

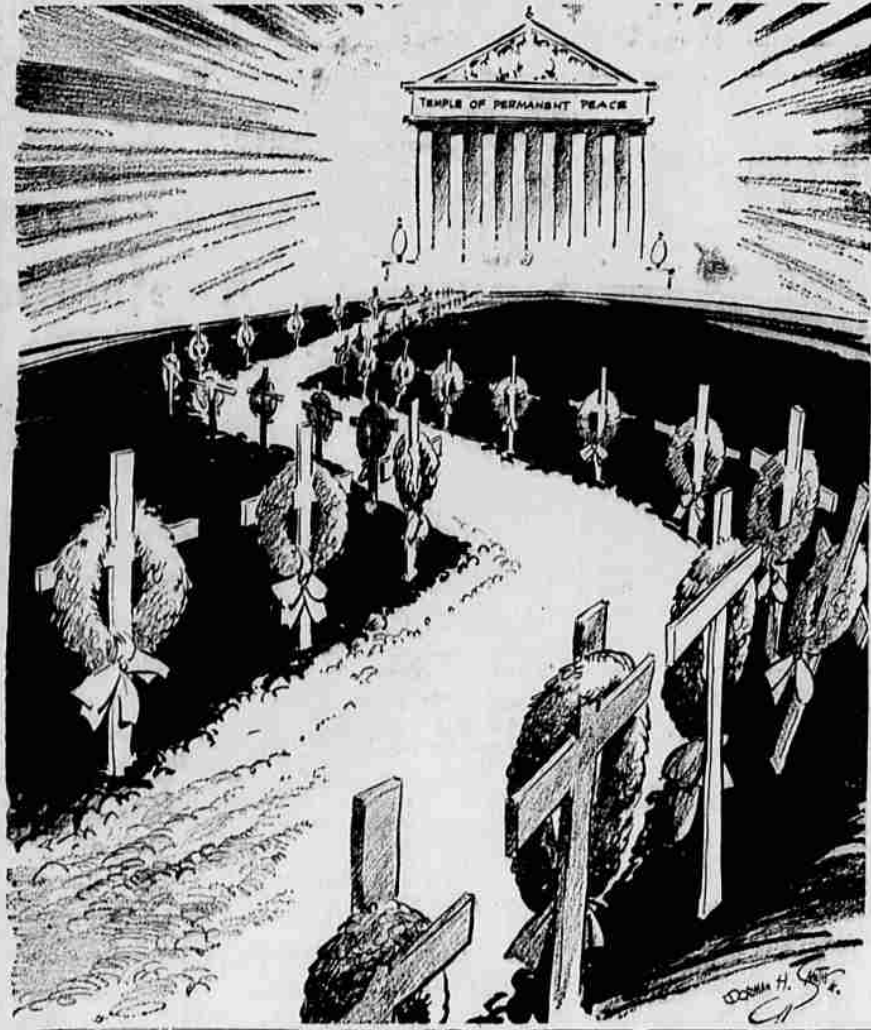
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## Memorial Day—1945



### These Honored Dead

In the world's greatest war of civilization's greatest stake, this country has already paid the greatest price in her history. Today we must count that price as we pause in the midst of war to honor those who have paid it to bring victory near, the more than 300,000 dead and missing of our million casualties.

How best can we honor them? That question was given an incomparable answer by a president of the United States and commander-in-chief of the army and navy who paused, nearly 82 years ago, in the midst of another war to pay honor to those who had fallen in battle:

"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain . . ."

### Latin American Business

Our Central and South American neighbors are estimated to have some two billions of dollar credits in this country available to pay for American goods when reconversion makes them obtainable.

Big manufacturers, like General Motors and General Electric and U. S. Steel, may be assumed to be eyeing this large sum and laying plans to cut in on it. To the extent that they do, employment will be made for American workers.

But Latin American post-war needs and desires are not confined to automobiles, electric refrigerators, washing machines, radios, structural steel, and other products of big business. The people south of the Rio Grande want clothing, household furnishings, hard-

ware, jewelry, accessories, toys and a wide variety of items made by little business.

And little business isn't really so small. It has units with annual sales in the tens of millions. It has industries that, in the aggregate, though each individual factory is small, employ scores or hundreds of thousands of men and women. If jobs are to be provided after the war for all who need them, it is not enough that big business shall thrive.

But only very large concerns can afford to maintain their own sales organizations throughout the world. In the past, smaller manufacturers have had to work through a cumbersome, inefficient and generally ineffective brokerage setup. They can not hope to win from Latin America the business necessary to make full employment unless some improvement is provided in selling methods.

An interesting experiment along this line, now being established with an eye to the time when we shall have consumer goods to sell, is the foreign trades bureau headed by a New Yorker named Budd Roth, which already has sixteen showrooms in fifteen Central and South American republics.

