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UNRRA Test of Sentiment For World Co-Operation

Faith in Ideal Necessary to Continue Work Of Allied Relief Agency After Reports Of Early Difficulties.

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The forces in Washington battling for world co-operation are finding the going tough. It is hard to get people to have faith in collective security when they witness such things as the breakdown of the foreign ministers' conference in London, Russia's reluctance to co-operate in the Far East advisory commission, Argentina's espousal of the ways of the dictators. At times it seems as though, internationally speaking, demerit were approaching the winter of its sorest discontent.

It is unfortunate that in the midst of this period of suspicion and anxiety, a yes and no vote has to be taken on a matter that may mean life or death, and to that extent peace or anarchy, to hundreds of thousands of people in Europe. I refer to the 500 million dollar appropriation for UNRRA which has been winding a precarious way through congress.

By the time these lines appear, that appropriation which congress previously authorized may have been granted. There has never been much doubt as to its final approval. But the danger lies in the effect of proposed reservations.

This appropriation bill is considered a bell-wether. If it goes through unencumbered, it may mean that other measures affecting our relations with other nations are fairly safe and that such isolationism as exists in the country (and, therefore, in congress) is less than one-third of the whole.

It is true that there have been loud and emphatic demands that such knowledge as we possess concerning the atom and its potentiality be kept strictly to ourselves even though scientists say it cannot be less than common knowledge—even the "know-how" to turn it to military or commercial use—within a few years. But I believe that if you will submit to careful analysis the expressed sentiment of congress on this subject, it would reveal a line-up which takes little consideration of any international aspects of the use of atomic energy. In other words, the viewpoints so far expressed have differed as to whether this new force has been looked at as something to sell at home and the question has been whether it is produced under state control or by private enterprise. The question of internationalizing the bomb has remained in the domain of theory.

U. S. Support Is Vital

When a congressman casts his vote "aye" or "no" on the bill to appropriate the money for UNRRA he is not simply virtually voting aye or no on whether we help feed starving Europe. If he votes no and the news have it, there will be no UNRRA. True, all contributing nations put in the same proportion of their national income—1 per cent—but it so happens that 1 per cent of the national income of the United States is nearly three-quarters of the entire sum contributed. Your voter knows this. And he can't help realizing the UNRRA is symbolic of American participation in any world organization. Without this country's advice, consent and support, no world organization can exist. And likewise, with American support no nation can afford not to go along.

Another thing that the congressional voter knows when he votes on UNRRA is that it is far from perfect. He knows that the personnel, the efficiency, the standing of the organization have improved tremendously in the last few months since it has been able to get the personnel it required, which it couldn't get before because of the manpower and brainpower shortage due to the war. But he knows it is still hampered by its polyglot nature and he has to have faith enough in its purpose to make him feel that the risk of failure is worth taking. Because UNRRA, like any international organization, is everybody's baby, it can easily become nobody's baby. Each nation has been only too ready to criticize it, always excluding their own representatives' functions, of

course. UNRRA has suffered greatly from a poor press because the task it faced was well nigh impossible in wartime. The bad news, therefore, overbalanced the good news as far as reports of progress on the part of the active, contributing countries were concerned. From the passive, recipient countries naturally there were plenty of complaints. These "sins of omission" were ballyhooed. The other side of the story was not. It was the sad and familiar tale of priorities, a story many a business man can tell. Even when UNRRA had money in hand for food required (although some of the contributing members are very slow to pay, the United States still owes a little less than half of its allotment and authorization), it was impossible to get the combined food board, which decided who got what, to allot any to UNRRA until the armed forces, the domestic market, the lend-lease, and the liberated countries who had money to buy, got theirs. And even if the food was available, frequently there were no ships in which to transport it.

That situation has changed. Food is now being delivered to Europe. By Christmas it will be moving at the rate of half a million tons a month. But the memory of past deficiencies lingers and doubt as to future performance could easily be used as an excuse to delay the measure unless one is really convinced that UNRRA's job is so important it must succeed. And there we get down to the nub of the whole argument. For to agree with the thesis that UNRRA's objective is desirable is to agree that the good of one is the good of all and the good of the other fellow is the good of the us—"us" standing for the United States.

It is easy to show that millions in Europe will starve this winter unless they get food from outside their own borders. It is easy to prove that in those countries which are UNRRA's concern—the ones which were invaded and which cannot pay for food—starvation will lead to disease, riots, revolt—and death. And we know that under such conditions, nations turn to totalitarianism and when that fails, to chaos. We also know that unless we help tide these people over, we cannot expect to sell them our surpluses because "you can't do business with a graveyard." Nevertheless the isolationist would respond, what of it? Let's stay in our own backyard.

