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ARE YOU FOR OR AGAINST UNCLE SAM?

I wonder just how many of us have been morally saluting the American flag and yet unwillingly helping our country's enemies. If anyone of us ever found a person in our midst who was aiding the Axis Powers, I know we would all take immediate steps to stop their activities. An example of this is a case of a saboteur whose aim is to stop production of parts or equipment necessary to our war effort. As you all know, one of their favorite methods is to disrupt the operation of important machine tools, and thereby force idleness upon the men who are ardently serving their country's needs. This not only slows down our fighting forces but destroys morale.

But, how many of us have ever stopped to realize that any idleness on our own part produces exactly the same in results? No matter what our job may be, whether designing, drafting, accounting, or manufacturing, every time we take time out from our work to visit or gossip or read a newspaper, we are actually helping our enemy; or if we putter along in our job, the result is the same. We have all seen times when certain departments in companies have been over-manned.

While, unfortunately, this happens frequently whenever rapid expansion occurs, it still is an act which favors our enemies. In reality, when we have more people than we need to do a certain task, we are keeping part of these people from doing other work useful to our Government's needs.

It behooves each one of us then, if we are red-blooded Americans, to see that Uncle Sam is getting his full share of our effort to help win the war; and it becomes the patriotic duty of each person in any supervisory capacity to budget the time in his department to see that the work goes out on time. It goes without saying that the work must be correct or it will surely come back, resulting in more lost time and further gains to our enemies.

Far too many people still believe that wars are won or lost only by those in uniform. They have not yet learned that in total war the fighting line begins in our factories; yes, even in the minds of our great engineers. We, who are engaged in war production, are fighting for our country's freedom just as much as the boys on the firing line, and yet we do not have to endure the physical torture nor give up our comforts at home. Is it not more important then that we put forth at least as great an effort as we expect them to do -- and stop, yes, even blot out every instance of fighting against our own forces. No company can pay its employees -- no country can pay its soldiers for their loyal, extreme efforts -- even to death. There is no monetary measure which can ever be commensurated. Our reward can only be our freedom from abject slavery in the future.

JACK DURST

SYNTHETIC RUBBER PROGRAM INCREASES BY WPB

WPB has approved an increase in its synthetic rubber program from 800,000 tons the Western Regional office was advised this week (July 27).

The INCREASE WILL BE OBTAINED WITH NO EXPENDITURE OF CRITICAL MATERIALS for CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES, and is due to advanced engineering in the production of butyl rubber. The new techniques permit an increase of 70,000 tons in the formerly planned 60,000 - ton capacity of plants already under construction.

The expanded program is not expected to alter the projected figure of 300 tons of butyl rubber to be produced in 1942. The increase does not change the current picture, and the facts on the rubber situation indicate, as has been said before, that THERE IS NO RUBBER TO SPARE FOR NON-ESSENTIAL PURPOSES.

Butyl rubber has been found to be extremely useful in the manufacture of gas masks, anti-gas clothing, raincoats, rubber boots, life preservers, barrage balloons, wire insulations, and miscellaneous molded goods. It is also being experimented with for use in tires, although indications are it is not equal to Buna S synthetic rubber for tire purposes.

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These restrictions have been made severe in an effort to prevent information of value from reaching the enemy.

We strongly urge all LIBRASCOPE employees to co-operate with us in seeing that they refrain from imparting any information -- to relatives or friends -- that is not actually published in this paper.

Due to the size of the LIBRA-SCOPE this issue, it has been necessary to omit several items, which will be used in later publications.

THE EDITOR

WELCOME

A hearty welcome is extended to the following people who have joined our organization in the past two weeks.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Harlan Buseth	Parts Production
Alfred B. Memmott	Parts Production
Roy B. Pedigo	Model Shop
Donald C. Webster	Engineering
David H. Workman	Drafting

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is a very important coming event which should interest everyone.

The Assembly Department has thought of a very good idea, according to the many comments so far.