The showrooms in all instances are staffed by natives of the countries concerned, who know the temperamental idiosyncrasies of their fellow-countrymen as few North American salesmen ever get to know them. They will sell on commission, as a spur to initiative and aggressiveness. They will act as direct representatives of the American manufacturers who patronize the bureau.

The project may prove important for the goods it sells itself. It is more important, before the first sale is made, as evidence of a new spirit in which American little business is approaching the difficult but potentially profitable field of Latin American export business.

### Funny Business



### SO THEY SAY

We were amazed to find out that no government agency knows what to do on the score of unemployment.

—R. J. Thomas, United Automobile Workers union.

You cannot kill off 80,000,000 Germans. The Nazis will continue. You don't know who most of them are.

—Dr. Robert Ley, former German labor front leader.

Appreciation of the people of Britain for the sympathy and support they have received from America is unbounded.

—Clark H. Minor, president, British war relief society.

Regarding the question of the reconstruction of the Polish government, it can be carried out only in accordance with the Crimean decision, for no retreat from these decisions may be permitted.

—Premier Stalin of Russia.

## Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Back in 1927, this country reached its lowest ebb in relations with Latin America. We had rushed troops into Nicaragua to protect U. S. Puppet President Adolfo Diez, former agent for an American lumber company. We were writing scorching notes to Mexico because of the seizure of certain oil lands and big ranches. We also had troops in Haiti.

The South American reaction was terrific. The Latinos just didn't like us. However, this was our sphere of influence and the state department was determined that we should not budge an inch.

The man who was sending many of these stiff notes was Undersecretary of State Joseph C. Grew, the same man who, now back in the same job nearly 20 years later, is still adopting the same note-writing tactics on Tito and Stalin.

In the middle of that crisis, the British suddenly sent a cruiser into Nicaraguan waters. This writer was present when the news of this British impertinence was given to Acting Secretary of State Grew. His face fell. "This was our 'sphere of influence,'" Nicaragua was our problem. Yet the British had the audacity to stick their nose into our business. The state department let them know what it thought of the matter.

### Russians Haven't Learned

In the 18 intervening years, our Latin-American relations have improved and matured. In that area, at least, we have grown up.

But in Europe a government in Moscow has not yet learned the same lesson regarding Poland that we learned regarding Nicaragua and Mexico. That is the crux of the Polish problem.

In many respects, the Polish problem is identical. We don't want other nations meddling in countries near us in the western hemisphere. And before we learned our lesson we sent troops indiscriminately into most of these countries, even as far south as Paraguay. We put puppet presidents in power and we ousted them from power—even as late as 1933, the first year of the new deal.

Probably the chief difference between our general policy in the Caribbean and Soviet policy toward Poland is that Russia has been

invaded twice through Poland in 25 years and we have never been invaded through Latin America.

However, just as the Monroe doctrine has protected us since the early history of the United States, Russian policy toward Poland has not varied with the Empress Catherine or Peter the Great or Joe Stalin. Russian policy on Poland was fixed 200 years before Drake whipped the Spanish armada. Even then it was determined that Russia could not hope for peace unless the Poles were so placed that they could not be an invasion avenue for Prussia to use.

### Prussians vs. Russians

It must be remembered that the Prussian militarist, living on the other side of Poland, is not pure German. He is also a Russian-Polish Slav. He has dominated the German army for years, just as his vast landed estates have dominated the economics of Prussia and Poland. He is equally prosperous on either side of the line. Prince Hohenzollern, a Pole, who married the stepdaughter of Tony Biddle, ex-ambassador to Poland, is also related to the Prussian nobility. The vest Polish acres of Count Jerzy Potocki, former Polish ambassador in Washington, did not suffer when Hitler occupied Poland, because his brother became a gauliteer under the Germans. He was perfectly at home among the Prussians.

The Prussians and the Polish nobility understand each other, and are interchangeable. This is why Stalin began two or three months after Pearl Harbor to make his views on Poland absolutely clear.

### Russia's 'Friendly' Neighbors

But a year ago when Churchill flew to Moscow for conferences with Stalin, once again it was made clear that what Russia wanted was a series of friendly governments, especially Poland, along her border.

This is the general background of the Polish controversy. This background does not necessarily condone the arrest of the 16 Poles, the Red army's dog-in-the-manger policy in Berlin, or various other Soviet mistakes. But it does show how strongly the Russians feel—just as strongly as we did when Wilson sent General Pershing into Mexico to arrest and kill a lot more than 16 followers of General Pancho Villa.

## WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

"Those men just want to come back to what they left. They'll want their wives and mothers to act exactly as they acted before they went overseas. The things they hope for most is that nothing will be different."

The Red Cross worker who returned after three months overseas to offer war wives that advice probably only meant to be reassuring.

But her assumption that if they don't make any special effort to be different, service wives will "act exactly as they acted before their husbands went overseas" shows that while she may know what has been happening to servicemen, she doesn't know what has been happening to their wives back home.

