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is no good whatever to any business establishment, whereas a customer who is making money and getting ahead in the world is one of the VALUED.

It is unfortunate that nations have never been able to master this simple and reasonable philosophy.

MAYBE peace based on the business rule of live and let live wouldn't work. Still, the kind of peace we've been getting at the hands of the politicians and the demagogues hasn't worked well enough to arouse any great enthusiasm.

The Germans whipped the French at Sedan and rubbed their noses in the dirt and loaded them down with debt in the ensuing peace. The French whetted their knives until 1914 and then turned the tables on the Germans.

The Germans then turned around and beat the French in 1940.

Where will it end?
At any rate, we can't call the method a good one on the basis of results.

It is much too early to be talking about the kind of peace we're going to make (though not, perhaps, too early to be THINKING about it).

Before we can make any kind of peace we've got to win the war. It isn't won yet.

But common, ordinary people whose sons do the dying in war ought to be fairly well convinced by this time that the methods of making peace that have been generally in vogue in the past haven't been very good methods.

That much we know.

Mother's Appeal Lifts Furlough Ban

FRESNO, Calif., March 9.—(AP)—A Fresno family was made happy today because an infantry battalion commander at Camp White, Medford, Ore., listened to a mother's appeal and relaxed the strictness of a military regulation.

As a result, Anthony Trovato, 19, a Fresno State college student and a member of the air forces reserve, has a 12-hour visit with his brother, Private Frank Trovato, 21, before leaving for Lincoln, Neb. He will begin preliminary training as an aviation cadet.

When Anthony was ordered to report, Frank, who had not seen his brother for several months, applied for a furlough. He was told this could not be granted for some time because regulations specify married men shall be given a certain amount of preference.

But the boys' mother, Mrs. Mamie Trovato, was confident Uncle Sam's officers have a heart. Without even knowing his name, she wrote her son's commander:

"My boys have been inseparable for 19 years. You would not give our family a more wonderful gift than to permit my sons to see each other, even if it is only for a few hours."

Frank got a 12-day furlough at once. By leaving immediately he was able to reach Fresno before his brother left.

Home Again

SEATTLE—Charley Burdett, 70-year-old wireworker, got a job with a 44-year-old letter of recommendation.
He handed it to the same firm that gave it to him when he left to enlist for the Spanish-American war.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE WANES

EDITORIAL

By Charles V. Stanton

THE lack of positive national leadership on the domestic front is seriously undermining public confidence at a time when unity of thought and effort is of vital importance. Controls designed and executed by experimenting theorists instead of by practical and experienced men has resulted in widespread confusion in the public mind and disruption of normal methods of business, industry and agriculture just when maximum efficiency is most needed.

As an example of what we mean, take the small matter of sliced bread. When the sale of sliced bread was halted by Washington edict, we were told how the action would save thousands of tons of steel. Now the bakeries are to be allowed to resume the slicing of bread because it has been learned there is an adequate supply of waxed paper. Now we are asking, why was the sale of sliced bread halted in the first place? Was it because of a shortage of steel or a shortage of waxed paper? Or, was it because some theorist had what he thought was a bright idea, which was put in execution before it was thoroughly considered?

Or consider the plea for Victory gardens. Just when a great many people had spaded up their lawns or other available plots of ground to grow food, a ban was put on the sale of seeds. Of course, that ban has been partially lifted, but such action did not help public confidence. Then, too, the sale of commercial fertilizer for home garden use has been halted. Someone conceived the idea of putting out one general brand of "Victory" fertilizer instead of the several varieties already on the market. Manufacturers, however, will not be able to furnish the new formula until sometime in April, and it will probably be a good many weeks until a sufficient quantity is available. By that time it will be useless for the gardener to use commercial fertilizers unless he has facilities for irrigation.

Bumbling and muddling continue to plague the nation. The situation is so serious that heads of three major farm organizations foresee hunger for America and her allies unless an immediate "about-face" is executed on agricultural policies and programs.

Albert S. Goss, master of the national grange; Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and Ezra T. Benson, executive secretary of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, have joined in issuing the following statement:

Today the American farm family stands between a large part of the world and hunger. Only through the initiative, the ingenuity and the hard work of our farm families can our people, our armed forces and our allies possibly be fed. American farmers are handicapped and the food supply for the United Nations jeopardized by:

- (1) The government's manpower and labor policies;
- (2) The confusion and loss of confidence created by an impractical and wasteful bureaucracy more concerned with social experimentation than the production of food;
- (3) The policy of using subsidies in lieu of a fair return to the farmer in the market-place.

As spokesmen for the national farm organizations, which represent the great bulk of family farm production in the nation, it is our unanimous opinion that an immediate right-about-face by government on these policies is imperative.

We emphasize the vital necessity on the part of government to take such steps promptly as will restore the confidence of farmers and end confusion.

