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MILITARY TRAINING COURSES

Last month professor C. G. Osburn, of the history department of the University of Oregon is reported to have facetiously suggested the adoption of rigorous Military training courses that would include actual trench warfare, with "cooties", mud, sleepless nights and other phases less pleasant than parade in full dress uniforms.

It is also reported that the professors remarks have caused much serious discussion among students.

The Oregon Daily Emerald, edited by students of the school of Journalism, has proposed in its editorial columns that military courses actually include such material as war's brutalizing effect upon social spirit and its destructiveness to institutions of civilization. Courses that would make war generally repugnant were advocated by the student paper.

It is certain that a Military training course should include much more than parades; much more than the ordinary drills. The nearer such training can approximate actual war conditions, the better prepared those receiving such training will be to take care of themselves and those that may serve under them in case of war. But this would not be the only important result. Such a training would take a lot of the glamour out of war, where just drills and parades with the band playing and flags flying stir the emotions and leaves a glamorous, false picture in the minds of young men, who may later be disillusioned, sometimes to such an extent that their spirits are broken by the actual sordidness and brutality of war. They lose their morale, become abject cowards and disgrace themselves and their loved ones.

Professor Osburn was right when he said: Young people of today should learn to "take it" as well as "dish it out." This is especially true in war. The more they learn about how to "take it" before they are rushed into a war by the "stirring up" of their emotions the better it will be for them and the country they serve.

WHO WILL PAY THE NATIONAL DEBT?

When the time comes to settle the present large federal debt, those who still think that the wealthy will be the only ones to pay will learn that this country eventually will have to do as Great Britain has done. In 1930, less than 6 per cent of the United States federal income taxes were collected from persons with incomes under \$10,000. In the same year England collected about 40 per cent of its total from those in that income group.

England's budget is balanced. England learned years ago the lesson that this country will have to learn, which is that taxes must come from those who, collectively, have the biggest volume of money.

In 1934 treasury report showed that 89.482 per cent of the total national income went to persons whose income was under \$5,000 a year. Those who made \$5,000 to \$10,000 paid 7.225 per cent, so that out of the total national income, 96.708 per cent went to persons who made \$10,000 a year or less. That leaves for all others only 3.292 per cent.

From the above it is evident that the government could not even pay its normal running expenses, not to mention emergency expenses, if it took the entire income of all who made \$10,000 a year or more.

The latter part of April this year Roger D. Lapham president of the Hawaiian Steamship Company speaking before an annual meeting of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce at Washington, D. C., referred to the dominance radical labor leaders had then secured over the Pacific coast maritime unions and that they were then seeking to

gain complete control of the nation's entire distributive facilities. Among other things Mr. Lapham stated: "Many of these radical leaders are foreigners and typical is the man Harry Bridges, an Australian by birth, who first landed here in 1931."

"We know that Bridges' aim is to extend control to the Gulf and the Atlantic, and that he hopes to have a maritime federation which will supplant all A. F. of L. unions in shipping. Once having secured that control, the next step will be control of all trucks, by refusing to handle cargo to or from truck-owners who do not submit to affiliation with the Maritime Federation. If that move is successful, the next step is to secure control of the railroad unions. And once that is secured Bridges and his group will control the distribution facilities of the country; and whoever controls distribution, rules the country."

That speech was prophetic. The news was flashed over the wires last week that Bridges was on his way to the Atlantic Coast to organize the longshoremen and stop the loading and unloading of ships on that coast.

How soon will he have control of the trucks and railroad unions?

Harry Bridges, an alien, who evidently does not care to even become a naturalized citizen and whose rise as a leader has been rapid and remarkable, is undoubtedly a clever and intelligent man. His power has spread rapidly and is still spreading.

Will the latter part of Mr. Lapham's prediction come true? Will he eventually control distribution and rule the country?

Is there anybody doing anything to stop him?

STATE CAPITOL NEWS LETTER

Inability to Refund Bonds Costing Taxpayers Millions

Salem, Ore., Dec. 16.—Inability of the state and its numerous political subdivisions to take advantage of present low interest rates by refunding outstanding bonds is costing the taxpayers of Oregon millions of dollars, according to State Treasurer Holman.

Holman blames this situation on the policy of issuing noncallable bonds and will attempt to correct this situation by sponsoring a measure before the forthcoming legislature authorizing all bonding units to issue callable bonds in the future.

Not only is it impossible to refund bond issues at lower interest rates under the present policy but it is also impossible to call in these bonds for retirement by cities, counties and school districts which are in position to reduce their debt burden. Many of these subdivisions Holman points out, find themselves in somewhat the same position as the state with substantial cash balances lying idle in local banks drawing little or no interest.