How about a picnic?????????????
EVERYONE invited and no excuses.

It is a "DUTCH" affair and bring your own food and beer.

If any of the girls in the office haven't transportation HARVEY WATKINS in Assembly says he will see to it they get their okay.

Watch the bulletin board on Tuesday, August 18, for all the particulars.

Let's all go on an outing for a Sunday and commune with old Mother Nature.

THANKS MILLIONS

Due to my illness I may not be able to thank you personally for awhile yet for the beautiful flowers sent to me; therefore, I am using the LIBRA-SCOPE as a medium.

The flowers were very gratefully received. I can also say that receipt of the flowers and card helped me along toward recovery a great deal.

Once again - Thanks a Million.

JACK DURST

THE WELFARE FUND

We have been asked by several of the personnel this last week when a couple of collections were made for flowers, etc., why we didn't have a welfare fund to take care of these little niceties. We advised them that the employees' organization did have a welfare fund, but that it has been in the red for several months due to the fact that everybody hasn't been co-operating. What do we mean by co-operating? Just five little words will explain - "Pay for your soft drinks".

We know it must be hard to realize that a few employees taking drinks without paying for them would put the welfare fund in the red - but it's true. For example, out of 12 cases of drinks purchased last week, only 7-1/2 cases were accounted for in the cash box. This means that 106 bottles of beverage were taken without being paid for. Let's see how that adds up. The profit on one bottle of beverage is 1 2/3¢. Out of this we have to allow for ice to keep the drinks cool, so naturally if only 7-1/2 cases out of 12 cases are paid for, it is not hard to realize why the welfare fund would be in the red.

However, if everybody paid for their drinks, we would make a profit of 40¢ a case, less ice consumption, which, in addition to the money from the candy machine, would bring our welfare fund out of the red and give us some money with which to make kindly gestures which we all enjoy so much. This would also save those who make the collections considerable embarrassment, for they don't appreciate "dunning" employees for a nickel or a dime every time they turn around.

We fully realize that "Pay for your soft drinks" doesn't affect everybody, but the thing that does affect us all is bringing our welfare fund out of the red, which is impossible to do unless we all co-operate. If we don't co-operate, we will even be deprived of drinks, because at the present time we are continually showing a loss in the welfare fund; and if we don't start making a profit pretty soon, we'll never catch up. If you don't have the change, get it from the guard. If you don't have the money, don't get the drink!

So let's all pay for our drinks, and see if we can't bring our welfare fund out of the red, so we can use this fund for books, flowers, etc.

Do you want the soft drinks to continue? Please fill in the following questionnaire and return it to any representative of the employees' organization to give them an indication of your own feeling in the above matter and, thus, give them a guide for future handling of the soft drinks fund.

THE EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION

QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1) Do you think we should continue with the soft drinks? Yes _____
No _____
- 2(a) Do you think we should continue with the honor system of paying for these drinks?
Yes _____
No _____
- 2(b) If the answer to 2(a) is yes, may we have your suggestion as to how any shortages should be made up, such as a periodic collection from every employee or charging 10¢ for the drinks?

- 2(c) If the answer to 2(a) is no, how would you suggest we improvise a nickel-in-the-slot cooler?

- 3) If the soft drinks are suspended, do you favor continuing the welfare fund for flowers, etc.? Yes _____ If the answer is yes, do you favor a collection for each item as it comes up or one monthly collection from all the employees to cover the full month's withdrawal from the fund?
No _____

NOTE: You need not sign this, but please fill it in and return it in order that we may comply with the wishes of the majority of Librascope employees.

THANK YOU.

THE EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION

A PARABLE

"EXPLORING OURSELVES"

VII

"And in those days, behold, there came through the gates of the city, a salesman from afar off, and it came to pass, as the day went by, he sold plenty. They that were the grouchers smiled on him and gave him the hand that is glad. The tightwads opened their purses to him.

