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Can FDR Make War?

By Hugh S. Johnson

There is surely no time to challenge the right of any man to express an opinion. That right is being ably im-

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... into the war at any time he sees fit, is probably not bound by any such legal restriction but it certainly is open to question on the ground of propriety.

Our Constitution proposes that great decision in the Congress and not in the President. Bishop Hurley seems to deny this with that, it is the first time I have ever heard it voiced in any forum.

RULES CALL FOR CONSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMENT

How are we going to take away from Congress and lodge in the President the power to engage us in total war? The only way laid down in the rule book is by a constitutional amendment. It is very clear that the good Bishop does not advocate that. This whole argument goes on the ground of immediate expediency.

There is no doubt that there is a blind spot in our Constitution, between the power of Congress to declare and extend the war and the President in support of his other duties, such as the protection of our commerce and of the rights of our citizens abroad, to use force for the attainment of local and limited objectives. This blind spot has been considerably widened by the practice of other nations to engage in a defensive war, while at the same time, the menace of Hitlerism to all the peoples of the world has greatly increased. However, now for the first time, the defeat of Hitler is a real and immediate possibility.

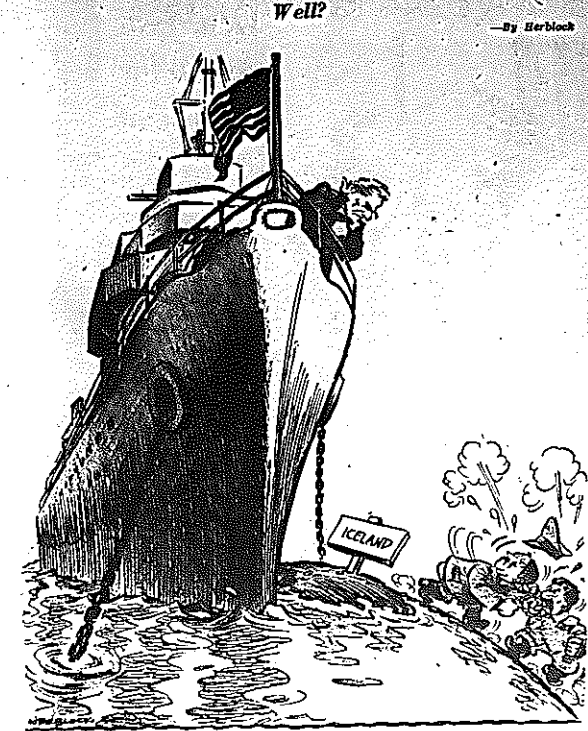
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—MIKE BOSS, 422 S. Main Street, High Point, N. C.



Letters to the Editor: Reminiscent Of Mr. Logan

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Instead of being lulled to sleep by these old fogies, the American people certainly had better see action and plenty of it. Come on with the action and Mr. Roosevelt will see a grand awakening of the American spirit.

The President was one hundred per cent right in sending a force to occupy Iceland and Colonel Knox is right in his prediction that the time is right to start house-cleaning in the Atlantic. Hitler has just one too many tons in the fire now and as you and I see it, he has been unable to bomb the British Isles and I have a strong notion the RAF has just about the finishing touch on what was left of the German Navy, with the exception of the sneaky, murderous subs. Those subs can wait upon them and now is the time. Yes, clear the way. Wherever a few others of those knackers will tell you they favor aiding Britain, but they will not say how they would get the aid to her. Making munitions is not aiding Britain. Sinking munitions is helping Britain and so long as German submarines infest the waters of the Atlantic then certainly somebody's shooting is in order.

If somebody had robbed half of the houses in our neighborhood, we would not be so cowardly nor chicken-hearted as to let such a being continue in the neighborhood, nor would we wait until he had killed off everybody else and then go after him. Yes, let's go after Hitler. The American Navy can

Obstruction By Blocs

By Raymond Clapper

CONGRESSIONAL leaders have advised the Administration that only by a long, hard fight, with strong White House pressure behind it, can pro-control legislation be put through Congress.

When the Administration was trying to put pro-control legislation up, beginning in 1933, it had plenty of help from Congress. Whiling hands have often given the Administration more help than it wanted, as when Congress recently threw the law providing mandatory Government loans of 85 per cent of party on basic farm commodities.

Now, when the job is to hold prices down, Congress is reluctant to help.

