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Shall U. S. Build Workers' Homes Here?
Union Labor Leaders Favor This Solution

Analysis of the War Moves

By J. W. T. Mason - Written for The United Press

Admiral Jellicoe, former chief of Britain's naval staff, sees the ending of the submarine menace about August. Do your part. Buy thrift stamps.

Mr. Long's Task

There has been altogether too much wordy mystery and not enough action about this proposition of getting out Washington spruce for government airplane construction. Whether the sharp indictment of George S. Long of Tacoma at the senate committee hearing was justified or not remains to be seen. The one undisputed fact that stands out from the whole mess is this: UNCLE SAM HAS NOT BEEN GETTING THE SPRUCE.

Long, in his letter to R. B. Howe of the aircraft board made public Tuesday, reluctantly declines or provisionally accepts, as you read it, a position on the Pacific coast committee of the board because of his connection with the timber company.

"My own conscientious belief is—that I could do just as much good on the outside as I could on the committee, and I know full well that I would do just as much work on the outside as if I were on the committee," he writes.

All right, Mr. Long, now let's see you do it. Here's your chance right now to clear yourself of the unsavory criticism, which can be answered only by deeds. Frankly, we believe you can do it splendidly.

Here are the words of your own letter, Mr. Long: "I am the general manager of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. and personally have exclusive charge of the selling of all timber and timber lands on the Pacific coast and in the vicinity of the Columbia river, Willapa harbor and Grays harbor. This company owns a very large amount of timber lands, and POSSIBLY OWNS AT LEAST ONE-THIRD OF ALL THE SPRUCE STUMPAGE THAT IS ADJACENT TO THESE HARBORS IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON."

Is this vast amount of spruce stumpage owned by your company to be used to win the war—or is it to be held for profits for the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co.?

Is it to be gotten out quickly to supply America's crying need for airplane stock? Or is it to remain rooted fast in the ground?

It's largely up to you, Mr. Long. You admit it. The old adage that "actions speak louder than words" still holds true.

The place for you to begin, if you would prove yourself, is to urge lumbermen to grant the eight-hour day and better working conditions.

Get the loggers back into the woods and stop this talk about "unfair discrimination."

Clarence L. Reames, Portland district attorney, is coming back to Seattle. As far as can be ascertained, Mayor Gill has planned no special reception.

The Aim of Aims

Says Philip Scheidemann, famous leader of the majority socialists in the reichstag: "There will always be wars and the only question is whether men are to conduct them like beasts or like civilized human beings."

It is the hope of humanity, and one of the highest aims of America, that this war will kill war. It will, if the decision as to peace or war is left, not to the rulers, but to the people who sacrifice, suffer and die in wars. Without such location of the decision, the peoples of this earth might as well pack up their visions of democracy and try to move to another planet.

Whatever the cause, whoever holds the power of decision, war is simply men turning upon and rending themselves like mad beasts, and socialists are the last folks on earth who can consistently take any other view of it.

But, if we do have more wars, men will wage them like beasts. The beastly inventions produced in this war will not be discarded any quicker than gunpowder was abandoned when it was discovered that it would blow men, fortifications and cities to pieces.

There is no compromise with the spirit of war. The rulers of the European peoples failed to ward off this world calamity. Genuine socialism and genuine democracy include the right of the people who bleed and starve to say when and for what they shall bleed and starve. Heaven grant that this war establish that right beyond dispute or reversal. If it does, there will not always be wars.

Seattle boy who has taken a liking to sleeping on the street was disturbed by police. Professional jealousy!

It Is a Big Victory

It was American mechanics against German, and America won. It was the spirit of construction against the spirit of destruction, and constructiveness won. It was a conflict between American and Teuton brains, and the American won. It was a victory not less than that won by force of arms in a great battle.

When Uncle Sam seized the great fleet of German vessels found in his harbors, he discovered that their German crews had mutilated or destroyed the machinery. The Germans laughed and said it would be years before the intricate engines and other parts would perform their functions. But American engineers and mechanics went to work. They invented new methods of welding by which the damaged engines and other heavy parts could be repaired as they lay in the ships. Tests show that these repaired parts are stronger than originally and that the ships are making better time than ever before, and every one of these ships is now carrying American fighters to France by the thousands.

We are the greatest people on earth, at anything. And we know it.

While the medals and honors are being passed out, we should not overlook the brainy Americans who have put 600,000 tons of German shipping to fighting Germany, in spite of Germany's dirtiest.

You may not have to pay a ready-to-serve charge for your gas, but you'll have to plank down the two-bits, just the same.

Keep Your Liberty Bonds

Many Seattleites bought Liberty bonds on the advice of The Star. If you will accept our advice again, it is this: Don't exchange your Liberty bonds for unknown securities. Securities are being offered in exchange for Liberty bonds which are fine examples of the engraving art, but otherwise worthless.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo urges that you do not exchange your Liberty bonds for any securities, known or unknown. It is not possible to have a sounder investment than a Liberty bond. Hang on to yours!

Dads have a chance to prove real friends to their sons next week by beginning a comradeship that should last all weeks.

Shall Seattle see government aid in providing permanent homes for shipyard workers?

