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FIGHTER PLANE PILOTS REQUIRE SPECIAL ENDOWMENTS.

He had been an American commercial pilot until a few weeks ago when he dropped a good-paying business to come to Canada to enlist for the avowed purpose of "shooting Germans and zooming in a Hurricane or Spitfire at 450 miles per hour" somewhere over there.

Now he was a graduate of the Trenton air training school and destined, much against his will, for instructor's duties at Verdun, Man.

He was enroute to the Western military pool when we met him and he promptly "opened up" with a caustic denunciation of the powers that changed his course from an ambition to shoot Germans in a high-speed fighter for the less exciting prospect of "shooting cowboys & Indians and living in a wigwam" as he colorfully pictured the first province of the Golden West. He was critical of a government which would not understand his willingness to trade dollars for thrills, and pointed out the paradoxical action of paying \$250 per month for services for which he only asked half that amount.

The point which our new-found and zealous young friend overlooked was that he might not be equipped to handle a fighter plane to "shoot down Germans", while he had been found capable of turning out the pilots who could handle that task more efficiently, and that his part in the pattern would prove a very worthwhile contribution to the same purpose.

Many American pilots come to Canada to enlist for just such a supposed adventure, and many of them bring a splendid flying record posted in their log books, including in a few instances several hundreds of solo flying hours, but not all good commercial pilots can handle a fighting plane, or even a light bomber. They are thoroughly experienced in heavy-duty flying, but the mobility of a fighter plane makes demands which only the cream of youth, not yet moulded to accepted methods, can meet. A commercial pilot lacks the ability to safely roll a fast plane or power dive at upwards of 600 miles per hour, and if he is past 23 years of age the statistics say he is too old to change tactics and acquire the knack of a swallow's control. The same holds true for our Canadian youth who are anxious to become fighter pilots, but many of whom have to be sidetracked in their desires, for the duty they can most efficiently render. We can sympathize with the young Tennessean of chance acquaintance, but there are many lessons of experience he has yet to learn and he will meet a lot of nice people in the earthy expanses of the West that it would never be his privilege to know in the vast cloud spaces up there.

THE CALL TO ARMS

As a feature of the present recruiting campaign a CALL TO ARMS in old-time style was simultaneously delivered to the municipal offices or heads of municipalities last week in all communities of Canada. The intention was to impress upon all Canadians the reality of the present threat to Canada, and to inspire an awareness of the imperative need for men for active service. There has never been an emergency threatening Canada when the CALL TO ARMS was not answered by a prompt and resolute mustering Canada's citizen soldiers. The 1941 CALL to duty follows:

A CALL TO ARMS

WHEREAS Liberty is threatened throughout the world by the forces of TYRANNY

AND WHEREAS Canada of her own free will is pledged to fight for FREEDOM by the side of Britain.

AND WHEREAS the security and the welfare of every man, woman and child in Canada and of free peoples everywhere DEPEND UPON VICTORY.

AND WHEREAS victory cannot be assured without the help of every LOYAL CITIZEN OF THIS DOMINION

Now be it known that

there is URGENT NEED for stout-hearted able-bodied men to volunteer for ACTIVE SERVICE in the CANADIAN ARMY

Wherefore Canada sends out a

Call to Arms

And charges all true Canadians to heed and to help,

J. L. RALSTON

Minister of National Defence

GOD SAVE THE KING

A convention is to be held in New York in the near future to revise the Ten Commandments. The revision that is most needed is in the way folks keep them.

SHALL WE FEED OUR ENEMIES?

Gilbert E. Jackson, in the course of a series of addresses at McGill University recently, made one suggestion which could have a very large bearing in producing a better Europe, and as a consequence, a better Canada.

"I make the suggestion," said Mr. Jackson, "and make it with a very full heart, that this is practical wisdom—that we should make up our minds, now, to do just what St. Paul says—to feed our enemies, and clothe and succour them by giving them a very great part of our surplus—as soon as, but not before the war is over. We should not only decide this now, but announce it as our irrevocable policy.

"We had 400 million customers in Europe. Whether we shall ever have them again—whether their demand for our products will ever become effective again—remains to be seen. But when this war ends, they will not only be poverty-stricken; they will be starving, riddled by the diseases of malnutrition; and in all probability, leaderless. On our immediate treatment of them when this war ends, may depend the future of Europe, in permanence: whether those 400 millions will ever be steady customers of ours again; and whether the new countries, including Canada, must now try somehow to live, without the world market which was the reason of their existence.

