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**A Peril to American Colleges**  
 Fears expressed by Dr. Walter A. Jessup, head of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, that Government regimentation of American colleges may not cease with the arrival of peace, are shared by other educational leaders.  
 All agree on the necessity for gearing our colleges to the Nation's war effort. With a student quota of 150,000 for the Army alone, with 225 institutions turning out more than 8000 trained men a month, and the Government, that is to say the taxpayers, footing the bill, we have a situation that has never before been seen in this or any other country.  
 "The largest university in the world" is General Marshall's apt term for this great specialized training program. But what will be its effect on our colleges after the war?  
 Today, as Dr. Jessup says, these thousands of soldier students are being educated "not so much for the sake of their own personal aspirations as for the good of the State. The dictates of total war have removed from college life and learning almost all free choice and free decision."  
 College officers, teachers, students and educational plants have all come under control from Washington, a condition justified and even demanded as a temporary measure to meet the national emergency.  
 If this condition is to be only temporary, well and good. Academic education will have suffered a loss which, in some respects, it may be difficult to repair, but it will be only a small part of the price of victory.  
 But if there is danger of a continuance of this Federal control of higher education, due to dependence on the Government for financial support and the never-ceasing desire of some official planners to get a permanent grip on our colleges, these timely warnings should be heeded.  
 Dr. James H. Conant of Harvard is among those who believe this is a threat not lightly to be dismissed. He is awake to "the danger of a powerful central government possessing a determining voice in educational matters" since "in education, above all other matters, we must guard the doctrine of local responsibility."  
 There have been disturbing reports that the Government may retain some of its controls of industry after the war or relinquish them so slowly as to cripple private enterprise. The danger of post-war competition from Government-owned plants has not been removed, despite some informal, purported assurances.  
 The Government should get out of business and industry as soon as possible after the war, but above all, as Dr. Conant says, education must not be permanently subjected to Government dictation.  
 Nor are our colleges alone concerned with the Government's post-war policy toward education. Bills in Congress propose grants of \$300,000,000 a year to the public schools. This sum would be devoted to raising teachers' salaries, a function that belongs to the States and local communities, and "to equalizing educational opportunities in the several States."  
 The amount of money taken from taxpayers generally to help support the schools in certain States would be comparatively small, at least at the start. But either individuals or institutions which accept Federal aid inevitably surrender a portion of their freedom.  
 Both our colleges and our public schools should be freed from the threat of central Government control. The danger against which Dr. Jessup and other educators have warned is real.

**Nimitz and Stilwell Both Right**  
 Whatever difference of opinion there may be between Admiral Nimitz and General Stilwell on the best means of hastening direct attack on Japan from the Chinese mainland, it seems to us that both of these doughty leaders have the right idea.  
 Admiral Nimitz has said that "my objective is to get ground and air forces in China" and that to do so he proposed to drive across the Pacific and break the Japanese blockade.  
 General Stilwell, commanding American forces in China, Burma and India, asserts that "vital China-based air operations cannot await penetration of the blockade by land or sea" and that his forces need an "immediate and continued" increase of supplies from an aggressive land and air offensive projected from the interior of China.  
 There seems to be no doubt, in the first place, that the naval-air-land push across the Pacific should go on. We have made a fine start in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands and we are threatening Japan's key bases of Rabaul and Truk.  
 But there appears to be ample justification for General Stilwell's contention that such a gigantic sea-air operation should be supported by a powerful land-air campaign in China.  
 Pending broad success of Lord Mountbatten's drive in Burma, it would be extremely difficult to provide General Stilwell with all of the men and tools he needs in China. But every effort should be made to send him, by air, all available personnel and materials for his push toward the Chinese coast. By all means there should be co-ordination of Admiral Nimitz's and General Stilwell's activities.

**Last Day: Buy That Extra Bond!**  
 Portrait of a busy Philadelphian as he should be talking to himself today, February 15:  
 "Let's see. This is the last day to buy bonds in the Fourth War Loan. It's the last chance I have to sock Hitler and Tojo by adding my dollars to the War Loan total.  
 "It's my last chance in this loan, too, to get under the wire with a Fighter Bond bought by me in the name of somebody out there on the firing line. Pretty small thing to do, just buying a bond for myself or for a man or woman in the armed services.  
 "Last day? Whew! Didn't know it was so late. Better hurry and do something..."  
 Right there the busy Philadelphian ought to stop talking to himself and head for the nearest store or bank and buy an extra bond. Too many people have been putting it off. Don't let this opportunity slip away.  
 It's up to YOU. The responsibility is YOURS. Buy that extra War Bond now!

