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There's No Compromise in War

WE ARE unquestionably in as dirty a war as ever confronted any nation, faced as we are on two fronts by enemies who totally disregard any semblance of International Law; and the worst part of it is, that so farwehave taken a drubbing which we can attribute solely to the apathetic attitude of a group of our own people, including certain lawmakers.

Proud America has had to bow its head for once in its history because of unpreparedness only, but it's not for long, for the "turn of the tide" is closeby, and those enemies will soon learn something of the unconquerable spirit of representative Americans.

In the meantime, don't let overconfidence rule. Some of our wisest observers expect us to get bombed before long. When that happens a lot of our smug and over-confident citizens will probably wake up to the fact that we are actually at war -- that it's their own necks that are at stake.

In spite of allied reverses, in spite of Pearl Harbor, -- the bitter memory should goad us to unremitting toil and effort, -- there still remains in America an overconfident attitude on the part of many that portends and smacks of the fate of France.

Our boys have the skill and the valor of no other peoples on earth. They'll meet face to face and on common ground any of those who have the effrontery to proclaim themselves Masters of the Earth and the Sons of Heaven. Such proclamations don't check with American thoughts and purposes.

A terrific responsibility rests on the shoulders of every American. We have no right to go on our peaceful way, enjoying all of the comforts of normal life when our boys are fighting for our freedom without proper equipment. We have the strength and power of no other nation on earth, but it is the exercise of that strength and power, individually and collectively, that will determine the future of all of us.

General MacArthur has called upon us and every other American man and woman for their fullest support to the stupendous task he has



promised to carry through to the finish, and to which he has dedicated his life. He and his promises are worthy of all we have to give.

Let's forget talks and arguments on taxes, on Congressmen's pensions, on Labor and its demands, and of "who gets what" in this great emergency. "Production and more production" must be the American by-word. When that becomes the prime thought of every man and woman in this land, just then will we witness the end of the Hun and the Jap, and ourselves get back to our normal American way of life.

The men and women of Kellett's are doing their share. In looking down the Kellett production lines we see faces that are serious; all are working -- there's no lag, no fooling, only friendly banter to keep spirits alive. Certainly no one is holding the line at Kellett's for flaps are rolling, engine mounts are rolling, everything's rolling. Kellett's are truly "Beating the Dates."

A Statement of Principles

The American aircraft industry, still under the guidance of those who gave man wings, and backed by countless thousands of loyal men and women along production lines across the country, makes this solemn statement of principles:

To our fellow Americans, and to fighters for freedom everywhere, we pledge our every materials resource, our every ounce of energy to the great task entrusted to us.

To the thousands of pilots now fighting for democracy, and to the legions of fledglings still to come, we rededicate ourselves to providing the finest equipment and aeronautical science can produce, and in such numbers as to enable them to sweep the skies.

Given the materials with which to build, we shall carry the battle of production through to final victory.

BONDS FOR VICTORY

In our last issue of the Kellett News many of our organization were much disappointed in reading Mr. Palmer's report on the response to the Bond Plan. As we read this issue 40,000 heroic defenders of Bataan are now prisoners of the enemy. Are you doing all you can to help prevent any more reverses. WE CAN, We Will, We MUST. Get your subscription card now and BOND AMERICAN FOR VICTORY.

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"BILL" GODDARD'S PARTY

IF THERE should be a sudden desire on the part of many persons at Kellett Autogiro to seek transfers to other cities, it may be attributed to envy of the grand party arranged for William ("Bill") Goddard, the Resident Supervising Inspector for Republic Aviation, when he left the Kellett Haven to assume broader responsibilities by assuming charge of the new Republic plant in Indiana.

Bill was completely taken aback and practically on the verge of collapse from the excitement and the sight of so many friends that came to wish him good luck, with all the trimmings. Bill, of course, got wind of the party in advance, but he was told there were about twenty of his friends coming to give him a farewell party. Actually ninety-five well-wishers from Kelletts crashed the 69th Street Rathskeller and bulged the walls with their hilarity.

Getting away to a late start, the banquet proceeded with Glenn L. Martin Company Resident Inspector, Jim Pennington, assuming the role of Toastmaster, and introduced something unique by brining his recording apparatus along, with Haig Kirjian acting as sound engineer. Mr. R. G. Kellett started the ball rolling with a nice sendoff speech; then Jim Pennington gave a brief outline of Bill's career in aviation which, no doubt, was a surprise even to some of Bill's oldest friends. The microphone was then passed to the three banquet tables and everyone had a word to say to prove how they felt about Bill leaving us. Records were made of all the voices and the records were presented to Bill at the close of the party.

