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HOLD HIGH THE TORCH!

By CHARLES V. STANTON

As we pause today to pay our tribute to the men and women of our armed forces who gave their lives in our two World Wars, the observance is shadowed by the ominous clouds of a possible third conflict.

The theme of today's anniversary is "On Armistice Day . . . Resolved, that America Shall Stay Strong." Although people everywhere pray for peace, we are forced by circumstances to spend huge sums of money to maintain our defensive strength and we must impose the duty of military training upon our young men. We dare not relax our vigilance in face of the threats to our liberty.

We see on every hand evidence of the cost of freedom. The graves of our heroic dead are to be found in virtually every country of the world. Hospitals are filled with men and women who still suffer from disabilities incurred in military service. Large sums of money are paid annually as a small measure of compensation to thousands who bear sacrificial scars. Yet, despite these exhibits of the cost of war, we must maintain strong and adequate defenses so long as our chosen form of government, our liberties, our rights and privileges remain in danger.

We divide our wars into separate causes and purposes. We refer to them by the names of the enemies we have faced. But, actually, each war has been but the continuation of a struggle centuries old. The impelling motive behind each armed struggle has been the same—the fight for freedom.

Centuries ago huge armies of Christian zealots fought bloody battles as they sought to regain and retain possession of the Holy Land. The fight waged for nearly 200 years.

Later wars have been similar in character as men fought for the Christian ideals of liberty and freedom. While we may find various political reasons for our conflicts, yet underlying each is the continuing motive of man's ceaseless struggle for freedom from oppression; for the right of self-determination.

The enemies have had different names—feudal barons, colonial minded nations, the Czar, the Kaiser, Hitler, Mussolini, Hirohito, Stalin, etc.—but the cause has ever been the same. Each struggle has seen some enslaved people throw off their shackles or progress nearer the goal of freedom. The underlying cause of war will remain just so long as there are people still denied their freedom, or leaders able through exercise of force to hold people in subjection against their will. Until all people everywhere gain self-determination, we must be prepared for continuation of the centuries-old struggle.

The world has progressed steadily toward the goal of universal freedom from oppression. Each war has seen more and more people brought under democracy's banner. The last war resulted in the virtual end of colonial empires held together by force rather than choice. Millions of people are having their first experience with self-government.

Many years will pass before nations untrained in democratic processes are able to stabilize governmental policies.

Selfish nationalism will continue through generations. Yet our progress is gaining in tempo. The improved science of communication permits wider distribution of information and knowledge. It becomes increasingly difficult to keep great masses of people in complete ignorance. Even in Russia, locked behind an "iron curtain," with people forced to rely upon a controlled press for information, there are increasing evidences of discontent, if we are to believe reports seeping out from that stronghold of totalitarianism. Perhaps internal dissension eventually will break down the barrier which now separates the Russian people, a traditionally friendly race, from other peace-loving people of the world, and thus save us from another bloody war.

But until the barrier is broken and until all people everywhere are freed from the threat of oppression or domination through force, we must be prepared for war.

The sacrifices of the past cry out to us that we must continue to "hold high the torch," that the cause of liberty may still go forward even though the cost is high.

Mission Conducted At Riddle Church

An evangelistic mission is being conducted in the Riddle Community Church by the Rev. Thomas A. Welch of Portland, who recently completed a successful evangelistic effort in the East Side Tabernacle in that city.

The meetings at Riddle have been well attended. They will close Sunday. Friday's service will be in charge of Canyonville Bible Academy students and Saturday's in charge of the young people of the church.

In addition to the regular services, healing services are conducted each evening. Many remarkable cures have been effected at the meetings through prayer and the laying on of hands, said the Rev. D. O. Garner, pastor of the church.

From Riddle, the Rev. Mr. Welch will go to Omaha, Neb., Kansas City, Mo., Ponca City, and Tulsa, Okla., returning to Oregon shortly after the first of next year.

The Pentecostal Church of God is holding a series of Bible conferences in connection with the evangelistic mission at Riddle, with the Rev. Harold M. Collins, district superintendent, in charge.

Employees Council Backs Fight of 6 Ousted Men

PORTLAND, Nov. 11.—(AP)—The Oregon State Council of Public Employees promised support today to the Deputy Sheriff's discharged or suspended by Sheriff Martin T. Pratt.

The six men were accused of campaigning for Mike Elliott, who defeated Sheriff Pratt's bid for reelection.