**It Took Ickes a Long Time**  
 It has taken Secretary Ickes a remarkably long time to get around to the opinion that the anthracite shortage cannot be alleviated without mining every day in the week.  
 If he had been so convinced last fall, and had prevailed upon the collieries to operate on a seven-day schedule, the 160,000 extra tons mined last Sunday would have been multiplied many times. The increased tonnage thus produced would have prevented much suffering and inconvenience to consumers during the last three or four months.  
 Instead of spurring extra production, Mr. Ickes, as head of the Solid Fuels Administration, complacently accepted miner lay-offs on holidays.  
 Now that seven-day operation is at last effective, and Mr. Ickes has agreed to its necessity, it should be retained beyond this month and until emergency conditions are ended.

**Their Wives Know They Can Fight**  
 There is a note of genuine sincerity in a letter, published by the War Department, from an Army wife appealing for combat service for her desk-sergeant husband. Mentioning that she has already lost a brother in the service and has another in England, she urged that her six-footer spouse get the chance which he ardently desires to go in and fight on his own account. The spirit of both husband and wife is the kind that wins battles and wars.  
 However, we are afraid that this example may inspire some better halves to offer somewhat similar suggestions, but from far less high-minded motives, such as: "If you want to win this war put that husband of mine in the front lines. After being married to him seven years I know he can fight—and how!"

**PUTTING IT BRIEFLY**  
 —A slushy February 14 is in keeping with a lot of Valentines.  
 —Those Russian gains in the northwest are nothing to Pskov at.  
 —Japan trying raid shelters made of snow. What are they going to do, prohibit thaws?  
 —Open season for quoting Abraham Lincoln in favor of almost any viewpoint is now closed.  
 —We don't like that German idea of using razor blades for money unless they can cut prices.  
 —Those exploding beer glasses in England bring back memories of prohibition home-brew.  
 —British vice-admiral who commanded units which sank the Nazi battleship Scharnhorst promoted to full admiral. He had a right to get full.



**WIPE THAT SMILE OFF HIS FACE**  
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**The Voice of the People**  
 Letters should be brief, written on one side of the paper. The writer's name and address must be signed, not necessarily for publication. The Inquirer reserves the right to condense.  
**Trading Fears**  
 To the Editor of The Inquirer:  
 Some time ago Mr. Sokolsky, very generously I thought, called our attention to an article on the new world-bank scheme by Garett. He said that the large publishers, who until recently were bidding against each other for the literary product of this noted and brilliant economist, unanimously rejected it. In all probability it would have been assigned to the waste basket but for the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, which printed it in pamphlet form.  
 I wrote to Los Angeles for a copy, and after reading "On the Wings of Debt," I wish to say that those who have not read it simply do not know what is being done to their country.  
 Today Mr. Sokolsky carries on the good work by telling us the story of Channing Pollock's "We Planned It That Way." When someone sent me this modest, unbound pamphlet several weeks ago I wondered that credit was not given for the reprint.  
 Now Mr. Sokolsky informs us that it was an original publication and not a reprint. In no other way could Mr. Pollock get the article into one of the leading magazines with a large circulation had ordered it, but when the editor saw what a terrible arraignment resulted from the mere assembling of well-authenticated New Deal facts he welched on his contract.  
 Well, the meat of all this is that America owes Mr. Sokolsky a rising vote of thanks for proving to us in two concise articles that the Roosevelt Dynasty, in removing the old, wholesome fears—such as the fear of what's going to happen if we don't get out and hustle, or if we don't conduct ourselves with a reasonable regard to our individual responsibilities—has substituted a paralyzing new fear of open, public discussion, which can and will do, and has done, far more harm to the people of this country than all the other fears that God implanted in us for our own protection.  
 WALTER LINN  
 Philadelphia, Feb. 10.  
**Play Ball!**  
 To the Editor of The Inquirer:  
 Everywhere people wonder why the Manpower Commission must tear fathers from their families and force them into the armed forces. If fathers are not drafted, professional baseball players will have to be taken. That will cause the ruin of our national sport. Lovers of sport cannot bear such a loss!  
 Working days in industries will have to be lengthened. Longer days and an honest day's work are contrary to the rules of Labor. Labor, the sacred cow of the Administration, would lose its gains.  
 You little two-year-olds and you

