

SLAVERY

* SOME NEWSPAPER EDITORS and columnists have the effrontery to suggest to their readers that slavery is not a political but an economic state. Such an attitude, particularly when the nation is at war, might easily be construed as "detrimental to the war effort."

Why editors and writers should take the trouble to point out, now of all times, that slavery can and did and may exist under any political form of government, even our own democratic and republican government, is hard to fathom. None of these editors and writers is unpatriotic; all contribute to the war effort in one fashion or another.

As a conjecture, possibly the impending freezing of men to jobs and the transfer of others from job to job at wages already frozen, may have had something to do with their attitude. Perhaps they are concerned over the possibility of such conditions continuing after the war. Possibly they should not concern themselves so much with what is to come as with what is NOW.

Whatever their motives, they have the right to express alarm, if that is what they feel. We share the sentiment, and join them in expressing

it, for we, too, have the sheer effrontery, as some would undoubtedly call it, to assert and stand upon the fact that slavery is NOT political but IS economic in its nature. —GEORGE B. BRINGMANN