William H. Williams, business representative of the union, said "the entire case will be presented to the circuit court, which is the final authority in Civil Service matters."

Vote of Harbor Plywood Workers Favors A. F. of L.

Employees of Harbor Plywood at Riddle Tuesday voted to retain their affiliation with the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, A. F. of L.

In the election, conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, the results showed 154 employees in favor of the A. F. of L., while 53 voted to align with the International Woodworkers of America, C.I.O.

Canvasback ducks are the favorite ducks of most U. S. hunters. They are expert divers and indiscriminate feeders.

OUT OUR WAY



I was thinking about this 30th anniversary of Armistice Day as I kneaded bread, and then of all the hospitals from coast to coast, some of them with patients from the First World War, and then—

you know how one thought will lead to another—I dwell at length on the story of a woman, a story that, I give you my word, is true.

So often we do mentally what the old Jewish custom required physically: We pick out a "scapegoat" upon which we heap the blame for all our present troubles, only, come to think of it, we quit too soon, don't we? For the Jews released the goat in the wilderness, carrying all the sins of the people on his head, and then there was a clean slate for a new year. But we don't give ourselves a clean slate! We brood, we carry over yesterday's, and last year's, frustrated thinking, our remembrance of disappointments, failures, unhappiness and just add to them.

That is what the woman did of whom I sat down to write. She had been a person of wealth and refinement and social position, accustomed to lavish service and to have her desires gratified. Then unexpectedly her wealth and her loved ones, and her social position—everything she held necessary to her happiness—was swept away.

She failed to make the adjustment required by such changed circumstances; she became embittered, frustrated, resentful, and at last this unhappy thinking resulted in a complete mental breakdown. She was put in a hospital where no discrimination

in regard to race, creed or color, was made. The service to all was the same. This unhappy woman made life as miserable as she could for those around her, and received from them a reflection of her own attitude.

But just as the ray of sunlight creeps through the tiniest crevice, so an idea penetrated through the mental bars she had placed about herself, bars of hate and despair.

Nothing around her changed in any way until she herself made the first step forward (remember how the discouraged children of Israel, standing "murmuring" beside the Red Sea, wished they had kept the fleshpots of Egypt and reviled their leader? And they were told, "Go forward!") Not until the first foot stepped forward was there dry land waiting for it—and of course, the mental determination had to precede that step. Was not the mental change the real first step?

So this woman took her first step forward, a step that required courage, and prodigious self-discipline. She began to seek ways to be kind to all with whom she came in contact. Details don't matter, do they? The point is, she set out to work towards a goal for its own sake. She lost her apathy and hatred; she had an objective. Her small world was no different when she began, but oh how it changed from day to day! Just to be kind—as simple as that. No longer did she drag out a weary day-to-day existence, with no hope in the future. She became energized by her new activity. She left that hospital completely well.

"Why should it be thought a thing incredible?"

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

WHY NOT SIMPLE TALK ON BALLOTS?

(The Astorian Budget)

It is unthinkable to assume that the people of Oregon deliberately and knowingly voted into existence a \$200 million-a-year old age pension plan with full understanding that there exists no way to pay for it.

The plain explanation is that the people didn't know what they were doing. Is this the people's fault? It can be argued that they should have known better, that press and radio explained the situation to them and that if they had read or listened they would have voted otherwise.

Perhaps so, but there is also, it seems to us, considerable fault in the presentation of measures upon the ballot.

Would it not be logical to print on the ballot, with each measure, a simple, non-legal and non-technical explanation of just what it means?

Take for instance the pension measure. There was nothing in the ballot title to make it clear to the voter what it would cost the people, that there was no accompanying plan of finance, and other essential facts about it. Why not have such an explanation with the ballot title?

Take the bill to authorize the state to take \$6 million out of the income tax surplus and use it to make up a deficit in the budget for the biennium.

Only a Philadelphia lawyer could have figured out from the ballot title what that measure meant. The title was actually misleading. It was in legal language. Through most of the title it talked about exceeding the 6 percent limitation, reading like more taxes. Only in the last line of the long title does it state that the excess was "to be offset by

funds derived from taxes on or measured by net income." And what sort of language is that for the ordinary citizen to understand?

Perhaps that sort of legal language is necessary under the laws—as drawn by lawyers. But is there anything in the law to forbid an accompanying paragraph telling the voter just what all the long words and obscure phrases mean?