Some of the clinging vines, sweet and appealing when they had a man to lean on and make their decisions for them, went to pieces when they found themselves completely on their own. And some of the others became so well adjusted when forced to get along without their husbands, they have be-

come quite self-reliant and wouldn't for anything go back to being a clinging vine.

Women whose husbands never wanted them to work, have often found real satisfaction in the right job.

Many others, used to spending their leisure with their husband's business associates and their wives, have made an entirely new circle of friends for themselves.

And many a war wife, once docile about having to ask her husband for money every morning, has handled all of the family's finances alone—and done a good job of it.

Women who have changed in those ways, and hundreds more, aren't going to act exactly as they did before their husbands went overseas.

The war has changed them, because their way of living has been changed. And you just can't tell them to relax and act as they did three or four years ago, any more than you can tell a man to forget his war experiences and be the very same person he was when he put aside his civilian clothes for a uniform.

## Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—To say that California Democratic leaders are delighted with the way things are working out in Washington puts it mildly.

President Truman's scheduled visit to San Francisco to close the United Nations conference gives the whole west a chance for better acquaintance. Truman made a vice-presidential campaign speech here last year but it attracted little attention and so did he. But as president, with both the war and peace efforts centered on the Pacific and with three good westerners just named to the cabinet, the west is getting a political lift such as it has not had in years.

Already requests are being made to have President Truman put in a few political appearances on the side. The Hollywood Democratic committee, made up of prominent movie people who never do things by halves, is now working out an Anschluss with Jo Davidson's collection of geniuses who supported Roosevelt in the last election.

This new outfit suggested doing something big, such as a rally in the Hollywood bowl.

Older heads in the Democratic organization are counseling against too much of a purely political party celebration. They realize that Truman is still in his political honeymoon and too much partisan whoopee might be a bad thing. An effort will be made to have Truman see many of the party stalwarts on his western trip, but do it in such a way that no appearance will be given that the president is playing politics. There will be plenty of time for that later on, when the honeymoon is over.

But there seems to be no inclination to feel that the future of the Democratic party died with Roosevelt. In fact, just the opposite.

While Roosevelt kept a number of diverse west coast elements inside the Democratic party, there was always a lot of factional jealousy and it was not all uncommon to have various individuals going around and the state party leaders to take issues directly

to the White House.

A choice bit of California Democratic political folklore to illustrate this practice is offered in connection with the preliminaries to the appointment of Bob Hannegan as collector of internal revenue. California Democrats thought they had it fixed for James C. Sheppard of Los Angeles to get this job early in 1944. It would have been a nice political asset in an election year. Helen Gahagan Douglas, however, is given credit for getting word to the White House that Jim Sheppard was not a true liberal. Believing that California Democrats could not agree on a man for the job, it went to Hannegan of Missouri. And, say the western Democrats somewhat ruefully, look what happened to him.

All this era of short circuiting state political machines by direct pipelines to 1600 Pennsylvania ave., now seems to be ended. The amateurs, the crackpots, the labor politicians now appear to be in the position of having to work through the party machine or pass out of existence.

Henry Wallace and the extreme left wingers are considered as good as dead by the regular Democrats. If this is true, only place the New Dealers can go is into a third party for the regulars hope that the day is over when some irregular could lead the state Democrats into new and untried paths. In 1932 it was William G. McAdoo who did this, in 1936 it was Upton Sinclair. In 1938 it was Olson and it was 1942 before the regulars began to get things under control, even though Republican Earl Warren was elected governor that year. Democrats now count hopefully on the tradition that no Californian has ever been elected for a second term, with the exception of Hi Johnson.

We have found a complete and utter administrative desert—the corpse of a nation that has committed suicide.

—Maj.-Gen. W. P. Templer, AMG directors, 21st Army Group.

## Side Glances



"Yes, I've baked six pies, apple, peach, apricot, lemon, cherry and banana—he'll be pleased when he comes home tomorrow and finds I haven't forgotten his favorite kinds!"

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WM. E. MCKENNEY, America's Card Authority

### HERE YOU CAN GO 2 SET OR MAKE FIVE

(This is one of a series of hands from the recent world's championship masters' individual tournament.)

I selected today's hand from the masters' individual because in some cases the experts went down as much as two tricks, while as many as five odd were made.

The most difficult opening was the heart, which declarer must

first heart trick and then leading a small club.

If West did not split the honors, the trick was won with the nine in dummy and the ace cashed immediately. Now a spade was led, which West won; West could cash the king of clubs and lead another trump.

Due to the fact that the queen jack of diamonds was blank, the declarer picked up the trump and dummy was good.

## IN FORMER YEARS

### 30 Years Ago

Miss Grace McMillan left for Omaha to spend the summer. Miss Flora Koch departed for Chicago and Prof. A. H. Prince for Denver.

Miss Bessie Gilkinson of North Powder returned after a visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson.

### 10 Years Ago

Many cars lined the highway to watch the U. P. streamlined train go through La Grande.

Stockmen of western and eastern Oregon gathered in Enterprise to attend the annual convention of Oregon horse and cattle growers association.

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