After the banquet Bill was called out on the floor to receive the grand presents contributed to by his many friends. The first gift was more or less a convenience to be used in Bill's trailer seeing as how he may not possess all of the necessary plumbing facilities, and this, of course, created many laughs as well as the usual blushes. Next Bill was presented with a gorgeous Club Bag of California Saddle Leather, and a beautiful leather portable radio to match the bag. Mrs. Louis Honold then presented Mrs. Goddard with a beautiful patent leather purse, on behalf of the Kellett Bowling League, in which Mrs. Goddard was active. One could not help but note the look of admiration Mrs. Goddard gave Bill throughout the evening for all of his past successes and the new promotion. The acknowledgement by Bill and the sentiments he expressed when he spoke just dug right down in the hearts of everyone, and his farewell words will be remembered a long time to come. Mrs. Goddard spoke a few words, but tried her best to allow all of the honors to be bestowed upon Bill.

Ray Pontisu, Larry Isbister, the DuPonts, Herb Guy, O. S. Reasor are a few of the persons responsible for the affair, and they received the wholehearted support of everyone at Kelletts toward making the party a success. Hundreds of Bill's friends who could not attend sent their best wishes, and it is believed that Bill Goddard will remember the Kellett gang for a long time to come. We hope and know that he will continue with his success and that he will have time to drop us a line occasionally and call on us when he is in Philadelphia to reminisce over "what to do" or "what not to do" about those Republic Flaps.

Good luck to you Bill and to your inspiration, Mrs. Goddard.

The Kellett Gang.

Second Lieutenant R. V. (Randy) Gander, former Personnel Director, was a welcome visitor to No. 1 Plant on Monday the 13th.

Lieut. Gander enlisted as Private in May 1940 and worked his way up to his present rank.

Effusive, we believe, is the best word we can use to express the greetings he received from his many Kellett friends.

KELLETT INTERVIEWS

On March 25th Messrs. Kellett and Lyon made a joint announcement to the effect that Cyril Sprague would be relieved of his duties as head of the Personnel Department and his appointment as Superintendent of Sub-Contract work at Plant No. 2.

It is understood that Republic P-47 Ailerons and Flaps will eventually be assembled there as the schedules accelerate together with other work now under negotiation. When this plant gets in full operation on a 3-shift basis it will employ several hundred workers including a large percent of women.

At this time, Kellett announced Albert W. Hendrickson, who joined the organization a few weeks previous as an assistant to him, would head up a new Department to be known as Industrial Relations, which would ultimately absorb the work of the Personnel Department together with other duties in connection with the well being and welfare of all employees.

Hendrickson has for the past twelve years been associated with Collins & Aikman, manufacturers of textile products in Philadelphia, where he was a Plant Superintendent at the time he severed his connections there. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania for some years standing but continued his studies, concentrating on industrial relations through night courses with the result that he won the degrees of Master of Arts in Industry in 1941 and says he is now doing the type of work to which he has always looked forward.

The first job which has been dumped into Mr. Hendrickson's lap is the planning for and setting up of the training program for several hundred additional employees who will join the organization during the next year.

It will be necessary to greatly expand our vocational schools and in connection with this, efforts are being made to establish classes not only at Bok, as heretofore, but at other schools in the vicinity of both plants. It may also be necessary to do some training within our own buildings.

The most important phase of this training program will be the training and preparation of men for positions as leadmen, foremen, supervisors, etc. While the volume who will attend these classes is not as great as in the vocational courses, at the same time it is of equal importance since the employees, no matter how well trained, would be helpless if they do not receive intelligent and cooperative supervision as they take up their duties.

In connection with this last phase it is interesting to note that a survey has been compiled as to the further needs of the company for supervisory personnel in all categories . . . it reveals a tremendous number of openings. Kellett stated that in accordance with the established company policy, these openings will be made available to

workers already in our employ and has issued instruction that all groups are to be thoroughly combed before looking to the outside. He further stated that it is hoped and believed that certain women workers will display the type of leadership which will make possible the turning over of some of these jobs to them. In conclusion, Mr. Kellett pointed out Mr. Sprague as an
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