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**Blisters and Bureaucracies**

THE editor has a sore finger. As we sit and punch the typewriter keys, we have a piece of tape over—of all things, believe it or not—a blister—a blister on a knuckle joint and it hurts every time the finger moves. We have seven other fingers that do not hurt and two perfectly good thumbs, except for an old break that gets to aching when the weather changes, but for some unknown reason it seems it is the sore finger that has to do all the work. We use all our fingers and both thumbs as we type—not the hunt and peck system—but it just seems that fully ninety per cent of the keys have to be punched with that blistered finger. We know that isn't true—it just seems that way. All our fingers and both thumbs work in fairly good harmony, making only an average number of mistakes, and they punch out a copy at a consistent rate of speed. But as they tramp around over the keyboard, we are conscious of only one finger—the one with the blister.

It's strange how something like a sore finger can start an entirely unrelated train of thought, but, as we sit and listen to our radio and at the same time keep bumping that small blistered portion of one minor digit of our somewhat bulky anatomy every time we make a move, we are impressed by the comparison of the touchy finger with the condition of governmental administration and the comment and criticism which surrounds it.

Goodness knows we've criticized the administration frequently and we expect to do a lot more of it. We poured a strong antiseptic on that blister, too, and sucked in our breath when it smarted. It's the sore finger that needs the medicine and it's the inefficient, muddling bureaucracy that needs criticism.

But just as we have seven good fingers and two thumbs that go right along doing a job without any conscious effort, there must be seven agencies and a couple of departments that are functioning ably and efficiently, without public attention, for every one, which, like that sore finger, keeps getting banged around and sending shooting pains through the nation. It seems that every radio commentator and every author of editorial comment is voicing criticism. Some people complain because they must read and listen to so much fault finding. Yet these critics are the doctors who are trying to heal the sore finger and get it back into harmony with the rest of the body. If treatment is needed, then treatment should be given. Nearly all the best antiseptics sting, but they have curative properties.

From the great volume of criticism heard and read today, a person would form the impression that everything is wrong with our war effort. Such is not the case. Just as we are conscious only of the painful finger, our attention is focused on the bureau, agencies and departments that keep intruding their mismanagement, politics and bungling into the national endeavor. But for each of these there are many others that, without credit or acclaim, are functioning smoothly and efficiently, accomplishing highly satisfactory results with a minimum of public notice.

Blisters aren't overly painful, even in the knuckle joint. They usually get well in time. They can be dangerous only if infection is allowed to become established. Proper treatment is a wise precaution. The same is true with these administrative bureaucracies that get filled with germs

and microbes. Maybe they will get over their painful characteristics in time, but a little caustic treatment may speed the process. But while we are applying the antiseptics to the aches and pains of administrative blisters, we should not forget that there are plenty of other portions of the national body that are going along in a normal course and that, after all, the harmony of effort is creating progress even if we are conscious only of the sore spots.

