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THE STATE OF CONFUSION

It is an indication of the state of the world today that every time someone makes a suggestion for world disarmament, it is received respectfully—but with complete pessimism as to the possibility of achieving it. No sane man can help but be appalled by the cost of the world's present military establishments, or by their obvious threat to a prolonged peace. But the hope that something tangible can be done to cure this—a hope that was held high at the end of World War I—is almost totally lacking now. The truth is that the world is actively engaged in an armament race which is of an unprecedented character.

Today's armament race does not follow the classic pattern of attempting to produce and store more standard weapons than the competing nations. Its emphasis is largely on new weapons. As a consequence, much of the race is being run in the laboratories—rather than in the munitions factories.

This, of course, is particularly true of atomic weapons. Our atomic bomb plants are still going at full capacity, and the work being done is as completely shrouded in secrecy as in wartime. The Russians are known to have put a number of the leading German nuclear physicists to work on atomic research, and to have given them priority among their own scientists. No one outside of Russia knows just how much progress has been made.

It would be a grave mistake, however, to let the terrible potentialities of atomic power blind us to other possible innovations in the bloody art of warfare. Our own Army has been carrying on extensive experiments with guided missiles, using the seized German equipment, and other armies are unquestionably following suit. This is one of the most ominous weapons yet devised, and some experts believe that had the European war lasted another year or so, German technicians might have been able to develop it to the point where it would have crushed England. When the latest type of bombs appeared, England established a strict censorship to keep knowledge of the damage done from becoming known to the world. These weapons were particularly terrifying in that their speed was so great they outran their own sound. Thus, the explosion took place before the missile was ever heard. What kept them from becoming a decisive factor was their inaccuracy. They could be aimed to hit a section of a city—but they could not be controlled with sufficient accuracy to strike a particular target, such as a power plant or an arsenal. Present efforts are directed at perfecting the guiding equipment and giving them the accuracy of artillery.

Pilotless aircraft, controlled by extremely advanced radio equipment, is another subject of intensive research. Planes are infinitely cheaper and more abundant than crews—at the end of the last war we were producing aircraft much more rapidly than we could train men to man them.

A little news has seeped out concerning the U. S. War Department's plans in the event of another war. The atomic bomb has made it necessary to plan on the widest possible decentralization of authority—if one city or a dozen cities were wiped out, there would have to be a super command post ready to take over elsewhere. There has been much serious discussion of putting certain essential industrial plants underground, either in natural or constructed caves. The cost of this would be incredible—but no one yet seems to have devised any other defense against the A-bomb.

Perhaps the almost inconceivable destructiveness of weapons now being developed will, in the long run, be an assurance of peace—for the simple reason that another war might literally mean the destruction of civilization. General Eisenhower touched on this vividly, when he said: "The earth may become a flowering garden or a sterile desert—and we may make the difference." —E. Hofer.

TOUGH GOING

High taxes and high living costs have made it more than twice as tough to "get ahead" today as it was in 1929. That is the conclusion reached by James H. McGraw, Jr., president of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, in a provocative analysis of what he describes as America's growing "industrial stagnation."

In 1929, he says, any moderately successful young man earning \$5,300 annually over a period of 25 years could look forward to retiring on a comfortable income of \$3,000 a year—or could accumulate enough capital to start his own business.

A similarly ambitious young man, under today's conditions, needs to earn over \$13,000 a year for 25 years to achieve the same result—retirement on an annual income of \$3,000 or acquiring a stake in his own business. That is more than two and one-half times the income he would have needed in 1929!

Higher taxes which stifle economic progress by slashing rewards for enterprise are the most important reason why an individual has to earn more now to achieve a competence, says Mr. McGraw.

TO AVOID CONFUSION

On the approach of nearly every holiday there is some confusion in the minds of the public as to whether business houses will be closed. On four or five holidays the merchants usually end up by closing, but not soon enough to permit the information to get around to the people. The chief difficulty has been that the newcomer did not know the customs of the locality and even those who have lived here for a number of years, sometimes find it confusing and don't know exactly how to shop.

An excellent suggestion was made before the now defunct Chamber of Commerce that a list of holidays be worked out in which the merchants would close and that this list be posted and published to inform the public. This was never done, but it would have eliminated any doubt as to what the business men would do.

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Church Activities

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Mid-week prayer and Bible study Thursday at 8 p. m. at the Amul Thies home. —J. Michael Shelley, minister.

First Baptist Church, 5th and Jefferson. Rev. Peter J. Bakker, pastor. —Don't put God on "ice" this summer. Sunday school at 9:45. Morning worship 11:00 o'clock with a sermon entitled: "The Person and Work of Christ." Inspiration time, 8:00 p. m. There will be a baptismal service in which Susan Harper, Joyce Harper and James Spear will follow the command of our Lord to be baptized. "The Meaning and Method of Baptism" will be the evening sermon.

