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WAR SAPS POLITICAL INTEREST

The common expression of all candidates at the present time is that the war has turned the spotlight from the coming election November 3rd. This condition is probably general all over the country. But the indifference to politics does not lessen the importance of the election. We need qualified men and women in office now the same as we needed them in years past. Possibly the chances for service are even greater. We do not agree with the army officer who said, "To hell with politics and with the election, let's win the war."

The election should not interfere with our war effort. We can still take time to vote (those of us who are at home) and not neglect our war duties, whatever they may be. One good way to help lose the war in our opinion would be to forget the election and let politics take its course. If there ever was a time that we needed good men and women in office, now is that time. There are fewer votes registered than in former years, but this fact does not lessen the responsibility of our citizenship.

One other thing in connection with the coming election, party politics should have no place in selecting county offices. County candidates should be selected on the basis of their fitness to office, not on their political faith.

VOTE YES ON REFERENDUM NUMBER 310

Considerable misinformation has been making the rounds concerning Referendum Number 310, which will be on the ballot in the November elections. The bill is designed to forbid or restrict commercial fishing for salmon and steelhead in coastal streams and bays between November 30 and June 1. As a result, an effort has been made to convince the voters that this would be an insupportable blow against the commercial fishermen.

The fact is that legitimate commercial fishing would be hurt very little. Between November 30 and June 1, the salmon run is light. It is estimated that only 3.7 per cent of the total commercial catch is made in that period—and that loss would be more than made up for by increased natural propagation. On the other hand, the run of steelhead between those dates is very heavy. And steelhead, which the bill seeks to protect as its primary objective, have almost no commercial value. They are not canned—and the market for fresh steelhead is small and limited.

The steelhead is the finest Oregon gamefish. In past years, thousands of tourists have come to Oregon to fish for steelhead, and have spent millions of dollars within the state. When the war is over and normal travel and vacationing is resumed, tourists will do that again—if the steelhead still exist. But the steelhead will certainly disappear if the law permits commercial fishermen to capture and destroy them during the time of their biggest run. The situation is analogous to the market hunting of plumed birds many years ago. As a result of it, whole species became extinct.

Vote YES on Number 310 on your ballot. And tell your friends to vote YES too.

THE FINAL VICTORY

"There can be no real freedom without free enterprise," said the Monmouth American, Long Branch, New Jersey, in a recent editorial. The American people must keep that thought ever in mind during the war if we are to have freedom after the war.

The people, the American observed, "realize that war necessities justify priorities and rationing and other government restrictions needed to promote the war effort. They are not kicking at that. But they are disgusted at the great bloated bureaucracy that has come into being to waste their money and order them around. They have noted the confusion and blundering at the national capital and the interference with the war effort due to this bureaucracy and red tape. They don't want to be sovietized or socialized or bossed around after the war by a lot of politicians."

The greatest achievements in this war are being made by free enterprise. Free enterprise builds the ships, planes and guns. Free enterprise provides the vast bulk of the electric power war industry needs. Free enterprise produces the coal and the oil and the copper and the other essential materials. Free enterprise hauls the freight. Free enterprise is swiftly turning this country into the greatest war machine the world has ever known.

As Herbert Hoover has said, a certain amount of fascism at home is necessary to wage total war on our fascist enemies. But the vast economic controls that government has imposed, and the people have accepted as a war necessity, must end when the war ends. They must be regarded as purely temporary—as an unpleasant but unavoidable medicine we must take in a period of world sickness. If we begin to accept those controls as the nation's normal way of being, freedom—every kind of freedom—will be finished.

In this, as in all issues, the answer must finally be made by the people. If they remember that the government belongs to them, instead of them belonging to their government, the American dream will endure. All those great freedoms for which this war is being fought, will be preserved. And then, and only then, will the final victory be won.

SLASHING SMOKE OBSCURES SUN

The smoke haze, which hung over this section Monday, was not caused from forest fires, but by slash burnings, according to the most authentic information. If there was any forest fire of any consequence, the Sentinel was not able to learn of it.

Farmers and ranchers have been taking advantage of the recent rains to do their burning and one farmer reported that seven big slashing fires were visible Monday from his farm.

It was not forest fires but slashing fires of mill and logging crews which reduced visibility to a few feet the first of the week. Farther east the smoke was thicker because of the slashing fires. The Row River mill was shut down Monday so that its crew could help control the slashing fires and keep the fire out of green timber. Slashings were also being burned by the Durable Fir

Lumber Co., the Bohemia Lumber Co. and the Green Ridge mill. There was no wind to blow the smoke away and smoke drifting into canyons and low places nearly obscured the sunlight in many spots.

