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JUDGE H. W. SMITH EXPLAINS BILL

Declares Racketeering And Lawlessness Is Rampant In Certain Unions

Honorable Howard Worth Smith, Representative of the Eighth Congressional District of Virginia, went on the air Monday evening to discuss the racketeering which is going on in labor unions and to explain the provisions of the legislation he is pushing to correct these evils.

Confining his discussion to the labor provisions of the Vinson-Smith Bill, Judge Smith stated that the measure is designed to suspend the 40 hour week and to freeze the "closed shop" for the duration of the war. He called attention to the fact that such restrictions in these regards as now apply will largely end on June 30 and that unless such measures as he and Representative Vinson now propose are enacted we will be right back where we were.

"Let's look the situation in the face," the Judge explained, "The Navy Department in the hearings on this bill estimated that the overtime payments alone on the naval construction program already authorized would amount to four billion dollars—paid by the American taxpayer. This \$4,000,000,000.00 is equivalent to the pay of 5,000,000 soldiers at \$21 a month for over three years and is just overtime on naval construction alone."

"Now why did we have the 40-hour week at all? It was enacted for the express purpose of spreading work during the depression. The requirement of overtime pay was solely for the purpose of penalizing the employer and thus induce him to spread employment. Today the United States Government is the employer. That means that you and I and every other taxpayer is being required to pay a ridiculous and stupendous penalty to remedy a condition of unemployment that no longer exists."

"Why," Judge Smith argued with his millions of interested listeners, "should the whole of the American people, engaged in the all-out effort to preserve their Nation, be thus penalized in order to preserve the so-called social gains of an organized minority? Why should we cling tenaciously to laws designed to retard production when our very existence depends upon our capacity for all-out production?"

"Now about the closed shop. I maintain that it is a fundamental principle of American liberty that no free American citizen should be compelled to either join or refrain from adjoining a labor union as a condition to his right to work and earn a living. This right is as basic as the right to breathe God's pure air. The closed shop, the union shop and maintenance of the union shop, all challenge and deny the right of free men to work without paying tribute."

"The right to work is the one fundamental and inherent right of a free people that no government, no court and no custom has ever challenged in all the history of mankind up until the present generation."

"These union super-governments set up their offices at the gates of defense plants. They have brazenly decreed that no man could work in defense industries where the closed shop existed without whatever tribute the Union wanted to demand. Even the country boy who applies for work as a common laborer on a defense contract must pay whatever tribute is demanded as a condition of employment by the labor union that sets itself up as greater than the Government which cravenly tolerates it."

LOCAL BUSINESS MEN SUPPORT BALL CLUB

The local business men of Manassas have by their liberal contributions insured Manassas of a baseball team for the 1942 season. Their whole-hearted support will endeavor the local boys to put a team on the field for the baseball season. Without their donations, it is doubtful whether Manassas could have placed a team fully equipped to start the season. The following merchants made donations:

Hibbs and Giddings, E. E. Rohr, Battle Street Lunch-Davis and Patie, Prince William Bakery, C. E. Fisher and Son, Western Auto Co., Manassas Ice and Fuel Co and Brown and Hooff.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Manassas Garden Club will meet at the home of Mrs. A. A. Maloney on Tuesday, April 8 at 2:30 P.M.

IMPORTANT CIVILIAN DEFENSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The local civilian defense office announces the appointment of Mr. Robert S. Hall as deputy-co-ordinator for the town of Occoquan and vicinity. Mr. Hall has designated air raid wardens, auxiliary police and auxiliary firemen and the necessary training has been completed.

A class for the training of air raid wardens, auxiliary police, messengers, etc. will begin on Monday, May 4th at 8:00 P. M. in the Town Hall of Manassas. This course consists of 10 hours first aid hours training in fire defense or control of incendiary bombs, 5 hours of gas defense, 2 hours which consist of training in the use and care of gas masks and hours identification of and protection against gases and 5 hours general course which is instruction pertaining to the different branches of civilian defense. This course of training is very interesting and instructive and it is hoped that everyone who can will avail themselves of the opportunity of being prepared to assist in civilian defense work.

A list of the Air Raid Wardens of Prince William County is printed on page 8 of this issue of the Journal.

