons, their sacrifice was estimated at 620 planes. A combat plane has great virtues. It is a combat plane which they have taken which we have never made contact. She is a crew member power left in her military

machine, and may make it felt again soon. But despite all the handicaps of distance and advantages of the enemy, American bombers are setting a pace Japan can't match. When the big struggle comes, victory is certain. In the present phase of long-range effort, our airmen are hastening the end.

## The Bill Biggest Plate-Passing Calls For Nine-Billion Installments

This week, in case you hadn't noticed, the Federal Government opened negotiations with the public on the greatest financial deal in the history of mankind. By comparison, any and all other drives are picayunish. Uncle Sam, having sworn to rehabilitate the world, must have nine billion dollars immediately, and the U. S. national income was \$10 billion in 1942. The post-war national debt was only 25 billion. Now, in this one-year drive (this in addition to previous heavy bond sales and the 24 billions in tax revenues) the Government must make obligations that will build into the post-war period over 200 billions of war's end.

If the big figures seem empty of meaning and beyond the imagination of a confused average man, compare: In 1932, the U. S. national income was below 40 billions. In 1920, the post-war national debt was only 25 billion. Now, in this one-year drive (this in addition to previous heavy bond sales and the 24 billions in tax revenues) the Government must make obligations that will build into the post-war period over 200 billions of war's end.

It wasn't so many years ago that New Deal dreamers were hotly arguing whether or not a government could carry a debt burden of over 50 billions. Time and circumstance answered that one, and the public, the bank and the nation's financial structure can carry almost any weight, must now pile up heavy contributions itself.

Because of the magnitude of the new war-financing program, it is vital that a great part of the bonds be sold to individuals outside the banking system. Otherwise, the stability of our economic structure might be endangered. And these quotas to end all quotas must be met. They are not simply appeals to the nation's patriotism, but demands of a government in desperate need.

Even this measure, in the end, may not be sufficient to meet the rising costs of war. New taxation, notably a national sales tax, may have to be added to the load. But the nine-billion drives must be productive. Otherwise, the great streams of men and materials cannot continue to flow across the world, and there can be no security for life at home, even under the rationed style of the day. The time has come to pay.

## Tyranny City Employees Can't Be Countrymen Any Longer

The 600-odd employees of the City of Charlotte are now compelled to live in the home of the Friendly City by living within its corporate limits. By a ruling which seems to us absurd and high-handed, each of the City's servants must breathe the air, pay the taxes and enjoy the benefits of the patron government. The intention is, apparently, to see that every worker and every office-holder show appreciation and patriotism through an enforced live-at-home program.

A check shows, surprisingly enough, that only four of the employees in question live outside the magic line of demarcation between the sacred soil of the city and the forbidden lands of the county, and it may be significant that all four are Health Department employees.

Some city demands upon the public servant is to deny a family's right to reside where it chooses. If a man live outside the city simply because he enjoys peace and quiet, or likes to fuss with a garden patch or live-stock, that is his business. But if he is a Duke Piker Co., for example, might as well demand that all employees live on a bus line.

Some city workmen may desire to live on old family homesteads in Mecklenburg's open spaces, for any other reason, but they have taken a terrible toll of the city. Their preference might be based upon financial factors involved. But whatever takes a municipal man outside, we see it as no duty of the City Council to impose upon him this foolish alienation of residence. If legislation against the country-boy is in every man, that's what it is.

## Figure First

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON  
PEOPLE who think they are talking common sense say that we will win the war before we start thinking about what we will do with the victory.

That does sound like sense until you think a minute. It does make sense that General Marshall and Admiral King should keep working on the way to draw up peace blueprints. You certainly don't want the Joint Chiefs of Staff to stop fighting to work out peace terms.

But I don't think we are counting on Admiral King and General Marshall to work out post-war problems. That job is supposed to be done by the State Department principally, and they have a lot to do. Why don't they also do it? Why don't they go on while the State Department crew, which long ago was set up to work on peace terms, goes ahead with its work? It won't interfere with the production of war experts who are reorganizing the airplane program or the ordnance program.

Why can't Wendell Wilkie or Secretary Hull or Sumner Welles or the President Wallace discuss what we want to get out of the war? How does that interfere with Henry Kaiser's ship production or with the struggles at Ford's Willow Run plant? How does that interfere with the training of naval fliers, and with the Army's training of ground crews? How does it interfere with anybody who is on the fighting side in this war?