"And in that city were they that were the order takers, and they that spent their days in adding to the alibi sheets. Mightily were they astonished. They said one to the other, 'What the Hell; how doth he get away with it?' And it came to pass that many were gathered in the back office and a soothsayer came among them. And he was one wise guy. And they spoke and questioned him saying, 'How is it that this stranger accomplished the impossible?'

"Whereupon the soothsayer made answer: 'He of whom you speak is one hustler. He ariseth very early in the morning and goeth forth full of pep. He complaineth not, neither doth he knock. He is arrayed in purple and fine linen, while ye go forth with faces unshaven and pants not pressed.

"While ye gather here and say one to the other, 'Verily! this is a terrible day to work,' he is already abroad. And when the eleventh hour cometh, he needed no alibi. He saith not to the mass, 'Behold, they that are in this town are a bunch of boneheads.' Nor doth he report that they cannot be sold.

"He knoweth his line and they that would stave him off, they gave him orders. Men say unto him, 'Nay, Nay,' when he cometh in, yet when he goeth forth he hath their names on the line that is dotted.

"He taken with him two angles --- 'Aspiration' and 'Perspiration'. He knoweth whereof he speaketh and he worketh to beat Hell. Verily, I say until you, go and do likewise."

----- "The Stove Builder"

Submitted by:

G. B. ANDERSON

It often happens that when a difficult or lengthy task is assigned us or falls our way, we lose confidence in our ability and despair at the thought of tackling such a seemingly hard problem. On the other hand, the little trifling matters often prove to be a stumbling block because we think little of them and execute them with over-confidence and carelessness.

We would do well to minimize in our minds the seemingly unsurmountable difficulties accompanying the harder problems. In this way we will gain the self-confidence necessary to undertake the task; and as for the seemingly trivial tasks, we would do well to consider them as "teasers" -- they seem so simple that in our hurry to do away with them we often either fail completely or perform a defective or incomplete job. This would not be a serious matter in itself were it not for the fact that the greater accomplishments in life are composed of a multitude of smaller ones and we cannot hope to aspire towards the complex until we have mastered the simple.

We must also bear in mind that almost every problem, no matter how difficult it may seem, is not impossible of solution. An old story is told about a musical student wagering his teacher that he could compose a piece that the teacher could not execute on the pianoforte. Of course, the teacher thought such a statement ridiculous and accepted the challenge. He frowned nothing particularly difficult about the piece until he came to the middle of a passage where the use of each hand was required at both extremities of the scale while at the same time there was call for a note struck in the center of the keyboard. The teacher immediately stopped and exclaimed that such a passage was physically impossible of execution, whereupon the student exclaimed that the passage could be very simply executed and proceeded to play the piece. When he came to the seemingly impossible passage, he struck the required note with his nose!

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FORTUNES MADE BY BOGUS BRAINS

(Beware of the "Clever Invention" Man)

Several cases heard in the criminal courts recently show that an old swindle-extracting money from the public for the purpose of working a marvelous invention - is again being practiced extensively.

The inventions used to defraud the unwary are, as usual, of two classes - practicable and impracticable. Those that can be worked are offered by imitators of Alfred Paraf, a pioneer in this form of swindle. It is a remarkable fact that but for him margarine might have been almost unknown today. He stole the process from the French Patent Office, took it to America and ultimately caused to be put on the market there a butter substitute that sold like hot cakes. While the manufacturers were making money fast, the inventor, who till then had got nothing out of his patent, turned up, and they paid him a large sum. Paraf disappeared; but then margarine was "on the map".

A RUBBER FRAUD

Among inventions used to exploit the public are processes for manufacturing precious stones and gems from common materials and for making substitutes for natural products. Generally these processes, when they work at all, yield something that costs more than the commodity it is intended to supplant.

Of late years a favorite medium for this kind of "ramp" has been artificial rubber, in connection with which thousands of people have been duped. A man who was remarkably successful - up to a point - in exploiting the public by means of it turned to bigger game after swindling a number of small investors. Renting a mill in one of the Channel Islands he appeared to make first-class commercial rubber there, and then approached financiers.

