

**FULL EMPLOYMENT AND THE EDUCATED MIND**

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I imagine that there are a good many red faces these days among the intelligentsia of the United States and other countries. It affects more particularly the United States because that was the country which to all appearances had the direct threat from the demon of unemployment. Besides the United States had gone into the depression which followed the boom of 1929 with greater enthusiasm went further down, came out more slowly than most countries. What's more natural than to say that it would go down after the war. It was the perfect example of a country which could have both a boom and a depression and make them both the greatest that have ever been.

During the last few years, when we were moving from war to peace, there were a good many wise ones who wrote of the evil to come. They looked dolefully at the whole scene. There were millions employed in the army and in the production of war materials, somewhere around 29 million. It was thought, of course, that some of these would retire from productive activity but before the nation there still appeared an apparent gap of from 20 to 25 million. Let us list some of those leaders, mostly leftish in tone.

Here is the opinion of Stuart Chase taken from the Survey Graphic: "Thirty million Americans in the armed services or munitions industries will have to be transferred from the occupations of war to those of peace. Some very careful planning is in order if 30 million citizens are to be transferred from war to peace without disaster."

Apparently he had some doubts in this regard. Then Homer Hoyt in an article in the American Journal of Sociology touched off a similar vein of thought: "If over 20 millions are to be turned suddenly into the labor pool and if private industry is unable to absorb them quickly, our whole economic system will go into a downward spiral."

Senator Millard E. Tydings brought up once more the vision of the unemployed: "Of the 11 million men in the armed forces, approximately 9 million will be discharged and will be hunting for positions in private employment. To these 9 million must be added the workers in the war plants, most of whom will be laid off over night. They, together with the returning soldiers, will make a temporary unemployed army of between 20 and 25 millions."

John H. G. Pierson, in a pamphlet entitled "Unemployment After the War" has this to say:

"We are going to develop very quickly a large volume of unemployment in the United States unless we can have ready a large scale program of public works, non-construction as well as construction, to throw into immediate operation."

Then the most militant of them all was Henry Wallace. He wrote a book entitled "Sixty Million Jobs." He was very much devoted to the idea of doing something about it. Before the end of another year, Mr. Wallace was out of a job himself and was picked up by a radical New York weekly "The New Republic" which has been publishing articles every now and then along the same lines as the quotations which I have given from other distinguished gentlemen. The problem about which Mr. Wallace wrote his book was solved before Mr. Wallace had a chance to do anything about it.

What would have happened if our planners had been in full control? They might have spent millions giving employment, caused inflation and literally blown the roof right off. Now of all those from Wallace to Coldwell who discussed the problem of unemployment I like best Sir William Beveridge. One does not have to accept everything he has written but he brought to his task a penetrating mind, a clear insight into the whole

problem. He did not ignore the basic dangers which so many see but hesitate to discuss. He recognized that depressions begin with declines in the price of raw materials and as few others, he understood that the conduct of men determined the destiny of nations.

"The decision," he wrote, "depends largely on how private citizens use their liberties. If trade unions under full employment press wage claims unreasonably, maintenance of a stable price level will become impossible, wage determination will perform become a function of the State. If the private owners of business undertake under full employment set out to exploit consumers by organizing monopolies and price rings, or abuse their economic power for political purposes, or fail, with all the help of the State and in an expanding economy, to stabilize the process of investment, the private owners cannot for long be left in their ownership. If the people of Britain generally under full employment become undisciplined in industry, that will show either that they are not sufficiently civilized to be led by anything but fear of unemployment and are unworthy of freedom, or that the control of industry must be changed. All liberties have their responsibilities. The greater the sense of citizen responsibility the greater can the measure of liberty and the scope that is left for agencies independent of the State."

There, in the end, is the final solution of every problem. It lies in the character of a people in their willingness to recognize facts, in the desire they hold in freedom and their pride to defend it. The new gadgets, so frequently professed, will not make a new world nor a better one. Change if it comes, will bring in the heart and mind of man.

**MORE SWEETS FOR CHRISTMAS**

All canned fruit, sweetened and unsweetened, all baby foods containing fruit and cranberry sauce will be removed from the list of rationed commodities on December 16th according to a recent announcement made by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Canned fruits have been rationed in Canada since September, 1943, and are being removed from the list in accordance with the Prices Board policy of decontrolling as supplies become more plentiful. This year's record fruit pack has made possible this decision.

