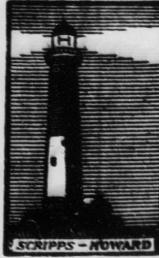


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BACK HIM—OR FIRE HIM!

TRUST-BUSTER Thurman Arnold, before a congressional committee the other day, charged that certain elements in organized labor are "injuring and destroying" independent business and holding farmers and consumers "at their mercy."

Attorney General Biddle has now repudiated the statements of his assistant in charge of anti-trust enforcement, asserting that Mr. Arnold was not speaking for the justice department and that what he said "was pretty unfortunate at this time."

A fine, brave attitude Mr. Biddle strikes!

The trouble with Thurman Arnold (from Mr. Biddle's viewpoint) is that he plays no favorites. He goes roughshod after business when he believes business is robbing the public or impeding the war effort.

And Mr. Arnold also goes hammer-and-tongs after labor unions when he believes they are robbing the public or impeding the war effort.

To him, wrong-doing friends of the administration look just as bad as wrong-doing opponents. That's what his boss, Mr. Biddle, doesn't like.

MR. BIDDLE and other "liberals" in congress and the administration who think it "unfortunate" that labor abuses should be talked about "at this time" are pleasing only the union bosses.

Most rank-and-file union members hate the practices Mr. Arnold is attacking. Their loyalty to the war effort and the New Deal doesn't have to be bought by a license to plunder the public.

To Mr. Biddle we say:

Show as much courage as Thurman Arnold does, if you've got it. Either back him up, or fire him and bring this thing to a head.

And to congress we say:

The supreme court has held that you intend such labor evils as Thurman Arnold is attacking to be immune from anti-trust prosecution. We don't believe you intend that.

If you don't, demand the right to vote on the Monroney bill, now before the house judiciary committee, which would protect all legitimate rights of labor but outlaw business-killing, consumer-bleeding, victory-delaying union abuses.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

THE question before the house was whether to appropriate \$10,475 for the Commission of Fine Arts. This is an agency which makes recommendations about the type of architecture used in Washington and the kind and location of statues and monuments that can be erected. Its members are unpaid. The money would go for books, maps, printing, travel expenses and office help.

A proposal had been made to eliminate these expenditures during the war. Said Rep. Johnson of Oklahoma, steering the appropriation bill through the house:

"This is not a defense activity. The war would not be lost if we should eliminate it. But I think the people of the United States are proud of their capital. I am convinced the public would not want this item eliminated at this time. It is not a drop in the bucket as compared with other items."

You're a member of the public. Does pride in your capital make you feel that \$10,475 should be spent on a Commission of Fine Arts—in a year when few permanent buildings can be erected in Washington, when permissible types of architecture have already been well defined, when it would be criminal folly to use materials for monuments or statues?

It would be a good idea to let Mr. Johnson know what you think. Drop him a postal card. Address: Rep. Jed Johnson, house office building, Washington, D. C.

INDIA AND AUSTRALIA

THE London government has taken two steps toward removing empire barriers to all-out war effort. Britain has offered a postponed compromise settlement of the bitter India independence dispute, and she has bowed to Australia's sharp demands for a Pacific war council in Washington with equal representation.

It is expecting too much of compromises to suppose they can patch to perfection such deep disputes. In India the conflict goes back for generations, and in Australia the issue goes back to the beginning of the war.

Majority American sympathy has been with India and Australia. This, admittedly, has been a powerful factor in influencing London.

Under the American-British military, economic and financial alliance for the duration, any British family row which weakens total war effort imperils the United States—and for that reason becomes our business, however distasteful.

But, while Americans cannot ignore their unsought stake in such British empire policies, they can refrain from partisan pressure which makes a settlement harder.

Political decisions almost always and almost inevitably are compromises—whether the compromisers are Britons, Australians, Indians or Americans.

IN this delicate situation, it seems that the safest rule for Americans is twofold:

Don't expect complete agreement among members of the British group, regardless of formulas, when the United States has not achieved perfect unity even at home.

Don't put desirable long-range reforms ahead of the immediate job of winning the war.

On that practical basis, we say:

Any move which actually brings India into the war effort is a good move; any one which fails is no good.

Any move which raises Australian war morale and effort is a good move; any one which fails is no good.

The only proof of these British compromises in their result—for precisely the same reason that the only proof of any military move now is victory.

Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler



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Pour It On!



The Hoosier Forum

I wholly disagree with what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it.—Voltaire.

MAKE A DATE TO GIVE A PINT OF BLOOD*

By James Van Zandt, 216 N. Blackford st.

Don't you think it would be a good idea for us to get together (I mean with ourselves) and call on the Red Cross folks, and make a date to donate a pint of blood for the boys in service? The Red Cross is doing a mighty big job here, but they cannot get blood out of a turnip, they need you and me.

I know a gentleman that has made three blood donations to the Red Cross and that gentleman is 59 years old, and he tells me he does not feel any ill effects. It takes about half an hour, then he goes on about his business.

In donating blood to the Red Cross for the boys in service, you can do it the easy way, there is no pain or ill effects. You are furnished with a nice clean cot and a smiling nurse and a nice lunch at the finish.