Therefore, the voter, weighing UNRRA's past errors with its future potentialities, will vote for it only if he still believes that world co-operation is something worth taking a risk for.

So UNRRA becomes a test of how well this belief is standing the test of misunderstandings and disappointments on the diplomatic front which we have faced in the past weeks.

We hear a great deal about the difficulty of understanding the Japanese mind and many people have their fears as to how we are going to get along in the years ahead during which we will occupy the country and attempt a reconversion of Japanese thinking as well as economic life.

Recently I had a long conversation with an officer who had interviewed some of the more intelligent Japanese officers captured in the Philippines just before the surrender. Several remarks of one of these men illustrated the difficulty of reaching the enemy mind.

My friend asked the prisoner: "What did you think of our propaganda?"

"It made us laugh," the Jap replied.

"Be specific," my friend said.

"Well, you sent us leaflets saying, 'Surrender; come over to our lines and receive plenty of hot food and cold water.' We laughed at that. We had plenty of cold water in the mountains. What we wanted was hot water."

Water, to a Jap, meant in this case a bath. They bathe in very hot water. That was what they wanted and couldn't get. To the Americans—water means, after the heat of battle, first, a drink.

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Three wheeled "bugs"—little tear-drop cars run by an airplane engine—will soon be available at around a thousand dollars. More use for DDT.

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The department of justice has over 97 million fingerprint cards. But they don't all belong to crooks. They've got mine among others.

The rubber manufacturers say there is going to be a revolution in sports wear, curtains and wall coverings. They can be coated with new substances which will resist not only water but oil and grease.

(This is the second of two articles on the discovery of a revolutionary treatment for infantile paralysis by Sister Elizabeth Kenny, famed Australian nurse.)

Sister Kenny Starts a One-Woman Crusade

The sun over Australia was brighter than usual one summer day in 1911.

But it was no brighter than the spirits of a tall, robust, tanned young woman just returned from the Australian outlands, as she strode confidently into the office of Dr. Aeneas McDonnell of Toowoomba General hospital in Queensland, Australia.

Doctor McDonnell, one of Australia's outstanding surgeons, greeted Sister Elizabeth Kenny cheerfully.

After the usual amenities were passed the famed surgeon inquired: "Whatever happened to your little polio patient?"

"There were five more cases... worse than the first one," the young nurse replied, "but all six are recovered now."

"That's fine," the doctor said. "How badly are they deformed?"

Miss Kenny smiled. "Why, they are not crippled at all," she said proudly. "They are entirely normal."

Demonstrates Treatment

While Miss Kenny described her treatment, the surgeon listened unbelievably. Finally he seized her arm and escorted her into the hospital. He took her to the bedside of a small boy whose legs were encased in splints, his face contorted in pain.

Dr. McDonnell said: "This child just came in. You take complete charge. Now show me just how you treated your patients."

At that moment Miss Kenny launched her one-woman crusade to convince the medical world that she had made a discovery that would revolutionize the treatment of infantile paralysis.

Before assembled doctors and nurses at Toowoomba General hospital could intervene, Miss Kenny stripped splints and bandages from the child's legs. She called for boiling water and materials, then fashioned steaming fomentions which she placed on the painful, lifeless limbs.

Patience Rallies The treatments and demonstration continued for several weeks and to the amazement of everyone, the patient rallied. Pain gradually left his limbs. The pale, drawn flesh took on new color and vitality. The boy's eyes began to sparkle and fill with hope.

Then Miss Kenny began moving the arms and legs of the boy in her process of restoring their functions. Finally she encouraged the boy to try moving them himself.

In a few weeks the boy took his first steps and before long he was playing with his brothers and sisters as actively as ever.

That first amazing demonstration occurred more than a third of a century ago. Since then Miss Kenny has waged a continual, relentless, one-woman crusade against the ravages of infantile paralysis.

In May, 1940, she carried her fight to the United States, a new battle-front. She came here introduced by the Premier of Queensland and a committee of illustrious Australian medical men.

Visit Arouses Hope Miss Kenny's visit to America

Her life has been dedicated to the ultimate conquest of the "Great Crippler" and to the creed that "No little child on earth should be asked to suffer pain and humiliating deformities and other complications unnecessarily."

Miss Kenny's work has not been entirely without opposition but those who have been restored the use of their limbs and eminent medical men who have made exhaustive studies of her theories have provided Miss Kenny with her greatest testimonials.

