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## How Far?

### The Distinction Lies Between Opinion and Obstruction

A delicate question that is going to have to be faced by the Administration and the country within the next few days is:

In a state of unlimited national emergency and with the nation's policy fixed upon aid for the British at any price, what's to be done about those who continue to advocate a contrary course?

Well, what is to be done? Is there any difference between a Socialist labor agitator who shouts men on defense work to strike for some reason or other, and Senator Wheeler or Colonel Lindbergh, who by their own exhortations do divide the nation and render it impossible to give full effect to its declared purpose? We think there is a difference.

That difference is between actually obstructing or trying to frustrate defense work in progress, and simply mouthing about it.

Your genus American does on objection. Even under Army discipline, where orders are orders and the double-click, allowance is made for it. It is the democratic tradition. In ranks, you obey your officers implicitly. In quarters you may vent your worst opinions of them.

As long as Senator Wheeler et al. confine themselves to criticism of this nation's policy and advocacy of an opposite, they are to be tolerated. Were they to go so far as to interfere with the carrying out of that policy, they would have to be treated like any common traitor.

## Calm Man

### Wheeler Exercises British Navy and So Feels Quite Safe

Burton Wheeler, at least, feels quite safe.

Wednesday he addressed an America First rally in Indianapolis after this fashion:

"Mr. President, why didn't you tell the American people that there is no possibility of a military invasion of the American coast? These are the hard facts: That our navy is the mightiest in all the world? ... That to invade either North America or South America the invading force would need a tremendously superior fleet? ... That it would require at least seven years for Germany to build a fleet that would equal ours?"

Is Wheeler candid when he makes a speech like this? He may be. After all, a man who thinks that Lord Northcliffe is at present a leading English publisher is likely to believe almost any preposterous thing.

What Wheeler seems deliberately to overlook is that if England fails, Hitler will certainly get immediate control of the British navy through the Nazi stooge government which will be set up in London. To this will be added what he already has, the French navy, and the Italian navy. And in the Pacific the Japanese navy will of course co-operate.

It happens to be a naval force somewhat more than twice as great as we can muster which Hitler will have, not in seven years but as soon as England falls. More than that, he will come into possession of shipbuilding facilities which will make it impossible for us ever to catch up with him.

It is quite possible that invasion of America would offer him. It would not have to happen. With the command of the oceans firmly in his hands, Hitler could simply dictate whatever terms he chose.

## Vichy Ruse

### Pledge Is Simply Designed To Confuse United States

The Vichy pledge to the United States that the French navy and colonies will be handed over to Nazi Germany is worth the paper on which it is written.

Everybody has supposed that the navy would be formally handed over to the Germans, to be commanded wholly by German officers and manned by German crews. That would involve a disadvantage to the Nazis, since they would

have to learn to handle the ships, which greatly differ from German ones. Adolf Hitler has no notion of suffering that disadvantage.

For many months now Admiral Darlan has been systematically removing all naval officers still loyal to France and replacing them with Nazi-minded men. So far as possible the crews have steadily been impregnated with the Nazi ideology, hatred for England.

When the time comes, Vichy, at the command of Hitler, will seize on some incident as an "attack" by Britain and will send the French navy out to sea to "defend France." The result will be that Adolf Hitler will have the French navy, manned by expert Frenchmen.

Similarly with the colonies. The plan is for Wehrmacht to attack the British and Free French in former French colonies by way of "putting down a rebel" and "vindictive France's legal sovereignty." If he succeeds, the Nazis will pour in behind him as "technical advisers" and "loyal friends." If he fails, then the Nazis will come to his rescue to "defend or America in the last World War."

It is a very clever scheme, but it will fool no sensible men who have followed the Nazi career—least of all the State Department.

## Long Ignored

### Juvenile Delinquency Problem Likely To Be Faced at Last

The women's organizations behind the move for reform of juvenile court practices and procedures to attack the British and Free French in former French colonies by way of "putting down a rebel" and "vindictive France's legal sovereignty." If he succeeds, the Nazis will pour in behind him as "technical advisers" and "loyal friends." If he fails, then the Nazis will come to his rescue to "defend or America in the last World War."