We are unalterably opposed to the use of subsidies in lieu of a fair return in the market-place. The department of agriculture has announced a program of so-called incentive payments for the production of certain crops. We insist that these payments as now projected are nothing but subsidies disguised. Despite repeated protests, it continues to be the policy of the administration to restrict returns to farmers by ceilings and to attempt to compensate them by subsidies with their attendant uncertainties. For the first time in twenty years, normal adjustments in the national economy, if permitted to function, would put the farmer on an equal basis with American labor and industry.

We warn that any economy which does not pay the cost of its food bill will inevitably collapse. If this situation persists, we consider it a grave danger to the nation.

We insist on price control policies which will assure maximum production as the best protection against both inflation and hunger.

We urge an immediate reduction in non-defense expenditures and in the volume of directives sent out from Washington. We also urge a decentralization and restriction of the enormously expensive bureaucracy which polices these orders.

Finally, we recommend that immediate assurance be given American farmers by the congress and the administration of their intention to preserve agriculture as an independent and self-supporting industry.

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BEST BETS FOR TODAY

WEDNESDAY
6:30—Flying High.
8:15—Recital Hall of the Air.
8:30—Eyes Aloft.
9:15—Cal Tenny.

THURSDAY
11:30—R. H. S. on the Air.
7:15—Guest Artist Series.
8:00—Dark Destiny.
9:30—Uncle Sam.

(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Johnson Family.
4:30—Musical Matinee.
5:00—Office of War Information.
5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pep.
5:30—Norman Nesbitt.
Studebaker.
5:45—Aunt Jenny.
6:00—Dinner Concert.

6:30—Flying High.
6:50—Copco News.
7:00—John B. Hughes, Anacin.
7:15—Talk by Martin Dies.
7:30—Lone Ranger.
8:00—California Melodies.
8:15—Recital Hall of the Air.
8:30—Eyes Aloft.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Cal Tenny.
9:30—Uncle Sam.
9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:00—Sign Off.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

7:00—Rise and Shine.
7:15—4-H Club.
7:30—State and Local News.
Boring Optical.
7:45—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Haven of Rest.
8:30—Yankee House Party.
9:00—Boake Carter.
9:15—Man About Town.
9:30—Pipe Organ.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Ice Cubes.
10:30—Cheer Up Gang.
11:00—Cedric Foster.
11:15—Radio Bible Class With Dr. Roach, Presbyterian Church.

OUT OUR WAY



Concerning the NORTHWEST As Viewed at the National Capital

By John W. Kelly

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—One of the Four Horsemen is mounted, spurred and ready to ride. He is Famine. The man who is called upon to curb him is the American farmer. Famine will be running wild this year, racing over most of the face of the globe. This is why Herbert H. Lehman, administrator of relief and rehabilitation, is building up a vast organization abroad to feed the multitudes. His task is a stop-gap to serve until food is stabilized internationally by a set-up somewhat like Triple A, to be devised sometime this spring by representatives of the united nations, the objective being to acquire such surplus foods as there may be and distribute it. The agents of the united nations will meet in Washington, D. C., and Mr. Whiskers will be expected to provide the cornucopia.

In this global program every cultivated acre in the northwest, every dairy herd, beef cattle, sheep, hogs and hens will contribute its tithe, as will the orchards. The burden of feeding famine stricken Africa, Europe and Asia, as well as keeping the wolf from the door at home, rests upon approximately 6,000,000 farms in this country. (Farm population in 1940 was 30,546,911 out of a total population of 131,669,275.) Farm population has been materially reduced by armed forces and high wages in war industries. It is so in the Oregon-Washington area and elsewhere.

The Washington-Oregon farms are about 140,000 (some have already disappeared by army and navy purchases or by owners abandoning them because of no help). But considering six million farms as the total, these must produce most of the food for more than half a billion people—and the American farmer, given this assignment, is allocated only a fraction of the farm machinery he requires. The American farmer will be just about carrying the

world on his back this year, and the next, and the next after that for the duration.

Open handed as former Governor Lehman will be and as he will be directed, the first call on farm production must entail keeping famine out of the United States, for after all, charity begins at home, no matter what politics may think or the bleeding hearts assert. Americans must change their dietary habits, and will do so willingly, but they do not intend going too hungry; they will take it out on the administration if the rations are cut much lower than is only human nature.

Pay for the food going abroad will come from lend-lease, which obtains its money from the United States treasury, and the treasury receives its money from tax-payers. The American people. So every Tom, Dick and Harry in Washington and Oregon will not only be depriving himself of food for the starving peoples overseas but will help to pay for this benefaction. As the British are now being sent food by Uncle Sam, they are in no position to assist the American farmer, although Britain has contributed to African relief whiskey, gin, rum, coffee and eggs. (In addition to food, America shipped silk hose, tobacco, matches, medical supplies).