**Count Your Blessings**  
 To the Editor of The Inquirer:  
 The first thing I turn to when I get your paper is the Voice of the People. Each time I read it, I laugh and pity the people who can't appreciate what they have or how lucky they really are. Being in this country is one of God's blessings.  
 Think back over the many things you have that your neighbor doesn't. When you go to sleep at night you sleep peacefully, with no fear of being bombed out of your home. You have less coal or oil than previously, but your home is warm because there is a home. Your food has been rationed, but you're healthy.  
 You complain about taxes. Does freedom have a price? You cry and strike because you're not making enough money. What good would money be if you weren't free to spend it as you please? Some mothers, sweethearts and sisters are mourning the loss of their loved ones, but they are so proud.  
 It is that loved one who is giving you all this freedom. Please take care of our boys who are giving their lives for our freedom, and most of all, this wonderful haven: the United States. Let us all back up our boys. Come on, all of you who are enjoying these luxuries — Buy Bonds. Lots of them.  
 CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 9.  
**Dooming Fox Hunting**  
 To the Editor of The Inquirer:  
 I quote from your newspaper: "Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs urge ban on red fox hunting in certain counties."  
 These resolutions if passed doom Delaware and Chester county sportsmen who are giving their lives for our freedom, and most of all, this wonderful haven: the United States. Let us all back up our boys. Come on, all of you who are enjoying these luxuries — Buy Bonds. Lots of them.  
 EAST STRAUBS, Pa., Feb. 9.  
**Billions More in Taxes**  
 To the Editor of The Inquirer:  
 Galloping Willie ruthlessly demanded billions more in new taxes. "Believe It or Not," your Inquirer editorialized an approval.  
 Billions already have been spent and the spending goes on, and the woe-fearing taxpayer has to pay and pay!  
 How much longer is this thing to continue? Or will Washington finally begin the practice of economy by streamlining the budget, thus to alleviate somewhat our burdens?  
 JOHN ROLLYSON  
 Philadelphia, Feb. 9.

**Getting Most in Ration Foods—By Dr. James W. Barton**  
 In times of food rationing we all try to figure out just how best to make up our needs where we cannot get a full supply of the rationed foods such as meat. Some timely suggestions from a very high authority may help us.  
 In the Wisconsin Medical Journal, Dr. Elmer D. Sevringshaus, Madison, professor of medicine, Wisconsin University, states that difficulty in purchasing the foods usually included in an adequate diet is leading many laymen as well as physicians to wonder whether there is an increase in the number of people who will not be receiving enough of the right foods to keep them in good health. The two food-stuffs that may not be available in sufficient quantities are proteins and B vitamins. Dr. Sevringshaus makes the following suggestions:  
 For lack of animal proteins—meat, fish, eggs—the use of increasing amounts of vegetable proteins, cereal grains in any form, will make up to some extent proteins needed if a sufficient quantity is eaten. However, the quality of the cereal protein is not as good as that in meats and so cannot be relied upon to make up the whole amount needed. If most of the cereal grain is in the form of baked foods made from the modern enriched flour, the intake of the B vitamins—thiamin, riboflavin, nicotinamide—and calcium will be improved. But unless the bread intake is at least six slices a day, not enough of these food-stuffs will be eaten.  
 "One of the best possible additions to a diet that may not be sufficient is the use of milk, one to two pints a day." Adults should also drink milk. Skim milk, if it can be obtained, is a valuable source of vitamin A.  
 As oranges and grapefruit are scarce in most places, tomatoes, fresh or canned, are the next best source of vitamin C. Fresh cabbage is also a good source of vitamin C.  
 Vitamin D, so necessary for growing children, usually taken in the form of cod liver oil, is another food factor not readily available and it may be necessary to secure this in some form from your druggist. In large cities milk and bread also are strengthened by vitamin D.  
 However if vitamin foods get

