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Senate Mines

The August Chamber Echoes With Oratory; What's Next?

Roaming through the Congressional Record, one might find almost anything. Last week, heavier than any other month was that post-war cooperation. The Senate was busy shouting about the coming of a new world. We have quotations:

Tom Connally of Texas:
The Senate of the United States will at an early date consider a resolution expressing the desire of the United States to join in the establishment of a world-peace agency to curb international bandits and robbers and to preserve the peace of the world. Such an agency does not necessarily imply that world conditions will be frozen.

From our commanding point of vantage we must declare to the world that our influence and our power will be dedicated to the maintenance of world peace and the suppression of military aggression wherever it may lift its venomous head. The United States must be a member of the peace agency. Russia must be a party.

Great Britain must be a party. Great Old China must have a seat. Vice-President Henry Wallace:

The first step toward getting the seven new freedoms is to pass through the Senate of the United States some new resolutions. No. 216, which provides for the United States taking the initiative in calling meetings of the United Nations. This resolution looks toward a court or board to listen to international disputes and to attempt to prevent military aggression, and the gradual addition of such other machinery as may be necessary. I am for the resolution as far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough.

Secretary Cordell Hull:
It is abundantly clear that a system of organized international cooperation for the maintenance of peace must be based upon the willingness of the cooperating nations to use force, if necessary, to keep the peace. There must be certainly adequate and appropriate means available and will be used for this purpose.

All this and Heaven too! Now what's that a great many people, including Samuel Grafton, want to know.
Does the Senate get its mouth puckered up for kissing the world, like this, or does it get its mouth open for investigation of Lend-Lease, of repeating the stories brought back by the five Senators? How does Cordell Hull feel at a Russian conference, having been named as an anti-Russ so recently? How Henry Wallace the only clear conscience?

New Economy

Southern Farmer's Strategy Should Be Diversification

In David Clark's Textile Bulletin, where in recent months an astonishing amount of progress has been made toward liberalism, lately appeared a bit of advice to the region which makes uncommon good sense to us. Aside from a sense of surprise at the source, it should be welcomed for what it is: a sage pattern for the future.

In recent years our farmers have received better prices and so progressed that they can now raise as many bales on 23,000,000 acres as they formerly raised on 32,000,000, but visits to the farms of those who have stuck to cotton as their major crop will not disclose any evidence of the standard of living to which farmers of this day are entitled.

It may prove to be a good thing for the farmers to change to other crops and raise only 500,000 to 600,000 bales of cotton, and we rather expect to see such a situation develop.
No matter how great may be the interest and affection of the textile manufacturers of the South for cotton, they are primarily textile manufacturers. It should not make a great deal of difference to them whether or not the material passing through their cards and spinning frames and looms was picked from a bush grown in their section, or was produced by the chemical treatment of wood which grew in the nearby forests or from the short fibers which were left when the flat cotton was re-

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON
PORTLIGHT Ambassador George Messersmith, first U. S. diplomat to real Sweden, in Hitler has sent some confidential reports to the State Department about the wholesale anti-Nazi influence of Carol and Maud Lupescu, now in Mexico City, could exercise our Rumanians. Rumania, with its tremendous oil supplies, has become one of the key military spots in Europe and the Allied high command is anxious to get it out of the war. This plus the real friends King Carol has made among U. S. Congressmen and officials in Mexico, has led to a move to bring him into the U. S. A.

Previous opposition was based on Carol's and Lupescu's relations. However, the King is now married to the woman he always loved, has been faithful to her for twenty years, and is credited in this paper, and also the local news published herein.

Meanwhile the Rumanian King has sent this with his personal Vow on Nazism, which he consistently fought, and his hopes for democracy:
"For three years and a month I have been history by my side as I have been awaiting the day when I would be able to serve the cause of democracy and the Allied Governments. I had hoped long before this that I would be invited to play a part in hurrying the day of victory—and the right kind of peace.

"The voices and the energies of my twenty million people should no longer be wasted. These voices and energies can be turned into a tide of steel against the Germans, insuring the decisive role Rumania can and will play on the side of the Allies.
"I have been willing for three years and a month since the day I was forced into exile—to play my part in liberating my people from the iron collar of Nazism.

"As the first monarch to fight Nazism and fight it to the day when death was imminent I had believed I would have been called to continue in the fight.
"For my open defiance of Nazism and Fascism, and all they stood for, I had expected more understanding.
"I still stand to serve, and especially in the darker hours that lie ahead for my country and my people, I have been quietly and patiently awaiting the call that surely must come if we are to have free peoples and free governments everywhere.