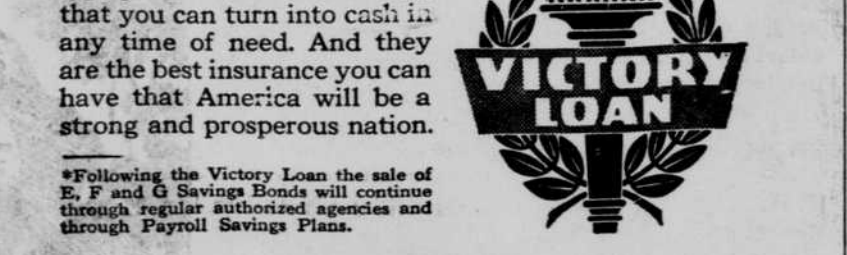
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FLIGHT TRAINING AT FISK UNIVERSITY ATTRACTS MEN RECENTLY RELEASED FROM MILITARY SERVICE



Reading left to right: James E. Taylor, Jr., director of aviation at Fisk University and flight instructor; Alvin Barnwell of Fort Worth, Texas; Woodfin Lewis of St. Louis, Missouri; and Charles Call of Lexington, Kentucky.

Nashville, Tennessee, Dec. 12.—The curriculum in aeronautics education, inaugurated at Fisk University during the 1945 summer session, is being continued this fall in cooperation with the Tennessee Bureau of Aeronautics, the State Board of Education, the City of Nashville, and Tennessee A & I State College. Students from Fisk State College and Fisk University have been granted 20 flight scholarships of \$100 each by the Tennessee Bureau of Aeronautics.

Five of the 20 students are returned service men, four of whom are enrolled at Fisk and one at Tennessee State. They are: Alvin Barnwell of Fort Worth, Texas; Woodfin Lewis, of St. Louis, Missouri; Charles Call of Lexington, Kentucky; and Joseph Reyes, of Corpus Christi, Texas, all of Fisk University and Marshall P. Bryant, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, a student at State College.

President Walter Davis, of Tennessee State College, and President Thomas Jones, of Fisk University, have appointed a joint committee on aviation which is responsible for the organization and development of a cooperative program using the personnel and facilities of both institutions. Members of the committee are Messrs. P. V. Jewel, W. V. Harper, J. A. Welch, and Dr. George Gore from Tennessee State and Messrs. James E. Taylor, Jr., I. T. Creswell, Drs. George Redd, and James R. Lawson of Fisk University.

This program also includes the provision of flight instruction for 21 students from Pearl High School in Nashville. Pearl High School is the only Negro school in the state of Tennessee and the only high school in the city of Nashville providing such instruction. These students have been awarded scholarships by the Tennessee Bureau of Aeronautics which defray one-half the cost of 8 hours of dual flight training. Their courses in ground training are taught at Pearl High School by Mr. R. H. Harris, an instructor, who took the course at Fisk this past summer.

Under the plan special students may take courses in flight training leading to either the private or commercial pilot certificate. A curriculum which will teach all phases of aviation is proposed by Tennessee State College and Fisk University—both from the standpoint of general and vocational education.

Teachers responsible for the ground training at Fisk are Dr. James R. Lawson, Dr. David Bender, and Mr. James E. Taylor, Jr. Mr. Taylor, assisted by Mr. Nathan A. Sams and Mr. Cecil M. Ryan, is in charge of all flight training for both schools.

The courses at Fisk, which are designed to help college students, high school students, and teachers understand and appreciate the meaning of the air-age, consists of the following subject: civil air regulations, navigation, meteorology, theory of flight and engines, communications, aircraft familiarization, social, geographic and economic implications of aviation, plus 10 hours of flight training.

The aviation curriculum at Tennessee State College will complement the general education courses at Fisk by stressing the vocational aspects of aviation. Students will receive pre-employment instruction in all those phases of



Monday night at 7 until 8 at Central high gym. ... To the boys who go to South high gym... it is open on Wednesday nights only from 6:30 to 9:30. (Reported by Leon Levi Dodd)

Current, who attended the meeting as a representative of the NAACP.

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Wilberforce, Ohio.—Delegates to the 7th annual youth conference of the NAACP here December 27-30 will include three members of the Riverside, California, youth council. Other delegates are expected from New Orleans and Texas points. The entire youth choir of the Detroit council will appear on the program. The conference will be welcomed with a keynote address by President Charles H. Wesley, December 27 and will hear a report on the World Youth Conference in London by Glover...

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