**Paul Mallon**  
**Sees Senate's Subsidy Battle**  
**Sham Fight Before Real Struggle**  
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—No lives were lost in the Senate contest over banning Mr. Roosevelt's food subsidies.  
 The Administration Senators, who were supposed to exude anger in defense of the President, took their continuous set-backs with a yawn. The voting likewise showed a surprisingly strong and daring anti-White House lineup.  
 The reason was that some inner fixing has been done which, in effect, postpones the issue. Farm bloc Senator Bankhead agreed to include in his bill an extension of the time limit on subsidies until June 30, saying they could not reasonably be stopped before then. The Administration expects, therefore, to continue to pay a middle-man a bonus for holding down prices for four months more. It is getting its money out of the RFC revolving grab-bag, so it does not require Congressional appropriations.  
 On that very date the President's whole price regulation power also will expire. He will have to seek its renewal from Congress, after his forthcoming action on Philip Murray's steel wage increase appeal, which will spread the whole wage-price question again wide open.  
 Therefore, this current subsidy fight is a sham battle, or at least a field maneuver in preparation for the real struggle. If, as expected, Mr. Roosevelt vetoes the current ban and the House sustains his veto, the farm bloc will re-enact the struggle on the OPA legislation, and the whole fight will be staged over again within 60 to 90 days.  
**POLITICS IN A TAX VETO**  
 Only politics could justify a Presidential veto of the tax bill. Two of Mr. Roosevelt's own top associates quietly made it clear that the contract renegotiation provisions—the bill's central idea he had originally criticized so severely—were satisfactory and workable, before the

**George E. Sokolsky**  
**City of Wonderful Nonsense,**  
**Washington Jittery in Election Year**  
 Every time I go to Washington I hear all the sensational stories told on the highest authority, whispered for unending repetition. Even the taxi drivers give you the low-down. One told me that Eleanor Roosevelt is more American than Franklin D. who is an Englishman. I am still wondering what he meant. Maybe he got that on the highest authority, too.  
 They always talk there about the Hill, which is hardly a hill at all. Between the Hill and the White House is a mélange of magnificent palaces and miserable shacks. The palaces are apparently built on the theory that Government workers need exercise. The waste of space and steel and marble presents a grandiose picture of architecture run riot or just plain graft in the expenditure of the people's money.  
 If one wants to see two Senators on the same floor of the Senate Office Building, roller skates are indicated. I did not visit the Pentagon Building, but from description I should say that a Jeep would be helpful in getting out there.  
 Every place is full of people. They pile folks into taxis at the railroad station so that each cab is really a small bus. Hotel space is at a premium—and you can't get it even so. Restaurants operate beyond capacity, buses are so full that the office help reaches work uncertainly, and all the business of the place is Government, and it all costs money—the taxpayers' money.  
**HOME OF THE WHISPER**  
 Washington produces nothing to eat, to wear, to move about in, to use in the home. It is the great city of conversation and the utilization of the Nation's paper supply. It is the city of the mimeograph. It is the home of the whisper.  
 Everybody looks important, including the elevator boys and girls in the hotels. Even their ego rises

**What Do You Want to Know?**  
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**ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB**  
 Please give me the history of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club. Where can I address a communication?  
 READER  
 The Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, second oldest organization of its kind in this country, was founded in 1889. It has a membership of 175—all men. Ladies are strictly excluded.  
 Composed chiefly of men to whom ornithology is an avocation, the organization publishes an annual bird journal and takes an annual Christmas census of birds on the lower tip of New Jersey. A circular area 15 miles in diameter, Cape May is chosen and about 100 species of birds are observed. The society was so named because most of its observations are confined to the Valley of the Delaware, generally south of Trenton.  
 The club, which meets twice monthly, may be addressed at the Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Race st.

**HISTORICAL QUOTATIONS**  
 Please tell me who said the following: "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes" and "I'd rather be right than President."  
 V. N. B.  
 According to American tradition, the first expression originated with Putnam or Prescott at the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill, but as a matter of fact it dates back several centuries in military history. It is known to have been in use as early as the reign of Henry IV of France, who died in 1610.  
 Henry Clay, in addressing the Senate in 1850 on the Compromise Measures, made the following statement that he "would rather be right than President."  
**SOLDIER'S INSURANCE**  
 My husband has subscribed to National Service Life Insurance and I am a beneficiary but have not received the policy. He is overseas. What can I do?  
**SEVERAL READERS**  
 Policies are not issued when a serviceman applies for National Service Life Insurance but a certificate is sent to whomever he designates. This contains only the name and address of the person so design-

