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In Davidson's Case, a Sure Token of Great Success

It is one of those things more easily felt than expressed, but it seems to us that Dr. John R. Cunningham and Davidson College sort of suit each other. Our impression, after some acquaintance with both the college and the man, is that since Saturday morning Davidson has been officially in the hands of a prototype of the kind of man she strives to produce. And since example is still the greatest teacher, even the mere presence of Dr. Cunningham on the Davidson campus will mean a great deal.

It is pretty generally recognized that the new president's spiritual, moral, and intellectual attainments are superb. It is perhaps less well known that he is an administrator so capable that he most surely would have been eminently successful in either business or government. Furthermore, there is a twinkle in his keen brown eyes that at once testifies against any excess of piety. He has a grand sense of humor.

Dr. Cunningham will do more than "preside" over Davidson. He will lead and guide her with and with all the power of his vigorous mind and body, work for her.

In passing, let it be noted that Dr. Cunningham has become Davidson's fourteenth president. A superstitious person might say, "Well, that puts him right up against Old Man 'Bad Luck'." May be so. But, knowing both characters fairly well, we'd say that the Old Man hasn't got a chance.

Harry Helps

"You Won't Find Many Union People Helping the FBI!"

In a recent editorial about the organized labor movement in America (it is more of a mass surge than a movement) we expressed the conviction that the two things principally wrong with labor's policy were (1) the violence to which it so readily resorts to gain its ends and (2) the ideological assumption that anything done in furtherance of labor's aims is all right, anything done against those aims or against any member of the house of labor is all wrong. Violence is easily defined, but the other characteristic is more complex. And who should come along to help with the amplification of it but Harry Bridges, the West Coast labor leader, national officer of the CIO, alien and suspected Communist.

To a man from *The New Yorker* Bridges described his experiences in being spied on by the FBI and his own counter-spying, which made the FBI look pretty silly. In the course of the interview he dropped in this remark:

"One of the things FBI men always do is to get hold of any scraps of paper that you have lying around, and then they are interviewing. They get a key to the room, or they fix up a key, or some-thing. These days they usually have to get hold of a key, because practically all the papers are secret, and you won't find many union people helping the FBI."

That's what we were talking about. Because chambermaids belong to the Lodge, that sets them in opposition to the Federal authority. Don't help the saying. And since the cops are called on to preserve order in strikes that makes them strike-breakers, so labor has no use for cops.

It's a bad attitude, and it could lead to bad trouble. Suppose the cops joined labor unions and became inoculated with this ideology. Would they then determine to suppress labor disorders?

Right Of Way
It Belongs to Defense Spending As Well As Borrowing

A step in the right direction is Secretary Morgenthau's proposal to revoke the borrowing privilege of a Federal government. Beginning in 1933, the Administration took out incorporated papers for a number of Federal agencies and vested in them the right to issue bonds and debentures on their own account up to a fixed limit.

These obligations were guaranteed by the Treasury, both as to the payment of principal and interest, hence were for which the taxpayers were ultimately responsible. But except for the most recent issues which Congress

Selling The War

By Hugh S. Johnson

THE higher-ups in the Army don't like pieces that say its morale isn't high. Morale is a tricky word, and it is hard to define it accurately.

Maybe a little bayonet drill will help. When I took command of the bulk of the Eighth Division, it was left in this country in 1918. I used to march it in a circle around him. He would strip off his uniform and tear open his tie and uniform, reveal a little bamboo aviator stick with a three-inch ring on the end of it. The men crouched around him with bare hands and mouths, drooling. They had been brought to a point of extreme animal aggressiveness by previous instruction. They would set out to kill and knock out the next thing to it. Suddenly he would crack one man across the face with the stick. The kid would jump into the ring and knock out the fatted next. The thing got too realistic — so realistic that some men wanted to quit after the first with bare bayonets. Their first ambition was to get to France.

Then we went to Camp Mills — on our way to France. We got on transports. The last ship we embarked. The real armistice came. That Pacific Coast division had been in the United States, was very well trained and confident. I expected dissolution of discipline. I arranged to adduce 42,000 troops in relay of 12,000 each to the transports. An armistice was only a truce and that we were going to France.

AMISTICE BREAKS SPELL COMPLETELY

utter silence. They no longer wanted to go to France. The war was over, but the rest of them were not.

Next morning I went to bayonet instruction again. The change was incredible. We were back in the crazy peace-pre-war days. All the men were in uniform, all the arms were drawn, done so well, that it can't fail to the army how easy "Walk Me Around Again" will be.

The heart was gone from the effort. They don't know whether this will make the point or not, but I do know this: If this Government wants to build an army, it has got to do it the hard way, it has got to do it the hard way.

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SOLDIERS JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S ABOUT

Many of these boys are bewildered — neither unapologetic nor apologetic. They are lost.

What is it all about? They haven't told, frankly, where, when and how they are going to fight, and they are not going to fight.

The present situation is too serious to fool with. We are part of a world at war. This is no time to play politics with the future of the United States.

Our greatest danger is not Hitler, but the fear of our people realizing their danger. And after that comes "Business as Usual."

Until we recognize what a Hitler can do, we cannot be safe, and accordingly, we cannot be safe.

Next is admitting the obvious fact, what we need most is to be united — united against our common foe, behind the Government of the United States in the fight for freedom.

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Many of their officers know little about methods of war and little about "methods short of war" and many "incidents" that didn't amount to a hill of beans.

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