Holman calls attention to an additional danger arising out of this situation in that "accumulated funds for bond retirement may be diverted or lost or injudiciously invested, with the result that the taxpayers again may have to provide the funds with which to liquidate the indebtedness."

Governor Martin Speaks Highly of England's King and Queen.

Accession of the Duke and Duchess of York to the British throne last week recalled to Governor Martin the fact that he had entertained the royal pair on their visit to the Panama canal zone 10 years ago. The governor at that time was in command of American troops in Panama and the Duke and Duchess were on their way from England to Australia to open the new parliament house at Canberra. The governor describes the royal pair as "most charming English young people entirely lacking in any of the haughtiness or restraint generally ascribed to the aristocracy. Governor Martin predicts that George VI will make an excellent king while Queen Elizabeth has already won a place in the hearts of her subjects."

Martin Favors Compulsory Arbitration Labor Disputes.

Compulsory arbitration of labor disputes is favored by Governor Martin who is expected to sponsor a measure before the forthcoming legislature looking to this end. Appearance of the measure, however, can be expected to draw the vigorous opposition of labor representatives in the House and Senate although it will probably receive the support of members from agricultural and horticultural communities whose constituents are now feeling the pinch of the long drawn out maritime strike.

State's Financial Condition Improved.

A "material improvement" in the state's financial condition is noted

by State Treasurer Holman in his biennial report, just off the press. On December 31, 1932, the general fund had a deficit of \$3,924,011, the report points out. By March 28, 1934, the fund was back on a cash basis and on June 30 1936, the fund showed a credit balance of \$5,697,390. On June 30, 1936, cash in the treasury department to the credit of all state funds amounted to \$10,811,600.20. Checking accounts totaling \$1,449,852.52, not allocable to any particular fund brought the state's cash total as of June 30 up to \$12,261,452.73.

Next Session of Legislature Probably Be the Most Expensive.

Increased cost of supplies and the necessity for renting temporary quarters for the legislature may contribute to make the forthcoming session the most expensive in the state's history, according to Secretary of State Snell. So far the 1931 session holds the record. That session cost the taxpayers \$134,811.30. The 1933 session cost \$102,172.05 and the 1935 session cost \$116,572.20. Clerks and stenographer on the House payroll at the 1935 session drew \$38,278 while senate employees at the same session drew \$21,644.50. The printing bill for the 1935 session amounted to \$18,602.09, stationery and supplies, \$5,152.45, and postage \$3,883.33.

Social and Welfare Activities Account for 53 Percent Budget

Social and welfare activities financed by the state account for 53 percent of the budgeted total which will be presented to the legislature for appropriations out of the general fund. That is of the \$13,868,177 in budget requests which Budget Director Wharton has approved. \$7,462,041 represents expenditures for maintenance of the 11 penal and eleemosynary institutions, old age pensions, care of orphans, foundlings and wayward girls, etc. The comparison, however, takes into consideration only those state activities financed out of the general fund which, after all constitute only a small part of the state's total budget. The highway department, for instance, expects to spend nearly \$26,000,000 of state money during the next biennium. That is nearly double the combined budgets of all general-fund-financed activities and more than three times the amount allocated to social and welfare activities. But that money will come out of the pockets of motor vehicle operators through gasoline taxes, registration fees and fees and licenses paid by operators of trucks and buses. Motor vehicle operators will also finance seven-tenths of the nearly \$1,000,000 necessary to the maintenance of the state police during the next biennium. Then there is the public utilities commission, supported by fees paid by the utilities, the motor transport division supported by bus and truck fees; the banking department supported by the banks, the insurance department supported by insurance fees, the corporation department, the bureau of labor, the liquor control board, the milk control board, and a score or more of other so-called self-supported activities. All of which add up to a grand total of more than \$70,000,000 the big end of which will be paid through fees and licenses rather than through taxes.

Senator Lessard's Right to Legislative Seat Questioned.

A cloud was cast over Senator Delmore Lessard's title to his legislative seat this week when Attorney General Van Winkle ruled that attorneys for the World War Veterans' State Aid commission serve by "appointment" only cease to be a member of the legislature upon acceptance of such an appointment. The opinion was given to Thomas Graham Jr., senator-elect from Multnomah county, who is also an attorney for the bonus commission but applies with equal, and probably greater, force to Lessard's case. Graham, who has just been elected to the senate can resign his bonus commission job before qualifying for the senate, it is believed, but Lessard's case presents a more complicated problem. Lessard is a hold-over senator. He qualified in the 1935 session and his employment with the Bonus commission has been subsequent to that time. According to Van Winkle opinion he relinquished his right to the senate seat when he accepted "appointment" under the state. In that event it may be necessary for Lessard to secure reappointment to the senate through the Multnomah county commissioners unless the senate, acting under its constitutional right to sit in judgment upon the qualifications of its own members, overrules the attorney general.