Plenty of intelligent and well-educated people couldn't understand that particular example of mystifying legal double-talk. And not all the voters are well educated.

The initiative and referendum as practiced in Oregon is a good thing. Over the years it has worked well. But it imposes too much of a burden on the harassed voter to expect him to understand a dozen or more ballot measures about which he can learn the facts only by diligent outside study.

This newspaper does not believe that the people, had they understood, would have voted as they did on the old age pensions and on some of the tax measures. The people have sense enough to know that you can't pay out millions without taking them in from somewhere. Had the ballot made the issues clear, they would have voted differently.

The voters' pamphlet sent out by the secretary of state did a fairly good job of explaining candidates and measures.

But it didn't do an adequate job. Plenty of people were still confused about what was what regarding the ballot measures.

As the next legislature wrestles with the dilemma created by the pension bill, it might well give some thought to simpler language on the ballots next time.

By J. R. Williams

Record Corn Crop Tops Estimates In Federal Report

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department, in its semi-final crop report, yesterday estimated this year's record corn crop at 3,649,510,000 bushels.

This is 81,555,000 bushels more than the 3,567,955,000 forecast a month ago. It compares with last year's unusually small crop of 2,400,592,000 bushels and with the 1947-48 average of 2,813,529,000.

Today's crop report did not have any new estimates on this year's production of several crops, including such major ones as wheat, oats and barley.

Last month's estimate on those crops will stand until mid-December, when the Department issues its final report based on actual, rather than indicated production. The estimate of wheat production last month was 1,283,770,000 bushels. This compared with last year's record crop of 1,365,519,000 bushels and the ten-year average of 942,623,000.

Other Crops Estimated
The indicated production of other crops on which new forecasts were made today compared with a month ago, last year and the ten-year average, respectively, included:

Potatoes 431,401,000 bushels; 415,355,000; 384,407,000 and 392,143,000.

Sweet potatoes 52,409,000 bushels; 52,665,000; 57,178,000 and 64,866,000.

Apples 90,288,000 bushels; 96,319,000; 113,041,000 and 115,058,000.

Pears 26,190,000 bushels; 26,358,000; 35,312,000 and 30,222,000.

Grapes 2,935,000 tons; 2,956,000; 3,072,000 and 2,701,000.

Milk and Eggs
Milk production in October was reported at 8,774,000,000 pounds compared with 9,160,000,000 in September, 8,845,000,000 in October last year and 8,552,000,000 for the ten-year October average.

Egg production in October was reported at 3,534,000,000 compared with 3,536,000,000 in September, 3,439,000,000 in October last year and 2,640,000,000 for the ten-year October average.

The indicated yield per acre and production, respectively, of important crops in major producing states included:

Apples (production only): Idaho 1,584,000; Washington 26,390,000; Oregon 2,606,000.

Potatoes: Idaho 280 and 42,000,000; Washington 280 and 11,200,000; Oregon 280 and 12,040,000.

Air Force Mock War Costs Lives Of Twenty Men

EGLIN FIELD, Fla., Nov. 11.—(AP)—A costly six-week demonstration of the powerful blows which America's air arm can strike in cooperation with group troops ended yesterday.

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The statistics tell the importance of the U. S. military leaders attached to the indoctrination. Five hundred planes and 8,000 men, took part. A total of 3,600 students were brought to Eglin from all over the country for three-day stunts.

Sixty-five tons of live bombs and rockets were used in each weekly demonstration. Fast-flying Air Force jet planes and conventional type Navy and Marine aircraft burned up countless gallons of fuel.

Lives were expended, too. Five ground soldiers were killed and 16 injured when a stick of bombs fell among them during a dress rehearsal for the operation. Training and transportation accidents caused perhaps 15 more fatalities.

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Anniversary Of Kiwanis Is Observed

Talk by Roy Hall, Feast, Music, Enjoyed; 25-Year Pins are Presented

"When two great forces come out of balance, civilization can destroy itself," Roy Hall, head of the University of Oregon speech department told Kiwanis members and their wives at the 25th anniversary meeting Tuesday night at the Roseburg Country Club.

Hall, in a brief but compelling talk, in which he intermingled side-splitting humor with pathos in a masterful manner of swaying his audience, made the statement while urging upon Kiwanians recognition of their own part in the life we live, and in urging them to "rise above the common place in whatever task we do."

