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TRIBUTE TO THE A.W.S.

This week the Pacific coast is paying tribute to 150,000 volunteers who are maintaining the air warning service all along the coast as an aid to the defense of the coast and to the United States and to aid in guiding the army or navy aviators who may chance to come our way. The air warning service members, like other civilian organizations gets no compensation for their services. It is fitting therefore that we give due recognition to the unselfish service of thousands of volunteers, who uncomplainingly take their turn to watch when called upon, regardless of the hour or the weather.

The unselfish service of such people really make America worth fighting for. When the war is over, they will be ready to take their places in the normal civilian life, helping to make their locality a better place in which to live.

Don't save the flowers for the funeral when these good people pass on. It will help a lot to let such folks know their services are appreciated now.

THROW THEM OUT

Lou R. Maxon, high official of the OPA, has resigned with the declaration that: "There is a strong clique in OPA who believe that the government should manufacture and distribute all commodities. They are using the war as a means of furthering their reform ideas and will continue to use honest men in OPA as a front for their efforts."

"If this group isn't curbed, we are going to lose a good slice of the very freedom we are fighting for." Mr. Maxon's charges are similar to those of leading retail distributors, who have reiterated many times that the distribution industry faces total disruption unless the pet theories of extremists are relegated to a back seat.

With inflation gaining inexorably, the spectacle of one of the principal agencies established to combat rising prices experimenting with the doctrines of socialism, while the destinies of a hundred and thirty million people hang in the balance, is intolerable.

The production and distribution system in this country has been developed to a state of perfection never before attained in history. The result has been evident in every American home. Why, in the name of heaven, should this system be scrapped when we need it most? If given a chance our farms and factories and our merchants will feed and clothe the country. They will do it, inflation or no inflation. The only thing that could conceivably stop them would be hopelessly complete domination by so-called "war agencies," who would rather see Americans growing in rows than fighting for victory.

STATISTICS DON'T TELL ALL

It is irritating to farmers to be informed by statisticians that agriculture is making a financial killing out of the war. If the statisticians would leave the city long enough to take a look at the way a farmer must try to operate under present conditions, they would go back and toss their statistics out of the window.

For example, a lot of ballyhoo has been published about the "flood" of men going back to the farms. One dairy farm was recently subjected to the flood—at seventy-five cents an hour per man. Two men, one a civil engineer professing to help the farmer in a pinch during harvest time, the other an ex-stevadore looking for easy money, went into the field to load hay. At the day's end they had arrived at the barn with one load. Two other loads had been dumped by the wayside, one through the front door of a grocery store. They were paid off. Net result: Twelve dollars in labor costs for a couple of tons of hay.

This is merely a sample. But it shows why the country is going to go hungry if the pencil pushers that make the rules don't quit writing fairy tales.

DANGER

Accusing a person of complacency toward the war is tantamount to an insult. Everyone likes to think he is doing his part to achieve victory and doesn't like to be told otherwise. There is no such explosive reaction, however, when complacency is charged with respect to domestic issues. Many people believe domestic issues are something for politicians and theorists of doubtful ideals, to settle among themselves. If they persist in that belief, the republic, and individual liberty will eventually be destroyed as completely as if the nation had been overrun by the mechanized hordes of the dictators.

A revolution is impending in this country. It may be a bloodless revolution, but nonetheless a revolution—a revolution about which no freedom-loving American can be complacent. At the present moment, the country is existing in a vacuum. Irrespective of our apparent unanimous pride in the achievements of private industry in producing for war, the stage is being set for the substitution of government-owned industry on a large scale for privately-owned and operated industry. This is revolution. It is revolution because it will change our form of government.

No government can govern and employ the people it governs, and still remain democratic. So far, the people do not seem to realize this.

The same kind of complacency which very nearly led to military disaster, is now dulling our sensibilities to dangers at home. The depth of the danger can be measured in the words of Fulton Lewis, Jr., nationally known radio commentator: "To me it is shocking and frightening in the extreme that those in Washington who conceived the four freedoms didn't have sufficient acquaintanceship with real Americanism to have included in their list the most important and the most vital freedom of all... Freedom of Individual Enterprise."