BEG PARDON

In the last issue of the Sentinel we erroneously stated that Mrs. Hester Reed, democratic candidate for the state legislature, would broadcast over KORE on October 29th and November 2. Fred L. Beard of Eugene, manager of Mrs. Reed's campaign, will broadcast in her behalf on these dates and not Mrs. Reed in person.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS meets 2nd Monday of the month at Cottage Grove armory. All members are invited to attend.

W. Ace Gregg, Commander.

A Week of the War

Acting at the suggestion of the President and the request of the war department, the house passed and sent to the senate legislation to reduce the minimum draft age from 20 to 18. The bill provides that those who are in high school or college may finish the present school year, but after next July educational determinations would be forbidden. The bill would also make mandatory the policy of calling all single men in a state before calling married men, and then calling all childless married men before men with children.

Secretary of War Stimson announced there are approximately 4,250,000 men in the army at present and this total will be increased to 7,500,000 by the end of 1943—distributed as follows: 3,300,000 in the ground forces, 2,200,000 in the air force, 1,000,000 in training and 1,000,000 in supply services. Mr. Stimson said 18 and 19-year-olds are more responsive to leadership, are not as easily fatigued and make better soldiers than older men. He said there is danger at present that the army might get too old, in March of this year the average age of divisions being activated was 26 years and 2 months, but in August the figure had risen to 28 years and 2 months.

If the draft age is lowered to 18, a 7,500,000-man army can be built up in 1943 without calling married men with children. Selective service director Hershey reported induction of married men with wives only will begin immediately to fill the army's call for 1,100,000 by January 1, he said.

The War Front

Secretary Stimson announced that ground units of the army are now aiding the Marines in the defense of Guadalcanal in the Solomons, and army air and ground troops are now stationed in New Zealand, New Caledonia, the New Hebrides and Fiji Islands. "The Japanese are continuing to bomb our airfield and shore positions on Guadalcanal Island and it is believed that enemy troops and equipment are being disposed for a strong assault against our airfield," the Navy reported October 18. During the early morning of October 17, about 14 enemy bombers, escorted by 8 fighters, attacked the Guadalcanal airfield and shore positions, the communiqué said, but U. S. fighters and anti-aircraft batteries shot down all the bombers and 2 of the fighters. These latest raids brought the toll of Japanese aircraft since the Solomons fighting began last August to 307 of all types destroyed.

"Although large numbers of Japanese troops are known to be on Guadalcanal Island, there has been, as yet, no full scale land fighting," the Navy said. "Our losses in the current fighting, to date (October 18) have been minor, but in a battle of this nature losses must be expected. . . . All information on the fighting in the Solomons which is not of value to the enemy is being announced as soon as possible after being received." Gen. MacArthur's headquarters reported October 19, that Allied bombers attacking Japanese shipping concentrations off Buin in the northern Solomons scored probable hits on three enemy cruisers, a large seaplane tender, seven flying boats and several cargo vessels. In the Aleutians, U. S. ground forces took a third island in the Andreanof group, and army medium bombers bombed two more enemy destroyers near Kiska.

Farm Prices and Production
President Roosevelt, in a radio address, said "we are learning to ration materials; and we must not learn to ration manpower. . . . Perhaps the most difficult phase of the manpower problem is the scarcity of farm labor. . . . Every farmer in the land must realize fully that his production is part of

war production, and that he is regarded by the nation as essential to victory." Agriculture Secretary Wickard, as chairman of the WPB Food Requirements Committee, reduced production goals for such crops as cantaloupes, cucumbers, watermelons, and celery, and said "first consideration" would be given to winter vegetables which require the least labor in relation to their nutritional value. Mr. Wickard also called for a 10 per cent increase in 1943 spring hog production over the 1942 record crop, asking for about 68 million head as compared to the 1942 crop of 62 million head. He estimated 1943 requirements of dressed pork for the U. S. Armed forces and lend-lease will exceed 1942 requirements by more than one billion pounds.

The department of agriculture reported fair wage rates on October 1, were 220 percent of the 1910-14 period and the highest since 1920. The average rate per day without board, \$2.76, was up 31 cents since July and up 72 cents since the previous October. The department said its total September purchases of dairy products, fish, fruit and other commodities amounted to \$115 million, compared with the August total of \$83 million. The department is now buying 17 key foodstuffs every week and 11 others every two weeks.

Rationing

The Office of Price Administration ruled that after next January 31, all motorists holding A mileage rationing books must have their tires inspected every four months and those receiving books allowing them supplemental mileage must have their tires inspected every two months. Original inspections of tires on all passenger cars must be made between December 1 and January 31, while commercial vehicle tires—which must be inspected every two months or every 5,000 miles, whichever comes first—may be checked any time after November 15.