But think of our boys that donate blood for you and me. They do it the hard way, they may be lying in mud and rain or in the hot sun, giving their blood for you and me. Better we reason with ourselves and do something about this blood donation.

ING WAR TIMES OR ANY OTHER TIME, FOR THAT MATTER. I AM ONE OF THOSE, BUT I WAS NOT RECEIVING THE MAGNIFICENT SALARY OF \$87.60 A MONTH, BUT THE ENORMOUS PAY OF \$86.40 AND COULD BARELY MAKE ENDS MEET AT THAT, BUT I WAS RUSHED INTO THE SO-CALLED DEFENSE TRAINING AND CUT TO \$57.60. NOW I'M PRACTICALLY WORKING FOR THE PAWNSHOPS, BECAUSE I HAVE TO HOCK MY CLOTHING BETWEEN PAY IN ORDER TO KEEP GOING.

AND WHEN HE MENTIONED THE "HALT AND THE LAME," I'M ALSO IN THAT BRACKET, BEING AFFLICTED WITH A DOUBLE HERNIA. I MADE THE FACT CLEAR TO THE ASSIGNMENT OFFICERS, NEVERTHELESS I WAS ASSIGNED TO A MACHINE SHOP, AND ANYONE WITH COMMON SENSE KNOWS THAT STANDING FOR SIX OR EIGHT HOURS DOESN'T DO ANYONE WITH A HERNIA ANY GOOD. BUT I HAD TO TAKE IT OR ELSE. AND AS FAR AS TRAINING IS CONCERNED, I KNOW JUST AS MUCH ABOUT MACHINERY NOW, AS I DID 10 WEEKS AGO, AND IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO BECOME A FINISHED MACHINIST IN 12 WEEKS, WHAT FACTORY OR SHOP, INDUSTRIAL PLANT OR WHAT HAVE YOU WOULD HIRE A MAN IN MY PHYSICAL CONDITION?

I AM NOT AGAINST DEFENSE TRAINING, I THINK IT IS A GREAT PROGRAM. BUT I AM AGAINST THE WAY IT IS FORCED UPON THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY UNFIT.

DIMAGGIO DOESN'T BELONG ON ANY PEDESTAL*

By Marshall E. Baldwin, 309 N. Pershing ave.

AMERICANS ARE GREAT HERO WORSHIPPERS, BUT I THINK WE OVERDO IT IN THE CHURCH GROUP. THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF THEM REFUSED TO LOOK DANGER IN THE FACE, AND THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN BOYS ARE GOING TO BE SACRIFICED TO THAT SANCTIMONIOUS BLINDNESS.

DOUBT MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WERE HONEST, THEY DIDN'T LIKE ROOSEVELT ANYWAY, SO THE ISOLATIONISTS' ARGUMENTS SOUNDED LIKE SWEET MUSIC TO THEIR EARS. BUT NOW THE SONS OF MANY OF THESE CHURCH MEMBERS ARE IN THE SERVICE. ARE THESE CHURCH MEMBERS' SONS TO BE IMMUNE TO SHRAPNEL ON SUNDAYS? MUST CHURCH MEMBERS ALWAYS BE GUILTY?

WILL THEY NEVER LEARN THAT THEY HAVE BEEN THE EASY DUPE OF HITLER'S AGENTS IN THIS COUNTRY? HAVEN'T THEY THE ABILITY AND ENOUGH HARD-HEADED AMERICAN COMMON SENSE TO GO TO THE ROOT OF SOME OF THESE PIOUS MOVEMENTS AND FIND OUT WHO IS STARTING THEM? THEY PROBABLY WOULD FIND SOME PRO-GERMAN GROUP STARTING THE AGITATION—THOSE GROUPS ARE STILL HERE. THIS VERY PERFORMANCE IS EVIDENCE OF THEIR POWER.

DEMOCRACY AND CHRISTIANITY GO HAND IN HAND. AMERICANS WHO BELIEVE IN CHRIST'S KIND OF CHRISTIANITY HAD BETTER GO TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS.

EVERY PARENT WITH A BOY IN THE SERVICE OR A SON IN THE DRAFT OUGHT TO FIND OUT RIGHT NOW WHO IS SO PIUSLY OBJECTING TO BOND SUNDAY.

IT IS TIME TO STOP THIS MONEY-WRENCH BUSINESS. ENOUGH AMERICAN BOYS ARE DYING FOR US AND WILL HAVE TO KEEP ON DYING, WITHOUT HAVING THAT ISOLATIONIST CROWD RAISING THEIR UGLY HEADS THIS EARLY IN THE GAME. ARE ISOLATIONISTS JUST PLAIN DUMB OR ARE THEY VICTIOUS? WHO PULLS THE STRING? I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW?

DAILY THOUGHT

THE LORD PRESERVETH THE STRANGERS; HE RELIEVETH THE FATHERLESS AND WIDOW; BUT THE WAY OF THE WICKED HE TURNETH UPSIDE DOWN.—PSALMS 146:9.

THERE IS NOTHING WHICH GOD CANNOT DO.—CICERO.

THE TITLE OF the book is "Only One Storm." The author is Granville Hicks. You can take my word for it that it is a book you are going to hear a great deal about. The publisher, Macmillan, believes it has all the significance that "Main Street" had years ago. I have a feeling the publishing house is right.

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