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TO ATTACK IN TIME

It was Tommy Atkins, according to Kipling, who learned in battle that "an Afghan attacked is far less formidable than an Afghan attacking." This is a military truism equally true of that dread malady, cancer, against which the American Cancer Society this month wages its annual campaign for funds. Cancer, when attacked in time, is curable, and thus, like the Afghan of Kipling's tale, is less formidable. It is the purpose of the society, in raising \$12,000,000 nationally—of which Oregon's quota is \$105,000—to provide more and better hospital facilities for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer, and to enable a broad program of research, public information and service, with but 6 per cent expended in administration and fund raising. The intent is to strike cancer with the maximum force of every dollar contributed.

Certainly it is well for us to realize how genuine is the menace of cancer, that we may comprehend the need for joining the nationwide fight for control and prevention. In 1946 cancer was the second greatest killer in the Oregon record, being exceeded only by heart disease. This also was true of the nation. In that year 13.8 per cent of the total of deaths in Oregon was attributable to cancer, which means that in a single twelvemonth 1773 residents of Oregon died of cancer. From Pearl Harbor to V-J day cancer killed more than twice as many Americans as were killed by the war. The death toll of the seven wars which the United States has fought since 1776 was 575,000—an impressive and tragic levy upon life and happiness. But at present it takes cancer only three and one-half years to kill that many people in this country.

That's coming pretty close to home, isn't it? But just how close? Well, cancer kills one person in every eight. Cancer kills 60 per cent more people than are killed by all the communicable diseases combined. The number of deaths from cancer in Portland alone in 1946 was 621, while for Multnomah county the total was 710. But the most pitiful circumstance is that of the 175,000 who will die of cancer in 1947, between 60,000 and 85,000 will die needlessly—150 needless deaths every day. Unless present conditions are changed cancer will kill more than 17,000,000 Americans who are living today. Yet cancer is often more curable than any other highly fatal disease.

The mortality rate of cancer is frightfully high because of ignorance of the meaning of cancer's danger signals; because of fear of finding cancer during a physical examination; and because of delay in visiting the doctor when cancer is suspected. The objective of the American Cancer society, and of the present drive, is to educate people to an awareness of danger signals, that they may obtain early diagnosis, treatment and probable cure, and to continue research against the disease.—The Oregonian.

POWER BREEDS TYRANNY

The growing willingness of the American people to depend upon government holds a deadly threat to the preservation of our liberties—and the maintenance of free, representative government itself.

Nothing is more insidious than the growth of the super-state. Power feeds upon itself. Dictators and tyrants rarely come to power by revolutionary means. Instead they work slowly within the fabric of the law. They distort to their own ends the work of well-intentioned but short-sighted men. They praise freedom—while they are undermining freedom. They talk of the rights and dignity of man—while they plan to reduce man to the status of a helpless slave of the state, who may be used and exploited in any way that seems advantageous.

We have only to look at a map of the world to see what has happened abroad. Country after country that was once free has sunk into serfdom. Peoples turned to government to solve all their problems. They gave government unprecedented powers over their lives, their businesses, their manner of living. And the end result has inevitably been tyranny.

It has been said that if government tells us what we must do, it is only one more step before government will tell us what we must think. That is a true and terrible fact. Even in England, which we have long regarded as the citadel of the basic freedoms, this pattern is taking shape, and it is to the credit of the British press that it has thundered its opposition. But in a state where government is arbiter of all things, resistance can be crushed.

There can be no compromise with freedom. We will be free or we will be enslaved, and no middle ground is possible. And only a people which is ever alert to the dangers can save and defend freedom.

WALLACE OUGHT TO TRY RUSSIA

Henry Wallace, the ex-secretary of commerce should try living in Russia to see how far he would get in traveling to other countries and disagreeing with the Russian policy as he has the foreign policy of the U. S. If we remember correctly Emma Goldman was deported to Russia several years ago, but against her will. Perhaps Wallace, who recently took several occasions to criticize our foreign policy, might change his mind, if he were forced to move to Russia, yet if Wallace likes Russia and her ways so well, he ought to move there.

Congress as a whole may have not agreed with the Truman policy of aid to Greece, but this body was almost unanimous in condemning the public addresses of Wallace in Europe. We can never establish an effective and firm foreign policy, until we are able to muzzle politicians like Henry, who would sell his freedom for friendship with Russia.

A night club once had a dancer who climaxed her act by leaning over backward and picking up her handkerchief with her teeth. For an encore she leaned over backward again and picked up her teeth.

Automobiles do not run down nearly so many people as gossip does.

A tonic-bomb is the latest description of a vitamin capsule.

A minor operation is one performed on someone else. (Norman Geare)

It was only a couple of generations from life in a plain cabin to a cabin plane.

