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Too Far

Agitating Soldiers Comes Close to Treason

To differ with this Government's foreign policy is one thing; to obstruct or impede the carrying out of that policy is quite another, contending openly close to treason in the Constitutional meaning of that term.

The organized effort by "counter-attack forces" to have selected members sign petitions against the extension of their service beyond twelve months, which General Marshall's "House Military Affairs Committee" yesterday, more closely resembles treason, and so has its distinct treasonous aspects.

That there is in this country a considerable antagonism for aid to Britain for any other policy except mindless war on business, no one can deny. Many entirely respectable people have to those views and ought not to be treated as traitors for expressing them.

The organization of that anti-war sentiment into societies, "peace" and "war" groups, which seek to contact the Government by such methods as fomenting strikes in our armies and strikes in defense industries—this imperils national interest and under these changing circumstances is not to be regarded as patriotic.

General Marshall called it sabotage. We cannot permit even the suppression of it means coming on war-time restrictions of speech. The time has come for Congress to declare the national interest and thus to serve notice on saboteurs that they must watch their step.

Up Humor

Assassinator Nominees Make Big Joke, Yassit

As a visit to Acting Secretary of War, General Welles, during which the newest aggression in Indo-China, reported to have been discussed, Japanese Ambassador Nomura expressed the opinion that "talking between Ambassador will become better and better."

As we know, this was the most serious remark in the news of a day given over to battles and new developments.

It is unfortunate that the reporters who ask Admiral Nomura what he takes to make Japan and the United States feel "better and better" and each other. In addition to aviation gasoline and other munitions, the United States let Japan use American bombers on a round trip that make us friends, or would have to land Japan our Pacific fleet as an expedition against Singapore and Dutch East Indies?

The "better still, why not cement our friendship in the Japanese manner by dropping American bombers on a round trip to Tokyo and Yokohama, dropping tokens of our esteem upon both cities?"

Diversion

Hitler Plots a Gigantic Diversion for America

America's growing war production is being in Hitler's hair. It is apparent that in co-operation with the British "bomber" force, Hitler is preparing to strike through the Atlantic. Nazi agents incited the battle between Peru and Ecuador. They will engage on the two Latin American continents, but the United States will be distracted from the main effort.

Planning to create the diversion he needs, Hitler ordered his Nazi agents in South America to double their work and to prepare for extraordinary action several months in advance. The original plan, he learned, was to deal with the first, then strike the United States through South America. Then the second business came up, and the focus of things on the Eastern Hemisphere is going to be busy for some time.

The Nazi agents in South America are now only to join the battle, to kill or be killed and to hope that by some miracle supreme good will come out of supreme evil.

United States, got wise and exposed the whole plot in that coup.

Now Chief of Staff Marshall is reported to have informed the House Military Affairs Committee that three other South American nations are threatened by Nazi coups.

Meanwhile, just his South American plots fail to divert our entire attention, Hitler persuaded Japan to demand military occupation of French Indo-China.

It was easy for Hitler to convince the Japanese that this should be done, for he was in a position to promise them that the French would not resist. Vichy is in his rear pocket.

It would be most comforting to Hitler to see the American fleet tied up in the Pacific and the American army preoccupied with revolutions in South America. The whole plan fits together nicely.

In his supreme egotism, it appears, Hitler cannot imagine that anyone but himself is capable of handling more than a single difficulty at a time. It has been the history of the United States can take care of the Pacific and South American situations and still continue to make the Atlantic our area of greatest effort. That is the job we have laid out for ourselves. We must do it well, and now.

Good Signs

Which Testify To Soundness Of The City's New Budget

Candidly, we have not gone over the City's 1941-42 budget item by item, department by department, and we do not pretend to say that there is nothing at all wrong with it. The fact that the tax rate is no higher argues in the budget's favor, and in addition there are one or two features of it which speak well for the whole.

To wit, the setting aside of \$25,000 in tax revenue for the purchase of new motor equipment. Hitherto motor equipment in such quantity as this has been paid for by issuing bonds.

To wit, the provision of \$10,000 for the employment of seven new policemen. This testifies both to the Council's continuing interest in the suppression of crime in Charlotte and its ability to increase the police force considerably without increasing the tax rate.

The surplus of some \$140,000 left from last year was a factor, of course, but to offset it was the over-conservative estimates of \$2.50 per cent tax collections during the fiscal year ahead. It is safe to predict that, barring unforeseen calls for funds, the City will not only manage to operate at the same tax rate as last year but will roll up a substantial surplus in the bargain.

