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FDR's Ghost

Constant Pampering of Labor Led To End of Truce in Coal

The striking of thousands of miners all over the coal fields at the expiration of the truce is not a simple example of the results of irresponsible labor leadership...

Because a small fringe of American labor has seen that the Administration lacks the courage to resist any and all demands, it continues to make larger and larger demands...

It is our feeling that the miners, who are now working for the Government of the U. S., should be forced back to work at the points of rifles and bayonets...

Missing Link

North Carolina Unprepared For Coming of Air Age

The coming of peace will bring no days of magic to this world; changes and improvements in most lines will still come slowly...

Because our State is the birthplace of all aviation, because it is admirably suited to the development of many air-line routes...

In North Carolina, nothing has yet been done. The commission provided for by the Assembly has not been appointed...

Out of Charlotte, for example, passengers may fly only North and South. There are no connections to Columbia, Charleston, or the Eastern North Carolina cities...

the air and return to the U. S. With them, they will carry the aviation industry to new heights in such short space of time that the past rise of the automotive industry will pale by comparison...

For Victory

Byrnes' Figures Prove, U. S. Ready for Any Job of War

It was, of course, cheering, thrilling news to hear Jim Byrnes reading the tell-tale totals of American war production. His figures, delivered on a backstage visit in Spartanburg, revealed that the United States has now the weapons it needs...

The Byrnes drawl was reassuring, though some of the figures were indefinite, and of necessity concealed in comparisons. There was the news that our fleet will be doubled this year...

The home front czar, however, gave forth no false hopes. As other leaders of the United Nations have told their people, there is to be no quick and easy end to this war...

World Vision

Welles Speaks for Strength in The Future, Warning Us All

For the first time, now, through the words of Sumner Welles, the Roosevelt Administration advances its concrete plans for a better, more peaceful world of tomorrow. In his speech at Durham the Under Secretary of State declared himself and his Government irrevocably for a strong armed coalition of the victors...

It is not to be thought by the world at large, however, that the United States will inevitably back up the words of Mr. Welles; it is to be remembered that there is a gap between the wishes of the people and of the Congress...

Sometimes, whether the Senate run or small-mindedness, stubbornness, or Republicanism during the crucial times ahead, Sumner Welles has already put on the record the words which probably reflect the feeling of the majority of Americans...

One of them was, one to sit with. The rat gave up, one to sit with. The rat gave up, one to sit with.

From the USS Mattole (H)

One to sit with, one to sit with.

'Way Out Front

Sveden Has Made Strides

By Raymond Clapper

STOCKHOLM. Now that some of us visiting American newspaper men have been here nearly a month, Swedish newspapers are beginning to interview us on what we like and do not like about Sweden...

During a visit to the north of Sweden, into Lapland, I saw a new mining community, only four years old. Instead of a dirty shantytown such as we so often have in America...

In such things Sweden is far advanced. A friend of mine was reading Hitler's 'Mein Kampf' to me. It carries in its masthead the slogan 'Freedom and Bread'...

In such matters as the foregoing one must envy Sweden. Yet there is in this country, I suspect, a fear that the pleasant life of Sweden will be snatched away.

I would have little criticism to make on a basis of such a short time here, but in answer to inquiries by Stockholm newspapers I have raised the question whether the Government's policy...

Norway. Public sentiment, newspaper editorials, the private press, and influential persons (including some officials) all express repugnance at Swedish territory being used as a corridor for the transport of German troops...

It seems to me that Sweden, especially the bureaucracy, does not realize how strong a position it now occupies. Sweden has, in fact, its past policy on the ground that it saved the country from the fate of Norway...

This is a good opportunity to point out that Sweden has permitted me complete latitude in writing throughout my recent visits here. Not one word that I have written has been censored...

At this time of year it is light almost all night here. When I return to my hotel at midnight there is still light in the sky. While up north in Lapland I could read newspapers outdoors at any time of night...

At the same time military people say these white nights mean it will be very difficult and expensive to attack in Norway...

Hep, Hep, Hep

—By Dorman Smith



Truth Of Trouble

Why A Gas Shortage?

The United States News. The unhappy American motorman, his car in the garage, its gasoline tank nearly empty...

Life without gasoline takes on a new pattern for a new kind of wartime queue forms, with a long string of cars waiting at the few filling stations that have a little gasoline to sell...

All this leaves the motorist perplexed and uneasy about the future, not only in the Eastern shortage area, but West as well. He wants to know what is going to happen to him and his car...

But the motorist asks: Why? What is the reason for the sudden Eastern shortage? Why may it spread to the West? There are many causes. The real facts are:

Military demand for gasoline and oil on the Eastern seaboard has quadrupled since December, 1941. That is the primary cause of the shortage. It took fabulous quantities of gasoline to win in Tunisia...