"The problem, of course, is international," Mr. Jackson continued. "It is not a counsel for Canada alone, but for Britain and ourselves, for our sister Dominions in the war, and for that most resolute and helpful of non-belligerents, the United States. Let us have no foolishness, looking on Uncle Sam as the Fairy Godfather—waiting for him to do the job alone, and to distribute largesse all over the world. Let us recognize this as our common responsibility—one which is reinforced by Christian teaching, and as well, by the dictates of practical wisdom.

"And the moral effect! I think, not of the moral effect after the war only, but of the moral effect now. Suppose that on every short wave, the following announcement were to be broadcast many times daily in all European languages: that the Governments of the British Empire and the United States jointly have already bought the grains and meats and fats and raw materials for clothing that Europe so sorely needs; that these great supplies are held in depots all over the world, ready to be brought across the seas in ships (if there are enough ships left to bring them, when the submarine campaign ends!); that when the war is ended, these great supplies will be brought over forthwith, and given to the needy peoples of Europe, so that all may be fed and clothed; that only the continuance in power of the dictators prevents those great supplies from being brought across for distribution now.

"Suppose we were to say daily, to those 40 million customers of ours (both friends and enemies) in their own languages: 'Bide the time—for you can do nothing now. But when our hour strikes, pull down the dictators who govern you, liquidate the Gestapo and the OGPU, throw the concentration camps open and free the captives—for as soon as those things are done, the relief ships will be loaded, and you can clear your stricken ports for them!

"Costly—such an undertaking would indeed be costly. This would be the biggest giving in all history. But it would not cost as much as even six months of war. If it shortened, even by six months, the length of the struggle, it would need no further justification. But it would have such an impact on the spirit of Europe, on millions of disillusioned Germans, and on more millions in the captive countries, that it might well shorten the struggle not by months, but years. If thine enemy hunger, feed him."

Mr. Jackson has reached the core of the world's problem in a very clear and understandable manner. The one great problem of the whole human family, both before the struggle began and when it ends. It sounds like very good strategy to advance its solution now, and certainly it is very good economics.

This war is going to have no fairy tale ending. There is no hope whatever that the high contracting parties will live happily ever after. We must, anyway, face tremendous economic strains in the generation ahead of us. But we shall ease the strains, and increase our hope of balanced living, if we give, of our embarrassing abundance, both to friends and enemies alike—asking no recompense.

To myriads in Europe now blinded by hatred or by suffering, such a gift at such a time would be the glory of the coming of the Lord, and a practical demonstration of our belief in what we claim we are fighting for. Think it over.

If the unexpected always happens, why not change and expect it? The motor car stalls at times, and so do the people who are trying to get the thing paid for, says an exchange.

This is the time to launch your annual anti-fly campaign and "Swat the Fly" should be a universal slogan. The common fly is a menace to the good health and well-being of our people.

Brockville police have declared war on wedding parties making unnecessary noises along the streets of that town. Blowing of horns, rattling of tin cans, and such procedure will bring charges under the Highway Traffic Act. Probably the Brockville town officials have forgotten the day they went off the deep end with its accompanying merriment—or can it be the heat is getting them.

Trees can be felled with a few strokes of an axe but they require years upon patient years to grow to their full, ornamental stature. They should not be struck down on the spur of the moment, should not so much as be trimmed by anyone but experts. About the only justification for removing a tree in our villages or towns is the fact that it is rotten, beyond repair and threatening its neighbors.

The Ottawa Spotlight

Ottawa, July 8th.—The total mobilization of Canada's human and material resources in the cause of freedom has been given a new and powerful incentive in the battles raging in Eastern Europe. There is no doubt that the Canadian people have been shocked into the stark realization that the Nazi armored columns, backed by the fanaticism of Hitler, aim at a sweep over Asia. Whether they could be successful in such a grandiose plan is the unanswered question, but for those who continue to doubt that Hitler's scheme is world domination, the answer is given. It offers a challenge not only to the statesmanship of Canadian leaders but to the courage, vision and determination of the whole Canadian people. It is not necessarily a question of "conscription," but what is obviously needed is that the soul of Canada should mobilize itself to the tremendous task.

Since the beginning of this month there have been a number of landmarks set in Canada's war activities. They have been signposts on the march of the national effort. A tank brigade has joined the Canadian corps in Britain; the first cruiser tanks are being run off the assembly lines of a Montreal factory; the first 25 pounder field guns have been manufactured in a Sorel plant. At the same time minister for air C. G. Power is in Britain discussing questions in connection with the Commonwealth Air Training Plan with British authorities; and the Minister of Pensions, Ian Mackenzie (after presenting the torch of victory to Prime Minister Churchill) is visiting the Canadian armed forces in Britain. Prime Minister Mackenzie King is rounding out his fortnight's visit to Western Canada where he has inspected military, naval and air units and training centres and war production plants. From Ottawa has come a proclamation calling during the next few months 100,000 men to the camps for military training. There has been a Call to Arms read throughout Canada. There is every proof that the war effort is a vital organism, growing daily in strength. But the present crisis is of such a gravity that it calls for nothing less than the supreme, untiring effort of all Canadian citizens. The clearest call is for men to rally in greater numbers to the colors.