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 Mutual Broadcasting System,  
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(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)  
 5:00—American Eagle Club.  
 5:30—This Is The Hour.  
 6:00—Dinner Concert.  
 6:50—Copco News.  
 6:55—Interlude.  
 7:00—John B. Hughes, Anacina.  
 7:15—Saturday Night Bandwagon.  
 7:45—Shep Field's Orchestra.  
 8:00—Halls of Montezuma.  
 8:30—Johnny Messner's Orchestra.  
 8:45—Mitchell Ayer's Orchestra.  
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.  
 9:15—Hal Grayson's Orchestra.  
 9:30—Jan Garber's Orchestra.  
 10:00—News Bulletins.  
 10:02—Sign Off.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20  
 8:00—Wesley Radio League.  
 8:30—Mutual's Radio Chapel.  
 9:00—Detroit Bible Class.  
 9:30—The Chaplain Speaks, Reverend Perry Smith.  
 9:45—Songs for Sunday.  
 10:00—Alka Seltzer News.  
 10:15—Romance of the Highways, Greyhound Bus Lines, Canary Chorus.  
 11:00—Baptist Church Services.  
 12:00—Cadle Tabernacle.  
 12:30—The Ballad of Capt. Gastello, starring Alfred Lum and Lynn Fontanne.  
 1:00—Lutheran Hour.  
 1:30—Young People's Church of the Air.  
 2:00—Report from Algeria.  
 2:05—Song Spinners.  
 2:15—Treasury Star Parade starring Joseph Schildkraut in "Furlough from Death."  
 2:30—The Shadow.  
 3:00—Campana's First Nighter.  
 3:30—Anchors Aweigh.  
 4:00—Nobody's Children.  
 4:30—The Angelus Hour, Douglas Funeral Home.  
 5:00—American Forum of the Air.  
 5:45—Evening Melodies.  
 6:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour.  
 7:00—John B. Hughes.  
 7:15—Rabbi Magnin.  
 7:30—This Is Our Enemy.  
 8:00—Hawaii Calls.  
 8:30—Wings Over the West Coast.  
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.  
 9:15—Voice of Prophecy.  
 9:45—Sign Off.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21  
 6:45—Eye Opener.  
 7:00—News, L. A. Soap Co.  
 7:15—Happy Johnnie, Block Drug Co.  
 7:30—News Bulletins.  
 7:33—State and Local News, Boring Optical.  
 7:40—J. M. Judd Says "Good Morning."  
 7:45—Rhaphody in Wax.  
 8:00—Breakfast Club, Mentholatum.  
 8:30—Yankee House Party.  
 9:00—Boake Carter.  
 9:15—Man About Town.  
 9:40—Hollywood Salon Orchestras.  
 10:00—Alka Seltzer News.  
 10:15—Shopper's Guide.  
 10:30—News Bulletins, Am. Home Products.  
 10:35—Strictly Personal.  
 10:45—Navy Air Corps Chorus.  
 11:00—Cedric Foster.  
 11:15—Wheel of Fortune.  
 12:00—Interlude.  
 12:05—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer Co.  
 12:15—Interlude.  
 12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange.  
 12:25—Rhythm at Random.  
 12:45—State News, Hansen Motors.  
 12:50—News Review of the Air.  
 1:05—Musical Interlude.  
 1:15—Sweet and Sentimental.  
 1:30—Theme and Variations.  
 2:00—Don Lee Newsreel theater.  
 3:00—The Dream House of Melody, Copco.  
 3:30—Mutual's Overseas Report.  
 3:45—Dance Music.  
 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.  
 4:15—Johnson Family.  
 4:30—Mystery Hall.  
 5:00—Great War Relief Program.  
 5:15—They're the Barrens.  
 5:30—Ballad Drummond.  
 6:00—Musical Interlude.  
 6:20—Copco News.  
 6:25—Interlude.  
 6:30—The Better Half.  
 7:00—Raymond Clapper, White Owl.  
 7:15—Our Parade.  
 7:30—Lone Ranger.  
 8:00—Eyes Alight.  
 8:30—Double or Nothing, Feenamint.  
 9:00—Alka Seltzer News.  
 9:15—The Boys in the Back Room, McKean & Carstens.  
 9:30—John B. Hughes, Student baker.  
 9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.  
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**OUT OUR WAY** By J. R. Williams



**Concerning the NORTHWEST As Viewed at the National Capital** By John W. Kelly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Report comes to the national capital that the food situation in Washington and Oregon is no joke. It is said that 120 meat shops in Portland have closed for want of something to sell; the dealers are unable to make purchases. A similar situation, but not quite so severe, is reported in the Puget sound area. There is no prospect of improvement in the situation until January or February.

Cheese, which many people use as a substitute for meat, is to be rationed, although in October there was such a surplus that appeals were made over the radio for people to buy and eat more cheese. Heretofore the northwest has been self-sufficient in cheese production. Less cheese is to be made in order to increase the amount of fluid milk, and for the same reason the butterfat content in ice cream has been ordered reduced and production curtailed.

Meat sections, usually passed by, are about all that many butcher shops have on their trays. These are tongue, hearts, brains, sweetbreads, kidneys—all good if you like them. Butchers left in such a plight are locking their doors and heading for the ship yards or other war industries, to resume business when they can again obtain steaks, chops, roasts, ham and bacon.

Shortages have penetrated the bakeries. A number of bake shops have closed because of sugar shortage (there are warehouses full of sugar in the United States), and the difficulty in obtaining shortening is affecting every baker, some having only two or three days' supply. This has reduced the production of doughnuts and how long they will be on the market depends on supplies of grease and confectioners' sugar. After the holidays the candymakers will have their troubles.

Between the armed forces, lend lease and speculators, canned goods will be rare in about four months. The small business man will not be able to find any. The inventory control, to be put into operation by war production board, will not include groceries, except where they are carried as a sideline by, perhaps, department stores and no relief can be anticipated by the small dealer, who had hoped to see inventory control compel big establishments to whack up with the "have nots."

**Censored Mail Scored**  
 Tons of mail are sent to Alaska, largely airmail, by parents and relatives of enlisted men and officers holding that outpost. It would appear that most, if not all these letters are being opened and read by one of several hundred employees of Byron Price, director of censorship, without authority of law. Senate and house had approved a censorship bill permitting opening of all mail sent from the United States to its possessions, but the first thing congress knew was that Price's crew were busy slitting envelopes, reading letters and making excerpts, and the senate recalled the measure before it could reach the president's desk. It is said that some of the officers in Alaska protested at letters from their wives being opened; certainly Territorial Delegate Diamond and Governor Gruening have denounced the practice.