Each in turn engaged scientific chemists to inquire into the process. The latter examined the raw materials, saw every stage of the process, prowled round the mill at night to see if raw rubber was brought into the place and melted down into the sheets said to be made outright by the inventor and bribed the workmen employed by him. All reported

favorably on the great discovery, and nine capitalists acquired - unknown to each other, of course - a half share in it, one of them paying \$50,000.

Submitted by:

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HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT ----?

"What," asked the first-aid instructor of one of his students in class, "would you do in case you came upon an automobile with the driver slumped over the steering gear?" The student answered after deliberating a moment. "If he were conscious I would gently remove him from the seat, lay him on the ground, and apply the appropriate treatment," he said. "If he were unconscious I would quietly jack up the car and remove the tires."

A sultan at odds with his harem ----- discovered a way he could scare 'em ----- He ordered a mouse, set it loose in a house --- and started the first harem-scare'em.

PROF: And who made the first cotton gin?
GIRL STUDENT: Heavens....are they making it from that too?

A tourist was checking out of a resort hotel. As he paid the girl cashier he asked her what it was she had around her neck. "Why, a ribbon," she replied. "What did you think it was?" "Well" he responded, "With everything else so high around here I thought maybe it was your garter."

To many people the whole question of credit boils down to how much they can get..... A college education never hurt anyone who was willing to learn something afterwards.... When a woman's toes stick out of her shoes, she's fashionable. When a man's toes stick out, he's a bum.

ANONYMOUS

...THE TRUTH ABOUT SYNTHETIC RUBBER...

In an attempt to bring the latest facts before the personnel of Librascope, Incorporated, your editor is printing the following article from the latest issue of the "WAR PRODUCTION NEWS".

"In order to clarify the situation regarding the present status of the synthetic rubber program, Rubber Coordinator, Arthur B. Newhall, has released the following statement - 'There has been a great deal of controversy over this situation, and many questions have been asked concerning the program. This statement provides answers to practically all of the pertinent questions which may properly be raised. No attempt is made to single out specific questions, usually raised by special interests, which apply to a single phase of the program. The entire situation must be considered as a whole, with all of the factors in proper proportion, and with the vitally important objectives constantly in mind. It is believed this statement will provide an answer to all of the questions which may properly be raised. The latest available information of the synthetic rubber situation leads us to these conclusions:

"The Government is now building plants based on a program for the production of synthetic rubber as follows:

7000,000 tons per year of Buna S.
60,000 tons per year of butyl.
40,000 tons per year of neoprene.

"The present program has been fixed at this amount, not because we are still searching for methods or processes, but because the amount of raw material required to build plants to use any of the processes is limited, and the amount allotted is all that can be spared at this time to be taken away from other critical needs in the war program. Confusion arising from the public statements of different proponents of different processes has not in the least detracted from the general policy of going forward with this program to completion at the earliest possible moment.

"Buna S, which is a general purpose rubber, is made by a chemical combination of butadiene and styrene. Butadiene can be made from either alcohol or petroleum and many of

the questions regarding the present program arise on account of this fact. Prior to the declaration of war, petroleum was chosen as the base material from which to manufacture synthetic rubber for three reasons: The more advanced experimental development of the process in this country, the substantially lower cost of production, and the apparent lack of increasing defense demand.

"After the outbreak of war, comparative costs were not important. Rubber was essential, and speed was the first consideration. Our principal crude supply was cut off. An increased synthetic program was entered into. This program embraced all available alcohol which could be released from other war needs at that time and as more alcohol became available, because of domestic wartime measures, the proportion of alcohol to be used in the program was increased. Thirty per cent of the butadiene included in the present program is being made from alcohol and most of the remainder from petroleum.