SPECIAL BLOCs IN CONGRESS OPPOSE ADMINISTRATION

The trouble is that now the Administration runs counter to special blocs in Congress. Labor is fearful that if prices are controlled, wages will be controlled. Agriculture is suspicious of any price restriction. These two groups together can just about swing Congress. That is the trouble that Price Administrator Leon Henderson is up against now in seeking Congressional authority for administrative action to hold prices steady.

In general, there is plenty of recognition of the dangers of inflation. Labor representatives know that wage gains can be wiped out by a rise in the cost of living. Farm members know how the inflated prices of farm commodities in the past have caused a reduction in farm prices and left farmers all over the Middle West in trouble after the Armistice, creating a huge depressed area which continued so even during the boom days of the late '20s.

CONGRESSMEN SEE DANGER SITUATION WON'T TAKE A STAND

Plenty of members know that it is not wise for us to climb up on a high-price plateau and then have to drop down from it after the war in order to meet low-price foreign competition. They know it will leave us at a serious disadvantage and will force a painful deflation here. Sure, in the classroom, in the lodge, in the abstract they know that prices must be held within bounds. If Congress could legislate without members having to go on record, it would not be difficult to get proper authority to hold this situation in control.

But so many members are beset by special interests and organized constituents who must upon getting their own without thinking of the rest of the country. When the question of the St. Lawrence waterway is raised, you will find some members who clamor for saying it will not help their constituents. In fact, it does not matter whether it would be good for the country as a whole.

HOOPER HAD TO CRACK DOWN ON FARMERS

As food administrator in the last war, Herbert Hoover had to take the rap from farmers because a minimum price was fixed for wheat. The idea was to put a floor under the price to protect farmers, but they were bitter. They said that the minimum price tended to become the maximum price and that Mr. Hoover was depriving them of their money. He was not successful in explaining that the action was necessary and was taken on recommendation of others.

The long-run advantages of holding prices in line are clear. But the tendency is to look at the short run and to yield to the pressure to protect higher price. Now, with the prospect of next year's inevitable headache, Coolidge couldn't have stopped the stock-market boom if he had tried. Those who warned that what was going on must be stopped were howled down as reactionaries who were trying to interfere with the prosperity of the country.

In so much that President Roosevelt has done, he has been carried along by the tide. What he is doing is to hold the price to protect the interests of enough special groups to constitute a majority. Now he has to buck the short-run interest and struggle against the current. It will be hard going.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed. —Isaiah 54:10.

Side Glances

Funny thing, Mr. Ross, but a fellow townman of yours was in Charlotte this week, and someone if he didn't agree with your letter one hundred per cent. Fact is, he used some of the same phrases you use. Maybe you think you're talking about a fellow name of Bart Logan. He's secretary of the Communist Party in the Carolinas.—Editors, THE NEWS.

Mr. McCain Wants Action

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Not Bread Alone

An eastern college class voted its dream diet combination of Omelette, Eggs, Ham, and New Lamer, with scattered votes for the Boston Cook Book.

Visitin' Around

Borrowing Trouble, Or Cash to Borrow (Rt. 3) Bern, (C) W. Moore made a business trip to Wm. N. O. Munday.

Ukrainians Another Menace Is Added to An Already Lengthy List

The editors of this page, like most other concerned Boston journalists, had always thought of the Ukraine as a remote land of black earth, wheat fields and peasants. The advantages of compulsory education taught us that the Ukraine was "the bread-basket of Europe" and the current headlines reveal that it is being invaded by Hitler's troops.

It had assumed that the Ukraine was inhabited chiefly by Ukrainians but the prospect of coming face to face with one of the possibility that numerous Ukrainians might be boring from within the United States had never alarmed us.

It remained for "The Hour," a well-timed and accurate little mimeographed publication, to bring the Ukrainian menace to our attention:

According to the Ukrainian-American literary Michael Pysnak (whose New York City address is 100 West 11th Street, New York City), the Ukrainian National Association is a fraternal benevolent organization, organized in 1894 and duly licensed to carry on its business in various states of the Union. The Association has a membership of 40,000, its assets exceed \$600,000.

The majority of the membership of the U. N. A. are pro-democratic Ukrainian-Americans. But a fascist minority has maneuvered into executive positions in the organization. This minority has intimate connections with the ODUW (Organization for the Revolt of the Ukraine) and the Ukrainian National Socialist organizations which operate directly under the supervision of the Third Reich.

As if the Nazis, Japanese, Italians, Vichy French, Communists and Senator Wheeler weren't burdensome enough, now it appears, we are going to have trouble with a bunch of blankie-blank Ukrainians. The more we think of it, the more we are convinced that there ought to be a law against Ukrainians.