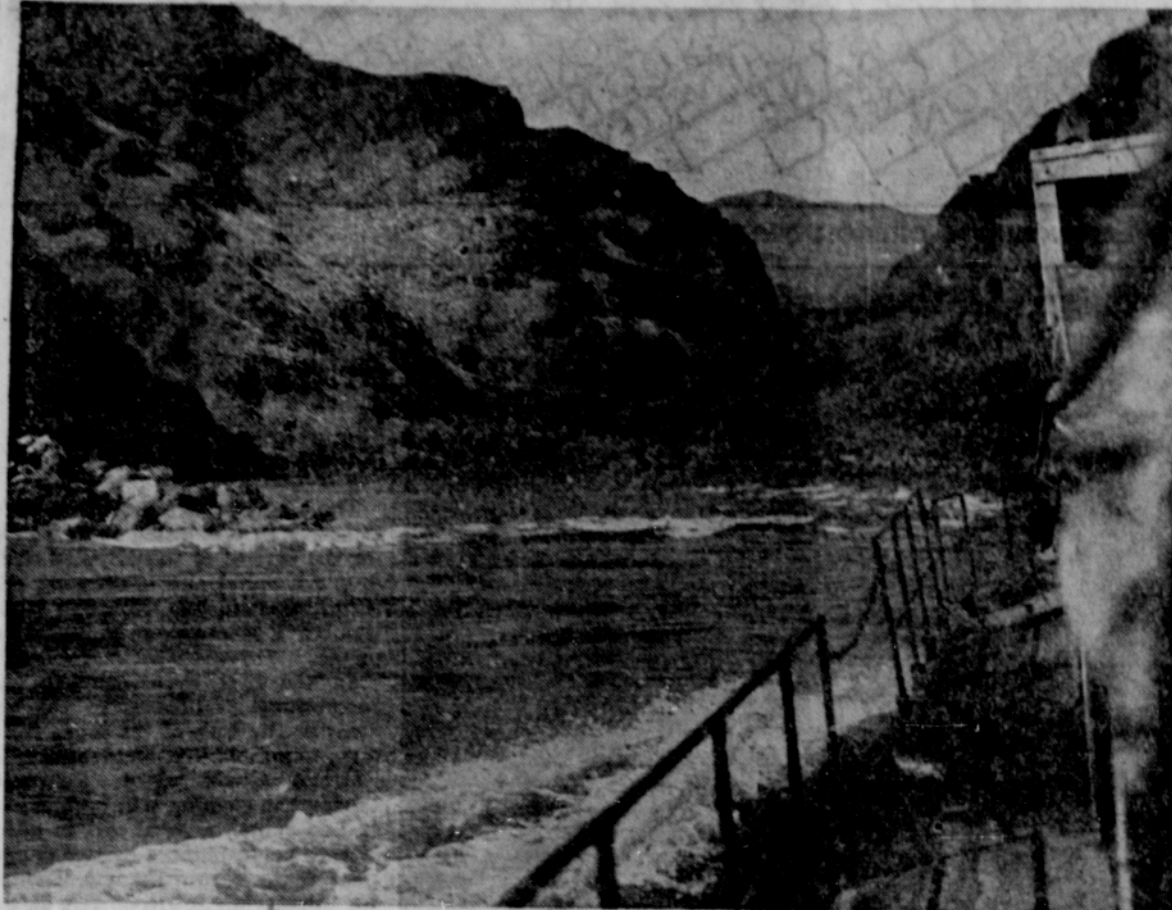
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The Snake river boat heads into one of the more than half hundred rapids that punctuate twisting route of the river through its rocky gorge (Hell's canyon) on the Idaho border.

The story below is condensed from a motorlog article appearing in the Sunday Oregonian of April 20, one of a series being made this year by The Oregonian in co-operation with the Oregon State Motor association.

BY J. LYNN WYKOFF
Staff Writer, The Oregonian

Even the Grand Canyon of the Colorado is exceeded in depth by the Snake river's channel, cut through a wilderness of mountainous peaks and ridges. It has been often repeated that the scenic splendor of this area, called by the U. S. forest service the most primitive in the United States, is well worth the rather hard trip hitherto necessary to reach it.

Rough and narrow roads, passable only in summer, penetrate to the canyon in the extreme northeast corner of Oregon. Forest service trails make possible pack-train travel for those who have the time and hardihood. And from Lewiston a freight and mail boat has for years bucked its way some 98 miles upstream to the extreme limit of navigation at Johnson's Bar.

We had heard of these hardships when we left Portland recently in the Oregon State Motor association's white travel

car on a four-day trip to Lewiston and up the Snake.

But now, at last, there are comfortable tourist facilities for those who wish to visit the depths of Hell's canyon. From Portland, for example, you drive to Lewiston, over those straight, smoothly paved roads which make it so difficult to hold speed within maximum or recommended limits. You spend a night at a hotel there. Next morning you board the Florence, a powerful 60-foot boat, along with probably a score or more other sightseers, and start southward on the Snake river.

You sit on comfortable leather seats, and view the ever-changing panorama of great rock ridges and alternate stretches of smooth water and churning

rapids through the windows of the glass-enclosed cabin.

Before nightfall you are at Hell's Canyon lodge, in the shadow of 700-foot snow-dusted Hat Point. Here you dine at a long table, American style, and enjoy a night of deep slumber in the cool mountain air. Breakfast at the lodge, a morning devoted to horseback riding along the canyon's winding trails, or perhaps just to loafing and enjoying the grandeur of the scenery, and after lunch the boat starts back downstream.

