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POOR DEFENSE PLANNING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

News reports from Washington indicate that some of our officials are deeply concerned with this country's short supply of rubber and industrial alcohol. Facing a possible third world war, it is alleged that our stockpile of natural rubber is less than before Pearl Harbor; that alcohol plants have been sold as surplus war equipment. Senate investigators recently charged extreme laxity and neglect in the rubber and alcohol preparedness program.

Neglect of the nation's alcohol producing capacity is particularly evident here in the Pacific Northwest, where defense facilities should have been provided early in the last war.

During a war we need huge quantities of industrial alcohol for manufacture of explosives, plastics, synthetic rubber and any number of additional supplies. At the same time we need increased food production. Yet we convert high priced grain, needed for food, into alcohol, shorting ourselves, our poultry and our livestock, encouraging black markets, rationing, etc., while we burn countless tons of wood waste which could be used to produce a substantial part of our industrial alcohol needs.

An alert and efficient defense plan long ago would have provided standby facilities for alcohol production from wood waste, even though the facilities might remain idle except in wartime. But, instead of experimenting with alcohol-from-wood waste during peacetime, the government sold off its only plant designed for that purpose, and has done nothing to put this potential source of alcohol supply into readiness for war.

Alcohol Now Being Imported

During 1949, the United States used approximately 190 million gallons of industrial alcohol. On a wartime basis we will need around 300 million gallons per year.

The alcohol production capacity in this country is 175 million gallons. An order has been placed for importation of 100 million gallons from France. Defense officials recently met with distillers in Washington to arrange for diversion of a part of their production capacity to defense uses.

This industrial alcohol will be manufactured chiefly from grains, needed to feed people, livestock and poultry, and from molasses. The year's sugar crop is short, so, if we divert cane molasses to the manufacture of alcohol, we probably will be on sugar rations soon.

The price of industrial alcohol is variable. A few months ago it was 45 cents per gallon. The more recent price was 85 cents, and some purchases have been reported at \$1.05.

An estimate of mill waste now going into refuse burners in Oregon sawmills reveals that material we now are burning would produce from 18 million to 20 million gallons of alcohol annually.

Douglas County Could Supply 12 Million Gallons

One ton of wood waste will produce about 52 gallons of alcohol. On this basis it is estimated that in this central Douglas county area enough wood is being burned to supply about 12 million gallons of alcohol annually. These figures apply only to mill waste.

If we were to include in the calculation the millions of board feet of wood left in the forests, on the basis of one ton per thousand board feet, our potential alcohol production would be increased enormously.

The experimental plant installed by the federal government at Springfield during the last war has a designed capacity of 3,000,000 gallons of alcohol per year. Thus Oregon could operate at least six similar plants from mill waste alone and many times that number if we utilized waste from the logging woods — stuff not brought to the mills but left in the forests to rot.

Rather than so many alcohol plants, however, a more logical plan probably would be a large number of small and less expensive molasses plants, from which the product would be sent to two or three large distilleries located on tidewater, where cheap water transportation in tankers would be available.

We can't understand why we should be buying our industrial alcohol from France, utilizing materials needed for human consumption, when we could be making it at home from materials we now are dumping into refuse burners.



By Vianett S. Martin

So much talk about "a possible Dunkerque" out of a Korean port. What did happen at Dunkerque? Let us not forget that when the British people rose as one in their agony and need — were united as one in their common prayer — it was once more demonstrated in the long history of mankind that "God helps those who help themselves."

To this day hearts thrill as we recall the material, the human steps taken to save what might be saved. But do we recall often enough the fact that what made many of those human footsteps possible, or rather fruitful of results, was the "miraculous" calm of the sea between Dunkerque and the British shore?

Men, women, and young boys set out that early morning at dawn or before, in answer to the word that had swept over England, to bring whatever boats were available, rowboats, the stony ones, were tied one behind the other and pulled by larger boats; they could go nearer the French shore and ferry.

