

Pacifying Hillman

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON

THE Government can't deal properly with creation of an adequate supply of industrial labor for war work until it can appear to those whose personal pride and prestige are involved.

That mainly is what is holding up the work of the Government. Nobody in the whole show doubts for an instant that the Government must steer our labor supply if it is to produce it to have enough hands to do the work.

Sidney Hillman, labor director of the War Production Board, says that to provide the manpower for the President's production program this year, we must add ten million workers to the five million already in war production.

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Recruiting and labor supply are tangled. Labor supply and Army and Navy drafting and recruiting are all tangled into one complicated problem of manpower.

All agree that some centralized administration is necessary. But everybody wants to run it. Paul McNulty, chief of the Selective Service agency, feels his prior claim because the Unemployment Service, which would be the core of the labor supply machinery is in his agency. He has developed a basic plan which, whoever gets it, will probably be adopted.

Labor's feelings have been hurt. This winter William B. Knudsen, chief of the War Relocation Authority, was recognized by being made a lieutenant general in charge of Army procurement. They think labor's representative on the old CPWA should be recognized. Labor representatives generally feel that manpower is their duty and that labor should be recognized by placing one of its own in charge as the British did in giving that job to Bevin.

This inside battle has been going on for weeks, with the Army, Navy and the Selective Service objecting to having their manpower supply included in the industrial labor supply scheme.

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Text

"And Samuel Grew, and the Lord Was With Him"

If ever a minister of the gospel should be called on to conduct services for young men off to fight for their country, an appropriate text is to be found in I Samuel, III, 9.

And Samuel said, Here am I; for thou didst call me.

The rest of the chapter has a pointed application to the current in which this nation finds itself.

And the Lord came, and stood, and called as of other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, of which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall ring. In that day I will perform against Pharaoh all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he hath done: because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

... And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

No Restraints

Supreme Court Gives Congress Carte Blanche in War Powers

The Supreme Court's decision in the Bethlehem Shipbuilding case is notable for the manner in which it uses the issue of a contract made in the last war to disclose the Court's governing philosophy in this war.

"The Constitution," said Justice Black, delivering the majority opinion, "grants to Congress power to 'raise and support armies,' to 'provide and maintain a navy,' and to 'make all laws necessary and proper to carry these powers into execution.'" Continuing,

"Under this authority Congress can draft men for military service. It may set up draft boards, organizations to support the fighting men who risk their lives for no less."

What the Court meant by "business organizations" is to be interpreted broadly in the light of its New Dealish sentiments, which in general are pro-labor and anti-business. But we think that Justice Black's choice of a phrase was suggested by the character of the defendant, which was a corporation, and that what the decision emphasized over and above all points of law at issue was the Government's constitutional and inherent power to call upon all men equally to support the war effort to whatever extent might be demanded of them.

Manpower, money-power, labor-power—all that is America and Americans—the Court included in its sweeping definition of the Government's war-time prerogatives. And by its intimation of them it seemed to be recommending their full use.

One Against

Governor Broughton Sees Through Unemployment Grab

In these days of seeking after Federal funds and grants, it is at once a rare and refreshing experience to observe that a politician has gone all the way to Washington to turn down several million dollars. It is even more remarkable when a Governor does so.

The Governor sees the Federal Government wants, make no mistake about that.

the "merit rating" provision, which in time will allow those enterprises which maintain regular employment to get proportionate credits against the amount of unemployment taxes they pay. The State commission smashed into another Washington agency just because Michigan auto workers are temporarily out of work.

Governor Broughton fails to see why the Michigan problem, as well as less serious dislocations, may not be met by Federal aid to the states that need it, leaving in peace those states which neither need nor want assistance. Meanwhile, it might be well for Governor Broughton to bury our \$37,500,000 back in the woods until the dust of this inter-day dumpyankle booting subsides.

Phase 2 Begins

Publicity Achieves Goal of Full Morganton Investigation

The phase of searching publicly in the Morganton State Hospital case now draws to a close. It was on January 19 that the first of Tom P. Jimison's articles appeared, and as his story unfolded it touched off one of the most responsive demonstrations North Carolina has ever witnessed.

Say this for Tar Heels: that there is much which is imperfect with and within the state, but that there is no state whose people assert so personal and proprietary an interest in State affairs.

Governor Broughton's appointment of an independent board of investigation, as well as his statement charging that board with its duties, are all that anyone could want. But that there is no one not to determine, to the best of its ability, just what conditions are in the Morganton institution, but also whether the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare has itself discharged its supervisory obligation in an adequate manner.