The number of workers enrolled under the unemployment insurance plan which came into effect at the beginning of this month is exceeding original estimates. Nearly 2,280,000 employees' cards have been recorded. At first some smaller employers of labor were slow about registering with the commission but the pace has increased and now about 90,000 employers have sent in their lists. It is now believed that the use of stamp books as a basis of workmen's contribution, will considerably lessen the original estimate of the cost of administering the plan. This cost was earlier placed at as high a figure as five million dollars a year.

Cost of Living Bonuses to Workmen

Some difference of opinion is being expressed on the government's request that a cost of living bonus should be given to industrial workmen throughout the Dominion. The government's suggestion was announced when its decision was given in favor of granting this bonus to railway workers. The government's award is not compulsory but it is backed by the urgent request that it be put into effect. As far as the extension of the principle is concerned it can be made effective by federal decree only within the jurisdiction of the Dominion government that is in relation to war factories, transportation utilities and shipbuilding plants. But within this sphere conciliation board are requested to recommend the cost of living bonus. The principle has already been adopted by pulp and paper companies, mining firms and some other industries. The province of Ontario has already approved of it and it is thought likely that all other provinces will follow a similar course, so that classes of workmen coming within the provincial jurisdiction may receive cost of living bonuses.

The Dominion's wartime wage policy must be considered in conjunc-

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U.S. Secy. Declares Lindbergh a Quisling

Hartford, Conn.—Interior Secretary Harold Ickes declared that the American people must "make choice" now "whether we are willing to buy a craven's truce" or "work, sacrifice, fight and die, if need be, for liberty." "This is a war for liberty" he said. "If we win it, we may live, but at any rate we will pass on to our children, undamaged, the great heritage that has come to us from our fathers.—If—God forbid—we lose the war, some of us may live, but those who do would much better be dead."

Ickes made his remarks in an address before a meeting sponsored by the fight for freedom committee and the committee to defend America by aiding the allies.

While declaring that "democracy and Stalin to-day have nothing in common save the enmity of Hitler," Ickes said practical considerations dictate that "Russia, undoubtedly weaker than Germany, should be aided so that Hitler will be required to waste greater quantities of men and more pieces of equipment, thereby weakening him in his struggle with the democratic forces."

Ickes, frequently critical of Char-

les A. Lindbergh, who favors United States isolation from Europe, lashed out again at the flier. He declared:

"If Lindbergh is for Hitler now, as every act and word of his seem to indicate, it is because through an understanding with Hitler, or as an expected favor from him, he glimpses a political future which a free people would not accord him voluntarily. Thus it was with Quisling, who betrayed Norway to Hitler, and with Laval, who is doing the same thing to France.

Lindbergh said recently that we need new leaders. This shocking exposure of personal political ambitions—ambitions which, apparently, he would attain by unconstitutional means—made even his simple-minded adherents gasp!

"As Hitler's designs upon America are becoming clearer, so is the role that Lindbergh has cast for himself. The understanding between the dictator who bestowed the medal and him upon whose breast it was pinned is not accidental."

Declaring "Hitler has us on his list of the doomed," Ickes said, "we must use more than words in defence of our liberty. We must offer in full measure the sweat and blood and tears that the heroic English have been yielding at the call of Churchill." He added solemnly:

"Make no mistake. The situation is so serious that if America does not quickly go all-out for Britain, America may find herself all-in with Britain."

HOW TATTOO MARKS MAY SAVE SICK PEOPLE'S LIVES

Science urges a warning code mark on your body, if you're likely to collapse from diabetes or some other ailment. Robert D. Potter will reveal in The American Weekly with the July 13 issue of The Detroit Sunday Times. Be sure to get The Detroit Sunday Times this week and every week.

And so Max Schmeling has received the Iron Cross. And just wait until some British Tommy gives him the K.O.

AUCTION SALE

Of farm stock, implements and household effects will be held at the Beaven Bros. Farm, on Highway No. 2, three miles west of Prescott, on WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH, 1941 starting at one p.m. D.S.T. Everything will be sold without reserve, including 21 head of Purebred Holsteins, (see catalogue for particulars) and three head of work horses. Terms Cash. Beaven Bros., Proprietors. W. I. Spero, Auctioneer. c26-27-28

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