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"WHEN FRANCE AWOKE"

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"On November 12, 1938, the republic of France belatedly recognized the peril of Hitlerism. It enacted the now-famous decree laws which were intended to put the nation on a war footing and in a position to defend itself.

At the same time, in justification of the decree laws, there was published the general report of M. Daladier and Reynaud—the man who was then Premier and the man who is now Premier.

In the light of later events, that report has become significant to Americans. We print below a series of extracts from a reliable translation.

"It is our profound conviction (said Daladier and Reynaud) that, fundamentally, the economic question is predominant. But we believe also that unsuccessful policies have profoundly aggravated the consequences of the continuous deterioration of economic activity. Actually that part of the French population which creates wealth, which labors for the future, is continually diminishing, while that part which, directly or indirectly lives on the state is constantly growing. There is a steady fall in the number of Frenchmen who are ready to bear the risks of enterprise and creation.

"That everyone should work more and that the state should spend less—for ourselves we see this as the only formula for salvation; it is elementary but it is inescapable.

"The forty-hour week . . . limits our capacity to work. . .

"Sometimes . . . the authorities themselves have intervened to prevent the introduction of new methods designed to lower costs. In every field where activity might be reborn enterprise has been restricted and discouraged. The creative spirit and the willingness to take risks have been weakened. This—let us not fear to say it—is the root of the evil, for it adds a sort of moral abdication to the material difficulties. . . .

"The state must do its utmost to restore the doctrine of risk and profit as well as that of work and output. . . .

"The conclusion of this gloomy survey is that for several years our substance has been melting away. . . .

"Tomorrow, if we do not succeed in achieving a real increase in the production of wealth in France, we will be unable to prevent the purchasing power of the working class—even if it be indefinitely swollen by the poisoned gift of nominal wage increases, coupled with diminished production—from being indefinitely reduced by a continuous rise of prices, which would implacably adjust the standard of living of the masses to the persistent inadequacy of the true income of the country.

"The problem then is not to choose between preserving or repealing the recent social reforms, whose generous inspiration nobody disputes. The problem is to prevent them from automatically dwindling to nothing, to prevent their benefits from evaporating in the high cost of living, to prevent employers and employed, in a country which is still poor, from having nothing to share but poverty."

"With those words (and others which cannot be repeated here because of space limits) France abandoned the new deal of Leon Blum and began the long, hard trudge back toward economic and military security. Daladier and Reynaud estimated that their program would come to fruition in three years.

"But France didn't have three years. Even while the statesmen were writing their sobering report the republic's clock of destiny was preparing to strike.

"As this is written the enemy is smashing savage blows at the gates of Paris.

"No analogy can be exact.

"But can any American read this story of the unintentional sabotage of the might of France without a feeling of black foreboding? Can anyone ignore the threat of that last, grim phrase, 'nothing to share but poverty?'

"Today we stand where France stood in November of 1938. We have had our warning, and we are unprepared. We are determined to rearm, in both a military and economic sense. We hope and believe that we shall have more time than France had.

"But as yet our leadership has not had the courage or the realism to state, as Daladier and Reynaud did, that the only formula for salvation is 'that everyone should work more and that the state should spend less'."

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

I just picked up a paper where it says, in Sacramento, California, that the new SRA boss there is gonna keep the traveling expenses of his men down to 6 bits for breakfast, and 6 bits for lunch, and one dollar for dinner.

Boy, I wonder that they been getting under the old boss. That SRA must be an eatin' outfit. They should be a big help to this Mr. Wallace, in cleaning up the surplus which he keeps being excited about.

But Mr. Wallace, I reckon, will not be stewing so much now about surpluses or vice versa. Since he got to running for vice-president he is too busy elsewhere. And especially in Louisiana—I see where they are oiling up their shootin' irons for him. I would not crave to be in his shoes. He ruined the sugar-cane farmer, they say—also nearly all other farmers.

But to get back to our SRA—it sure has got me intrigued—especially those 6 bit breakfasts, and 6 bit lunches and one buck dinners—oh boy!

Yours with the low down, JO SERRA

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—The Gadsden (Ala.) Times.

Where Aircraft Employes Threatened to Strike



Here's a scene as a 4 p. m. shift leaves giant Seattle plant of Boeing Aircraft Co., where a action of AFL Aeronautical Mechanics Union threatened to affect 6700 employes working on large orders for U. S. and Britain. Secy. of Labor Perkins intervened to obtain postponement of strike action. Issue: Resentment over proposed cut from 62½c to 55c per hour for beginners.

Fred A. Cook Dies In New York Home

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, explorer who claimed to have been the first man to reach the North Pole, died in New Rochelle hospital Monday. Cook, who was 75, had suffered a stroke of apoplexy last May 3. He was brought to the hospital July 24 from the home of his sister, Mrs. Ada Murphy of Toms River, N. J., to care for Von Ahlefeldt's wife, who was ill.

