

Ships Are Needed Now

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON
THE cry for merchant ships is becoming louder. Energetic action is needed to save the United Nations from being choked for lack of cargo wharves.

Prime Minister Churchill advises Commons of the most serious concern in shipping losses.

Reverses in the Far East have increased the length of haul necessary to bring supplies to our troops.

Some ships are completed except that they can't get diesel engines.

SPECIFICATIONS CHANGED TO SPEED UP BUILDING

One trouble was that under old specifications, plates of such width that the standard strip mills which have turned out automobile sheets could not be used.

Part of this trouble goes back to machine-tool shortage. There appears to be drastic need for increasing machine-tool production.

Officials here are thoroughly awake to the situation. They know that we can neither hold the lines this year nor take the offensive next year unless the cargo ships are to be had.

NAVY PROCUREMENT COMPLETELY OVERHAULED

That is the most favorable factor. And it is the new fact that has come into Washington during the last three months.

For instance, Navy Department procurement has been completely overhauled as a result.

Visitin' Around

Along? (Upon item, Lenox News-Topic)

Mr. Homer McLean and two sons, Carl and Bela, killed a nice milk last week.

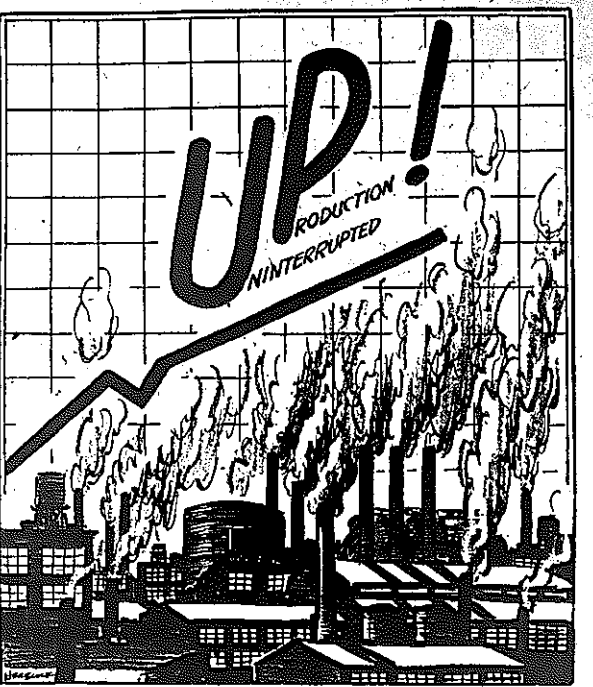
One Company, One Crowd (Dare County Times)

Mr. Robert and Mrs. Hooper and Donald Hooper of Blount County, visited Mr. Hooper and Lillian Hooper Thursday afternoon.

The Boys Have Branded? (Mays Harbor Item, Dare County Times)

Miss Martha Hooper and Miss Geraldine Johnson attended the show at Englishman Monday night.

Key Letters in the War Effort



Letters to the Editors: Holding FDR Responsible

Editors, The News: When there are reverses in their nations...

one of the first steps is to squarely place responsibility where it belongs and hold that person to an accounting.

"A Funeral for Old Man Buttermilk..."

Kindly allow me to further express my grief in the matter of the sweet milk...

It looks like they are going to pass the new ordinance so I might as well tell as best I can the whole truth.

White House propagandists are trying to sell the American people an ambulance to prevent their entering the name of Roosevelt when they go off into denunciations...

There are weaklings who never know what it's all about anyway and are always ready to try anything.

But all twenty-eight hundred of the paid New Deal publicists could make me realize a single dose of that foreign concoction.

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We've got to get down to the business of winning this war, and

Side Glances



"There's a bright side to things, too—much to my surprise. I had no trouble persuading my wife it would be unpatriotic to buy the new fur coat she had her eye on!"

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False Prophet

Our Wrong-Horse Friend Is Back With More Free Advice

La Follette? La Follette? That name brings up familiar associations.

His advice, doubtless, would profess, and yet we wonder at the cool effrontery of his presumption in giving advice to any nation, to Britain of all nations, on how to fight a war or how to manage relations with an ally.

Advice is cheap and Senators, from the nature of their calling, can always command some sort of audience for their drippings of wisdom.

Dr. Tom Wright

The Parallel Between Him and Another Physician Is Plain

Only long-time friends and old acquaintances remain to mourn Dr. Thomas E. Wright, who died yesterday.

That was their loss and his. Scholarily and witty, reserved yet with a quiet relish for companionship, Dr. Tom Wright was in every way an estimable man.

Sacrifices

The Administration Prefers To Keep the 40-Hour Week

If it was straight talk the American people wanted, Price Administrator Leon Henderson gave it to them at the Overseas Press Club banquet last night.

Mr. Litvinoff had reminded his audience of the awful and terrible sacrifices being made by his Soviet countrymen.

This standard of living, he declared, will in a few months fall below its lowest point during the great depression of 1932.

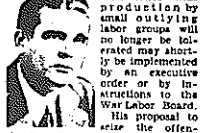
Here were sacrifices the American people could understand. They were going to be required to do without more things than they had done without in times that were still haunting their memories.

Even more regrettable was Mr. Henderson's failure to relate his prediction of our war-bankrupted wage-hour law.

FDR Said "Soon"

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON FOLLOW-UP action by Mr. Roosevelt will hit harder than his carefully balanced statement.



His proposal to seize the offensive "soon" than the developments "sooner" than you think.

PICK THE WEAKEST SPOT—AND STRIKE

All the superiority you seem to need for popular contact, General mass superiority of our own, especially if spread all the way around the world.

The new Roosevelt pronouncement in its "sooner" than you think, Churchill has been talking about.

WAR DEPARTMENT SHAKES UP ON C.T.

The War Department reorganization is being conducted as quickly as if this heartening news was a military secret.

The waste-elimination drive being organized by a Southern Service Commission to eliminate waste in the Army.

About Jimson Series: Finding Funds

Nashville Home Tom P. Johnson, the many-sided preacher, lawyer, labor leader and newspaper columnist, spent a couple of years in the States.

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The Lowcountry "Lord-God"

A. S. Jr. in Charleston, S. C. News & Courier

One of our city readers has written with some astonishment to the effect that he recently has been one of the "woodpecker" referred to as "Lord-God."

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Another household issue, for the dark months ahead; whose week's allowance of sugar is to be used in the strawberry sugarcake?

Spurned

War Industries Give Charlotte Cold Shoulder

Unbeknowningly the Government's rules of censorship regarding the placing of war industries have spared Charlotte from realizing the worst.

And it would have been Mr. Henderson's unfortunate lot to admit that realities of war have not yet been brought home to the men and women who operate the Arsenal of Democracy.

There have been a few intimations of what was happening, Charlotte knows something of the airplane plant to be constructed in Burlington.

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