Interesting But Not Important



(by Ruth Taylor)

The most aggravating man I know has the disconcerting habit, just when I think I am telling an effective story, of saying, in a politely bored tone, "Interesting—but not important". The result is that I feel completely deflated, and determined not to be caught that way again.

But sometimes when I listen to the long harangues and speeches, both professional and amateur, about the crisis that today is for all of us to face, I wish some superior sort of being would drawl out "Interesting-but not important", and deflate once and for all the multitude of well rounded, highly imaginative stories.

We Americans do love a good story—so much so that we can't help adding all the little extraneous details that would make it complete, whether or not we actually saw or heard them take place. Our minds work quickly, so we jump to conclusionsnot always the right ones. We supply the "missing" motives for other people's actions, not from knowledge of their lives, but as though we were adding letters to a cross word puzzle. We know it all -and we tell it all.

The enemy knows this habit of ours, and he feeds in interesting details of fiction, clad as fact. Because these details are interesting, we pick them up and pass them on as illustrative of the breadth of our own knowledge. (Listen to yourself some time and see how much or how little you really know of what you say, of how far you are from telling the actual, provable truth.

But—misstatements are not the only danger in our telling of tales. If we would spend half the time working than we do talking of working, just thnki what we could accomplish! We have seen what unified action can do in this war. We have seen miracles performed in production. We have seen old barriers swept away as communities all over the nation, welded into brotherhoods, rallied behind the War Bond drives, Scrap drives and Civ-

If we applied the same concerted energy to the problems of peace time, we could solve the age-old problems of unemployment and poverty, of ignorance and sickness, and even eradicate for all time the fungus of hate and suspicion that is the breeding place of wars. All this we could do, if we WOULD put the important things first in our lives, realizing that they are the truly interesting hings; if we stick to fact in our speech, and if we would act and not merely talk.

ROAD TO PEACE-MEN WORKING. Some people think that only an expert in finance dares have an opinion about Bretton Woods. But, any intelligent citizen should be able to know and understand the following facts: The Bretton Woods Agreement were drafted by some 300 of the world's most expert economists, representing all the United Nations and their neutral friends. They were drafted by men whos purpose was to eliminate many of the causes of economic warfare which, in turn, so often lead to political warfare. Bretton Woods would provide the world with a Bank to guarantee loans made to any member nation for constructive and peaceful purposes. It provides, also, a Fund which could be used by any member nation for the purpose of keeping its currency stable and maintaining a reasonable favorable trade balance. America's participation in the Fund would amount to approximately what Americans loaned Germany after the first world war. International econome cooperation is fundamental to international political cooperation. If Congress accepts Bretton Woods, the world will know that, at long last, America is prepared to participate in international security.

BRETTON WOODS represents compromises arrived at by the delegates of many nations seeking a reasonable basis for common action. Bretton Woods is not perfect. Neither was the Constitution of the United States when it was adopted. Just as the Constitution provided the machinery for subsequent amendment and improvement, so does Bretton Woods. The important thing now is to accept Bretton Woods in principle and—as it becomes nec essary-make it a more perfect economic union later That is why you should use your influence now to write and wire your Congressmen and Senators, demanding passage of the Agreements.

FLIGHT FATIGUE AD LIB: The Chairman of the Writers' War Board, just returned from overseas,

News-letter WHAT'S HAPPENING IN Washington

Here is the story-told for the ed services

Article 8 of the Selective Service Act provides that you as an employ-

LABOR UNIONS maintain that a employers for the next five years. the seniority of others, without sen- will today vote against the boys in Get acquainted with the subject now jority credit for his time in the arm uniform

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other hand, holds that a veteran er must reemploy a veteran (a) if gets his job back if it still existshe left your employ for the armed or a comparable job-even though ervices, (b) if he applies for his job it means displacement of another

offers four suggestions:

1. To realize the impossibility of another world war, take a walk in Rouen or Aachen.

2. To realize the difficulties of the problem of postwar Germany, look at the eyes of a thousand German prisoners of war.