**Turkey Thompson Puts Quick K. O. on Nordman**

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Turkey Thompson, 202, Los Angeles negro, flattened Ernie Nordman, 194, Goodland, Kan., in just 3 minutes 37 seconds of a boxing bout here last night. Thompson knocked Nordman down twice in the first round, then delivered the knockout blow 37 seconds after the start of the second.

In the semi-final Powder Proctor, 161, Portland negro, had it even easier. He dropped Frankie Valdez, 162, Los Angeles six times, Valdez staying down the last time at 1:57 of the second round.

Other results:  
 Dave Ward, 148, Tacoma, defeated Pvt. Orville Teeters, 148, Portland, in six rounds; Joe Kahut, 167, Woodburn, knocked out John Cobel, 172, Chemawa, in second round; Don McLean, 121, Portland, defeated Young Nationalista, 124, Portland, in four rounds.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS FOUNDER**

**HORIZONTAL**  
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 14 Hoysman.  
 15 Crystal-like plastic.  
 16 Ruthenium (symbol).  
 17 Half an em.  
 18 Entrance into society.  
 20 One who etches.  
 22 Mary.  
 24 Pointed weapon.  
 25 Approves (cant).  
 26 And (Latin).  
 28 Senior (abbr.).  
 29 Diminishes (form).  
 35 Finish.  
 36 Area measure.  
 37 Put on upon.  
 39 Iron (symbol).  
 41 Chaldean city.  
 42 Relative (abbr.).  
 43 Negative.  
 45 Number.  
 47 Bone.  
 49 Symbol for nickel.  
 50 Figure of speech.  
 53 Evil jimi (var.).  
 58 Likely.  
 61 Take away.  
 63 Weird (form).  
 65 Dawn (comb. form).  
 66 Within.  
 67 Depended upon.  
 69 Site founded the American National Red Cross.  
 71 Old Testament (abbr.).  
 72 Unimportant thing.  
 73 English poet.  
 19 Brother (abbr.).  
 21 Swift rodent.  
 23 Lair.  
 27 Spread for drying.  
 28 Conflict.  
 30 Exist.  
 31 Male offspring.  
 32 Removed.  
 34 Egyptian goddess.  
 35 Avid.  
 38 Sight bow.  
 40 Eternity.  
 43 Weaving device.  
 46 Narrow inlet.  
 48 Amusement.  
 50 Group of three.  
 51 Lease.  
 52 Always.  
 54 Touch.  
 55 Interpret.  
 56 Symbol for iridium.  
 57 Parasitic insect.  
 59 Nuisance.  
 60 Throw.  
 62 Biblical high priest.  
 64 Before.  
 65 Whether.  
 70 On account (abbr.).



**Civilian Defense Plan of Combatting Unexploded Bomb Menace Is Described**

Editor's Note: Did it ever occur to you that in the event of an air raid your home may survive the raid with no damage whatsoever, and that a day or two after the enemy bombers have departed, it may be blown to bits? That may happen. When it does, the answer will be the unexploded bomb, the UXB. In a previous article we told you about the UXB and why it is the most dangerous and devastating of modern war's weapons. In this article, one of a series authorized by the U. S. office of civilian defense, we will tell you about the organization working to render these bombs impotent.

Unexploded bombs which have come howling down out of the skies during an air raid are not found lying on the surface of the ground. Instead they will come crashing through the roofs of homes, factories, or buildings, tear through the limbs of trees and bury themselves from 15 to 60 feet deep in the ground. Almost always they leave indication of their passage. It is these indications, which if promptly reported, begin a series of coordinated and planned operations in your defense. When your air raid warden has reason to believe that an UXB has fallen in his area, he has been instructed to immediately call the control center of your civilian defense council. The control center will dispatch a bomb reconnaissance agent to make a thorough investigation of the scene and decide whether the hole through the roof, the living room floor, basement or pavement was caused by the passage of a bomb, or whether it was caused by a chunk of concrete blown from an actual nearby explosion.

Bomb reconnaissance agents have been carefully chosen by your civilian defense council and given a special course of training by the U. S. Army to prepare them for their duties. If the bomb reconnaissance agent decides that an UXB does exist, he will instruct the air raid warden to remove the residents from the area where the UXB has landed itself. Thus you will be told that you must grab a suitcase of clothes and move out of your home, along with your family and your neighbors for a considerable area around the unexploded bomb.

