



Come to Church

In these times of stress, as never before, our Churches should be more important to every American family than at any time in the last quarter of a century. The reasons are obvious . . . we are a free people . . . thinking, reading and saying what we believe is right. We are able to practice our religion with a generous, soul-satisfying attitude. We have our family, our homes and our country.

Today, in these times of stress, we should surely go to Church and ask our Lord for His blessing on ourselves, our loved ones and our country. We should take advantage of the fact that we can worship as we please and where we please . . . that we can listen to the words of wisdom and advice from men who have devoted their lives to a cause so that our way of living may be perpetuated.

Be a good American . . . and accept the invitation of your church . . . attend it's services . . . follow it's teachings.

YOU NEED YOUR CHURCH YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU

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Employers Must Place Facts Before Draft Boards on Key Men

From U. M. W. Journal

We don't know whether the blue-printers and theorists have in mind coal mines when they talk about mobilization of man-power in loose terms, and propose regimented, push-button methods in distributing workers by geographic quotas, but we do know this—a coal mine cannot be converted to the production of anything but coal. It requires experienced coal miners to mine coal.

Just now the air is filled with ill-timed expediency proposals, born, for the most part, in the brain cells of men who never manned a machine, managed a plant or produced anything other than theory and oratory. Many grandiose national plans are being put forth for the mobilization of labor. The United Mine Workers of America want to do their full part in the War. Their past record is an assurance to the nation that they will do their full part. The Mine Workers want no part in heedless schemes.

During recent months, the International Union has been requested time and again to assume the lead in forstalling drafting of key men in the mines. The International Union assumes the position that the individual miner is the best judge of his own desires. He should be privileged to determine in his own mind whether he chooses to serve his nation as a defense production worker or on the military front.

The Journal feels, however, that there are thousands of key men in the coal industry whom are required increase of coal production can ill afford to lose. We feel that the services rendered in providing the nation with an adequate coal supply warrants the same high praise as performance at the military front.

Priorities affecting and curtailing the constant flow of new machinery and machine parts may necessitate a larger number of men to produce a given amount of coal; thus, a shortage of new mechanical devices, plus an inability to replace worn out parts for those worn out by use, may mean that preferential treatment will have to be given all classifications of mine labor.

There are many members and officials of the United Mine Workers serving on draft boards, as well as coal company attaches and leading citizens in coal mining communities. They are on the ground; they have an opportunity to determine the legitimacy of requests for draft deferment.

The Journal feels that the time is ripe to secure the necessary force required to produce the coal equivalent to the nation's requirements.

It will be remembered that during the last war, there developed a shortage of machine runners, blacksmiths, carpenters, electricians, and other skilled labor, as well as ordinary manpower in many bituminous areas. It was with great difficulty that draft officials were finally persuaded to recognize the industry's need for deferment and preferential treatment of mining employes subject to the draft. Shortage of man-power developed in many producing areas.

We should not permit a like condition to engulf us during the war now in progress. Now is the time to take precautionary steps to avoid having to undo the mistakes of overzealous draft induction. England, at the outbreak of the war, permitted the enlistment and drafting of the man-power of the mines, without regard to production needs. When production sank below England requirements, resulting in factory shutdowns, the cancellation of railroad trains and rationing of coal to all consumers, England had to recall miners from the military ranks to meet the nation's fuel needs. Much lost time and confusion resulted.

Realizing the necessity for prompt action, Secretary Battle of the National Coal Association has issued a circular to all producing companies, urging that an immediate census be taken of men subject to the draft call, as well as the number of men required at each mine to maintain production. Since the United Mine Workers have assumed the position that it is the duty of the management, rather than of the individual, to apply for employe deferment in order to maintain an ample working force, we are giving our approval to instant and purpose of Mr. Battle's request and asking the membership and the officials of the United Mine Workers of America throughout the jurisdiction of the organization to cooperate with management in determining the proper labor quota essential in each mine to maintain normal production levels.

IF I HAD KNOWN

BY RUTH TAYLOR

We can no longer afford the luxury of post-mortems but we cannot afford to ignore the lessons we saw learned in blood and suffering abroad. We cannot afford differing or disunity among our own people—the thinking in terms of groups, the demanding of special privileges, the constant asking for special favors or concessions.