3. To realize the enormous power of the U.S. at war, stand at a crossroads at the edge of Germany and watch day and night-millions of tons and millions of horse-power go by.

4. To see a woman anywhere in Europe weep tears of joy, give her a cake of soap.

AN AMERICAN IS AN AMERICAN: American solders of Japanese racial extraction have a splendid military record with our fighting forces in Europe. The Hood River Oregon American Legion Post should therefore be congratulated for changing its unfortunate original attitude. It has restored to the local roll of honor the names of a number of Nisei now serving their country, the United States. In this war we have not maltreated Americans of German ancestry, but unhappily there are evidences all over the country, West, East, North and South, that Americans of Japanese descent are victims of injustice and the arbitrary denial of rights as citizens. .

YOUR JOB AND THE G. I. BILL OF RIGHTS:-The cream of this country's manpower—13 million men—have been enduring hardships and sustaining mental and physical damages such as the rest of us can only dimly appreciate. If America is to maintain leadership and even more important, if millions of wives, mothers and children are going to get back some semblance of the man they sent to war, our Government will have to take long-and quickstrides in its plan to rehabilitate veterans. The GI. Bill of Rights is fine as far as it goes but it is only the beginning. Pensions and bank loans do not

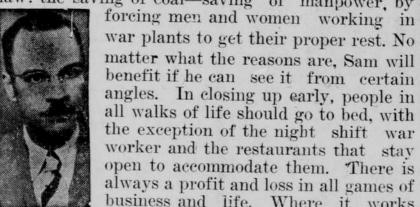
cure wounds. It is important for all writers to treat this subject, too. The Writers' Board is sponsoring a program which picksk up where the GI. Bill of Rights leaves off. We will be glad to send you a synopsis upon request.

DYNAMITE

by H. George Davenport

THE CURFEW

By this time everyone knows that we have a curfew. There are various reasons given for the new law: the saving of coal-saving of manpower, by



angles. In closing up early, people in all walks of life should go to bed, with the exception of the night shift war worker and the restaurants that stay open to accommodate them. There is always a profit and loss in all games of business and life. Where it works hardships on night lifers, it helps the ones who toil by day. We think, by comparison, the percentage of night help is far less than the day help -and in a pinch, the night lifer can, if he or she wants to, get a job in some essential war work. Now getting down to real facts and figures, a large

number of people are making more money than ever before—More hours are used up working—Rest is being sadly neglected. Get your rest—when you are asleep you save energy and money. We are too prone to be extreme. If we drink liquor, we try to drink a tavern dry-if we use obscene language, and we do, we yell out loud so as to disturb people living in the next block. We could go on and on trying to enumerate the things that harm us, but space will not permit. Soon, and sooner than we expect, the curfew on war with Germany will ring out. The great white fathers will decide to call it quits. It is up to Sam to save a little of the money, so generously given him on certain war jobs—caused by the insane desire of some white people to control the world. Thousands of Negro soldiers such as Lieutenants, Captains, and etc., are making more money than they were able to demand in civilian life. What a jolt it will be when they return to their former jobs This writer has a nephew in the air corps, a 2nd Lieut., who prior to the war, had to share a room at the YMCA, and worked for his board in some instances. There are thousands of similar cases— Discrimination is still on. The jobs you now hold will be taken from you and gven to white men and women. Lots of people are putting a lot of faith in the Trumans and Wallaces. It would be far better to find out how we can beat down the prejudices of Rankin and Bilbo. Personally, men like Bilbo and Rankin have been an inspiration to me. Each day I try to improve, each day I try to convey to some Negro his importance in the general run of life, each day I want to have more confidence in myself, in spite of the deceit, or the frankness of the Bilboes. Friend or foe, whatever happens, curfew or not, be

ready when the curfew on money rings out.

within 90 days after discharge from employe with greater seniority armed services, (c) if the job was Thus veteran get SUPERSENIORnot temporary, (d) if he still qualif- ITY RATHER THAN SENIORITY

(e) if your circumstances have not e discharged from such position can Legion, Vr W (Veterans of For without cause within one year after eign Wars), and DAV (Disabled American Veterans) have endorsed su perseniority. To which will Con gress listen-the unions or the vetveteran returns to his job subject to erans? Obviously, no Congressman

EMPLOYERS are in the middle SELECTIVE SERVICE, on the They can adapt themselves to either seniority or superseniority-to anything except colliding claims to jobs which bring law suits, back pay claims, dissension strikes.