Aid To Greece First
First battle between the American farmer and famine is in Greece, where food is now being distributed. This is the opening engagement; others will follow as opportunity opens to reach famished folk everywhere. The people of Italy are already waiting; France and other European countries are slowly starving to death. And while the farmers are producing crops to combat this impending famine, the federal government is arranging for an issue of "occupation" money to serve as a medium when countries are recaptured from the Germans and Japanese.

Army, too, is preparing for occupation. At its school at Charlottesville, Va., officers are being given a vigorous course in military administration. Qualifications: Must have legal training and some administrative experience in civil life from mayor up or down. These army officers will all be sent overseas and take over the business of administration until the civilian authorities of a country are prepared to function. The course embraces public financing, public health and similar practical duties. Incidentally, they are learning to speak the language of the country where they may be assigned and are instructed in the customs, habits and manners of the native population.

The "occupation" money will be paper currency and, unlike the "occupation" money of the Japanese, will have something to back it up. Details of this currency have not been made public, not because it is a military secret, but because all the ramifications have not been worked out. Military administration and occupation money are postwar developments and are now in the works in the hope of having everything ready, say in 1944 if not late this year. But food comes first of all.

Evangelistic Services Growing in Interest
Evangelistic services being held at the Pilgrim Holiness church, 477 S. Jackson street, are growing in interest, according to the Rev. John W. Strom, pastor. Meetings are being held at 7:45 p. m. daily except Saturday, conducted by the Rev. Sherman Moore, Klamath Falls, evangelist. The campaign will continue through March 21. Special services for young people will be held Friday night.

By J. R. Williams

Astoria Quintet Favored to Retain Basketball Title

SALEM, Ore., March 10.—(AP)—The 16th annual Oregon high school basketball tournament, trimmed by the war to eight class A teams and four class B quintets, opens here tomorrow.

Astoria, defending champion, was the pre-tournament favorite and was conceded an excellent chance to become the first team in history to win the title three consecutive years.

There were several other powerful quintets present, however, including Baker, Klamath Falls and Eugene, teams with extraordinary backing and good records. The latter two open the tournament with a game at 3 p. m. Wednesday.

Other Wednesday first round games include Pendleton vs. Oregon City at 4:15 p. m., Astoria vs. Salem at 7:30 and St. Helens vs. Baker at 8:15.

The B tournament teams open Friday, Harrisburg playing Union at 3 p. m. Friday, Warrenton meeting Powers at 4:45 p. m.

Bill to Control Unions Meets Adverse Report

SACRAMENTO, March 10.—(AP)—By a 5-2 vote early today the labor committee of the California state senate tabled the Elgar-Fletcher bill which would have required unions to incorporate, file annual financial reports and would have outlawed picketing and strikes at war plants.

The vote to table the bill came after union representatives had condemned the measure as class legislation, unconstitutional and "smacking of fascism." Co-authors of the bill said the measure was offered to correct union malpractices and that "the time has come to require unions to submit to certain regulations for their own protection and the protection of society."

Representatives of the Associated Farmers expressed "hearty accord" with the bill and said it would make "labor unions responsible for their acts."

Hush-Hush

CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.—Hitler's spies won't learn anything from this soldier: He was being transferred from the army air force's technical training command school here. Going to the squadron orderly room to pick up his service record, he encountered the non-commissioned officer in charge, who asked where

Commentators, Music Students On KRRR Bill

If you like an English accent with a slightly superior air, don't miss Boake Carter. He's on KRRR every morning, Monday through Friday, at 9 a. m., with his news comment. A radio poll proves he has the largest daytime listening audience of any of the commentators.

Wednesday night's "Recital Hall of the Air" will bring students of Gladys Strong to visit you via your loud-speaker. KRRR's own Faith Young will perform, as will little Miss Susan Motschenbacher. Mrs. Brand will lend a hand by presenting her student soprano, Betty Swift. No definite program has been announced, but we know it's going to be worth a listening ear at 8:15 tonight (Wednesday). "Eyes Aloft" will follow the recital at 8:30—to be followed in turn by that Brooklyn cowboy, Cal Tenny, with his comments on the news. Cal tries to do a "Will Rogers" but lacks the spark. Listen to this week's "Eyes Aloft"—Gordon Jenkins does the theme song in swing, in waltz time and as a rumba, and a certain young lady gets her engagement announced over the air. Sam Hayes seems to think that the Roseburg filter center is a push-over for Cupid.

Farm Labor Aid Plan Discussed by Pinnerger

The plan of the Roseburg chamber of commerce for aiding farmers with labor problems was discussed before the Kiwanis club at the regular Tuesday luncheon meeting by Harry Pinnerger, chamber of commerce secretary. The chamber, Pinnerger said, is planning on recruiting all available labor within the city to aid the farmers in seasonal work, and will advocate closing of places of business at intervals, if necessary, to provide the help needed on farms in harvesting crops.