No one stopped to say "then" — that this or that should have been done, that this high official

had bungled, that that hard-pressed admiral or general had fumbled the ball. No, each one in whatever way he or she could find — find! — each one did his part. Perhaps it was off the beach at Dunkerque, perhaps it was "only" having bandages, stretchers, hot drinks, tender, loving words for the first arrivals. And each one — who could doubt it? — prayed, each in his own way, 300,000, instead of a possible 30,000 were brought to England.

Can we say we have done our utmost unless we have prayed? Have we done all we can to help ourselves until we have prayed? To be sure, we need not shrink the task at hand, leave the job waiting us, be it getting the children's breakfast, scraping the roads, setting type, standing behind a counter, driving a log truck, working in the woods, going from bed to bed in hospitals. . . all of us, each in whatever way seems best to the individual can pray. We can pray to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. . . All of us. There is need, and we, too, can be ONE in this time of need.

In the Hollow of His Hand



Washington Report

By FULTON LEWIS JR.

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WASHINGTON—Gunfire in Korea and the sound and fury of recent campaign oratory drowned out temporarily the pleas of world government propagandists, but the boys are back in business again.

This time advocates of running the world from a central headquarters are putting on a pressure campaign to convince Americans that what we need is one set of laws for the entire globe. They make it sound as if they weren't asking for much. But even so, their talk gets a little hazy when you ask who is going to enforce results of the global haggling in world courts.

The proposal for the "enactment, interpretation and enforcement of world law" is put forth largely by U. N. spokesmen as a cure-all for present troubles of the United Nations. The U. N. now is a sort of overgrown study club where oratory rolls on, unchecked by the realities of a shooting war. About all the righteous can do is to condemn the unrighteous. What is needed is world law, world government planners now insist. Then, instead of just being condemned, aggressors could be convicted of lawbreaking by the super-court.

The whole pitch of world law is to preserve peace. We already have one example of what the U. N. does to preserve peace. It approved a resolution put forth by the U. S. for intervention in Korea. That's nothing so unusual about this, except that the ensuing fighting is not labeled war but police action.

We went to war on a couple of other occasions to preserve peace, and we didn't need a U. N. to do it. However, since the advent of the U. N. anything short of a global war is considered peacetime police action. And if you keep an eye on the growth of this new theory, you'll know exactly how and why the U. S. is likely to get its brains beaten out.

On our own hook, a few years ago, we invited a couple of Jap diplomats to the White House for tea and peace talks, about about the same time the Emperor's sailors and army were loading up to erase Pearl Harbor and the Pacific fleet. That was a prime example of what happens when our statesmen and diplomats start to wobble around realities. What they should have done was to tell the Emperor to keep his errand boys at home, that we were busy getting the fleet on a war footing.

This time the U. N. is doing our thinking for us, with an assist from Secretary of State Dean Acheson. The U. N. rolled out the welcome mat for a squad of liars from Communist China, dispatched to New York by Mao-Tse Tung. Mao had to get the nod from Stalin before his stooges could depart. And at that all nine of them had to sleep at Prague, the Communist headquarters of the Kremlin, for last-minute briefings.

What is worse, the nine Kremlin couriers are here on their own terms. And all the time they were on the way to the U. S. both Mao and the Kremlin kept bleating about our aggression in North Korea and how we wanted a chunk of Manchuria.

All this, of course, brings to mind the Communist propaganda at home and overseas that stirred up American troops and their parents to the point that the military was forced to demobilize past the danger point at the end of World War II. We can expect about the same kind of home front and battle front pressure from the Communists here and abroad just as soon as they work their way through the current crop of lies.

It might be that a system of world law is the best way to deal with international idiots of this type, but the time between wars

WORLDWIDE Bible Reading

DAILY READING

Thanksgiving to Christmas

Dec. 7 Isaiah 55

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

LETTERS to the Editor

Favors Sales Tax, Real Property Exemption

SUTHERLIN — I have been a reader of the News-Review for some time, and am an Oregonian and somewhat familiar with local conditions. I read with interest Mr. Stanton's editorials, but I must say that I believe he might do well to think things out a little better and more clearly.