The talk climaxed an evening's entertainment, honoring the 13 charter members, 11 of whom were present, who remain from the original 55. The Roseburg Kiwanis club was organized in the fall of 1923.

Pins Awarded
The charter members are H. C. Berg, chairman of the charter night program; Roy Catching, Dr. H. C. Church, Dr. Louis A. Dillard, Walter S. Fisher, H. O. Pargeter, Dr. C. B. Wade, Jack R. Wharton, R. L. Whipple, Glenn V. Wimberly, Dr. George E. Houck, an honorary member, and Dr. B. R. Shoemaker. The latter two were not present. Dr. E. J. Wainwright, who came into the organization in the spring, after the charter was granted, is listed also as a charter member.

However, only eight of the 13 remained members throughout the 25 years and certificates enrolling them as members of the Legion of Honor. Presented pins, certificates and past president's pins were Berg, Dillard, Fischer, Wainwright, Pargeter, Wharton and Wimberly. Wainwright also received a district officer award, and Wade received a 25-year pin. Presentations were made by Chet Morgan.

The meeting was presided over by President M. M. "Red" Nelson, with George Lauma, one of the "young" members, serving as toastmaster of the evening. Because of a misunderstanding in the dinner hour, the meal was served late, so the program was carried on prior to, during and following the service.

An interesting, amusing side-light of the evening was announcement of the fact each of the charter Kiwanians still have the same wives, and this was jokingly attributed to by Wharton, who made the observation, as the true meaning of what the Kiwanis Club stands for.

Recollections Told
Each of the charter members present gave brief recollections of phases of the club work. Dr. Church told of the start leading up to organization in 1923. Wharton told of the charter night Dec. 18 of that year. Of the 55 original members, 15 are dead, 12 live in Roseburg but are no longer members, 15 have moved away, 12 are active members, and one, Dr. Houck, is an honorary member.

Dr. Wade listed past presidents, the first being the late Justice O. P. Coshaw, deceased; the second, Nathan Fullerton, and the third, W. C. Harding.

Other reminiscences included a report by Glenn Wimbler, in the purchase of Maple Grove, for \$250, and its important and naming of Kiwanis Park. Reports were given on money making methods, including the penny gum machine, for promotion of child welfare; Boy Scout sponsoring work; Future Farmers of America activities; promotion of farmer-merchant relations by attendance at Grange meetings; the sponsorship of a milk fund in the schools, prior to the serving

ran the operation, said staff officers from all branches of the service received valuable training in joint planning.

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of regular school lunches, conventions and other club activities.

A well rounded musical program and numbers included vocal selections by Ralph Church, accompanied by Mrs. Homer Grow; song by little Amelia Johnson, and a song and dance number by her mother, Dorothy Johnson of Mrs. Johnson's Dance School. She was accompanied by Ross Hall, pianist at the Shammar. Sandra Meiba played musical selections and group singing rounded out the program.

With Hall as a guest from Eugene was Ralph Albright, president-elect of the Eugene Club, and who brought greetings from Eugene, and their wives.

The speaker of the evening opened with several minutes of clever wisecracking that kept the audience, in spite of the long wait for the meal, in side-splitting laughter. Then as suddenly he switched to the serious phase of his well-rounded talk that held the members engrossed.

Better Living Stress-d
"We are living in a world of confusion," he stated, then pointed out the necessity of intelligent living in such a world. He referred to the fact we pay three times as much for drinks as we pay our school teachers, and six times as much over a short period making war, than during the last 25 years making peace.

"Too many people, said Hall, do not realize their own value in the world in which we live, but this will be a better world if we try to improve it."

"The way we live makes a difference because it makes a difference the way we live," he stated. "It takes all kinds of people to make a world. We are living in a world shaking age—the Atomic age." He pointed out that sometimes the smallest thing in size, may be the greatest thing in power, as evidenced by the fact the explosive matter in an atomic bomb is smaller than the end of a fork tye.

"We are so closely knit that everything that happens may affect the whole world," he stated. "When the Lusitania sank, aid was delayed because a bored telegraph operator on the U.S.S. California 10 miles away thought it not important for him to stay at the switch. Fifteen hundred people lost their lives."

"Lincoln's bodyguard was out having a glass of beer when John Wilkes Booth fired the fatal shot," he related. Numerous other examples setting forth the importance of the part we play were outlined by the speaker in putting across his point—that it makes a difference in the part we as individuals play.

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