"When you start a new industry many rapid changes take place. This has been particularly true with synthetic rubber and important changes are still going on. As an illustration, at the outset, in spite of its ultimate increased cost over petroleum, the alcohol process required less strategic material for building new plants; that is, unless you had to go back and build a plant to get alcohol. Already, however, a new petroleum method has been worked out, and today the amount of strategic material, with either process, is practically on an equal basis.

"The picture is changing almost daily, but we are satisfied that all who have a part in the undertaking are doing their best to accomplish the one thing in which the American people are interested -- to be sure that enough rubber is made available, regardless of its source, for carrying on the war effort and supplying essential civilian needs. Today the program is set as we have outlined. Tomorrow some possible improvement may appear. If we can use the new, we always will, but we cannot take on the new if to do so would slow up the program. Speed is essential."

" O N T H E I N S I D E "

Have you heard DAVE HARRISON recite "School Marm Lou"??? It's a riot.

The Palladium Kids are at it again. ERNIE (pardon my wardrobe boys) SCHLAGE and his latest oronie were seen at the Palladium with GIRLS. How did you like the blind date, Pal???

We didn't know until recently that we have a promising young recruit for the parachute troops in our midst. JOHN DURST dropped in to see WILLARD, and when I say he dropped in I MEAN HE CAME RIGHT THROUGH THE CEILING.

Conservative SKIPPY CASE is right in the groove with SCHLAGE. Did you pipe the white shoes the kid's been sporting??? He'll be wearing shirts with sleeves before we know it.

I wonder if association has got anything to do with GALEN (rum hound) MANNAN and GUY (Pepsodent smile) ANDERSON both having such pot bellies.

It's a wonder DIETRICH (the boy with the Catalina MOON BURN) doesn't go NERTZ with all the Change Requests thrown on his desk.

SHELLA'S gone back to Detroit for two weeks to enjoy a rest and to attend the Annual Undertakers' Convention.

They tell me OPOCENSKY is quite a pianist. How about a recital WILLARD????

IVAN TROY is now head man in the Assembly Department while DAREY is in the east.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: (At Catalina)

"Honest fellows, I didn't see the boat pull out."

NOTE: You could have caught a plane back you know.

Glad to see DAVE HOOKER back after his conk on the noggin. Maybe he had better stick to racing cars; it's apparently safer than ice skating.

Congrats to IVAN TROY and his new bride. See what happens when you have a few days off work and don't know what to do with yourself. Boom, Boom, you're married.

The best thing that ever happened around here (besides NORBERG paying us before lunch) was the issuing of the new badges with our pictures. Now we don't throw our backs out of place reaching for our wallets while sitting in the car. (Did you ever try to get your wallet out with three people in the front seat????)

DIETRICH must really have something on the string because you never hear him boast of his feminine acquaintances. AW, come on and tell us about her BOB; we won't cut in, HONEST.

That's a splendid baby picture of EUGENE (kiss me baby) THOMPSON on the wall in the shop. Do you really eat snakes or just pose with them TOMMY?????

KAY (Katie) LEMLY has been complaining about MIKE'S cat trying to climb up her leg. Can't say that I blame the cat.

DAVE HOOKER is looking around trying to buy a new crash helmet to wear when he goes ice skating. Last time out DAVE took a header and almost gave himself a brain C O N C L U - S I O N.

JOHN PARKINS of the Model Shop is expecting to be a father soon. OH BOY ----- more cigars.

Somebody told us that SCHULTZ is trying to sell some of the boys in Adjustment his new preparation. He guarantees it to grow hair on anyone.

GUY CULVER'S assistant, LUTE RAINEY, just bought himself a brand new 1942 Chevy. How did you manage it LUTE? We can't get the Government to give us a permit for a used bicycle.

CHARLIE STUART would make a good executioner. He has had plenty of experience giving the boys the hot seat.

As we all know, there was a call by the Government for doubling up on the usage of automobiles to and from work. B-U-T has anyone heard or read anything about doubling up on bicycle transportation???? Evidently KAY LEMLY and HAROLD (what's your rush??) SMITH have ----- as they have been seen zooming down Santa Anita to the plant on O-N-E bicycle several mornings of late.