> COURTS: Failing with Congress mions-acting through injured in dividuals-will take superseniority to court. There the unions ma have a chance; courts have repeat edly held that a person's right to a "position" includes his seniority

VETERAN'S PREFERENCE IN GETTING NEW JOBS: But the issushall also have a preference in get day's seniority credit for the return ed veteran which he can apply a

The veterans' organizations till further; they demand that II ANY WORKER IS LAID OFF FOR 90 DAYS OR MORE HIS JOI SHALL RE OEN TO A JOB-SEEK ING VETERAN WHO CAN SHOW THAT HIS PERIOD IN SERVICE IS GREATER THAN THE WORKER' SENIORITY

rights within 90 days following dischargefrom armed forces except i ase of hospitalization and educat on when right may be continued for as long as one year after dis-

These rights can be created only by Congressional legislation. Attacking the proposals, unions have prepared a brief arguing-believe t or not-that employers must be able to use discretion in choosing personnel if the productivity of in dustry is not to suffer.

If Veterans' Proposal Become aw, then until these rights expireuntil approxiamtely one year after the last soldiers return from Europe and Asia-your principal consideration in hiring new workers must be these "pecial veterans' seniority -based on lentgh of service in the armed forces. True, you can Superior qualifications of another offset veteran's services record with applicant with lesser seniority. But in practic e,unless superior qualifications are crystal-clear, you risk back pay claims Comparative experience and education can be proved in court, but how will you support your appraisal of qualifications which may be much more important

UNION COUNTER-PROPOSAL:-AFL and CIO, in agreement, propos completes probationary period dur can be teremined he then-but no until then-gets seniority credit for

Example: Veteran served ears in armed services. On the econd day after he completes a 3 day probationary period, layoff is unced. Veteran comes up with five years and 32 days of seniority All workers with less seniority must be laid off before he is. This cour ter proposal is now being incorpor ted in UAW contracts. Union publicizing the following example of its benefit to veterans; Recently ,000 were laid off at Packard. 500 veterans were new employes. But under CIO-UAW contact with Pack ard, they got seniority credit for their periods in service. Having completed their probation, they wer not laid off.

ASK YOUR SOLDIER TO WRITE S: We would like to get letters rom members of the armed forces ncurrent and postwar problems Will you ask your son or brother t write his views on topics like: sol lier attitude toward free enterpris ersus a managed economy: ant Semitism; Negro's place in future Anerica; regulation of unions; con fuct of the war: Bretton Woods Sumbarton Oaks; Yalta; or any oth er subject that uterests him. Ad WASHINGTON LETTER, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Munsey Bldg Washington, DC

DRAFT: Despite public statements o the contrary by draft officials very few men will be drafted after VE day except 17's-becoming-18 Almost none above 18 who are physically fit for combat now remain in ivilian life except those holding positions vital to the war effort Workers over 18 must be held in essential war jobs. Those leaving will be drafted promptly.

3% TAX ON PAYROLLS to be ury for welfare purposes has been forces on or after May 1, 1940, and lemanded by Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers (CIO). Would create \$150 million fund, says union. Also seeks \$3000 guaranteed annual wage for skilled workers proportional annual wage for other job-classifications

VE DAYPROCLAMATION: Declar ng there is no German authority likely tosurrender, Eisenhower says obtaining employment, as well as the end of organized resistance in for continuity and rentention i Germany will be signalled by Presdential proclamation. If no recwill be able touse discretion in announcement. Principal ncern: effect on American production. But a time may come

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