During his long career as explorer, Dr. Cook admitted many failures and claimed only two major successes, both of which his colleagues either refused to accept or accepted only with reluctance. In 1901 Cook attempted to scale Mount McKinley in Alaska. The attempt failed, but a few years later he tried again, this time claiming success. Other explorers refused to believe him at the time, but, according to Von Ahlefeldt, the claim was subsequently substantiated.

Cook's claim that he reached the North Pole in 1908, however was contested by Robert E. Peary and an investigating committee found that Peary was the true discoverer. Several years ago, however, Cook started libel suits totaling \$125,000, against publications which had ridiculed his claims, and some of the suits were pending when he was stricken with an apoplectic stroke on May 3.

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Lynx Hollow

The Community club was entertained recently at the home of Mrs. James Smith with 16 members present. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Geo. Sheldon.

Frank Treadwell, accompanied by his niece Dorothy and nephew Max Treadwell, left for a two week's trip to Minneapolis, Kansas. Frank will visit his mother, Mrs. Daisy Stout, a former resident of the Hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Beach accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Vern Keahey of Creswell to Crater lake recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davis and family has rented the Jane Smith cabin and will move from Green Ridge camp.

The Frank Sly threshing machine started threshing in the Hollow this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Radway and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eppenbaugh attended the South Dakota picnic held recently at the Skinner Butte park.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gierau and sons Robert and Charles of Cottage Grove were guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peck.

CAR STOLEN

A 1929 Chevrolet sport coupe was stolen from Don Adkins in front of the Adkins home, Third and Washington, Monday evening. No trace of the missing car had been found, according to an early report.

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Here and There

Over in the Wilson, Nelson, Martin, Mills neighborhood, the community is on such a boom the carpenters are even working on Sunday and start hammering at 7:00 a. m.

We have been reminded that there are two things we ought to have headlined the past week, both of which are connected with baseball and these are the Real McCoy's won a ball game and the jackass game played a night or two previously. On the advice of an experienced newspaper man, we did not bear down on the latter game too strongly. Our confident sez, "It would be too difficult to write up the donkey game because there was too much of a mixup between the two- and four-legged jackasses." "Besides," he says, "It looked like the PM sorter desecrated the demo emblem." Anyway Mrs. Bill Haldeman, whose daughter won a lot of wire fence in the Sentinel's Columbia Empire Contest, says looks like she is going to have to start a JA ranch in self defense, lestwise she can think of nothing else to do with the wire.

Then there's those real estate men who go around posting "for sale" signs and always have something dirty on their mind. A Cottage Grove couple were out riding one Sunday and with them was a youngster of about 10 years of age. He saw one of Rodman's for sale signs along the road about five miles up Mosby creek and remarked, "I betcha if you went to Poland where all that country has been took, you would see one of Rodman's signs."

Ray Trask thinks he knows the prize fish story of the season. Sunday he says when about half of Cottage Grove went down to Winchester bay, Lloyd Griggs caught nine fish on one hook. Griggs caught a mamma perch that gave birth to eight little fish on the way back home.

McKENZIE MILL BURNS

Fire destroyed the McKenzie mill near McKenzie Bridge, Friday morning. Discovered at 3:30 a. m. Friday morning from a pile of burning shavings, the blaze is said to have spread in the sawdust bin of the engine room and completely destroyed the building. The fire is also said to have burned about 750,000 feet of sawed timber, while 250,000 feet were saved.

About forty houses near the mill were saved also. E. R. Lemley, who went up to assist in fighting the fire, said the loss would amount to better than \$30,000. No insurance was carried.

75th CAVALRY STOPS

Cottage Grove is evidently gaining favor with the army. A contingent of the 76th cavalry, numbering about 200 men, stopped here Friday evening and established camp north of the union high school. Officers were met and entertained by some of the business men. The men were enroute from Camp Clayton to Fort Lewis to participate in the annual maneuvers. The equipment was shipped by train.

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The United States government, through a subdivision of the department of agriculture, can contact virtually every farmer in the nation within 36 hours!

This interesting fact was pointed out in Oregon recently by Fred Entermille of Baker county, field representative of the AAA western region offices in Washington. D. C. Entermille said that the county and community committees, an important part of the administrative organization of the AAA, make possible this rapid action.

From a national defense standpoint, the value of such a rapidly working organization is obvious, Entermille said, and is a living denial of the erroneous idea that only totalitarian forms of government can act swiftly.

Oregon has 137 county committees and 868 community committees, elected by their neighbors, who are in charge of local administration of the AAA farm program.

STORAGE LOCKER PLANTS SEEKING RESEARCH AID

The 225 cold storage locker plants in Oregon, and the estimated 280,000 persons that they serve, are vitally interested in having a research program carried on to learn better methods of storing meat in these lockers, three representatives of the Oregon Locker association informed the experiment station's committee of the state board of higher education recently.

Chinese (not Confucius) saying: Fool me once; Same on you. Fool me twice; Shame on me.

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