You will have to find residence somewhere else in the city. Maybe you won't enjoy doubling up with Aunt Minnie's family for a week or ten days, but it will be a lot better than sitting on the proverbial "keg of dynamite" that may go off at any moment and

**Post-War Rehabilitation of Ravaged Nations Constitutes Gigantic Task for New York's Retiring Governor Lehman**

By JACK STINNETT  
 WASHINGTON—Gov. Herbert H. Lehman has been handed one of the war's toughest jobs. As director of foreign relief and rehabilitation, he will be the Herbert Hoover of World War II, but without depreciating the splendid job done by Mr. Hoover 25 years ago, the task facing Governor Lehman is ten times that. Hoover had to deal principally with Belgium, parts of France, Russia and Italy and a few scattered small nations. Governor Lehman will have to consider a big chunk of the whole world. There already have been stories that when our supply lines in the Solomons forced our troops to cut to two meager meals a day, consisting principally of canned meat, we still were distributing food to hungry natives half starved during Japanese occupation.

When the full story of North Africa is told, it's likely that the prospect of more and better food will have had more to do with capitulation of the French colonies and natives than all the Darlans and Girauds in the book. It is considered here that Spain and Portugal are staying neutral strictly from hunger. And it's a common saying that Italy will trade unconditional surrender for a ham sandwich. Nations Already Starving. From Greece to Norway, from Brittany to Finland, the occupied and nazified countries already are starving. Food, medicine, clothing and even small arms have to be gotten to our allies inside the lines, as well as to those now neutral who might be brought into the ranks of United Nations.

That sets up Governor Lehman in his new post as a sort of super czar of economic warfare. It means also that he will have to fight one of the battles of the century with the agencies and men in charge of production and distribution of food, clothing, etc., in this country. Think of it in the single terms of one single commodity: meat. If our armed forces, civilians, and the few allies already being taken care of have already forced

**DAILY DEVOTIONS**

DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS  
 Manly strength is much to the forefront. Heroic seems the expression of strength—you watch an American Indian athlete, well stripped, with brawny muscles, ponderous chest, heavy shoulders a long stick looped at the end and two thongs across. In this loop he catches up a ball. Then swinging it he shoots the ball skyward as a released arrow, out of sight. We admire mental and spiritual power as well, how accurately some men think. They give much to civilization. They build spiritual resistance, their no, spoken at the right moment is positive. They never surrender to evil. Cromwell's soldiers refusing the enemy's command to capitulate, exclaimed "Surrender? Never. I am a soldier of Cromwell." The world needs characters in critical times those who say to enemies of His Kingdom: "Surrender? Never. I am a soldier of Jesus Christ." Fathers and mothers are anxious for integrity of life and for spiritual development of their children. They want them to be strong physically, and keen mentally, and morally clean, that they might take their place in life when they are men and women. The success of a child is a joy to the parents. "I would be true, for there are those that trust me. I would be pure for there are those who care. I would be strong for there is much to suffer. I would be brave for there is much to dare." Amen.

**U. of O. Hoopsters Again Lose to Boilermakers**

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Portland Boilermakers drew away from the University of Oregon basketball team early in the game here last night to defeat the Webfoots again, 46 to 33. Oregon was within four points of the Boilermakers until Merle Kruger scored a field goal and a series of fouls enabled the Portland team to take a 27-17 lead at halftime. The Boilermakers were content to match Oregon's pace in the second period until the final moments, when a flurry of baskets gave them a 13-point margin.

**Mize Rated Top Slugger Of National League**

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Oregon State college warmed up for its eastern barnstorming trip last night by belting over the Bruno studio quintet of Portland, 58 to 37. The Beavers have won three games without a loss. They leave Saturday night for New York to play City College of New York in Madison Square garden December 26.

The husky first baseman who was traded away from the St. Louis Cardinals after the 1941 season because they thought he had passed his peak, led the senior circuit this year in runs batted in with 110 and had a slugging percentage of .521 based on his extra base hitting.

Mize's batting average was .305, but in return for his 541 times at bat he collected 282 total bases, including 26 homers, 25 doubles and seven triples. Right behind Mize in slugging percentage was his manager and teammate, Mel Ott, with .497, followed by Enos Slaughter, St. Louis .494; Stan Musial, St. Louis, .490; and Ernie Lombard, Boston, the batting champion, with .482. Dolph Camilli of Brooklyn, who led in runs batted in a year ago, finished a close second last season with 109. Only Mize and Camilli succeeded in knocking across more than a hundred.

**Beau Jack Knocks Out Larkin in Third Round**

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Beau Jack owns a piece of the world lightweight championship today because he flattened Tippy Larkin in three heats of a 15 rounder in Madison Square garden last night. After flooring the Italian in the first round with a short left hook, Beau went all out in the third and tossed Tippy to sleep with an uppercut.

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**Driver Examinations Suspended for Holidays**

Ward McReynolds, driver examiner from the state motor vehicle department, was in Roseburg Friday and announced that no examinations will be held during the holiday period. The schedule will be changed after the first of the year, he reports, and he will visit Roseburg each Wednesday, instead of Friday, starting with the date of January 6. The hours for examinations also will be extended from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., instead of from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m., as at present.

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