Better Day

Mr. Welles' Vision Is Beyond a Bloody Field

Mr. Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, says that the Government and the people-loving people should now be preparing for "the better day" that could come with "the crushing defeat of those who are sacrificing mankind to their own lust for power and loot."

It is Mr. Welles' privilege to talk about what is going to happen after the war, but it is also advisable to remember that officially we are not yet in it.

Germany is at war with us but we are only partially at war with Germany. Apparently this nation still is convinced that the war can be won (and "the better day" assured) on the "arsenal of democracy" plan. We assert by our actions a conviction that British arms and men, supplied by America's great industries, can lick Hitler.

Gloomy Prospect

By Hugh S. Johnson

VERY gloomy is the prospect for price-control, which means inflation-control which means inflation-control which means inflation-control.

About the only Congressional committee which has not yet voted to 75 per cent for the price-control bill is the Labor and Agriculture Committee.

LABOR, AGRICULTURE, BEHIND TO NOTHING POLICY

The Congressional opposition to any drastic action arises from fear of the two most powerful voting groups in the country—labor and agriculture.

Advantages of Price Ceiling to Farmer

Of course that "parity" can be reached only if the usual economic forces of supply and demand are left to their own devices.

But it has a much better chance of being reached under a ceiling than if the whole structure of non-farm prices is permitted to skyrocket into the economic stratosphere.

The Price of Freedom

While Congress is debating whether we should extend the period of service for selectees and whether we should give the Government power to dispose of the Army, according to necessity, anywhere in the world, a plan is being unfolded that is reminiscent of Alexander rather than Napoleon.

Hitler Intends to Take Whole of Russia

Hitler is not fighting merely for the Ukraine. He has launched his attack on every sector of the Russian Empire, and he means to take the whole of Russia.

PTA Is Interested in Juvenile Report

The aim of the Parent-Teacher Association is to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community.

Side Glances

How high the price will be will depend on the extent of the emergency of secrecy and surprise.

These Are Helping the V Campaign Too



Letters to the Editor: Even Swap With The Nazis

Editors, The News

I'm afraid Jess Cottrell is right after all. He's been telling me for years that there was no exception to the rule that whatever you find a good newspaper man you also find a big mathematician.

And so it would be too so much so, in fact, that Uncle Sam never once considered such a proposition. We were all for getting it into trade (ten-to-one), if we could have gotten such odds, but finally ended up with an even swap.

Winston Churchill's Half-Smoked Cigars

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Void Sensation

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County Commissioners. The capable committee gave much of their time, energy and thought to this matter.

The Charlotte Council of Parent-Teacher Associations endorsed the recommendations of the Children's Division of Social Agencies. The Charlotte public is still interested in the court and we trust that the present court and advisory committee will carry over the report and keep the public informed of their progressive actions.

Mrs. Holland Lawing, President, Charlotte Council of Parent-Teacher Associations.

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whatever it is that is really good for people's health.

But then one recalls Abraham Lincoln's general who drank too much whiskey and what Lincoln said about it.

Cigars, at first thought, are not a particularly British institution.

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Senators and Representatives least of all have complained on the ground that facts are being withheld. Senator Wheeler knew about the plan to copy Lockheed before the public knew it.

ROBBE, SENATE COMMITTEE KNOW MILITARY SECRETS

In fact Senators and Representatives on both sides have had the situation spelled out to them time and again. Confidential military information concerning the details has been given to them.

Members of the House and Senate Military Affairs Committees have been furnished more detailed facts than any except our highest Army and Navy officers know.

The whole picture has been laid out not only before Democratic leaders but before some of the Republican leaders such as Senator Austin of Vermont and Representative Wadsworth of New York.

But that is not necessary. The military secrets are not essential to an understanding of the picture. The picture is clear without knowing just where our Panama Canal defenses are located, how many Martines we have in Iceland, and where in Latin America we are building air fields.

THE SIGNIFICANT FACT ARE SHOWN EVERY DAY

These facts have been spelled out day after day. They are not military secrets. Anyone who says he isn't being told what the situation is either refuses to listen or is unable to comprehend what he hears.

And More Strikes?

A leading watch company announces wage increases to the amount of \$300,000 a year. Also heavy orders, which means putting on new hands.

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Visitin' Around

Sadie's Triumph (Baldler Item, Reidsville Review)

A contest was held to see who could eat the most winners. Miss Sadie Allan won out, having eaten the largest number.