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The Editor's Corner

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IT

The invasion of Europe has begun. Prime Minister W. M. L. King announced the biggest news of the war to radio listeners shortly before the newscasters began their Saturday morning broadcasts. And fitting it was that the head of Canada's government should be the first to release the news to the citizens of our country, whose sons, husbands and sweethearts are combining with British and American troops to form the spearhead of attack. Landings have been made in the mountainous terrain of Sicily, and at time of writing, the invasion was "proceeding according to plan."

Our boys have been training long and hard in England. Letters home have voiced their eagerness to get into action against the enemy, and this seems to jibe with reports from the front line telling of the excellent spirits pervading in the attacking units.

Although we have been at war four years, actual land fighting has not played a prominent part, but all great military experts agree that in the final analysis, infantry plays the decisive role. The necessary and highly successful "softening up" process by the airforce, from which casualties are comparatively light, has formed the preliminary part in Allied offensive operations. We have been warned not to expect an easy conquest, or to underestimate the fighting strength of the Italians. This means that casualty lists will be striking preity close to home. But even though there may be dark days ahead, we'll know our boys are in there "pitching", with Canadian made tanks, guns and ammunition. They're anxious to get the job over with, and while they're out there in action, we'll keep on passing the ammunition, till victory is ours.

BUT NOT FOR GOOD

Much thought is being given these days to postwar planning. We're thinking about what we're going to do in the hour of victory and afterwards. There's no doubt in everyone's mind that the problems to be met then will be tremendous, and the way in which they're solved will have far-reaching effects.

Our way of life—wartime s.yle—is regulated by emergency boards, commissions and administrations, departments, controllerships and councils. The resultant restrictions in our every-day lives are irksome, there's no getting away from it. Everyone, however, realizes these things are necessary to the winning of the war on the home-front, and we endure them with a minimum of grumbling, believing it's the least we can do. Nevertheless we look forward to victory and a return to normal freedom when all these controls will vanish in the shining light of peace.

After reading an article in "Saturday Night" recently, our ideas on this subject changed somewhat. The author set forth the reasons why Canada's economic controls, the rules, the restrictions and the rationing should not disappear as soon as peace is declared.

The author presented several illustrations to prove the point, the first of which was the price ceiling policy. Ceilings are being used now to prevent inflation threatened by increased income and a diminishing supply of foods. These will still have to be maintained for some time after peace comes, because at that time incomes will be at their highest peak and consumer goods at their lowest level. It is easy to see that if all controls were taken off, runaway inflation would be inevitable.

Post-war planners know that the biggest single problem will be labour. To offset labour lay-off and cut wages, two interlocking courses of action are being studied. For the immediate post-war period, a "tapering off" process in the manufacture of armaments is proposed. This will be superseded by a permanent employment policy, including programs for public works. Government boards concerned now with the operation of war industries would supervise such a policy.

National Selective Service will also have to function for some time, only its post-war job will be the reverse of its wartime function. The big job ahead of it will be to re-allocate the hundreds of thousands of men and women in the armed forces and in industry. Another interesting proposal for smoothing out the employment chart is the rapid conversion of plants operated by the Department of Munitions and Supply to the making of peace time goods.

It is predicted that half a dozen war agricultural boards will survive the coming of the peace. Their post war function will be to develop trends which will benefit the farmers in all parts of the Dominion.

Applying good common sense, the article com-

mente: The case for the retention of wartime controls is not intended to give the government a means for perpowers it could hardly have acquired without

violent opposition in time of peace, but from a growing realization among post-war planners that the transition from a war to a peace economy would be accompanied by chaos if this period were not regarded as great a "crisis" as during an actual "State of war".

We stated above that our ideas on the subject of controls had changed "somewhat", after reading the article. But we still look forward to the "post-transition" period, when the good old days of not having to make out a report for the government every time you turn around will be with us again.

POLITICAL HOUSECLEANING

Election time remind us of housecleaning dark, neglected corners are cleaned up, cupboards opened and the contents aired sometimes things are discovered whose existence has been almost forgotten articles, and maybe whole rooms in need of improvements, are given attention, and useless things discarded. Thus when a party goes to the people for election, or re-election, it must set its political house in order, or the polls will reflect their failure to do this duty.

IN THE STUDIO



Here's how "The Coales' reach thousaft, a thin Doon Houses I llows the sat. Is of CBC's. Ontatto, and Quebec script, and control operator. Archie listeners in the daily Farm Broadcast. Book keeps a practiced hand on the at 12 50 pm. EDF Producer Kay Ste- controls tenson has just waved them on to the

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