

U.S. NEWSPAPER COMMENT

FARMERS IN WEST WILL DELIVER THE FOOD

The Fort Worth, Texas, Star and Telegram of December 4 commenting on Secretary Wickard's Farm Production Program for 1943 calls for the largest output in history to meet the extraordinary demands for foodstuffs, both in this country and among our Allies

This wartime order for the American farmer demands the same resourcefulness, energy and determination which American industry has displayed in the task of armament production the American farmer did the job in '17 and '18 and again may be expected to deliver the foodstuffs in 1943.

DAWN TO DUSK EFFORT

The Rocky Mountain News of Denver, Colorado, today states:- The pledge of the farmers of 13 Western states to meet Secretary Wickard's demand for record breaking food production in 1943 meets one vital part of the National war problem. Secretary Wickard made no attempt to minimize the difficulties of the job ahead. To meet the goals set for Colorado and other Rocky Mountain states, dawn to dusk effort will be necessary. Labour will be the farmers' chief worry but every effort will be made to supply the want. The army stands ready to give aid when a crop is threatened...

It's a tough job -- but it can and will be done.

THE BEVERIDGE REPORT

LARGE HEARTED PROPOSALS ALSO MUST BE HARD-HEADED

The New York Times today further discussing the Beveridge Report says, it would be premature of Americans to discuss Sir William's proposals in detail until more is known regarding those proposals and the specific situation to which they would apply. What is more important to recognise regarding all proposals of this sort is that the problem with which they deal is two-sided. The democracies today wish to effect insurance as far as possible against the disasters and dislocations incident to economic advance; but we do not wish to weaken the forces of advance themselves. We wish to mitigate for individuals the penalties for failure or misfortune but we do not wish to weaken the incentives to production and success.

.... each type of social security presents its own special problems and pitfalls. People may easily become indifferent about a job if the conditions and benefits of unemployment insurance are made more attractive than the job itself. Insurance against certain hazards, in short, sometimes increases the hazards themselves. This is the sort of question that must be raised regarding Sir William's proposals on unemployment benefits. If our future social programs are to be large-hearted they also must be hard-headed and they must undergo realistic analysis before they are accepted.

Plans of the type that Sir William has put forward deserve, and undoubtedly will receive, careful and openminded study both in England and here. They are in line with the trend of the times. But the world has not suddenly discovered any royal road to universal happiness and security

JAPANESE MILITARISM IS DOOMED

Recalling that one year ago today, though we little realized it at the time, we were on the eve of the greatest naval disaster in our history and the beginning of American participation in a war which will decide the life or death of democratic government the New York Times this morning says: Japan left us no choice but to see the fight through to a finish. In the interests of the most fundamental considerations of National security we can only fight on - at whatever cost to ourselves and however long it takes - until we have destroyed the last vestige of Japanese naval, military and air power. There can be no peace so long as a single brutal little soldier of the faithless Tojo stands with a weapon in his hands. To the achievement of that task we stand dedicated, because for safety's sake we can attempt no less.

POST-WAR ECONOMICS

CONGRESS WILL DECIDE U.S. - CANADA QUESTION, SAYS WASHINGTON POST

Canada and the United States have formally declared adherence to certain general principles in the formulation of post-war economic settlements states the Washington Post this morning the two countries aim to eliminate "all forms of discriminatory treatment in international commerce; to reduce tariffs and other barriers and generally to attain the economic objectives of the Atlantic Charter".

The movement of goods and persons across the boundary that separates us from our northern neighbour has already been facilitated by the emergencies of war. Vexatious export licenses have been abolished by both countries while tariff barriers impose no real obstacles to trade when Government procurement agencies are acting as buyers while conceding the desirability of looking toward closer economic cooperation with Canada when peace comes we might as well admit that the Joint Declaration is rather a statement of ideals than a working program for future guidance Congress will have the final word to say when it comes to regulating our post-war trade. The most that present discussion can do is to give our people, and through them our representatives, a better understanding of the part which Liberal trade policies can play in raising the level of economic wellbeing here as well as abroad and maintaining peaceful relations with the rest of the world.

GIANT BOMBERS "ROLLING OFF"

The Cleveland Plain Dealer today emphasises that the giant, consolidated B.245 are rolling off the production line at the Ford Willowrun bomber plant. This is the good news the public has been waiting for.

Only one other piece of news can top this says the newspaper, - stories of these giant bombers with a speed of 300 miles an hour, a cruising range of 3,000 miles and a load capacity of 4 tons in action over the enemy ...

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The Salt Lake City, Utah, Tribune states: Hitler tells his Italian ally to disregard enemy troop movements in Algeria, Tunisia and Libya because they hold no peril for the Axis and furthermore he will see no harm comes to his war partner. It must be comforting to the ill-nourished Italians dodging R.A.F. bombs in factory, cities and seaports to know that Adolf will "let nothing happen to them".

When Tunisia and Libya are completely occupied by the United Nations, Italy will be in a most perilous position. The waters of the Mediterranean will be more unsafe for the Italian fleet than they are now and the whole of "the boot" will be within easy range of bombers from all parts of the African coast. It will require more than Adolf's cheery assurance at that time to bolster Italian morale.