

Battalion Editorials

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Who Causes Price Control . . .

Merchants who have raised prices without justification have been branded as barterers of freedom by Claude A. Putnam, president of the National Association of Manufacturers. The system of free enterprise that we now enjoy will be restricted by controls and regulations if price discipline is not self-imposed, he inferred.

Manufacturers who create artificial shortages by hoarding inventories are, according to Putnam, in the same class as merchants who use the present crisis to charge what the traffic will bear. While these practices are legal, they are at the same time inequitable. Continued practices of this nature by merchants, manufacturers, and consumers may lead imme-

diately to drastic laws which cannot easily be relaxed.

Prices of industrial products have not risen in proportion to food and other consumer goods, and we judge from this that most manufacturers subscribe to Mr. Putnam's views. We also recommend this farsighted policy as an individual patriotic duty. Mass selfishness can only mean mass suffering. Unity of ideas and purpose can be undermined by economic chaos.

Any indication that our form of Democracy will not work would be a valuable propaganda weapon in the ideological war that goes with the military war. Regardless of what controls are imposed, we can be sure that we are their cause.

Korean Propaganda -- A Losing Battle . . .

North Korean propagandists seem to be hard pressed for claims of victories. A few days ago, the Red broadcasters claimed the sinking of a United States destroyer, identifying it as No. 726. The only catch to the communique was that No. 726 was lost in action in World War II.

Another of the Kremlin inspired invader's press releases was a picture showing a group of men under guard, being marched across a pontoon bridge. The caption for the picture stated that the group consisted of weary and beaten American prisoners.

An American GI of World War II recognized the bridge as being one which he guarded for several days across a German river, and the large group of "American prisoners" weren't American and weren't prisoners. They were a group of European

displaced persons outfitted in old GI uniforms being marched to a DP camp. The picture also showed an unexplained amount of snow on the pontoons of the bridge. There has been no reported snowfall in Korea this summer.

Hitler's dissertation on propaganda in "Mein Kampf" is apparently the bible for all who try to use this weapon in the war of ideas. "Tell a big lie, and tell it often" seems to be the order of the day. The North Koreans are stooping pretty low to gain advantage by these misrepresentations, but they are indeed telling a big lie in the hope that at least some of it will be believed.

Truth, fortunately, is a weapon on our side, but this insidious propaganda will work against us until we can break down the ideological barriers that surround all people under Russian domination.

Digest of Public Opinion . . .

Public opinion is an exceedingly important and powerful force, and Dr. Gallup, director of the Institute of Public Opinion usually has his hand on the collective pulse of the so called average American. A digest of his findings on some of the major controversial issues has just been issued. Most of the items concern the Korean war or national defense.

Americans favor immediate use of the atomic bomb if war with Russia evolves out of the present conflict. Fear that Russia has the bomb has overcome almost every previous objection to its initial use.

Apparently war with Russia is preferred to submission to further acts of aggression. Postponing a war that seems to be inevitable does not meet with universal favor.

The public favors taxation as a way to pay for the war and re-armament. Deficit financing and rationing are favored less than increased taxes, price controls,

and "standing powers".

Communists will be required to register with the government and they will not be permitted to hold jobs in war industries if public opinion is crystallized into law. This attitude is also shown in the rising sentiment that favors a reorganization of the U. N. to leave Russia out.

Fighting men will be needed to oppose the Russians if military war follows the "cold war". They should be recruited, according to the poll, by universal military training in America, re-armament of Japan, and re-armament of Western Germany.

These opinions reflect a healthy, realistic attitude, and the public seems to be ahead of Congress with regard to the gravity of the international military and political responsibilities that have been placed upon us. The old game of "power politics" is being played, and we must get powerful and stay powerful until the United Nations can suggest and enforce a more peaceful alternative.

Pueblo, Colo.—Do you get mad when you see a sign, "Do not pick flowers"?

Officials at Colorado's state hospital recognize this is a fairly common reaction,

so they've done something about it. Beside a large bed near the hospital greenhouse is a sign, "Please pick flowers here."

The Battalion

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Immediate UMT is Vital Legion Spokesman Says

Washington, Aug. 24—(AP)—Immediate universal military training is the key to survival for America in an inevitable war with Russia, an American Legion spokesman told congress yesterday. "How soon we begin mobilizing to meet this conflict that is sure to come will measure our chances of survival," said Earl J. Coker, Jr., of Dawson, Ga., chairman of the Legion's national security committee.

On the other hand Elizabeth Smart of Evanston, Ill., representing the Women's Christian Temperance Union, warned against legislating "in frantic haste and in an atmosphere of war hysteria." She said the W. C. T. U. is op-

posed to peacetime conscription.

Armed Services Committee

They presented their views to the Senate Armed Services Committee shortly before that group closed out public hearings on UMT and arranged to start work behind closed doors Monday on finishing touches for a bill to be laid before the senate. Chairman Tydings (D-Md) said he hopes to get the measure out next week.

A heavy majority of the committee has come out publicly for the plan, with a demand that congress stay in session until it is enacted.