WILL VOTE ON WHEAT QUOTAS

PRINCE WILLIAM WHEAT GROWERS TO VOTE ON MARKETING QUOTAS ON MAY 2ND. POLLING PLACES AT MANASSAS, NOKESVILLE AND HAYMARKET

Prince William farmers who are this year growing fifteen acres or more of wheat will vote Saturday, May 2, on the question of whether or not they wish wheat marketing quotas to be in effect on this year's crop. Polling places for this referendum will be kept open from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. on May 2nd at the Haymarket Masonic Hall, the Nokesville High School and the County Agents office at Manassas. Eligible wheat producers of the Northern Virginia District will vote at the Haymarket Masonic Hall, those in the Brentsville District at the Nokesville High School and growers of Manassas, Occoquan, Coles and Dumfries Districts at Manassas. Only growers who will be affected by quotas are eligible to vote.

If wheat marketing quotas are again adopted by a vote of 75 per cent of all U. S. growers balloting in the National Referendum on May 2, any farmer who has seeded within his wheat acreage allotment may market all of his wheat without penalty but if he has overseeded his allotment there will be a penalty on the wheat on the excess acreage. The penalty will be 50 per cent of the basic loan rate set up for the 1942 crop, should quotas be adopted.

Arguments advanced in favor of wheat marketing quotas include:

1. Without marketing quotas to control excess surplus production, no loans can be made available.
2. Without quotas, there is no systematic control over excess surpluses.
3. This is War—Winning war is first job. Farmers do not have time to produce things not needed. Tremendous reserves of wheat—more than will be needed are on hand. Enough is in sight for two full years.
4. Producing excess wheat wastes time, man power, machinery, soil and fertilizer—all of which are needed to produce other commodities essential for food and feed for victory.
5. Wheat storage space crowded—needed for other things. Flood of excess wheat can dangerously tie up transportation.

All eligible farmers (those producing fifteen acres or more of wheat and that will be affected by quotas) are urged to turn out and vote either for or against quotas as they see fit at their designated polling places on Saturday, May 2.

WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEES NOW THE OFFICIAL NAME

Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe has been advised from the Treasury Department in Washington that by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, effective immediately, the name of the Defense Savings Staff is changed to WAR SAVINGS STAFF.

The name of all local and State committees is automatically changed from "Defense" to "War" Savings Committees, but Mr. C. H. Edwards, Deputy State Administrator for Virginia states that the supply of stationery and advertising material on hand will be exhausted before new material is made available carrying the new name.

SUGAR RATIONING DATES ARE ANNOUNCED

PRESIDING OFFICERS AT RECENT DISTRICT HOME DEMONSTRATION CONVENTION AT PITTS THEATRE, MANASSAS



Left to right: Mrs. Lawrence Taylor, Loudoun County, Secretary Northern Virginia District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs; Miss Maude E. Wallace, Blacksburg, Assistant Director in charge of Home Demonstration Work in Virginia; Hon. Grover B. Hill, Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Mrs. H. H. Walton, Fredericksburg, President State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs; Mrs. T. M. Kitchen, Criglersville, President Northern Virginia District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. (Photo by W. H. Lamb)

FELLOW AMERICANS WHAT DO YOU IMAGINE THE FRENCH PEOPLE ARE THINKING ABOUT TODAY?

Two years ago the French People were as free as you are. Today what do they think?

- as they humbly step into the gutter to let their conquerors swagger past,
- as they work 53 hours a week for 30 hours pay,
- as they see all trade unions outlawed and all the rights for which they sacrificed their country trampled by their foreign masters,
- as they see their families go hungry and face a lifetime of serfdom.

What do those Frenchmen—soldiers, workmen, politicians or business men—think today?

Probably it's something like this—

- I wish I had been less greedy for myself and more anxious for my country;
- I wish I had realized you can't beat off a determined invader by a quarreling, disunited people at home;

I wish I had been willing to give in on some of my rights to other Frenchmen instead of giving up all of them to a foreigner;

- I wish I had realized other Frenchmen had rights, too;
- I wish I had known that patriotism is work, not talk, giving, not getting.