Would such aid be a benefit or detriment to the workers and the government?

Opinion in Seattle is keenly divided on the problem today.

The United States shipping board has, in its initiative, already made loans to war workers at 4 per cent in some Eastern towns, and there is a bill pending in congress providing for \$50,000,000 to be appropriated for the purposes of property housing shipyard workers. The question is, shall Seattle seek to share in this fund?

The Seattle shipping committee, authorized by the National Chamber of Commerce, contains two sub-committees, each representing different attitudes on these matters.

Wants U. S. Aid

One of the sub-committees, of which E. L. Lambuth, president of the Seattle Real Estate association, is chairman, believes that the question of housing the incoming workers should be dealt with by Seattle.

The other committee, of which E. C. Hughes, of the law firm of Hughes, McKim, Ramsey & Rupp, is chairman, believes that government aid should be sought.

The latter committee, acting on plans which, they say, have been successfully put into operation in England and France, have outlined a procedure for the permanent housing of the workers thru government loans.

Plan Federal Loan

The plan calls for the formation of a non-profit-making corporation, to handle such lots as patriotic citizens shall list with the company.

Property owners who will do so, are to place their properties in the hands of the company for sale at a low figure, and with interest to run at not higher than 4 per cent.

The corporation will negotiate the sales to the shipyard workers and will construct the houses, according to such plans as the worker may, in each case, select. After this, the worker may, thru the corporation, secure a loan from the federal government of 80 per cent of the value of the property, with interest at 4 per cent.

Pay Construction First

The first payments by the worker on his new home are to be applied to pay the expenses of the company in constructing the houses.

After this is cleared up, the payments are to go to the land owner, who retains title subject to the government mortgage.

The corporation would be officered by patriotic citizens, who donate services. The overhead, clerk hire, etc., would be met by adding this amount to the selling prices of the various houses.

Save Interest

The advocates of this plan point out that the lowest rate of interest a man dealing with private owners can hope to secure is 7 per cent, whereas the uniform interest under this scheme would be 4 per cent.

Also, they state, thru the wholesale purchase of lumber, plumbing fixtures, architects' services, etc., the price would be materially lowered, and brought to a minimum.

"This plan would secure happy and contented workers," says Hughes, "and, realizing the government was doing its best for them."

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Tries to Solve Housing Problem

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E. C. Hughes, chairman of committee working on the housing problem, under direction of the National Chamber of Commerce.

They would do their best for the government.

Advocates of private building oppose this plan. In the first place, they say, government intervention would drive the chief incentive of low prices, competition, from the field.

Secondly, according to them, all owners who build in lots of 15 houses or more, secure wholesale prices, and so there would be no saving there.

Exhaust Private Capital

But the chief objection advanced is that the present situation is similar to that of Liberty Loans. The government desires to exhaust private capital, they state, before drawing from funds that might be used for war needs.

That is the idea of the \$50,000,000 fund to place workers in small towns, where private resources are insufficient to meet the demand. Whereas, they state, Seattle has capital enough to take care of its housing proposition.

Representatives of the shipyard workers are in favor of government aid, but do not believe the Hughes plan is satisfactorily worked out in all of its details.

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POLYGAMY NOT FROWNED ON BY THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES

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There is another group, led by Professor Thiele, medical director of the schools at Chemnitz, which believes it is important that more should be done for the living today and less for those yet unborn.

Famine-drops, hunger-typoid, tuberculosis—all due to lack of proper food—have seized upon thousands of children in Germany and threaten to wreck their health permanently, if more is not done for their relief.

With true German thoroughness, Dr. Thiele has reduced the situation to figures. Health records for 600 children have been kept thru the period of the war. ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THE CHILDREN EITHER HAVE LOST WEIGHT OR HAVE FAILED TO MAKE THE GAINS THAT SHOULD ACCOMPANY INCREASES IN YEARS.

"This loss of weight," said Dr. Thiele, in a medical report, supposed to circulate among doctors, "is due, of course, to the fact that foods to which the children have been accustomed have disappeared from their meals."

Fifty per cent of the children were normal, judged by the standard prevailing before the war. Ten per cent were pronouncedly anemic. There was an increase of 4 per cent among the tubercular.

In common with other observers, Dr. Thiele points out that the chief sufferers are the children of men of fixed pay—school masters, university instructors, government clerks, etc. These men have had no increase in pay to meet advancing prices, and consequently their standard of living now is lower than that of the skilled mechanic, who, being very much in demand, has had many increases.

SUICIDES HAVE INCREASED IN NUMBER BY 16 PER CENT IN GERMANY SINCE THE WAR BEGAN. THIS FACT IS GIVING THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT SOME CONCERN.

Three out of every four suicides are women, according to the latest figures. In most cases the SUICIDES have been WOMEN left entirely alone in the world thru the loss of fathers, sons or brothers.

Despondency Grows

The kingdom of Saxony has always led the world in the number of suicides, and the largest increases are now reported from that section. Germany as a whole, has been third among nations in the number of suicides.

This proneness to despondency in Saxony and other German states has been counted on by the allies as likely to be a factor in determining the outcome of the war.

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