

COMPARES PACIFIST MILITARISM TYPES

FAVOR NEITHER EXTREME

But Detroit Free Press Says That Latter Can Do Less Harm; Need for Adequate Defense

Representative McClintic says that "the pacifist is a less dangerous citizen than the radical militarist." Assuming that the latter type of person really exists in this country, and that we thoroughly disagree with him.

Neither a pacifist nor a radical militarist, so-called, is a desirable type of citizen. But at the worst the latter can do no more than make the United States spend more money for national defense than it is necessary to spend.

Questionable Source

The idea that preparedness in America would promote an evil spirit of belligerency and international uprightness is an insulting doctrine, advanced principally by designing communists and by the type of religionists who always expects his fellowmen to exhibit the lowest and meanest possible form of reaction to any opportunity which occasions or conditions afford, says the Detroit Free Press.

On the other hand, the program of the pacifists if they are able to put it over—and they are meeting with considerable success just now—will make this country defenseless in a decidedly unsettled world, and will lay it open to insult, imposition and predatory attack, and sooner or later will inevitably force it to fight at a disadvantage, and involve it in serious and unnecessary loss.

The United States never has gone to war because it has been over-prepared for war. But it has plunged into at least two serious foreign conflicts because it has been obviously, almost ostentatiously unready to protect itself in any decisive, effective

way, and it has been saved from permanent disaster only because it has been lucky.

Cost Billions

Where proper defense preparations would have cost the United States millions of dollars, since the opening of the century, unpreparedness born of pacifism, has cost it billions. And with respect to human casualties.

We know that today the pacifists are asking with sneers, "Who is it the United States is going to fight?" The predecessors of these people asked the same question just before the World War when they, too, were trying to scuttle the Navy and destroy the Army. The country found out the answer to their query—to its cost. And those who today are working to prevent America from being reasonably and sensibly prepared against trouble are taking a fearful responsibility upon themselves. If they succeed in their program, sooner or later the blood of the innocents will be on their heads.

SENTIMENT GROWING FOR REFORESTATION

GENERAL INTEREST SHOW

Realization That Conservation of Timber Necessary; Governments Take Action To This End

The American people are all interested in forestry and the problem of reforestation. They are interested whether they realize it or not, for the question of our forests and our timber supply is one which will be all important in the not-distant future. And it is encouraging to note that manifest interest in the forestry problem is steadily growing. It is growing from the ethical as well as the commercial standpoint. Every human being who thinks seriously and possesses any degree of emotion, loves the forests. A majestic, sweeping tree is one of the noblest creations of the Almighty. When we take time to study the tree's beauties it give us a feeling of restfulness and of renewed faith in the Creator.

To realize how the sentiment for reforestation has grown one has only to compare in memory the present interest in our trees with the interest displayed two or three decades ago. Then men and women who talked of reforestation and forest reservation were regarded as something like harmless fanatics. Now every sane human being is beginning to realize the importance of the movement.

The national government, and the states one by one, have enacted legislation looking toward preservation of our trees and the redeveloping of our forests. One of the latest states

to take active interest is Ohio. A new state forestry was established recently in Ashland county, in the center of the commonwealth and the state forests in Ohio now aggregate 37,000 acres. An active campaign has been inaugurated by the State Department looking forward to the reforestation along all the principal highways of the state, with the cooperation of the land owners. Here is an idea worth copying and is one which will be appreciated by the traveling public as well as the land owners. For as the Cincinnati Enquirer well puts it:

Who Plants a Tree

"Who that plants a tree has added something of value and beauty to the world, has made life more worth while, not only for himself, but for many, many others. He becomes partner with the sun, the birds and the rains, with the minstrel winds, for all of these are friends of the trees. It is much to be hoped that Ohio will attain in this respect to her rightful place. She has been lacking in no other respect; why should she fail in an enterprise so charming and so noble."

SAYS FARMERS ARE LIKE OTHER HUMANS

FACES NEW CONDITIONS

Analysis of Thousands of Letters by Farm Journal Has Interesting Results; Some Details

An analysis of 181,687 letters from farmers has just been completed by his studies in this sentence: "Farmers are no different from other people; in fact, farmers are merely human beings who farm."

This astute and far-seeing editor, George Martin, adds the following rather wise observations:

"These letters indicate that within the last twenty-five years the American farmer has ceased to be a toiler or a day-laborer, and is confronted with the necessity of either becoming a competent, up-to-date business man or going into the discard."

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Looking For Ideas

The bulk of the agricultural press still approaches the farming man as one benighted and needing advice and preaching. It scolds him and rags him at every opportunity. The time has come when it is no longer possible to "talk down" to the farmer. He is looking for ideas which he can personally translate into a bettered farm, a happier life and a fatter pocketbook.

OX TEAMS SCARCE IN MODERN TIMES

YOKE RECENTLY IS SOLD

Last Pair in New England Town Passes, Report Says; History of Use of Patient Animals Told

A Boston paper carries a dispatch from Barrington, N. H., which reads as follows: "The last yoke of oxen in the town of Barrington have been sold by A. B. Locke of Waldron's Hill. A half-century ago a farm was not complete without a yoke of oxen and for years it was customary for ox teams of ten yoke each to be sent to the Rochester Fair from this town. Road breaking was always done by oxen."

It was, and so was the work of breaking a bit of wild land under cultivation, for the horse was, to quote the Psalmist regarding the animal, "a vain thing for safety" when unseen boulders or tough roots lay concealed beneath the soil to catch the plow-point, to break the beam of the plow, the point, or the harness.

Always in Low Gear

The oxen, always in low gear, would increase their pull up to a certain point, beyond which they would not go unless urged by the driver. If aught happened it was up to him. The horses became too nervous, as did their driver. Roads blocked by a snowfall are broken out by tractors now, we suppose. If they were not they would remain closed until nature released them, for there are now no oxen to do the work and the efforts of hired men with shovels are expensive and inadequate as well. The oxen, we always felt sure, enjoyed the task of dragging a farm sled through a snow drift, partly because they were allowed to fix their own gate, not being hurried, for were not their owners working for the town?

It was a sad day for the old-time farmer when the ox left the farm, though the animal had to go. It was deliberate, reflective and, in a way, dignified. It had far more intelligence at maturity than the average farmer admitted, and it fitted admirably into the general scheme of things unhurried, says the Hartford Courant.

Fred Severts owes his life to the sagacity of his horse.

Injured by a fall, Severts managed to crawl to his cabin, where he had food but no water. He wrote a note which he attached to a string around the neck of his horse, then released the animal. Two days later, the horse led lumberjacks to the lonely homestead, where Severts was given aid.

The Connecticut man who married 16 women since last August may be expected to enter a plea of continuous insanity. —Minneapolis Journal.

Now we know what "insurgency" signifies. It means to cut down the revenue and increase the appropriations. —Boston Transcript.