



**ROSEBURG CHORAL SOCIETY**—Pictured above is the 60-voice Roseburg Choral society which will present its third annual Spring concert May 24 at 8:15 in the Roseburg Junior high school auditorium. Under the direction of Charles A. Ricketts at the far left, the group presented the Spring concert Monday night at Myrtle Creek in the grade school gym under the sponsorship of the Business and Professional Women's club. A special benefit presentation is scheduled tonight at the Veterans hospital. (Picture by Fradrickson's Photo Lab)

### Ability To Bear Severe Pain Not Matter Of Race Or Color

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — (AP) — If you stub your toe, does it hurt you less than it does a Russian if he stubs his toe?

Does a gink in Minsk suffer less from an appendectomy in Pinsk than a Chicago Irishman does in New York? Can he bear up under it better?

These and other questions concerning the phenomena in the world of hurt have been raised by a London specialist in squirming nerves. He raised them inadvertently in an address to the California Medical association.

Dr. McDonald Critchley told of seeing major operations performed in Russia without the use of any anesthesia, including hypnosis. A Russian surgeon told him this was a common practice and added:

"We Russians are better able to stand pain than other races."

Commenting on this stoicism under the knife, Dr. Critchley remarked:

"It's possible their part-Oriental blood has something to do with the phenomenon."

Now pinch your arms and legs and see if either of these statements make sense to you. Do they? They don't to me. I am just a poor man's philosopher who gathers

what he knows about life as he goes through life.

**Smacks of Propaganda**

But I have seen nothing in this world that would convince me that Russians can stand pain better than Bavarians or Armenians or Shetland ponies. Nor has travel in 54 countries given me any evidence, possibly, that any race with "part-Oriental blood" has any more basic fortitude under stress than a race with part-Occidental blood, meaning you and me.

The whole theory smacks of propaganda rather than science, far as I can tell. Propaganda on the part of the Russians, not by the British doctor.

I know a little bit about propaganda, a little bit about science. But I know a big bit about pain. It's an old sight in many climates and at many levels — spiritual

pain, mental pain, physical pain.

My experience has been that pain of any kind hurts all human flesh equally so far as race, color or creed are concerned. Is a pimple on a Chinese nose less tender than a pimple on a Brazilian nose?

Is a Siberian mother hurt less by the death of her baby than a Nebraska mother is hurt by the loss of her child?

Pain doesn't vary with the color of a race or the complexion of a face. But it does vary in degree with the individual and the depth of his feeling.

**Korean Ordeals Cited**

A more pertinent thing about pain: the smarter you are — if you are normal — the more you try to avoid it. You don't seek it.

One hundred and fifty years ago American men and women stoically endured operations without anesthesia because anesthetics hadn't been discovered or put in common use. Why didn't the Russians the British doctor mentioned use sedatives? Didn't they have any? Probably not.

Early in the Korean campaign many South Korean wounded soldiers had to be operated on at a time when no opiates were available. Customarily four other soldiers were assigned to pin them by force to the table during the operations. Yet the Koreans are recognized as the most durable people in the Orient. If they were only "part-Oriental" like the Russians would they have borne the pain better or felt it less?

Doctor, it just ain't so that a Russian can take it on the chin better than an American or a Zulu or a gook or a gumm.

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### Capitol Hill's 'Foolishness' Hit By Mobilizer

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Pleading for American unity, mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson decries the "foolishness" like what's been going on up on Capitol Hill, where some of our leading generals are on the pay.

Wilson told the 1951 industry-armed forces conference that American squabbling over military and foreign policy "must certainly be wonderful music to the ears of the Russians."

He spoke of the possibility that publication of documents revealed in congressional hearings might help the Communist enemy in decoding secret messages.

The mobilization chief said he has reached the conclusion that the nation's mobilization "isn't going to be as long a job as I had thought — if we have some unity in this country."

Attainment of unity, he said, might mean "cutting out some of the foolishness like what's going on up on Capitol Hill."

Addressing 1,000 industrialists, representing six national associations of military contractors, Wilson said:

"What you people are doing isn't music to Russian ears."

Wilson predicted that the indicated speed of rearmament probably will mean increasing business dislocation in the last half of this year and early next. But the problems should taper off about a year from now, he said.

The mobilizer punched his finger

at the industry group to emphasize this enjoiner: "Don't hoard."

Wilson said it could be "almost fatal" to the munitions effort if industry piles up big idle stocks of scarce materials.

"Don't permit your very smart purchasing agents to overstock on scarce steel, copper and aluminum," Wilson said.

"Don't order before you need to. If you need 100 tons of steel in August, don't pin a rose on your purchasing agent if he brings it in in June. The hoarding of stocks could be almost fatal to this program."

### Elgarose

By MRS. THELMA HANSON

Mr. and Mrs. McAllister and family of Springfield are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sjogren and family this week.

Carol Hargeshelmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hargeshelmer, is convalescing satisfactorily at her home after an appendectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Johanson are visiting a few days with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Muller of Felix, Ore.

John Tinker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tinker, cut a toe off Saturday while trimming trees for his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Casper and daughter, Mable, visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. William Casper.

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