Now, take the question of taxes. Well, surely we must pay for what we vote to spend, but we should also expect to get somewhere near full value for our money, and now we are certainly not getting our money's worth in many instances. We can go to the store and, even with the high cost of living and inflation, still get a whole lot more for our money than our tax dollar will buy. If you doubt it, come around and I will be glad to tell you of several instances that I know of.

Another thing — who votes these things? The majority? Maybe so, but that majority is composed of a lot of people who do not have to pay the bills.

If Mr. Stanton and all other advocates of a sales tax are sincere and really want it, then let them have the political fortitude to stand up and pass the following:

- (1) Put on a sales tax.
- (2) Give an exemption of \$2,500 on all real property and homes.
- (3) Give an exemption of \$250 on all personal property.
- (4) Put on a work tax of say \$5 per year on all those covered by social security who work longer than a week on a job.
- (5) Last, but not least, word this bill so that the average man, like myself, can read and understand it without having to go to a lawyer to interpret it.

This bill would enable one to have a home and cow, a few chickens and some tools without having the fear of losing it to the county for taxes. This bill would also get those who now do not pay any taxes to help with their share. And if more taxes are needed, it would provide an incentive to business and labor rather than penalizing the home and property owner.

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Three Suits For Money Filed In Circuit Court

William McCorkie has filed suit against Lyle Reeve in circuit court for \$800, allegedly due for money that was given the defendant to use for the plaintiff.

The State Unemployment Compensation commission has filed a suit for \$274.37 from Harvey D. Yates and William Corvett. The money allegedly still remains to be paid for employer contributions.

The Douglas Credit association filed a suit containing four causes of action against Roy R. Keller for a total \$547.77. The money allegedly is still due on accounts for clients of the plaintiff.

Huge Lumber Shipment Due To Leave Longview

LONGVIEW, Wash., — One of the largest shipments of hardwood lumber ever to move out of west coast port will leave Long-

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

(Continued From Page One)

ish diplomats always GAVE when they HAD TO GIVE.

By doing so they came back to fight another day. So they stayed top dog in the world.

As I read history, nobody ever yet won a war with China. The Chinese have been conquered, yes, but always they have absorbed their conquerors. Eventually, China has always wound up by BEING CHINA. The conquerors were swallowed up.

Maybe you remember a significant old story. A Chinaman was supposed to be sizing up China's

then current war with Japan. He put it this way: "Chinese and Japs fight battle. Japs lose 1,000. Chinese lose 100,000. Fight again. Japs lose 2,000. Chinese lose 200,000. PLUTTY SOON NO MORE JAPS."

I'm afraid it would be that way with us.

ALL THE TIME Russia would be sitting back waiting to finish us off when the Chinese had worn us down.

Mr. Atlee, being a realistic Brit, can't see any harm in getting into a mess like that. I'm afraid I'll have to agree with him, even if he is a foreigner.

Personally, it looks like we'll have to get out of Korea—even if we aren't thrown out by superior force. I'm afraid we no longer have any business there.

It works out this way:

When you're picking huckleberries and find there's a cub bear in the patch, you can FOOL AROUND with the cub as long as you please. But when the mama bear shows up you run—if you aren't sufficiently armed.

The mama bear has showed up in the berry patch.

The mama bear is red China. Maybe I'm wrong, but I can see no good coming of continuing to fool around in the berry patch till we get badly cuffed by the mama bear.

The huckleberries aren't worth it.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

HUNTERS, ANGLERS KICK

The Oregon Statesman

The last legislature followed closely the report of an interim committee appointed to study the fish and game situation. New laws were passed; and in response to the idea of a fresh deal Governor McKay appointed an entirely new game commission. But if sportsmen thought that new laws and new officials would make more trout leap the fly or more deer try to stop bullets they are already disillusioned. Seldom has a louder complaint been raised than this year.

Disappointed deer hunters raised such a protest over an extension of the season with privilege to tag-hunters to kill a buck or a doe that the commission issued a reprieve for the doe. Now from the coast come reports of a slaughter of elk in the open season for elk-hunting. It seems that armies of hunters converged on Clatsop county and banged away. The Astorian-Budget says that Clatsop elk herds numbered from 2,500 to 3,500 and the slaughter so far amounts to some 500 to 1,000 elk. The season is due to run through December, which prompts the A-B to urge the commission of the governor to call a halt on the elk shooting lest the herds be further decimated.