The system, specifically, they assert, of sentencing juveniles to the "Detention Quarters" on South Mint Street, which no supervision can dispense as anything but a jail, of hearing cases in juvenile court as though they were criminal proceedings, instead of going into most of them privately in the judge's chambers. Of the failure of the court to organize its staff, inadequate as that staff may be, primarily for case work among juveniles, with court action and sentence only as a later resort.

Among, in the main, is the system of which the women's organizations complain, of which the field director of the National Probation Association complained two and a half years ago, of which various individuals and organizations have complained whenever they bothered themselves of the agency and realized that juvenile was only another word for child.

Matter of fact, in large part it is the same system of which the then juvenile Judge Thomas W. Alexander was complaining as long ago as 1934, when he assayed the resources of his department to be woefully insufficient to the responsibilities placed upon it.

And from the background of complaint (and nothing done) it inevitably follows that previous Boards of County Commissioners and City Councils have not yet faced the problem of juvenile delinquency and dealt with it according to the enlightened recommendation of those who have concerned themselves in the salvation of wayward or badly envired children. It may be that in the process of facing it, Judge Redd will be found to have misdirected his efforts, in spite of his benevolent intentions and his known devotion to this work.

That may appear, but the premise on which the two boards of men should receive their delegations Monday is that something which should long ago have been done now requires to be done right by them.

As to the scientist who perfects a more efficient instrument of wholesale slaughter, we don't know that he squares it with kindness to his mother.

No sooner does Balkan geography and its many pitfalls disappear from the news than we must learn to spell Valandingham.

With 140 million other Europeans now under the management of 70 million Germans, everything comes out even as to thumbs.

Next to the durable Briton, no one can take it night after night like the home movie nut, looking at his own vacation films.

## Limits On Authority

By Hugh S. Johnson

THE "place of the citizen in an unlimited emergency" is the place of a soldier in an unlimited war. That place is to do anything he is ordered to do, to make any sacrifice, with his whole heart and without complaining. It is to support any decision made by his leaders acting within the limits of their constitutional powers and not to be too fussy about those limits.

There is no power greater or enlarged by the presidential proclamation that has not been proved by modern war-experience to be necessary. I doubt if there is any power added by calling it an "unlimited emergency" that didn't exist if you called it a "limited emergency." It is a quibbling issue. I am sure always have been for granting to any President of the United States any power that he says he needs for the mobilization of American resources and their conversion from merely potential to actual weapons of defense for the defense of America.

I don't just discover it either. I have been saying it for years.

## CONGRESS AND CRITICISM STILL HAVE A PLACE

There remain, however, two points that must be noted. Does the civilian legislation necessary to compact our defense, automatically transfer all the war to Congress, including that of declaring war, to the President? There is no such doctrine in the Constitution in any context of scholar or statesman that I have ever seen. Does the necessity for national unity preclude discussion and debate, even after war is declared, or the conduct of war in the wisdom of national war policy? It doesn't in England now, surely, best as England is. It didn't in the United States in the last World War.

If it had, so far as England is concerned, Lord Gort would never have come in and the war would have been lost through lack of modern armament on the Western Front. If we fail for any such doctrine we are through.

## The Power

By Dorothy Thompson

A brilliant liar, a masterful demagogue, isolates a fact or even a segment of the truth and out of proportion, searches out the words that appeal to the particular emotions of anger, fear or passion that can be evoked by that fact, paints images, sets spotlights, floods colors, flatters the vanity of his listeners, he distorts their minds, he makes them putty in his hands. Each his English friend would never destroy that putty. They cannot stand alone.

But the greater writer or speaker, the greater alone no one, they build into an architectural structure. They may be decorated with the ornaments of wit or adorned with the painted glass of metaphor but they need neither. Erected they stand alone and they stand alone. They are greater than the person who uttered them, and somehow apart from the person who uttered them. For the truth has commanded the speaker. It has laid its hand on him and he has uttered through him it lays hold on all.

## NEED UTTERANCES GREAT NO FERVOR

Consider the curious way in which the President's climax was an anti-climax.

