

WHO WILL GO HUNGRY ??? Senator Aiken of Vermont told the Dairymen's League this summer that his work as a member of the Senate's subcommittee on food has convinced him "that the total food production of the United States will probably be off 15 to 30 per cent from last year's record crops."

The Senator vigorously attacked the policy of subsidies. There is, for example, no way the small farmer or the small cooperative creamery can share in the butter subsidy. Most of the small farmers do not make the 1,000 pounds a month which is essential to qualify for subsidy payment. The dilemma is the same with meat: no subsidy for those who process less than 4,000 pounds a month. As a result, Senator Aiken pointed out, "the little fellow who is barely breaking even is forced to take a reduction of 10 per cent in prices for the extra hog or half-beef that he may have to sell." Here is another trend toward monopoly.

WORDS OF GREATNESS The Supreme Court in mid-June ruled that legislation requiring school children to salute the American flag was an invalid abridgment of the Bill of Rights. Justice Jackson, speaking for the enlightened majority of the Court, said:

"To believe that patriotism will not flourish if patriotic ceremonies are voluntary and spontaneous instead of a compulsory routine, is to make an unflattering estimate of the appeal of our institutions to free minds.

"If there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein."

FROM THE NEGRO PRESS Who has made racial segregation and discrimination our American way of life? Obviously, the industrialists and merchants who have insisted upon jim crowism in their businesses; the newspaper publishers who have systematically poisoned the public mind with Negro phobia; the motion picture producers who have internationally maligned and disparaged colored people for 40 years; the so-called Christian church which has mocked Christianity by promoting and maintaining the color bar; the U.S. Supreme Court which has perverted the Constitution by blessing segregation, disfranchisement, and humiliation under the cloak of States' Rights; the Federal Government which has carefully carried out the Ku Klux segregation pattern in almost all activities under its jurisdiction and finally the so-called educators who have systematically produced textbooks which made future pogroms unavoidable.

--George Schuyler, Views and Reviews, Pittsburgh Courier, July 3, 1943

ACTION IS DEMANDED A. Philip Randolph, head of the March on Washington Movement suggests some definite things that friends of the colored man can do:

1. Support the Fair Employment Practices Committee and demand strengthening and enforcement of Executive Order 8802, setting up the committee.
2. Demand that no filibuster in the Senate defeat the Anti-Poll Tax bill.
3. Demand an end to a segregated school system which impoverishes Negro education. Insist upon equality in education, elimination of racial barriers against admission to schools and colleges, an end to overcrowding and poor conditions which local governments permit in schools in Negro neighborhoods.
4. Demand passage of a strong anti-lynching bill.
5. Demand low-cost public housing for Negroes and whites, conforming to healthful standards of living.
6. Demand provision of extensive facilities for the training of Negroes in skilled jobs.
7. Demand the abandonment of racial discrimination by such unions as have not yet followed the example of more progressive unions, where workers unite without regard to color, race, or creed.
8. Demand abolition of racial segregation of human blood by the Red Cross.
9. Demand abandonment of the Nazi theory of white supremacy, and support cooperation of Negroes and whites for the conquered peoples in Europe, Asia, and Africa in their struggle for liberation from imperialist control.

FOR THE RECORD We are glad to be able to enclose in this month's letter Jeannette Rankin's final address to the House of Representatives, published in the Congressional Record.

SACRIFICE Lt. Col. Darryl Zanuck, the movie magnate, was a Hollywood hero when he went into the Army to live on a lieutenant colonel's pittance. It was disclosed last month that Zanuck, who has now resigned his Army post, received his film salary of \$5,000 a week while he was in the service.

PUNISHMENT TO FIT THE CRIME Indicted on charges of dumping \$5,000,000 worth of defective war equipment on the government, Anaconda Wire and Cable Company and five of its officials were fined a total of only \$31,100 in the Federal District Court at Fort Wayne, Ind., last month. The accused refused to defend themselves, pleading nolo contendere, or no contest.

MRS. ROOSEVELT'S FRANKNESS Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt agreed with White House critics during June when she told a Norwalk, Conn., audience that the United Nations food conference at Hot Springs, Virginia, was "stupidly handled", as far as press and public relations were concerned. Its deliberations were veiled in secrecy.

ARE WE AFRAID TO DO JUSTICE? Hearings on the proposal to repeal our Oriental exclusion laws and to place Asiatics under immigration quota regulations have begun before a Congressional committee. A number of distinguished Americans favor the change. The Federal Council of Churches has adopted a resolution of approval. Much of the press is overwhelmingly in favor. Our Courts have ruled that Filipinos, Koreans, Hindus, Afghans, Burmese, Arabs, Japanese, as well as our good friends and allies the Chinese are ineligible for entrance into this country or citizenship here. One bill now before Congress, whipped up to catch the tide of enthusiasm following Madame Chiang Kai-shek's visit, would grant rights of entry and naturalization to Chinese but to no other Asiatics. This is not enough; if we believe in racial justice, we must apply it to all. Very few Asiatics would come into the country if the change were made; not more than 106 Chinese and not more than 100 from any other Asiatic nation annually; there would be no flood of cheap labor. But persistent hesitation at Washington shows that sufficient public approval of this move toward racial justice has not yet been generated to prod Congress into action. Congressmen do not yet believe that the American people really demand that such a step be taken.

NEW REPUBLIC GOES SOUR ON WAR Bruce Bliven, editor of the New Republic, who was for American participation in World War II well before Pearl Harbor, has recently changed his tune. He reports that "in recent months nearly all American liberals have been profoundly unhappy about the political aspect of the war." He has found many signs that "some of the key figures in the United Nations governments consider this just another old-fashioned war to be followed by an old-fashioned peace and - though they try not to think about it - to be followed by another old-fashioned war, and so on."

Oswald Garrison Villard, commenting on Mr. Bliven's comments as well as the recent remarks of a British Tory editor, says:

"So by early summer of 1943 we have already reached in both liberal and conservative camps the frank admission that the idealistic catchwords with which our rules of the democratic nations have led their peoples to the war are about as dead as the Wilsonian slogans of the war to end war. History repeats itself again, and the resort to arms proves once more that it is without the power to rescue humanity, to redeem or to ennoble the world."

DON'T FORGET THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - July 9 to 18 at Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, N. Y. Well known speakers will discuss questions of government, race and religion and relate them to the basic problems of world peace.

PAMPHLET-END If you would help to solve the problem of the Negro in the United States, we would suggest the Interracial Primer by Bayard Rustin. It outlines not only the problem but offers concrete suggestions for individuals and groups. It will be sent postpaid, 15 cents each.