And if those Frenchmen could read our newspapers today, showing pressure groups each demanding things be done for them instead of for their country, wouldn't they say to American business men, politicians, soldiers and workmen—

- If you knew the horrible penalty your action is bound to bring, you'd bury your differences now before they bury you; you'd work for your country as you never worked before, and wait for your private ambitions until your country is safe.
- Look at me — "I worked too little and too late."

Harry P. Davis,
Mayor of Manassas

IMPORTANT RADIO BROADCAST ON DEFENSE SAVINGS DRIVE

Mr. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, Chairman of the Defense Savings Committee for Prince William County has just received a telegram from Robert W. Sparks, Field Director of the Defense Savings Staff in Washington, calling attention to the radio broadcast Tuesday night from 10 to 10:30 over the Blue Network in which the Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Agriculture and national leaders of manufacture and labor will discuss the National war bond quota system and the ten per cent payroll savings plan.

On the program also is scheduled to speak the hero Navy pilot, Lieut. Commander Edward Henry O'Hare.

SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION

Men who attained their forty-fifth birthday on or before February 16, 1942, and have not attained their sixty-fifth birthday on April 27, 1942.

Monday, April 27, 1942
7 A. M. to 9 P. M.

PLACE AND CHIEF REGISTRAR

- Haymarket New School — Dorothy Bevard
- Nokesville High School — C. O. Bittle
- Manassas (Courthouse) — R. Worth Peters
- Woodbine School — W. Y. Ellicott
- Dumfries School — Evelyn I. Lynn
- Quantico Masonic Hall — Anne Myers
- Occoquan High School — Elizabeth Vaughan
- R. C. Haydon — County Registrar

SENIOR PLAY AT NOKESVILLE HIGH

Charming Comedy Has Rural Setting

The presentation on April 30th, of "Don't Darken My Door," a comedy in three acts, promises to be an event of interest and entertainment.

This play, written by Anne Coulter Martens, who has an enviable reputation for creating smash hits for the amateur stage, is an interesting combination of old-fashioned melodrama and modern comedy.

The scene takes place in the country house of Roger Kent, a good natured bachelor of middle age. His niece, Rosemary Kent, and her maid, Poppy Foster, have read so many romantic novels that they turn a cold shoulder to the advances of their admirers, Tom Garrick and Alec Stubbins, the chauffeur in the Kent household. Then by accident the author of these romantic books appears on the scene.

She proves to be a kindly maiden lady, and she sets about to repair the damages her books have done. There are funny scenes when, under her directions, Tom and Alec are soon spouting romantic speeches. Even Roger notices the good qualities of the author he is entertaining unawares. The play ends in a whirlwind climax, and two fluttery spinsters from the neighborhood also appear to heighten the comic effect.

The characters in the order of their appearances are:

- Poppy Foster, Maid of all work
- Dorothy Allen
- Alec Stubbins, chauffeur, gardener, and handy man
- Gordon Harris
- Roger Kent, A good natured bachelor
- Ray Neff
- Miss Louise Featherstone, maiden ladies of the neighborhood
- Celestine McLearen
- Miss Susie Featherstone, maiden ladies of the neighborhood
- Mary Owens
- Rosemary Kent, Roger's romantic minded niece
- Betty Jane Snider
- Tom Garrick, a very detrimind young man
- William Crawford
- Jane Perkins, an author of popular books
- Jean Harpine

IMPORTANT MEETING OF TELEPHONE MANAGERS

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company Managers of Northern Virginia met at the Warren Green Hotel in Warrenton on Tuesday, April 21 to discuss the importance of telephone communication in our war effort.

During the meeting the discussion centered on recent restrictions by the War Production Board governing installation of telephone service, due to the shortage of essential materials used in the manufacture of telephone facilities and instrumentalities.

The meeting was attended by quite a number of prominent telephone officials, including Mr. A. L. Lambdin, General Commercial Manager, Richmond; Mr. V. B. Fitzpatrick, General Plant Manager, Richmond; Mr. W. H. Trapnell, General Traffic Manager, Richmond, who, by the way, is a brother of Maj. Trapnell, U. S. A., who has been recently decorated for gallant service in the Philippines; Mr. A. G. Gompf, Chief Engineer, Richmond; Mr. C. L. Cross, Jr., District Commercial Manager, Lynchburg; Mr. T. A. Keck, Jr., District Plant Manager, Lynchburg; Mr. F. L. Call, District Traffic Manager, Lynchburg.