His whole listening audience reached the climax when he said:

Not once had he exhorted them. Not once had he exhorted them. In the whole speech there was not a single direct appeal to emotion. There was only appeal to reason and realism—to "common sense"—to the sense common in men who are all endowed with reason. Emotion follows realization. It is not used to invoke it. Therefore, when he came to the whole conclusion, and uttered the words, "Therefore, with profound conviction, I call upon you to recognize your responsibilities," his conclusion was already everybody's consciousness, and his responsibilities everybody's responsibility.

And his pledge our pledge.

A distinguished alien, not an ex- resident for years in America, had said to me on an earlier day: "Tomorrow I shall take out my first papers. This is my home."

## "Check"

By Raymond Clapper



## Letters to the Editor:

### In Case Of Emergency

Dear Sir:

Unlimited National Emergency Declared.

Big speeches have their place in giving information, building up morale in the Army, in the Navy, in the Air Corps and among the civilians, but that which would boost the morale of the Allied forces today more than anything else would be several smashing victories over the Axis powers. Such victories would give us the moral of the enemy which must be achieved.

The President in his recent discourse on world-wide conditions informs us of our national crisis, and the world crisis. What has been done for this past five or six months at home to control the strikes between capital and labor? Some helpful actions have been taken and a few measures worked out constructively. We have only scratched the surface of these troubles.

It appears to many of us who are trying to keep informed, that our President must get hard-nosed in dealing with Madame Perkins, John L. Lewis, Senator Wheeler, Colonel Lindbergh, and the number of others before they will stop, look, listen, and heed.

When should an individual have unlimited freedom of speech? Never. Certainly our constitution never granted such a right or liberty to any individual or group of men, who would use it to undermine and destroy our Government and the American way of life.

If the Government has the right to draft our young men, and we grant it has, at all per moment, it also has the right to draft and demand that all industries, agriculture, labor, and capital necessary to our national defense be harnessed and used constructively, to preserve and perpetuate the democratic way of life, rendering the Christian religion secure and the individual abundant protection in his enlightened world.

Mr. President, would it not be wise to have a sort of house-cleaning in the Labor Department? Put a real man in this position who has ability and courage to handle with a hard hand the Lewises and others of the same kind. It would also seem wise to limit the freedom of speech to such men who use it unwisely, deservingly, unpatriotically—this minority spoken of in the recent talk by the President. Liberty, defined, does not mean the right to destroy that which is precious and so essential to human happiness, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Action is what is needed now. Action is the way of men of vision, of ability, and courage, speed, and producing the greatest successes and victories.

E. KOONCE, Cheshbourn, N. G.

## Clement Ave. Gets Letter From Imp. KKK

Dear Sir:

It appears that war-mongering has struck a new low. It now has in its ranks an accolyte who operates under anonymity and conspires to intimidate and terrorize individuals with this dire threats and warnings. This inhuman swine signs himself "Imperial K.K.K."

From behind this cowardly title, he is flourishing a full-blown dictatorial complex. He, in his own little way, has set himself up as the Great I am, before whom all or whom all must tremble in abject obedience. For it is he who is possessed of authority, and of wisdom. For it is he who will determine for us what we may, or may not, read or say or write.

It is his will that shall be imposed—on the tune of rolling heads, if necessary—through his voice. He is completely drowned out by a ratio of twenty to one.

Here is an excerpt from his nauseous missive—the only part of it that is fit to be handled with anything but long-handled tongs. "This is a sample of his depraved theory which was supposed to devastate my peace of mind and of all things, render me subdued and silent. Here 'tis:

"... there is ways a person like you can be eliminated very easily without much trouble. It has been done and will be done again the people have heard enough from you and this is to advise you to be quite with what you say or some thing will happen. This is your first notice."

Signed "Imperial K.K.K."

Thus the little tin-pot Hitler has spoken and his voice carries a note of finality that brooks no opposition. Which is too bad, for, unfortunately, the people have already spoken for themselves... they have already asked for what they want. And I am giving it to them. And what's more, my darts are finding their marks, which is why Imperial K.K.K. is riled. P. O.—One thing

## Treason Creeps Into A Nod Fort

Greensboro News

Slavery—legitimate and necessary development of any language—covers a multitude of things, "many of them useful, after the selective, winnowing process has decreed which forms should live," observes the erudite Asheville Herald. "That does the magic word guarantee for absolute disregard of the difference between 'don't' and 'do' or 'no' and 'yes'."