Then the floods came. Of flood waters the Arkansas River broke a 24-inch pipe line that had been carrying oil as far east as Illinois. They broke a secondary pipe line in Oklahoma...

deliveries at principal terminals quickly dropped off most that a quarter. All Eastern deliveries were running well under 1,000,000 barrels, against a pre-flood daily total of 1,300,000.

Little can be done immediately to get the flow back to normal. Flood waters must subside before washed-out bridges, roadbeds and the 'Big Inch' pipe line can be repaired...

More than that, the transport of oil is worked up to its former efficiency. Meanwhile the pipeline break has been bridged temporarily with smaller pipe laid across the Arkansas on a railroad bridge...

But there are additional reasons for the present and prospective shortage. A 40 per cent increase in Eastern consumption followed the lifting of the ban on pleasure driving in late March...

Officials hardly deny that much gasoline has been lost to the trucks of the Army and Navy. The Office of Defense Transportation issued T ration books to truck operators for more gasoline than looks to truck operators for more gasoline than looks to truck operators...

The sum and substance of this is that the bewildered motorist can count on one sure thing: Gasoline supplies are going to continue to be scarce. Washington officials who deal with the oil situation have disagreed on many points. But they are now in agreement on that one.

Visitin' Around

That Eternal Cryin' (For'k Item, David Records) Born to Me, and Mrs. John Smith, a con. However Did She-All (Mazzy Winston's) (Local Item.)

Side Glances



'Whatever you do, don't say 'What do you know?' to him—he's just been investigated by a Senate committee'

In Politics

So-So Airpower

By Samuel Crafton

NEW YORK. SO FAR as I know, no one has made a study of the political connotations of air power. It has many. For one, our bombs, though aimed at the best will in the world, on friend and enemy alike...

The second political fault of air power (and I am speaking in terms purely, not technical) is that the masses of the plain people cannot surrender to it. There is no way of surrendering to an airplane. Third, there is almost no way by which the plain people of Europe can assist our air raids...

Air warfare, then, is curiously detached warfare. It seeks a decision without the co-operation of the people of the place. It functions in a sphere of high technical perfection, impervious to little or big differences down on the earth beneath.

(Please believe that I am not arguing against air power. I would, as soon suggest we try to win the war without rifles, as without it. The battering which Europe is receiving from the air will save the lives of thousands of our ground troops...

Fifth, air war rests on the theory that wars can be won by more destruction. Strangely enough, that conception, the very basis of air war, still remains to be proved right. Stuttgart was the most thoroughly destroyed city in Europe, and it was not conquered. But France was conquered without being destroyed...

The air war has always attracted with especial force the political and the anti-political; those who are without belief in popular movements and those who are actively against them. Such persons are attracted by the chance of victory obtained cleanly, through a kind of surgical operation, by a form of war that is not all messed up with ideas, just bang-bang, and no more. Entangled in this is the hope of winning at small cost and also the wish to postpone a final conclusion...

A New Era

Girl O' GYRO

IT WAS bound to come. Here is the statement of fact, ladies and gentlemen, set forth in cold print by the Associated Press without batting an eye.

WASHINGTON.—The civil aeronautics board reported yesterday the first application by a woman for authority to operate an air line.

The request was made by Angelina Harris of Rutherford County, North Carolina, and covered proposed routes which would connect towns in North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, using helicopters and airplanes, as well as conventional airplanes.

We don't know what the world is coming to. We disclaim all responsibility. We'd be willing to bet that Miss Harris' grandfather work in the good old days wouldn't have been willing to let her mother back in an office because he considered it conduct unbecoming a modest female. And here Angelina is demanding that the United States let her go heliporting over 20 tons. Taking passengers, too. The phrase 'conventional airplanes' in her application can't fool us; it was put in merely as a concession, a blind, a decoy. She has been bit by the auto bug.

The whole thing is a sign, a portent, and a straw in the wind. How you gonna keep women home at the range after they've seen Angelina come autogyrating over the mountain? Gentlemen, it's a lost art.

For Byrnes

QUESTION: Do you think the action of the Office of Economic Stabilization in granting the War Labor Board limited authority to raise wages beyond limits of the 'little steel' formula will add to the threat of inflation?

ANSWER BY DR. FRANK F. GRAHAM: In my opinion, the decision of Economic Stabilization Director Byrnes of May 12, to restore to the War Labor Board some of the judicial discretion which it was deprived by the 'hold-the-line' executive order of April 8, will have a stabilizing rather than an inflationary effect. The record of the Board submitted to the Senate on May 10...