This war can only be won by the active participation and all out effort of every one of us. There are no longer any non-combatants. We are all in it. Wars are won by all the

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You Greatest Buying Opportunity!

GABLE'S ANNIVERSARY 58th

Saturday, February 28th, Through Saturday, March 14th

LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES

What a sale . . . Gable's biggest and best in 58 years. You'll find bargains as only Gable's can bring you--the very kind that skyrocketed your Altoona store to the winning laurels in all Central Pennsylvania Stores. *But only by your help, by your acceptance. We say, expect big things at Gable's. Be sure to get in on them.*

Souvenirs to All Who Register the First Day.

If Your Town Is Served By Blue and White Busses.
Ride Free Saturday to Gable's Anniversary.

The William F. Gable Co., Altoona, Pa.

people, not by any one group. How can we hold out for personal advantages when we consider the sacrifices being made by those who are fighting to keep the enemy from our shores? Their lives are laid down for us, and it is up to us to put our differences and critical discussions aside and get together and work up the solution.

We cannot afford to be separated. We have seen what happened abroad when disunity entered. We have seen what seeking after special privilege costs. Thyssen learned it in Germany when the monster his money helped create devoured him. The French workers learned it, when the trade union movement was dissolved in the French Republic.

There is one paragraph quoted in many papers today which I wish all had to learn:

"What does that Frenchman-soldier, workman, politician, or business man think today? Probably it's something like this: 'I wish I had been less greedy for myself and more anxious for my country; I wish I had realized you can't beat off a determined invader by a quarrelling, dissimulated people at home; I wish I had been willing to give in on some of my rights to other Frenchmen, instead of giving up all of them to a foreigner; I

with I had realized other Frenchmen had rights too; I wish I had known that patriotism is work, not talk, giving, not getting.'

"We must stand together. We cannot afford the luxury of standing on our rights. We must work today for a common aim, for the good of all of us if any of us is to survive. We do not want to have to say 'I did know' when it is too late."

FESTIVAL TO BE MARKED BY JEWS IN THIS SECTION

In a world engaged in a life-and-death struggle for the "four freedoms," the Festival of Purim, or Lots, which the Jews will celebrate this year on March 3, has special significance. It commemorates a victory for freedom and justice.

The festival has its origin in the Biblical story of Esther, wherein Tamman, a scheming prime minister at the court of King Ahasuerus of Persia desired royal adulation and homage, which he demanded from everybody. A Jew, Mordecai, refused to accede to these demands and Haman's wrath kindled against him. Because of an individual offense, Haman turned this personal animosity into wholesale hatred and sought to destroy the en-

tire Jewish community of Persia. He cast lots (an Hebrew, Purim) to determine a day for their destruction, and it fell upon the thirteenth day of the Hebrew month, Adar.

At the synagogue, on the eve of Purim, a scroll called the Megillah, containing this story, is read. During the centuries, this parchment scroll has been illustrated with many colored pictures and it is one among many beautiful historical Jewish ceremonial objects.

BOARD ACTS TO MERGE THE COUNTY DPA OFFICES

Action to effect a merger of the Johnstown and Ebensburg Relief Offices, acceptance of four resignations and several other items of important business were transacted at a meeting of the DPA County Assistance Board last week.

The consolidation of offices will lead for elimination of Ebensburg headquarters in the court house and some reorganization of personnel. The board authorized Executive Director Edward R. Golob to submit the plan for reorganization which would result from the merger to state DPA offices in Harrisburg for approval.

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These cars, trucks, offer miles of Service!

SEDANS	
1936 BUICK SPORT SEDAN	345
1936 PLYMOUTH SPORT SEDAN	335
1936 OLDSMOBILE SPORT SEDAN	335
1934 CHEVROLET SPORT SEDAN	175
1937 DODGE SEDAN	445
1935 CHEVROLET MASTER DLX SPORT SEDAN	645
COACHES	
1937 CHEVROLET DeLUXE TOWN COACH	435
1935 PLYMOUTH COACH	195
COUPES	
1936 PLYMOUTH BUSINESS COUPE	295
TRUCKS	
1930 INTERNATIONAL 1/2-TON PANEL	525
1936 DODGE 1/2-TON PICKUP	325
1932 CHEVROLET 131 EXPRESS	

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