"I fight Nazism and stand not now to the demands of Hitler.
"I felt only when Nazi gun-fire was turned upon us.
"I can help save Rumania for itself and for the democracies of the world.
"My only personal ambition is to be of service to help in the formation of a Free Rumanian Government to take its rightful place alongside the other free governments of the world."

Vinson Talks

Story behind the War Labor Board's rejection of John L. Lewis' mine wage agreement with Illinois operators, which would have lifted the miners about \$1.50 extra a day, is that WLB Chairman William

Davis at first favored approving the agreement, almost but was talked out of it by Roosevelt Oscar Fred Vinson. At a secret meeting with Lewis and other WLB members, Davis strongly indicated that the best way to handle the Illinois agreement was with one or two changes. Lewis was so confident after this meeting that he immediately wired the coal strikers in Alabama to return to work.

But a few days later, Davis and public members of the WLB were summoned to the White House for a confab with Vinson and his chief James F. Byrnes, at which the WLB officials were quickly stripped of any notions they may have had of giving \$1.50 extra. In this conference the law in favor of hand-tied terms. He said the partial-to-total clause in the Illinois agreement, which would give straight wages to the miners, was a "red herring" additional for the time the miners spend entering and leaving the pits, was inflationary. Vinson let it be known that he would veto the agreement if the WLB approved it in this form.

When this was reported at a subsequent meeting of the full WLB board, public members were so enraged that they threatened to walk out of the meeting. However, Davis and the public members felt they had no recourse but to follow the "ukase" laid down by Judge Vinson and Byrnes.

Congress Cuts

Congress is really getting economy-minded. Executive departments are in for a rough job when the \$1,200,000,000 deficiency appropriation for war spending is reported by the House Appropriations Committee. This measure will use the biggest "economy" in any appropriation bill since Roosevelt became President—a cut of at least 50 per cent, possibly 75 per cent.

Inside fact is that the Office of War Information came within a hair's breadth of being abolished entirely. Committee Republicans, led by anti-Roosevelt Representative John Taber of New York, were against giving Elmer Davis' OWI any of his \$5,000,000 budget request. This would have meant complete domination of the Government's vital war propaganda program. However, committee Democrats were firmly opposed and finally won out on a two-part OWI appropriation of about \$4,000,000 is likely. There will also be a big slash, probably around 90 per cent, in the \$25,000,000 defense research request of the Federal Housing Administration.

No extra funds will be approved for the Farm Security Administration, which has requested approximately \$45,000,000 to stimulate war food production among little farmers. Instead, the FSA will be left to await the regular Agriculture Department appropriation for further funds. This will hold up vital FSA functions for months and may well mean the abolition of the Government's farm security and rehabilitation program unless the Senate voids the House committee's action. The Appropriations Committee also cut a Labor Department deficiency request to the bone and will deny large sums to the War and Navy Departments until they have used up surplus funds on hand.

The War and Navy Departments, incidentally, are the bureaus where real money can be saved.

Side Glances



"Sir, I wish you would tell my parents to quit writing me how lonesome they are—it's interfering with my military career!"

Everyday Counselor

The Image

By Rev. Herbert Spaulth

"WHEN I lie down to sleep at night I try never to have lying on my conscience the knowledge that I willfully wronged anyone. If I can recall having done such, the first order of business the next day is to offer apology and make restitution if necessary. The correspondent who offered this fine personal philosophy of life sent along a little poem by Date Winmrow which speaks for itself.

"THE MAN IN THE GLASS"
When you get what you want in your struggle for self,
And the world makes you king for a day
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that guy has to say:
For it isn't your father, or mother, or wife,
Who judgment upon you must pass
The mirror whose verdict counts most in your life,
Is the guy starting back from the glass.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the end;
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult task,
If the guy in the glass is your friend.
You may be like Jack Horner and "cheese" a plum,
And think you're a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass is the one who'll be hum,
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

You can feel the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pat on the back as you pass;
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears,
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.

It takes courage to face "the man in the glass." Many of us prefer to look the other way. We live in a world full of people who are going to be held accountable for what we have done with the one life intrusted to us, and it's effect on those around us. The man in the glass is the one who'll be hum, if you can't look him straight in the eye.

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Win The War?

Special Ways

By Samuel Crafton

ALL of us have been bothered from time to time by advertisements which make it appear that we will win the war if only we make ourselves look pretty enough in our new fur, and if only we dress in our new mouthwaters. The House Ways and Means Committee seems to be adopting something like this approach to the war when it toys with the hope of financing civilization's greatest battle by putting more money on furs and on mouthwaters.

This war is not a luxury, and it is not going to be won by luxury taxes. There is the sharp, unmerciful smell of erosion in the air. Everybody knows we need higher individual and corporate income taxes, and everybody is deliberately not looking, in fact, I feel like the bad boy at that party for bringing the subject up. Maybe I ought to keep my mouth shut, and just chime in with the general murmur that of course we can win the war by putting a 39 per cent tax on night club checks; everybody knows that's how you win a war.