Registration For Dealers On April 28 and 29 At High Schools

CONSUMERS WILL REGISTER MAY 4-5-6 AND 7 AT GRADE SCHOOLS

Sugar rationing for Prince William County has finally arrived. Mr. C. C. Cloe, Chairman of the local rationing board, announces that registration for dealers; institutions and manufacturers will take place at the High Schools of the County on the two days of April 28 and 29, between the hours of 3 P. M. and 9 P. M.

The local board is endeavoring to place one of the required application blanks in the hands of each dealer and with each establishment in advance of the registration in order that the form may be studied and the information required ascertained before the time of registration in order to avoid delays. These forms require data on the amount of sugar on hand, the average weekly sales for the week ending April 25, and the average weekly sales of November, 1941. Apparently the dealer will be rationed an amount equal to which ever is the smaller—the present weekly sales or those of November 1941.

While this newspaper has no direct information on these detailed matters, we also understand that the blanks seek information on gross sales of foods from which may be calculated the amount of sugar, which would be required if one pound is allowed for each dollar of gross sales.

The local advisors for dealers and institutions are announced by the board as follows: Nokesville: V. W. Zirkle; Manassas: C. Lacey Compton; Occoquan: Capt. Thomas Joyce.

Consumers registration will be at the schools of the County on the four days of May 4, 5, 6, and 7 from 3 to 9 P. M. The places are Haymarket New School, Nokesville High School, Manassas High School, Woodbine School, Dumfries School, Occoquan High School, and at the Quantico Masonic Hall.

One member of a family may do the registering and fill out the required form giving the required information about each person of the household, such as name, age, description, etc.

As to the all important question of the amount of sugar to be allowed each person, the best information this newspaper has indicates that this is not a fixed amount, but may be changed from time to time as required, probably starting out at half a pound per person. At the time of registration we understand that the family is allowed to possess two pounds per person. A family of six persons could have on hand twelve pounds. Beyond this amount coupons will be taken out of the books to the amount of six pounds per person, and if the family has more than six pounds per person, we understand that the amount has to be declared and no book will be issued.

The dates which are now announced are the same as were published by the Journal on March 26. At that time it was announced from Washington that publication of these dates was premature and that the time of rationing still was to be determined. However the original publication seems to have been correct, as the present announcement indicates.

GASOLINE PRICE INCREASE

Mr. Claude Hixson, of the local community rationing board advises us that retailers of motor fuel in the curtailment area (17 Eastern States including Virginia, District of Columbia, Oregon and Washington) are permitted to charge three cents per gallon above the cost to them under an amendment to Temporary Price Regulation 11. The amendment was effective April 11.

OPA also called attention to requirements which stipulate that each service station in the curtailment area shall post conspicuously the maximum prices established for each grade of motor fuel. Such postings, the other prescribed, shall be marked "maximum prices" in letters at least five inches in height and shall indicate the maximum price for each grade of those in which the selling price at the motor fuel in figures no smaller than pump is posted.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

The annual Junior-Senior Prom will be held in the Osborn High School Gym., Friday 24 after the Tom Thumb Wedding which is in the High School.

FIRST AID GRAUATES AT NOKESVILLE

Mrs. Julia B. Hale announces the recent completion of a standard course Red Cross First Aid class at Nokesville.

Those who are eligible for certificates are: Edna Lee Armstrong, Mrs. Isabelle Free, Mrs. W. R. Free, Lester E. Harris, Jr., Mrs. Elsie G. Hooker, Mrs. Ruth H. McMichael, Mrs. Elizabeth B. McMichael, Mrs. Minnie M. McMichael, Mrs. Helen A. Newman, and Lois V. Sloop.

This is the second First Aid Class held at Nokesville this year.

NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS

The Town Ordinances provide that motor vehicles housed and operated in the Town of Manassas must carry a Town license plate. These plates are now available at the office of the Town Treasurer and car owners who have not already secured their tags will save unnecessary expense by doing so by May 1st, 1942.

R. L. Byrd, Treasurer.