The actual proposal originated with Secretary of Defense Johnson. But President Truman, while repeating his oft-made statement that he favors UMT, has said he did not plan to push it at this session of congress. The President said he did not want to start a controversy that might get in the way of legislation he considers more immediately vital for the war in Korea. He suggested that the armed services do not have time right now to handle UMT.

Not Yet On Calendar

The Democratic leadership has not yet given the training proposal a place on the senate calendar, and no plans for action have appeared in the House.

The proposal calls for six months of intensive training, and another six months in an active reserve or National Guard unit, for youth between the ages of 18 and 20.

Perry Brown of Beaumont, Tex., past national commander of the American Legion, and Mrs. Laura Goode, past national commander of the Legion Auxiliary, backed Coker's arguments.

The closing witness for UMT was Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, who testified that the lack of such a law "has been and is today dangerous to the security of the nation."

Ag Eco Men Attend Co-op Conference

Walter E. Paulson and Warren LeBourveau, of the Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department, will attend a meeting on cooperatives in Stillwater, Okla., which begins August 21st and continues through August 26th.

Paulson will confer with personnel of several states who are engaged in making economic and organizational analyses of Farmer's Marketing Cooperatives. He will also participate as a member in a panel discussion on "Cooperatives, Competitive and Free Enterprises" at the American Institute of Cooperatives at Oklahoma A.&M.

Interpreting the News . . .

Experts Study Malik's Word

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Students of both language and politics at Lake Success are studying the word of Soviet delegate Jakob Malik in an effort to determine whether he is actually threatening a general war.

Twice during this month of his security council presidency of the Soviet delegate has made statements which sound very much that way.

UN Has Two Choices

On August 3 he said regarding Korea that "the security council and the United Nations face a choice between two paths: the path of peace and the path of war."

Tuesday he seemed to go even farther. Continuation of the war in Korea (instead of ending it on Russian terms) he said, "would inevitably lead to a broadening of the conflict."

Experts Study Context

State Department experts in the Russian language immediately began studying the words and their context.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb of the United Kingdom didn't wait. He started quoting chapter and verse from Communist texts to show that when the Soviet speaks most loudly of peace it is preparing most actively for war.

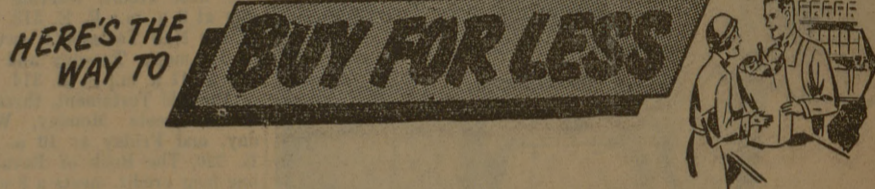
Malik has been doing a lot of talk about that, too, claiming that

Russia's policy is one of peace while everyone else is heading down the war road.

Jebb Pulls Back

Jebb pulled the book. He quoted from volume two of the official history of diplomacy about the "concealment of predatory ends behind noble principles," and "the exploitation of (the idea) of disarmament and pacifist propaganda for one's own purposes."

It is very difficult, in many cases, to tell from an English translation what a Russian means. Because Russians do not think like Englishmen and Americans, and their words do not mean the same.



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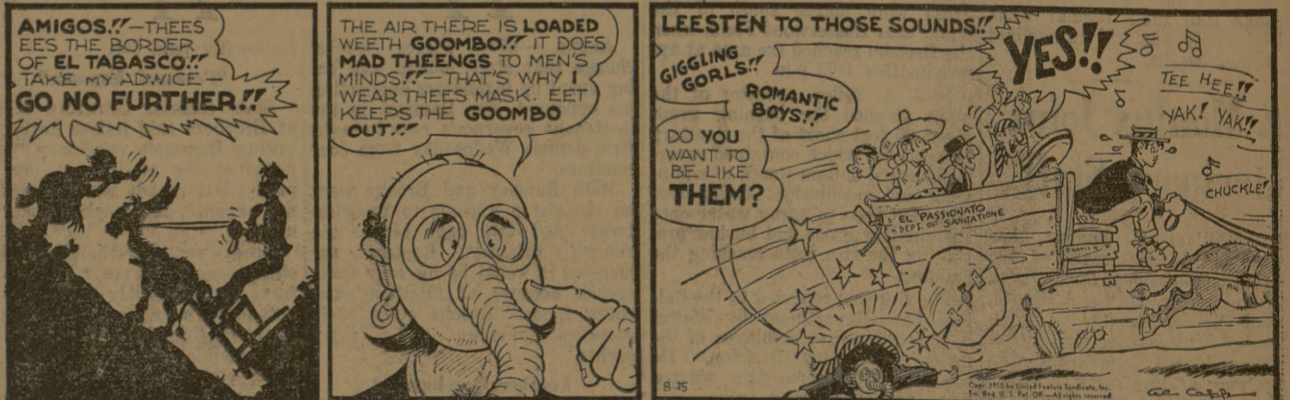
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