Let me imagine that it would encourage a lot of parents whose sons are going into this war to feel that their boys were not going to be risked just to clear the way for a third world war. It makes more sense to fight this war with some assurance that we are going to reduce the risks of another one instead of inviting another one as was the case before.

Actually, we haven't started planning soon enough. North Africa catches us with territory that we don't quite know what to do about. Why are we having to improvise our relief policy for North Africa? Why in it that we were not all set to go? The North African expedition has been in the wind since July. But we are still canvassing the United Nations as to the setup that General Lehan is to have. He will start as a purely American administrator until the United Nations agreement is worked out so that he can become the United Nations administrator. If we had started earlier to plan on what we would do with the victory, the United Nations would have been all set to move into North Africa behind the troops.

Now Churchill is trying to persuade the Italians to throw over Mussolini and make peace. If they don't do it voluntarily the Allies will knock Italy out within a few months and then we will have another rehabilitation problem on our hands. The so-called post-war job isn't any longer something in the distant future. It goes right along with the progress of the war, and grows as the Allies take over new territory.

That is all part of the war. In total war a government carries on a wide variety of activities simultaneously. We started a campaign the Solomons at the very time that Admiral King and General Marshall were in London beginning preparations for the North African campaign. At the same time, we push to increase our production, we share our dollars to obtain better weapons, we extend rationing to save shipping or rubber or whatever the purpose may be, and we search the world for new sources of critical materials. We do a number of different things, all at the same time, because you have to do it to carry on the war.

We plan next year's weapons while we make this year's. While the assembly lines are busy on one model, the machine shops are making the tools for the improved model that is to follow. The two jobs go together, and that is accepted wartime and peacetime industrial practice.

But when you get into the field of statesmanship, and even to consider the next step there, or what to do about territory that was won is being taken over from the enemy, somebody should take the familiar cue: "Don't think about what to do with the victory until it is won."

One day, I hope somebody who doesn't know any better will break the rules and yell back, "Why not?"

## Side Glances



"He looks too pleased and happy most of the time nowadays—I'm afraid his war bonnet in wedding fees is making him worldly!"

## Two And Two

FROM CORONET  
AMONG the names of child mathematical geniuses that of Willis A. Dearth stands high. Now eleven, he has been investigated by numerous psychologists and mathematicians. The stories of his brilliance are legion.

During the last presidential election, his lightning calculations enabled a Minnesota newspaper to scoop its competitor on the returns. Given a person's birthday, Dearth is able without hesitation to state the number of days, hours, minutes, even seconds the person has lived. He can multiply instantly any seven-figure number by any eleven-figure number.

Once a contractor asked him how many bricks would be needed to build a certain house. Told the number of bricks per square foot, the dimensions of the house and the size of the windows and doors, Dearth immediately stated the number of bricks required. When the house was completed, the contractor had half a brick left over.

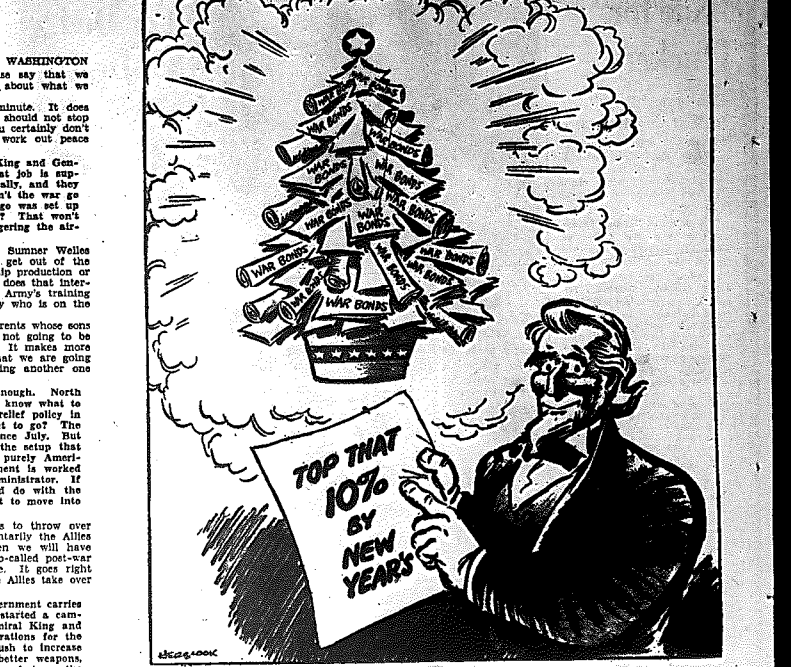
Yet this young boy of figures has practically no background of conventional schooling. He has never read any book except the Bible.