State Aid for Bandon Will Require Legislative Action

Little prospect is seen here for any substantial state aid for Bandon except through an outright appropriation from the general fund. Officials of the fire ridden coast town this week told Governor Martin that they expected to ask the lawmakers to refund to the city all state taxes paid on property in that city for the next seven years. They cite the case of the city of Astoria as a precedent on which to

base their claim. Astoria received refunds aggregating more than \$411,000 under a similar concession. But that was during a time in which a major portion of the state's revenue was realized from property taxes. Increased revenues from income taxes have now nearly wiped out the property tax for state purposes. As a result property owners of Bandon will pay in very little toward the support of the state and there will be little to refund under the proposed program.

Charles A. Howard Honored.

Charles A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, was honored this week by election as vice president of the National Council of State Superintendents and Commissioners of Education at their annual convention at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Grade Crossing Conference.

A conference on grade crossing accidents has been called by Public Utilities Commissioner McColloch for Friday in Salem. Chief engineers and signal engineers of all railroads operating in the state are expected to attend.

THE CHURCHES

Calvary Tabernacle (Assembly of God), Atwood Foster, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; special Christmas program, 11; special morning service; young people, 6:30; evening service, 7:30; a number of Christmas songs by the choir; Wednesday, prayer meeting.

London Church of Christ.—Bible study, 10; 11 o'clock service will be led by Keith Roberts of Anlauf; evening service, 7, in charge of W. T. Jones; young people's meeting, Wednesday evening. The winning side of an attendance contest will be entertained by the losers at the meeting this week. Ethel Newton was captain of the winning side and Marvel Geer captained the losers.

First Baptist Church, Henry W. Davis, Pastor.—Bible school, 10; morning worship, 11. The choir will render special Christmas anthems under the direction of Mrs. Benton Schrenk and the pastor will speak on "The Christ Within the Heart." In the evening at 7:30 the Sunday school will put on a Christmas program under the direction of Mrs. Irvin Hanson and Miss Lena Zedron. B. Y. P. U. will meet at 6:30.

Catholic Church, Father Richard Carberry will conduct an 8 o'clock mass; confessions Saturday night, 7:30.

M. E. Church, C. J. Hall, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11, "Christmas," by the pastor; vespers the choir presents a Christmas concert of sacred music; young people's meeting, 6; all parents of our Sunday school primary pupils are invited to be

our guests Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45. They will give at this time their illustrated Christmas story around the beautiful tree. The children will be expecting you.

Free Methodist Church.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11; sermon by Rev. Kuigge of Roseburg; evening service, 7:15, praise service, 7:45, message by Rev. Kuigge; prayer meeting Thursday evening.

Presbyterian Church, James Aikin Smith, Pastor.—Sunday, 11, theme, "Jesus Panacea for the Ills of Man;" special anthem by the choir; Christian Endeavor, 6:30; Christmas topic; Thursday, 7:30, cottage meeting at home of Rev. Wm. V. McGee; Sunday, 7:30, Christmas concert, see program elsewhere in this paper.

Presbyterian church entertainment Wednesday evening at 7:30. "The Story Beautiful" will be presented in pageant form, closing with a candle lighting service by 25 girls.

Christian Endeavor evangelistic service will be conducted at the First Christian church beginning next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Ellsworth Coulter, minister of the Christian church at Halsey, will

lead the services. Sunday morning sermon will be "Let No Man Despise Thy Youth." In the evening, 6:30 p. m. "Out and Out for Christ." A beautiful candle light meeting Monday evening at 7 p. m. "Where Is He." Christmas party in the church parlors after the service. Tuesday evening, "Christ Is Born, Savior of the World" and a caroling party after the service. Wednesday evening, "Entering the Kingdom," a chart sermon, and a caroling party to follow. Thursday evening, a Christmas cantata. All these services will be in charge of the young people. The public is invited to attend.

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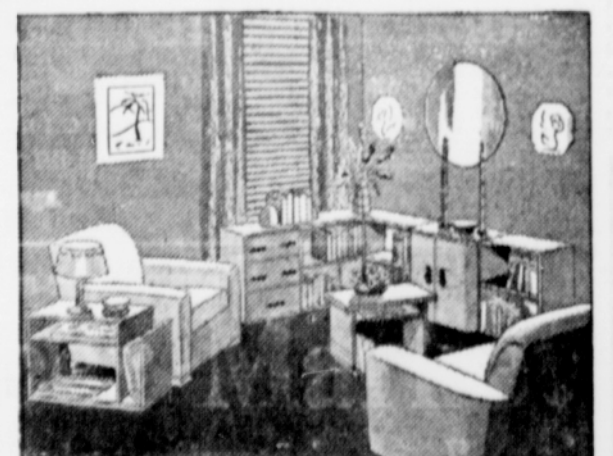


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