Coupons previously used for the purchase of canned fruit, baby foods and cranberry sauce may now be used solely for the purchase of sugar, jams, jellies, marmalades, honey and syrups. The removal of these items from the ration list will increase the consumer sugar ration by three and a half per cent.

Ration Administration officials point out that this will clarify the ration restrictions regarding pie fillers, bakers' fruit fillers, fruitcake and fountain fruit. Such items containing 66 per cent. or more sugar content are classed as jams and remain on the ration list. Those containing less than 66 per cent. sugar are now completely removed from ration restrictions.

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**ALLOW MEAT SERVED DURING HOLIDAYS**

Restaurants and public eating places will be permitted to serve meat Tuesday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 31, the Prices Board has announced.  
As both these days precede a public holiday it was decided that meat could be served on both occasions.

**SKATEERS' JOYS**

One of the compensations of winter is the enjoyment derived by a great number of people from skating. Active people seem endowed with a new sort of wings as they glide swiftly over the smooth icy surfaces. Many expert skaters develop great skill in doing fancy figures. They twist over the ice and seem to dance to some rhythmic sense of their own. Skating thus becomes a beautiful art. A circle of people is apt to gather around one who shows such proficiency to watch his graceful movements. The cold air exhilarates, and skaters return home refreshed and thrilled by the vigorous exercise.

TORONTO (CP) Canadian military personnel in Britain sent an average of 2,000 bouquets daily, or a total of \$200,000 worth of flowers, to their mothers, wives and sweethearts at home since October 1941. John Hunt, president of a British florists' organization, said here.

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<b>AYLMER GRAPE JAM</b> 30 OZ TIN 31c	<b>GRAPEFRUIT JUICE</b> 2 30 OZ TINS 27c	
<b>HAF GOLDEN WAX BEANS</b> 2 TINS 27c	<b>PEACH NECTAR</b> 30 OZ 25c <b>LEMON JUICE</b> TIN 11c	<b>SWEETENED ORANGE JUICE</b> 30 OZ TIN 19c <b>BRIGHT &amp; TOMATO JUICE</b> 2 TINS 19c

**MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE** 1 LB BAG 39c

<b>SMART'S PIE PUMPKIN</b> 2 28 OZ TINS 25c	<b>RED MARASCHINO CHERRIES</b> 6 OZ BTL 33c	<b>MIXED NUTS IN SHELL</b> LB 45c
<b>KELLOGG'S CRISPER CORN FLAKES</b> 2 12 OZ PEGS 25c	<b>FRY'S CHOCOLATE FLAVOR COCOA</b> 1 LB 19c - 31c	<b>DIAMOND BUDDED WALNUTS</b> LB 57c
<b>CRACKERS</b> BOX \$1.05, \$1.69	<b>UNWEETENED CRUSHED (Not Rationed) PINEAPPLE</b> 10 OZ TIN \$1.43	<b>BLUE DIAMOND SOFT SHELL ALMONDS</b> 1 LB BAG 49c
<b>AUNT DINAH'S MOLASSES</b> 16 OZ BTL 17c	<b>CALIFORNIA BLACK FIGS</b> LB 29c	

<b>DREFT</b> For Greasy Dishes PKG 24c	<b>ROBIN HOOD OATS</b> LB PKG 19c	<b>CHAN FLOOR WAX</b> TIN 63c
<b>JAVEX</b> CONCENTRATED BLEACH BTL 14c	<b>QUAKER CHOICE UNGRADED PEAS</b> 2 TINS 29c	<b>WHEN AVAILABLE USE CASHMERE BOUQUET SOAP 2 CAKES 11c</b>
	<b>RED PITTED CHERRIES</b> TIN 25c	<b>PALMOLIVE SOAP 3 LB CAKES 23c</b>
	<b>LOBSTER PASTE</b> TIN 25c	<b>SUPER SUDS PKG 59c</b>
	<b>O WASHINGTON COFFEE</b> 3 OZ JAR 59c	<b>Cashmere Soap 3 Cakes 17c</b>
	<b>CAMPBELL'S CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP</b> 2 TINS 25c	
	<b>MOTHER'S CHICKEN a La KING</b> TIN 45c	
	<b>JACKSON'S JIFFY CORN FOR POPPING</b> TIN 25c	
	<b>V. S. VEGETABLE JUICE</b> TIN 15c	

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