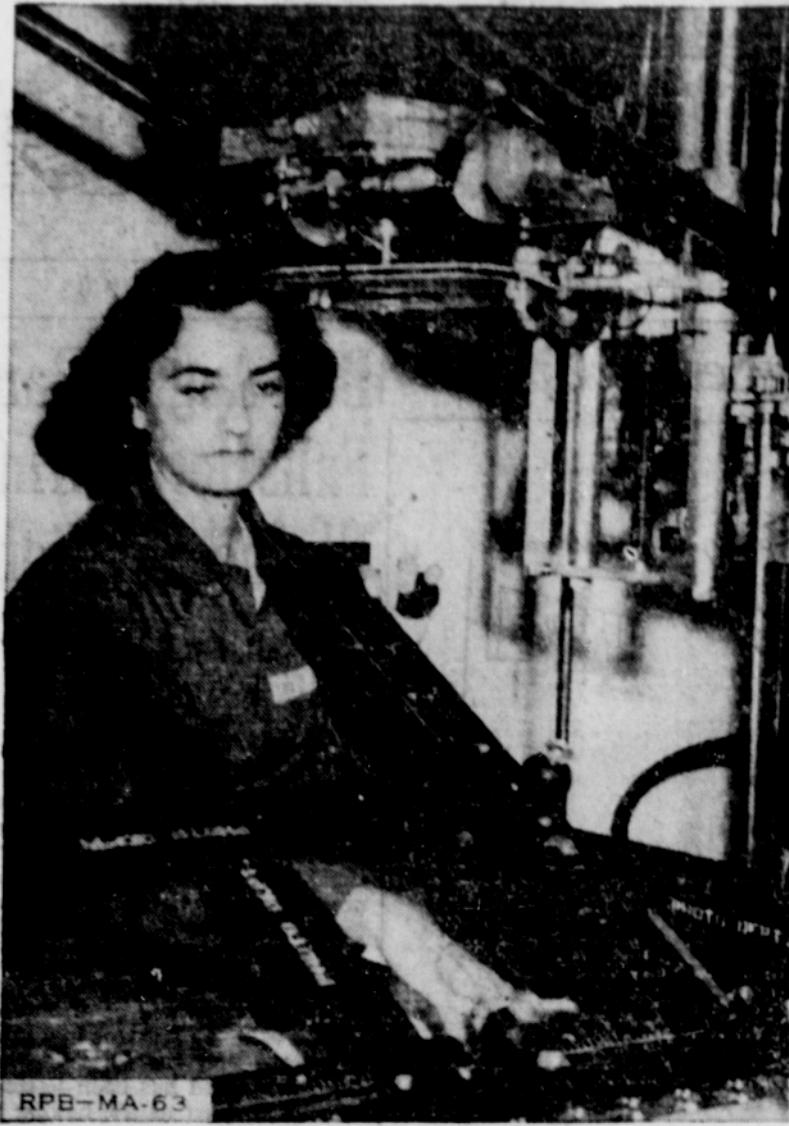
Flies Carry Dysentery Germ

Dysentery germs ingested by the fly can live in its intestinal tract for as long as five days. The source of contamination need not be in the immediate neighborhood, for flies can travel as far as eight miles in one day. Flies have the pernicious habit of vomiting just before feeding. They therefore contaminate food in this manner, by defecation or by germs adherent to the hairs of the legs or other parts of the body.

British Rations

British weekly rations per person allow six ounces of edible fat of which not over two ounces can be butter; two ounces of cooking fat; four ounces of cheese. Meat is rationed on a different basis—only one shilling and tuppence worth may be bought per week, and though it depends on the cut, an average ration would be one pound. In addition, Britons may have four ounces of bacon.

Waac Photographs for the Air Forces



This Women's Army Auxiliary Corps technician will soon be taking pictures for the Army. She is using the modern facilities of the Army Air Forces Technical Training School, Photographic Division, at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado, to learn photography. In company with other similarly trained Waacs, she will soon take her place with the Army releasing a soldier for combat duty.

PENSION INCREASES SET

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, ordered the review of approximately 45,000 case files pertaining to widows and orphans of veterans of all wars and the regular establishments, whose death has been due to service. This review is designed to provide automatic increases beginning August 1, in compensation and pension which were provided such widows and orphans in a law signed by President Roosevelt on July 13.

The increases will total about \$4,500,000 a year, averaging approximately \$100 annually in each case. General Hines said that it will not be necessary to write Veterans Administration offices for the increased payments. The machinery has already been set in motion to grant these automatic increases.

RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF

SALEM, OREGON — Ten million Russians have been killed and 38 million dispossessed from their homes, according to Charles A. Sprague, chairman of the Oregon War Chest, who based his statement on a report received from the National War fund, which is receiving a portion of the funds raised by the Oregon War Chest. "The area of Russia invaded and devastated by the Nazis is as though the United States, from Maine to the Mississippi river and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico had been swept by Nazi fury," Mr. Sprague said.

"Whether we agree with the Russian form of government or not, they are human beings and by fighting their fight, they are fighting our fight." "What we, the people of Oregon, are able to do by contributing to the national war fund and its member agency, Russian War Relief, will be to our own advantage, for it will be aiding an ally who is fighting our fight side by side with us."

Better Used Cars

A select list waits your inspection. Most of the cars listed below are equipped with radio and heater and all have good rubber.