Tight Fit:

MR. BROWNELL and his new assistant in the NOW temporary Navy Inspection Office.

SOMETHING NEW IN LAP-DOGS:

Mr. LEWIS (Lewie) IMM purchased a Genuine-----A-l-A----Thorough-a-bred Boxer dog some weeks back --- during its early puppy days, due to LEWIE'S loving care and attention, it became a nice LAP dog. We are all waiting until said dog is full grown (approx. weight of 100 lbs.) ----- to see what will happen to the LAP --- LEWIE --- AND THE CHAIR.

We all are very sorry to hear of Mr. J. F. DURST'S illness - and I would like to say here and now we are all hoping for a very speedy recovery --- the place just isn't the same around here JACK when you are away.

After many, many days and weeks of troubles and worries I understand the GRAGGS and Mr. Timothy GRAGG (puppy) finally found a new home ----- 323 East Verdugo, Burbank.

We all hope DARBY has a good trip and stay while in Chicago at the J. E. McAuley factory- also -- H-U-R-R-Y --- back "DARB"; a fellow doesn't become a father every day you know.

In the last issue when we said "Curly" SCHLAGE was getting "HEP" we mean't hep and more hep.

Did you perchance notice the duds the guy had on last week??? Too-too-too tone and all. When asked about it he said it was MARTIN'S choice and WE BELIEVE IT.

A LOOSE LIP

MAY SINK A SHIP



THE FOLLOWING is the material as submitted by the ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT

Next will be the DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

WANTED:

Two (2) young girls with car and money to take out broke adjusters. Please contact R.D. and J.R. as soon as possible.

WE ADJUSTERS:

Think that any contributions to the Librascope Library should be turned in to the Adjustment Department. Need we tell you why????

The young fellow with the high spirits and white hair is none other than the godfather of Adjustment, MIKE DE GRAFF, who is back in the swing with the women. What's her name, MIKE?????

Due to the hard times that are inadvertently coming, the persons who paid ART MARTIN the hard-earned dollar bill for seven months subscription to Readers Digest are beginning to wonder if it was a bad investment. How about some info. ART?????

It's a wonderful sight to see all the boys walking around with cigars in their possession. Congratulations fellows, and we hope they don't ration cigars.

BOB PAGE was heard humming the beautiful strains of "Moonlight on the River Colorado".

We understand that "MIKE" orders Hot Beef on Wheat for lunch every day. MIKE gets the Wheat "blackout"; his steady companion gets the beef. How are you standing your diet MIKE?

Heard on "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT".

Hermann Goering and Hitler were speeding down a road in a high-powered car when a puppy dog darted into the cars path and was killed.

The Fuehrer ordered Goering to tell the dog's owner about the unfortunate accident.

Goering went to a nearby house and then returned with his arms full of cheese, bread, hams, and other presents. Hitler demanded an explanation for Hermann's precious cargo.

"I knocked on the door", Goering told the Fuehrer, "and said -- Heil Hitler -- the dog is dead."

Well - Well - Well these new badges and passes are quite the thing. We understand that number 182 is duly entitled to top honors for being the most photogenic of Librascope's own. My, My and bangs too.

WE, THE PERSONNEL OF THE ADJUSTMENT DEPARTMENT WISH TO THANK MR. BROWNELL FOR THE TIME HE HAS DEVOTED TO HELPING US ALONG, AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE HOURS HE PUT IN ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, SO THAT WE COULD ENJOY THE FOUR DAY HOLIDAY. THANKS BROWNIE!!!

We understand RICHE has started taking dancing lessons. Don't be surprised fellows if he starts going out with "G-O-I-L-S" before long. Maybe he will have the pleasure of snubbing SCHLAGE at the Palladium soon.

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LIBERTY INSISTS BONDS RATE A SALE COULD OUR PLANT ENLIST?????