The ten-hour trip of the day before is completed, by virtue of the swift downstream rush of water, in four to five hours, resulting in a late afternoon arrival in Lewiston.



THOUGHTLETS

By Earl B. Balch

Senator Byrd of Virginia, in a recent speech, advocated that Russia be threatened by force to disarm and if necessary to expel the Soviet union out of the United Nations. Let us hope this does not have to be. Without Russia it would not be a United Nations. All things being equal, Russia is needed in the United Nations.

A few days ago, Secretary of the Interior Krug closed 518 mines as being unsafe. It seems terrible that one hundred twelve men had to pay with their lives in order to call attention of the nation to the lack of safety of America's coal miners.

History has no meaning except through the Christian point of view.

For us to go through life without a Savior is like trying to lift ourselves by our bootstraps.

On Easter evening four young men of Cottage Grove, each supplied with a bottle of liquor, started out in a car for a night of hilarity. One said, "We are going to get gloriously drunk." What a way to spend an evening, and what a way to use the word, "glorious."

Many times we hear someone say: "Why did God do this to me." In such cases God did not have anything to do with the matter. Often it is the lack of foresight or neglect that is at fault.

A prominent educator, the other day, in a speech, deplored the low salaries of the school teachers, and heaven knows the pay is pitifully low. But the distinguished educator asked that these slender funds be aided by federal funds. This is certainly not the way to help the teachers. The teaching profession would be bound by government restrictions and one more bureau would be set up to add to the already unwieldy bureaus.

The confirmation of David E. Lilienthal as head of the National Atomic Commission is a victory for fair dealing and good Americanism.

If there were no good listeners what would become of the long winded talkers, or do we just have a long suffering public?

It seems to me that every respectable citizen is becoming more and more ashamed of Henry A. Wallace every time the former cabinet member and vice president makes another speech.

In a democracy like ours, it

takes a high type of common people both intellectually and spiritually to select the best type of leadership.

Someone wrote this: "Many people live by slogans and not by thinking."

A local pastor said: "Some people consider the kingdom of God as an afterthought."

In political life, all conservatives are not right any more than all leftists are wrong.

What a wide difference there is between a Christian politician and a political Christian.

The nation is full of politicians big and little. But how few are the statesmen. Some men are not accorded that rank until after they have died.

Perhaps some reader can tell me who was Nash and who was Knox for whom the Tennessee cities of Nashville and Knoxville were named.

Chinese Used Rockets
Rocket weapons are not new in warfare. The Chinese used rocket-propelled arrows more than 1,000 years ago.

Tin Can Steel
A tin can is really more than 98 per cent steel and less than 2 per cent tin.

The first Federal grants extended to agricultural colleges were made in 1862 under an act of Congress known as the "Morrill Bill."

Dr. William Thornton, a versatile physician of the West Indies, was the architect on the original National Capitol building at Washington, D. C.

The House and Senate wings of the present United States Capitol building were commenced on July 4, 1811, when the occasion of laying the corner stone was celebrated and an oration delivered by Daniel Webster.

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W. C. Martin, Editor
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Dear Mr. Martin:

After Readers Digest described my procedure of assisting confused and distressed people in solving their personal problems, I was swamped with requests for additional information. Consequently I compiled a small booklet which explains the self analysis technique that is used here in the Court to aid all emotionally ill persons who feel insecure, fearful, nervous and the like.

As all the requests were accidentally destroyed, would you print this letter so your readers will know they can now secure a free copy by writing to me?

Sincerely yours,
MALCOLM HATFIELD,
Probate Judge
Courthouse,
St. Joseph, Michigan.

The forests of Arkansas contain a large variety of both hard and soft wood valuable for lumber. Consequently the manufacture of lumber and lumber products is extensive and valuable.

The size of the original Capitol building of the United States was 332 feet 4 inches in length and 229 feet in depth. It was built of Aquia, Virginia, sandstone, secured from quarries the United States owned.

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LET'S HELP THE SPASTIC CHILD!

There are no birthday balls or March of Dimes for the spastic child, nor is there a National Foundation. It almost appears as though those concerned with the welfare of crippled children had turned their backs on those handicapped with cerebral palsy. They are truly forgotten!

They are also maligned! Many, because of sight, hearing and speech defects cannot demonstrate their intelligence and are erroneously committed to institutions for the feeble minded. Since the spastic fails to make a purposeful movement, and since their is an impairment of speech, many people are inclined to believe that they have a low mentality. Actually, intelligence tests have proven that the spastic is not only as bright as the average child, but even brighter.

Spastic Paralysis in infancy is variously called Cerebral Palsy, Little's Disease, or Infantile Cerebral Paralysis. The incidence of this condition is great. It has been estimated at 50 per 100,000 population. Investigation has revealed that there are as many cripples from this disease as from polio, yet very little is being done to help these victims. Spastic paralysis, however, is more devastating in its crippling effects than infantile paralysis. It is astonishing and unfortunate, therefore, that most people know nothing about this disease.

Much can be done to help the spastic child. Chiopraeatic adjustments are most important because they reduce the irritability of the nervous system.

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