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- 1940 Buick, special 4 door sedan
- 1940 Olds, DeLuxe 2 door sedan
- 1940 Mercury 4 door sedan
- 1940 Chevrolet special, DeLuxe 4 door sedan
- 1929 Buick special, 4 door sedan
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- 1937 Ford, conv sedan
- 1936 Plymouth 2 door sedan
- 1936 Chevrolet coupe

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The agricultural appropriation bill for 1944, passed by the senate on June 11, increased the federal office item by \$50,000 for improving cotton quality through improved handling and ginning.

Brazilian Rentals Low

Brazil is providing factory workers with low cost dwellings at an average monthly rental of \$7 for a family of six.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Washing machines and other household appliances are not available today. Manufacturers have converted their plants to war work. If you save today, however, by buying War Bonds, this money saved will start these factories rolling and put millions of Americans to work after the War is won.



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Dear Friends at Home: Remembering experiences of the past month, I think of the new places, people and things I have seen, and also of the way in which people and events fit in with all experiences of the past, before I left Cottage Grove June 23.

Memory reflects such things as the two-tone blue of the Pacific and the rich blue of the sky over it on the sunny ride along the Oregon and California coast as far as San Francisco, my impression of the bigness of that city as we entered it over the Golden Gate bridge at 6:00 a. m. just as the sun rose over San Francisco Bay, the trolley-traffic road on Market street later in the day.

Then going farther south in California, palm trees with their graceful arched leaves, red geraniums hedge-high, sun-dried hills which reminded me of eastern Oregon became familiar sights.

But here I am leaving out people, and always they are most interesting, from our first bus driver who knew less about the route from Elkton to Marshfield than some of his passengers, to the Mexican fellows on the bus to Phoenix who'd been discharged from the navy because they could not speak English.

I spent ten days at Whittier, California, 17 miles from Los Angeles, at Glenn Clark's "Camp Farthest Out" with 160 others, mostly adults. This was a most unique experience in living our mutual belief that loving people (because God loves us) is the way to meet every situation.

The Whittier College campus on which this camp convened is about the size of Willamette's and it is also a church college, having been founded by the Quakers. The quiet seclusion of the campus from the business of the city in which it is located was another reminder of Willamette, and I felt again the need of college students to keep in touch with life as it is while they study life as others see it. (It's so easy at school not to have time even to read the newspapers).

A week and a half spent in visiting friends and relatives followed the camp. How good it was to see again in Los Angeles Vivian McNew; we visited the Forest Lawn Cemetery at Glendale. There again past experiences at Whittier fused with present as we stopped before the garden statue of "The Mystery of Life" just as the music of "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" sounded over the outdoor public address system. The white marble statue portrays people from various occupations and of varying ages gathered around the Stream of Life, each believing he or she has found the answer to its meaning. (Vivian thought the philosopher had truly found life's meaning while I felt it was the lovers who had.)

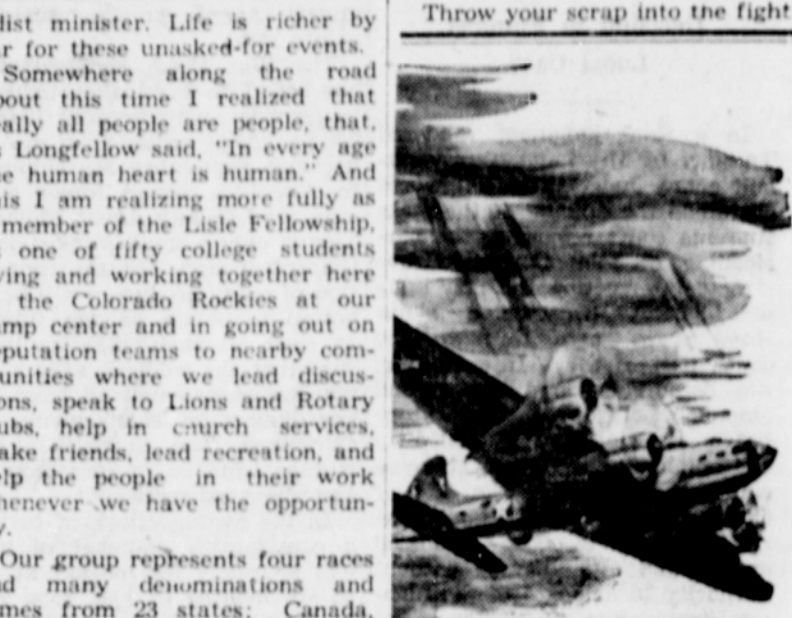
The trip on from Los Angeles to Denver had its difficult points all right so that I no longer wonder why the government says, "Don't travel unless it is absolutely necessary." But had it not been for the bus delays, I would have missed the experience of meeting young Nellie and her baby girl Judy who were going from Missouri to San Luis Obispo to join her army husband, and of walking the streets of Albuquerque, New Mexico, with Mariana from 1:30 to 3:00 in the morning, discussing our opinions on people and life as we've found it, or of making new friends in the home of the Las Cruces Meth-

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