The other night Jim Bond interrupted his showing of Yukon pictures to give his views on how to restore game in Oregon. He proposed that the game commission buy or lease winter range for deer and elk, and urged stronger law enforcement. He was strong in his condemnation of alleged sportsmen who violate game laws, kill doe deer, leave meat to spoil, etc.

The real problem is that we want to keep wilderness conditions in a state which is developing fast with greater population, more highways into remote areas, greater demand for range for livestock. The game commission's problem is to conserve game animals without letting their numbers grow so great as to interfere with farming and stock raising. The long elk season in Clatsop county was ordered on the complaint of local farmers of the depredations of elk. There is also the limit of the capacity of the mountainous areas to support game. In heavy winters many head of deer die for lack of forage, and the toll is greater if the numbers are greater.

The game commission is composed of Oregon citizens with an interest in game conservation and a desire to carry out the program written into law. It isn't a better commission than the former, which in its turn took many brickbats. At best decisions on length of season and bag limits are rule of thumb. The responsibility for conservation really begins with the sportsmen themselves. The unfortunate thing is that too many sportsmen are merely killers and meat-hunters.

Tri-Hi-Y Organizations Set Date Of Induction

Tuesday, Dec. 5, the sophomore, junior and senior Tri-Hi-Y officers of Roseburg high school held a joint business meeting and decided to have the formal induction of the organization Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Christian church at 3 p. m. The public will be invited.

The sophomore Tri-Hi-Y met with the junior and senior Tri-Hi-Y group Dec. 6, in a joint meeting to discuss what the members will wear for induction and discuss Christmas caroling.

view aboard the freighter Pacificus next week. The lumber will go to three Los Angeles firms.

The L. R. Smith Hardware Co. is the shipper. Smith said the shipment is valued at \$30,000 and the alder and maple lumber is primarily for furniture manufacture.

Smith, who established the mill here a year ago, has started expansion of the plant with installation of a \$30,000 dry kiln and \$10,000 storage shed. Logs are purchased and trucked to the plant from more than a 50-mile radius.



GOT A KICK?

If your paper has not been received by 6:15 p. m.,

PHONE 100 between 6:15 and 7 p. m. ONLY

LONGVIEW, Wash., — One of the largest shipments of hardwood lumber ever to move out of west coast port will leave Long-

Senior High "R" Club Elects Officers

The Roseburg senior high school "R" Club is headed this year by Marvin Sigurdson, president. Other officers of the lettermen's club are: secretary, Roy Van Horn; treasurer, Mickey Coon; advisor, Frank Purdy. The club is a service organization and has as members those who have won varsity letters.

Kee Briggs, with the advice of Purdy, is writing a new constitution which he plans to present to the next meeting of the group, Monday evening, Dec. 11. Gene Henry is considering recommendations concerning how and where letters and service stripes shall be worn on lettermen's sweat-shirts.

Assignee's SALE

Of assets heretofore owned by Walter R. Bernal, dba Roseburg Feed & Seed, Oak & Spruce Sts., Roseburg, Oregon, consisting of PARCEL 1, Office Furniture & Fixtures, inventoried at \$937.50 PARCEL 2, Warehouse Equipment \$937.50; PARCEL 3, 1945 1/2 Ton Diamond T Truck with flat bed; PARCEL 4, 1947 1/2 Ton Diamond T Truck with stake rack bed; PARCEL 5, 1950 Hudson 2-Door Sedan with heater, radio, spotlight. Sale will be by sealed bids which must be accompanied by certified check for 10% of amount bid. You may bid on any one or combination of parcels but state separate amount for each. Bids will be opened in offices of the undersigned on Tuesday December 12, 1950 at 11 o'clock A.M. Assets may be inspected on Monday, December 11, 1950. Right reserved to reject any or all bids and inventory may be seen in our office now. Note! All assets are in Roseburg at address given above except 1950 Hudson which is at Motor Park Garage, 621 S.W. 13th Ave. Portland, Oregon, which has been driven only 8500 Miles.

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