The OPA said war ration sugar stamp No. 9 will be good for the purchase of three pounds of sugar between November 1 and December 15. The sugar allotments for institutional and industrial users for November and December were set at 60 and 70 percent, respectively, of the sugar base established by them.

Maximum Prices

A specific price ceiling for women's rayon hose will be issued soon, the OPA said, and in the meantime, buyers should carefully compare prices with those of last March to make certain they are not being overcharged. "There is no excuse for any increase in prices of rayon hosiery," the Office said. The OPA placed dried eggs under price control at the highest levels at which distributors did business during the September 28-October 2 base period. The office also set up a method for retail dealers to determine their ceiling prices for fresh grapefruit.

Stabilization of Wages

Director Byrnes of the Office of Economic Stabilization said the

war labor board will regulate all salaries under \$3,000 and those up to \$5,000 which are covered in wage agreements. He said the Treasury Department is preparing regulations for salaries of more than \$3,000 other than those handled by the board as part of wage regulations. The WLB ruled individual wage adjustments may now be made by employers without prior board approval providing they are "incident to the application of the terms of an established wage agreement or to established wage rate schedules covering the work assignments of employees" and are made as the result of certain established practices.

CHURCHES VS. POLITICS

To the Editor: I want to make this brief statement as regards my attitude as a candidate; first of all let me say I was given a complimentary nomination and I am not ungrateful in accepting the challenge that a heavy obligation is also accepted. I was very much surprised at some statements made by church folk. Many times have I heard statements made in Sunday school classes, and other church groups just before elections, if only good clean people would run for office and how can we tell who to vote for! and we'd had too many of the other crowd in our law-making bodies. Too often we made this statement of telling the church to stay out of politics. Yes, I say keep it out of your pulpits!

We need the highest type of leaders, and it is only the people who can choose them if they will, my christian friends. Where is your christian citizenship? Use it in voting. Ask God to help you with your choice. Then pray for your public servants, that these whom we have chosen regardless of party, may be led in order to make our nation His instrument and not our own.

HESTER REED

RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF

Acknowledgement came this week from the Portland office of R.W.R., of two boxes of clothing sent to it last week. The first of the warm comforts will be finished in time for shipment next week, also the first of the knitted articles from the Northside Knitting Group room. There is plenty of yarn available at the room now on Friday afternoons. Materials, either woolen or stout cottons, are desired, that are suitable to be made into comforts. A card addressed to me will bring someone to your door, whether your contribution is large or small, if it is not convenient for you to deliver it in person. A list of names of donors to the work of the R.W.R. will be given next week to bring it up to date. The \$100.00 mark has been passed, in collections for the different phases of the work. —Mrs. H. B. Blake, 1046 Grover avenue, city.

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Your Electric Traffic Policeman

Your fuse is a traffic policeman that "stops" electricity when something goes wrong. A safety valve! So you see a fuse that blows is not a nuisance.

How to Tell a "Blown" Fuse —

Notice the metal line across the face under the window, this is a traffic bridge for a measured amount of current. When the circuit is overloaded or "shorted," the link melts. And the current stops.

Why Fuses "Blow"—

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Latham

Ethel Rogers Swartz, who died in Eugene October 17, was a former teacher in the Latham school and well known here.

Charley Smith had a severe attack of heart trouble last week. His daughter, Mrs. Ted Troutman, was called home from Corvallis. Mr. Smith was taken to a Eugene hospital for examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Buffington are spending the week at Hugo where Mr. Buffington is employed.

Roscoe Yearous and sons Everett and Gilbert, Jennings Beers and Claude Plaster spent a few days hunting in eastern Oregon this week.

The Hugh and Fred Harris returned from a successful hunting trip to Bear Flats.

Lester Harris has been called to the army. Mrs. Lester Harris is visiting her mother, Mrs. Owen at Anlauf.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quist and baby visited Mrs. Quist's aunt, Mrs. Hugh Trunnell, over the week end. The Quists are moving from Cut Bank, Montana, to Centralia, Washington.

Gene Harris of Portland visited home folks here Sunday.

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Historical Events



OCTOBER

- 22—Hitler decreed 2nd 4-yr. plan for Reich, 1933.
- 23—Germans seized U. S. ship, City of Flint, charging contraband, 1939.
- 24—U. S. Wage-Hour law went into effect, 1938.
- 25—New York subway opened to traffic, 1904.
- 26—Erie Canal opened, 1825.
- 27—Navy Day.

DR. H. A. HAGEN
Chiropractic Physician

Pa. Troiman ran afoul of the law last Saturday. He was arrested for non-support when he gave his wife's girdle to the scrap drive.

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