I can't do it. I bring the subject of evasion up, not to be naughty, but because I believe that the House Ways and Means Committee misreads the mind of America. It is in a definite field of terror for fear against their authors a year from now.

Upon what does it base this panic fear? There is little in the behavior of the American people to justify the low moral estimate placed upon them by the Committee. The 20 per cent withholding tax was a hard blow. Did the people shut and scream and go red in the neck and threaten to take Congress to the streets? They took it with abundant grace. America's calm acceptance of that tax still stands as one of our best demonstrations of national morale in the war.

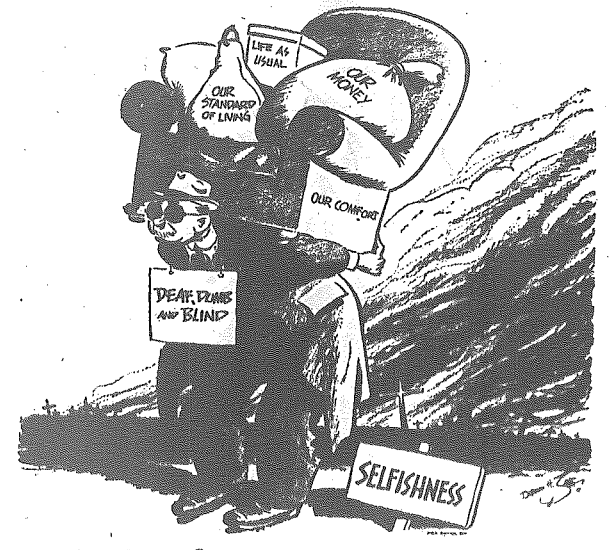
It comes with especially bad grace that it should be the GOP, the party of sound finance and balanced budgets, that is leading the retreat from real taxes, and trying to avoid the issue by the use of the postwar rate. Are we afraid to look each other in the eye, and say that this is the best way to keep the money from going to the war? This year it is going to have to be said. There seems to me something dollar deficit behind a mild cost.

I have seemed a bit sour on the world police force idea this week. It may be because I have been oppressed by our manifest softness down here on the bread-and-butter level, where wars are really won and lost. Our posture of scanning the horizon for a world policeman is a little like the man who is afraid of a bear and is crawling on all fours and climbing over his trousers leg, is somehow, not convincing.

The same desire to look everywhere except in the right places manifests itself in the reception which has been accorded the President's request for subsidies to keep food prices stable. The ongoing illness has been so inspiring. Congress has refused to consider the President's request for subsidies to keep food prices stable. The President believes retail food prices should be kept at the level of Sept. 15, 1942. What more practical scheme could there be? The Government is so as to let him have more where he is clearly entitled to more, and yet keep retail food prices at the economic line we have decided to defend?

No Man's Land

By Do-man Smith



Early Peace?

Taking No Chances

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON
GERMAN morale may be bad as some of the Allied prisoners report after their release from captivity, but we are fortunately basing no plans on an early end of the war. Our preparations are on the basis of carrying on the war indefinitely.

We are sending not only finished war equipment to Russia, but also industrial plants such as aviation fuel and synthetic rubber plants which will require a year or more to construct. We are expanding our own production facilities, especially in aviation fuel, so as to meet a rate of consumption far heavier than at present. We are developing Middle East oil resources with facilities that will be ready in a year or so to expand the fuel supply for operations against Japan.

Stockpiles of critical and strategic materials which are being accumulated by the United States are of enormous proportions. Purchases by the Metals Reserve Corporation have amounted to more than twelve million tons. We have spent a billion and a quarter dollars to assemble those materials and have sold about \$771,000,000 of them to war industry. Jesse Jones says that not once has there been a delay in making a single cartridge for lack of copper. This has been one of the tightest metals but we maintain a working margin in our stockpile. The Metals Reserve Corporation has financed new military production or made it possible to resume operation of old high-cast, mining properties in 2,350 instances. That lends to a long war.

Because we are determined to exploit our advantage in air power, it is significant that everything in that field still is on a steady-rising curve with us and in sight. We are going into larger bombers. Behind these, even larger ones are on the way. We are going into improved fighters, and the fastest as the lightning bolt in a day around an oil refinery. It testifies to the appalling waste of

Quote, Unquote

AMERICAN boys don't make ostentatious assurance that we will never cease again—The New Franklin T. Cole of New York.

It was the first time I had seen what our planes can do. Boy they are terrific. I don't want to get caught in any more Allied bombing raids. I. Williams, official.