Slipshod Court Product of Mecklenburg, Land of the Nollepro

Solicitor John Carpenter is going to sail the entire docket, some 200 cases, in Superior Court Monday. That is what he said yesterday and we have no reason to doubt it.

Captains will be issued for the defendants who do not speak up when their names are called and scif jas will be issued against the bondsmen of the absent defendants.

It will all sound quite businesslike and those visiting the courtroom for the first time will be impressed by the show of might of the great State of North Carolina. It will sound as if the vengeance of the State is about to fall upon the luckless defendants.

Solicitor Carpenter has called the docket before. He has issued capiases many times. Scif jas have been issued against bondsmen. And practically nothing has resulted from such displays of the State's power.

For in Mecklenburg the defendants appear for trial whenever it suits them to appear. And many of them never show up at all, presumably because they know that the capias and scif jas are all the legal trappings men notice at all. The same thing is true in Gaston County, the other half of Solicitor Carpenter's district. The same thing is not true in the remaining 98 counties for the simple reason: that most of the so-called keep up with their dockets and, in fact, call all cases on the docket at every term of court.

In Mecklenburg Superior Court criminal cases stay on the docket until they are old and rusty. Witnesses are unable to recall all the details, or they have moved away, or they have died. It is in such cases that the nollepro is so effective. The nollepro is a legal method of just forgetting about the case, thing.

Yesterday, for example, Solicitor Carpenter postponed 40 cases, or about one-third of the entire docket. Either the witnesses are a Dickens of a lot of innocent blood, or John Carpenter turns a blind eye to the cases to keep the murder

role is a disgrace to the greatest church-going city in the United States. We have said it before and we say it again: Mecklenburg Superior Court is one of the most slipshod organizations in the whole wide world and is the greatest single obstacle to justice in these parts.

Bitter Dose Senator Reynolds Pops For His Committee Post

The joke is on Senator Reynolds. As late as two months ago, he was telling it around in a loud voice how he would never vote for a bill that might "send our boys to fight on foreign soil." He became the most talkative, if not the most powerful, recruit in Mr. Wheeler's isolationist army.

Then came Mr. Reynolds' big decision. He found himself in line for the chairmanship of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. With full knowledge of the non-isolationist convictions of the other members of the committee, he might have saved himself a lot of embarrassment by declining to accept the chairmanship.

We say he might have, but there is nothing in the record to show that Mr. Reynolds ever turned down an opportunity for self-aggrandizement. It was no surprise that he grabbed at the job with both hands and defied his fellow Senators to get in his way.

The payoff came yesterday when Mr. Reynolds was obliged, by the nature of his Military Affairs Committee chairmanship, to introduce into the Senate a sheaf of bills to carry out the recommendations of Army Chief of Staff Marshall.

The bills include measures to keep draftees, reservists, and National Guard in service longer than one year, and—a supreme mouthful of dirt for Buncombe Bob—a bill empowering the President to send all parts of the Army outside the Western Hemisphere. Instead of having a chance to vote against such a measure, Reynolds found himself as its introducer.

The final indignity will be heaped upon Reynolds if and when the "let 'em fight anywhere" measure becomes known as "the Reynolds Bill."

Quiz For Green Listing a Few Pertinent Questions for the AFL Head

We are pleased to learn that Mr. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, will visit Charlotte next month. Judging by what he says, Mr. Green is in favor of national defense. In a message to all American workers' the other day he stated:

"The rank and file of American workers are loyal citizens of the United States, ready to co-operate when the United States speaks."

The Chief Executive has spoken a good deal about the necessity for building an invincible Army and Navy, so we take Mr. Green at his word.

If he can spare us a few moments while he is in Charlotte, we would like to ask Mr. Green a few questions in this connection. The latest War Department report on strikes involving defense contracts lists 24 walk-outs. Of these, nine were called by Mr. Green's AFL and three others involve both the CIO and the AFL.

We want to ask Mr. Green how come. We want to inquire about the American Wire Division of the Electric Auto-Lite Company which makes cable and wiring for bombers and tanks and which has been struck since June 30.

Then there is the Oliver Farm Equipment Company at Battle Creek, Mich., where machine parts for gun carriages were made until June 17 when 450 AFL workers walked out.

And the Keasby-Mattison Company of Ambler, Pa., makers of building materials for the Army and insulation material for battleships. A thousand men have been idle here since June 25 in a strike involving both the AFL and the CIO.

And many others.

We hope that it won't be necessary to bother Mr. Green, that the strikes will have long been settled when he arrives in Charlotte. But if they haven't been, we're going to keep asking.

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