There seems to be every disposition, in short, on the part of the Executive to start at the bottom of the Morganton disclosures and proceed, as the evidence seems to direct, to the top. More, no one could ask; nor, with the welfare of that institution's 2,300 inmates in question, would less be acceptable.

Dereliction

Officials Responsible for Normandie Should Stand Trial

Only a few days before the Normandie "casualty" caught fire and aft and then exploded at her pier, the New York newspaper P. M. sent a disguised reporter to see if he could get a job refuting the big liner for war duty. He could and did. An agent for the longshoreman's union agreed to cut the regular \$100 initiation fee to \$26. He was issued a union card under his own name with no questions asked. The next day the union agent got him a job unloading furniture from the Normandie. Neither the shipyard workers for nor any Government agent investigated him.

The only question asked was his Social Security number.

When P. M.'s editor told Captain Charles H. Zoerloff, chief of the Anti-Submarine Division of the U. S. Maritime Commission, that a reporter was aboard one of his ships the captain didn't even ask what ship. He merely warned the newspaper to get him off before he gets ashore.

General Short and Admiral Kimmel face court-martial for dereliction of duty at Pearl Harbor. In their defense it may be said that they, with the rest of the nation, were surprised by an attack that came boldly and without warning.

But what excuse can those Government officials who are responsible for the safety of the Normandie give for their failure to discharge their duty? We had been at war for more than two months. We were fighting two continents and ruthless nations, both of whom were adept at espionage and sabotage. It is unthinkable that a single workman should have been allowed in the vicinity of the Normandie unless he had been thoroughly investigated not by a labor union but by the Federal authorities.

A Weak Excuse

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON

THE accepted story is that Hitler ran the Channel gauntlet with his three precious battleships to get them home for better repairs.

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Less sidetracked reports of Hitler's new "Maginot Line" on the Channel describe it as a security belt ranging from fifteen to 30 kilometers wide, extending from the coast back into France. The fact that some fortifications are being constructed in this area has been confirmed. Some guns from the Maginot Line may have been moved.

Excavation of the civilian population from this zone is likely in event it becomes a battle area, probably even in case Vichy breaks with Hitler.

Some authorities here, however, are skeptical as to whether the creation of this zone is preliminary to German invasion of Britain or vice versa.

BATTLESHIP CREWELLS THEIR OWN TRAP

Escape home of the three battleships has shocked public opinion in the United States. It is nothing so astonishing about it, if you consider the fact. The ships that were sent to the mine fields. Their greatest danger was that they might be one of their own mine sweepers sent to have led the way. They ran aground when visibility was limited to what they wanted to see their own eyes.

Along the French coast they could be seen by the British. They were practically impossible to see in the dark. They were sent to the mine fields and destroyed for the job as the ships were not directed until they had reached the Straits of Dover. Halfway home, with only six hours of daylight left.

The British have made some mistakes.

About Jimison Series

Fly In The Soup

Cleveland County Times

At Morganton on the State Hospital a man named Jimison was flying in the soup. He was not flying in the soup, but he was in the soup.

After all is said and done we have learned the lesson that investigation of conditions up there will disclose the performance of many of our city when the available money, help and equipment are considered.

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TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT Do not accept a low standard of faith in your work. Be as, therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect.—Matt. 5:48.



About Morganton Seventeen Dollars A Month

Editors, The News: The question rises in my mind, just what is wrong with the hospital at Morganton? For one thing, the employees' wages are so little, they can hardly live.

I know a man who has a big family and his wages will not meet the necessary needs for his family. My wife and I are in a similar predicament.

"They Won't Starve—If They'll Eat" Editors, The News: I have been a patient at the State Hospital here at Morganton for almost a year and a half.

I don't know anything about any other ward except my ward, but I can't ever believe that the hospital here treats the patients so bad as

Hospital Bakery Was "Nice and Clean" Editors, The News: As a former employee of the State Hospital in Morganton, I was very much interested in the article about the bakery which was run by Jimison.

The kitchen was kept nice and clean. The floors were mopped every day, and employees and patients who worked there were required to change coats and aprons.

Side Glances I don't know anything about any other ward except my ward, but I can't ever believe that the hospital here treats the patients so bad as

one writer said: "I will have to admit that I don't know many nurses here, but all I do know are very good ones."

A Preacher's Hospital Visit In my judgment, you have done suffering humanity a good turn in printing Mr. Jimison's article on conditions at Morganton asylum.

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