## Anything For A Laugh

THE throne of the ruling prince of Transjordan is—an overstuffed armchair! His palace is covered with rows of lights on the outside, so that it looks like a cozy inn. Huge distorting mirrors are installed inside that endow that Emir can "see my guests as they really are." Since the outbreak of the war His Highness the Royal Highness Emir Abdullah bin Hussein has sobored considerably, but in his earlier days he was a practical joker and would mount stinging attacks on bicycles and send them careening through the Palace salons.—Allan A. Michie in "Retreat to Victory."

You cannot make a deal with God. Eternal life starts here, now, at that thing that kind of life at once, then you will have inner assurance of endless life in harmony with God. It is not a matter of time, but of a moment. God's Master, what good thing God do, and I may have eternal life?—Matt. 12:16.

## "Pm Dreaming of a Red, White and Blue Christmas"



## It's An Old Cry Speed Up The War

By Theodore Roosevelt  
(In a Nation to Republican Convention, 1918)

WE are pledged to the bill as a nation to push this war through with nothing but the peace of overwhelming victory. We owe this to our own honor and to our future well-being. We owe it to the liberty-loving peoples of mankind. We are pledged to secure for each well-behaved nation the right to control its own destinies and to live undominated and unharmed by others so long as it does not harm others.

This is the people's war. It is not the President's war. It is not Congress's war. It is the war of the people of the United States for the honor and welfare of America and of mankind. This is a war on behalf of freedom against the forces of darkness, of death and of hell. We are pledged to secure for each well-behaved nation the right to control its own destinies and to live undominated and unharmed by others so long as it does not harm others.

Our first business now is to put through the war, and therefore to speed up the war. Make our effort in ships, men, guns, airplanes felt abroad at the earliest possible moment. Let us realize the great truth that unless our men now fight triumphantly beside our allies, some day or other we shall have to fight at home, degradingly and without allies. Our resources are so immense that in the end we shall begin to count in spite of all our shortcomings; but as long as we think of the war as 3,000 miles away and as long as some of the most important divisions of the executive branch of the Government continue almost chemically pure of efficient organization, our strength will be crippled at a terrible disadvantage. War is won by brains and steel, not by kid gloves and fine phrases.

Be on your guard against specialties of weakness and folly when the war comes. They will tell you that this is the last great war. Less than four years ago these same men were triumphantly beside our allies, some day or other we shall have to fight at home, degradingly and without allies. Our resources are so immense that in the end we shall begin to count in spite of all our shortcomings; but as long as we think of the war as 3,000 miles away and as long as some of the most important divisions of the executive branch of the Government continue almost chemically pure of efficient organization, our strength will be crippled at a terrible disadvantage. War is won by brains and steel, not by kid gloves and fine phrases.

## All For You A New Miracle World

Condensed From Better Homes & Gardens

YOU've heard the story about the fellow who was so fast he could press the switch, and be in bed before the light was out. That's out of the realm of fiction now. A lighting expert foresees the walls in your post-war home painted with a luminous paint which, like a watch face, glows at night when the lights are put out, the walls glow for quite a time and gradually fade.

This name lighting expert foresees front-door knobs that glow glowing buttons for medicine has developed a light panel that's mounted beside the window of the house, and when the panel maintains even light from day to night.

Your health is getting attention, too. Still in the experimental stage but giving promise are: making the post-war world a happier one are: A hormone that gradually speeds up the healing of wounds.

A method of mending torn nerves by transplanting. Addition of a chemical to the diet to prevent hardening of the arteries, gallstones, many diseases of the heart, and a treatment to cure a by a drug, the other by massive doses of Vitamin A.

Synthetic Vitamin K, taken in candy or chewing gum, to prevent tooth decay. Do you dread the way children treat your furniture? The plastic industry has a possible cure for your post-war home. Upholstery made from new dirt, rain, oils, and even chewing gum.

And the finish on the wood of your furniture will be safe too, because there's a treatment to impregnate the wood all the way through with a plastic. If the surface is dented or scratched, you needn't worry until the marring disappears. Fire won't be such a hazard in your post-war home. Chemists have already developed treatments for curtains, draperies, and floor fabrics so they char but don't blaze.

Another great product of tomorrow is War Savings Bonds. For, as you mark them today for your purchase of tomorrow's products, when they become available, you'll be sure of your family's share in these finer things-to-come.