As to the latter pair, if it doesn't, it is fitting in "The Saturday Evening Post," which has not, in modern times at any rate, aspired to the estate of a literary journal, has always had litigate copywriters. Lately, "like" in conjunction with "no," has been popping out of the pages of this venerable contemporary in an increasing crop like unto the acres of wheat, corn.

This is due either to a deliberate recognition of changing definition or a disintegration of the Saturday Evening Post editorial standards.

## TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Being by the right hand of God called, ye have shed forth this which ye now see and hear. —Acts 2:33.

## Side Glances



"Would you mind sitting more in the middle, Dad? My right rear axle is about to break any minute."

## An Appeal Falls Flat

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON—It is too early to judge how effective President Roosevelt's speech and his proclamation of an unlimited national emergency will be. But the first wave of reaction suggests that the appeal to end the division in the country.

Less than 24 hours after Mr. Roosevelt spoke, a group of 40 non-Republicans, including Senators and Representatives, met and decided to continue their fight to keep the United States out of war.

Several of their members, particularly Senators Wheeler and Taft, went on the air to take issue with Mr. Roosevelt. The non-interventionist group considered plans for carrying on a campaign around the country. Some are suggesting an official referendum on a scale that would amount to an unofficial plebiscite of the nation.

## A WORD TO THE OPPOSITION

Mr. Roosevelt's strong supporters, and presumably he himself, expected that the persuasive effect of the fireside talk would be sufficient to end the argument.

If this program is carried through, then the battleship which we have seen during the last few weeks is likely to increase rather than recede.

Mr. Roosevelt stated the national policy definitely. He said he would be consulted with naval and military technicians, devise and put into effect additional measures to get our war goods to Great Britain. He said our fighting forces were being placed in "strategic military position." In short, he made it plain that he was ready to shoot at the first three countries by Hitler and he reserved the right to judge what would be considered a threatening move. He said this Government had a right to expect of all citizens that they take a loyal part in our common defense—"from this moment forward."

It has been confidently expected among friends of the Administration that the President's speech and his proclamation would end the main phase of the war debate as we have been hearing it up to now. It was expected to mark the end of the Lindbergh campaign, which the country was to turn, with united support behind the execution of the national policy outlined by the President. Much was expected from the psychological effect of the emergency proclamation. Mr. Roosevelt set the course of the debate. He did not recommend anything to Congress. He fixed the policy by executive declaration, trusting undoubtedly to public sentiment to accept and support him in his emergency action.

## THE RECKLING INCREASES IN INTENSITY

But so far as the first scanning of comment indicates, none of the leading voices in opposition to the President has changed its tune. Typical of this was the speech of Senator Vandenberg. He said nothing had altered his conviction that America should stay out of this war. The "America First" committee announced, after a meeting of its executive committee, that this organization would make its efforts—which have been considerable already—in support of the President's pledges to keep America out of other people's wars.

President Roosevelt has attempted to give the issue without referring it to Congress. The attitude seems so desperate that he decided to appeal to the American people, confident that they, too, would recognize the danger and give him their loyal support. But it begins to appear as if the country is still left divided, with a stubborn and militant opposition that is determined to wage a new campaign to defeat the national policy proclaimed by President Roosevelt. If this should happen, the plight of the country would indeed be tragic.

## Visitin' Around

Try C/O Uncle Sam (Postcard) (Ham, Marshall News-Record)

Mr. Pete Shelton also of the U. S. Army (address unknown) is visiting friends at home.

Danged Lucky To Have 'Em That Far Away (Shady Grove time, Lexington Dispatch)

Mrs. Mattie Carrello is home after spending a few days with her folks in New York City.

Ladies At Work (Postcard) (Lexington Dispatch)

Mrs. Olimer Barnes is doing some valuable work at Tyro, assisting Mrs. Thompson in one of her worthwhile projects.