



# Yours for Democracy In Industry

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There appears to be not enough democracy worthy of the name. That is bad. It leaves a yen for trading it in . . .

Democracy should be proofed-up a bit in the industries.

U. S. A. has been fighting Britain's battle 10 to 12 years. It accepted Britains' depression and Britain's advice as to how to cure it. Both were and are off color.

But, thank God, Marshall says our army is coming along in fine shape. Which leads me to believe we can stick out our necks a bit further. The statement that our boys are training with "stumppullers" is pure hooley.

The Battle of South America is in full swing; it is economic and will last. Most nations will be placed on a self-sustaining base.

Isolation? Let me tell you, Gabriel, tax on imports is of the essence of isolation; call it "protection," if you will.

King Leonidas' last stand at Thermopylae was as nothing compared to Custer's last stand in the Little Big Horn sector. Both gentlemen would have been money ahead if they had run like hell and started early in the morning, or on the night before. No artist could have painted the night gallop and we would have been spared much chest-swelling.

Anthony Eden is now being accused of being a "hedge-hopping, traveling emotionalism."

Big words those, but what the hell, who of us isn't a bit emotional at times? In Washington we have a house full of emotionals.

Handing any part of our firecrackers to Great Britain is not an all-out American defense.

"Willkie asks national unity." It seems there is no unity, or he would not ask for it.

Some of the citizens are convinced that Jesus Christ of 1941 years ago will save us today. The Greeks and Britons at Thermopylae thought Leonidas of 2,400 years ago would save 'em. (Old Leo didn't show up.)

If your ship sinks, J. Christ isn't going to do your swimming for you. You do the bellycrawl yourself in person, and hope that the strength of your last supper will help you to reach the beach.

Both Nazism and British Imperialism have invaded the United States and we have to search ourselves to find out if our soul is our own. But take heart. It won't be until Britain loses "our war" for us that we will indeed be "all-out" for Britain—stripped clean.

Textile workers have gone on record against Lindbergh. They come from a part that is thickly populated and have rubbed elbows with all sorts of knowledge. Man from the sticks (Wheeler) isn't supposed to know much.

Knowledge comes from thickly populated places, like India and China and New York City.

I don't want to change the subject too suddenly, but it came to me just this moment . . . Of all the parasites, the louse is the most enterprising: it drafts human beings to hatch its eggs.

Sometimes homo sapiens double-crosses the louse by declaring a boiling-up day.

Says Seversky: "By aiding Britain we strengthen our defense by expanding our own facilities, increasing our supply of skilled labor and giving us invaluable experience in building large masses of planes."

Seversky is off-suit because all those things can be done without aiding Britain.

Britain akes the planes, etc., and we get the practice.

There is no vindictiveness in me, and I even deplore the advocacy of sabotage in one of America's leading popular periodicals in which it was suggested that workers in conquered nations use it to discomfit the conquerors. The liberty with which it was printed indicates the source from whence sabotage comes—from industrial and commercial dictators. Should the workers be misled into using it and get caught, or not caught, it means the wailing wall. You may be innocent as a newborn babe and yet, next minute, be a horrible example. Do not monkey with dictators unless you have organized power and plenty of it.

"The inroads made in the ranks

of the able seamen by Selective Service calls and (get this) better paying jobs in the defense industries, have cut the available men to rock bottom and a further decrease will mean that ships will have to sail short-handed," the operators said.

Whatever men the Lake Carriers lost to the "draft" have been replaced by youth below draft age. Whatever men the Lake Carriers lost to better paying industry have been over-made-up by men from lower pay industries.

Then there are over-age (over 17 years) seamen.

Buffalo can furnish full crews for ten additional ships. Cleveland, same. Ashtabula, Erie, Conneaut, Fairport, Sandusky and Lorain have several idle crews available.

The Lake Carriers' beef about crew shortage is but an alibi for sailing short handed.

A shortage may develop later when milkfed sailors play out and hard-bitten seamen have wandered off to other employment or retired to enjoy past accomplishment.