First Presbyterian Church, D. Hugh Peniston, pastor. Morning worship, 11 o'clock. The pastor will speak on the subject, "The Difference Between Willing and Wanting."

Miss Roberta Bagley and Mrs. Peniston will leave Friday for the first Westminster Fellowship National Assembly to be held at Grinnell College, Iowa. Miss Bagley is one of the thirty-two delegates from Oregon, while Mrs. Peniston is one of the four advisors chosen.

The Methodist church, Frank E. Brown, minister. In commemoration of 50 years of service as a local preacher in the Methodist church, Mr. George Moxley of the Silk Creek district will bring the message on next Sunday morning at the local Methodist church. At this special service, two numbers will be sung by his granddaughter, Miss JoAnn Pallese of Eugene, for which Mr. Moxley wrote the words. We invite you to come and worship with us on this special 50th anniversary day, for it was on June 29, 1897 that Mr. Moxley was granted his first local preacher's license. The evening service will be held at 8 o'clock at which time the pastor will bring the message. The high school group of the Youth Fellowship have voted to meet during the summer months and a special evening of fellowship has been planned for this Sunday.

Christian Science Society, Cottage Grove, Oregon, 242 Second street holds Sunday services at 11 a. m. and Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Wednesday evening meetings at 8 p. m. (the second Wednesday of each month). Reading room is open each day except Sundays and holidays from 2 to 4 p. m. Subject for next Sunday is "Christian Science."

Planning a trip the 4th? We all have a journey to make to another country. Who will be there? We invite you to the Church of God Sunday school at 10 a. m. next Lord's day to study about the highway and to worship God. (The Host), of the Heavenly country. At 11 a. m. the pastor will speak on the subject, "Do You Believe the Maps?"

The Christian Crusaders have inspiration for you each Sunday at 7 p. m. The sermon topic for 7:45

p. m. will be "Love Versus Truth." The Bible study Wednesday at 7:45 will be in the book of Timothy, following the prayer service. The children have a story hour each Friday at 2 p. m. —Roy E. Hutchison, pastor.

London Church of Christ—Sunday Bible Study 10 a. m. Sermon 11. Communion 11:45. Evening service 8 p. m. Mid-week Wednesday 8 p. m. Come to London, that friendly church where you are a stranger but once. I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalms 122:1.

Monroe Ave. Church of Christ—Monroe Sunday Fifth Sunday Services Bible School 10:00 A. M. Morning worship 11:00 A. M. Subject: "Our Last Journey." Evening Worship 8:00 P. M. Subject "A Grave in a Garden." Wednesday Service Bible Study 8:00 P. M. Subject: "The New Testament Church." Woodrow W. Hughes, minister.

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic church, North H and Birch St.—Sunday masses at 8:00 and 10:00 a. m. Daily mass 8:00 a. m. Rev. L. H. Sohler, pastor.

Assembly of God—We wish to extend a hearty invitation to you to worship with us—the church of evangelical action.

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Weekday services: Tuesday, prayer, 7:30 p. m.; Thursday, Bible study, 7:45 p. m.

We have a home department and any wishing spiritual help or would like a visit from the minister, feel free to call at any time. Also, if you are in need of a wheel chair, in an emergency, we shall be glad to be of an accommodation to you.—Rev. Hilton T. Park, minister, Phone 195-R.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Sunday school at 10:30 in I. O. O. F. hall.

Rubber Stamps, Pads, Ink.—The Sentinel.

Playing 'Possum



FIVE opossum puppies are the unusual pets of Jimmy Harris, 12, who raises them on his father's farm near Geneseo, Ill. One of them is so tame that it perches on young Jimmy's hat (International)

Cards of Thanks

We wish to thank all the friends, Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges, and Hebrew grange for their expressions of sympathy and beautiful flowers in our recent bereavement. Mrs. Frances Nichols and the family. 46-1tp

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their kindness during our recent bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bostick and children. 46-1tp

California Expands

Between 1940 and 1946, in terms of manufacturing wage earners, some California industries have shown the following percentage growth: glass and glassware, 120 per cent; rubber products, 127 per cent; electrical machinery and equipment, 152 per cent; machinery (except electrical), 118 per cent; beet sugar processing, 95 per cent.

A. W. Thomas is re-roofing the woodshed at the J. R. Hendricks home on North 6th St.

SAGINAW

At the annual school meeting held recently at the school house, Harold Laird was elected director for one year to fill the unexpired term of Jay Burleson. Bob Bash was elected director for a 3 year term. Harley Williams is the other director and will still serve for two years. Mrs. Noren Sells was elected clerk for one year. They plan to have the school house shingled this summer and will make other improvements. Mrs. E. Robison of Eugene who formerly taught here twice before, has been hired to teach the lower grades this coming year. Frank Clark will be the principal.

Peggy Ketcherside is at Corvallis for two weeks attending 4-H summer school on a half scholarship that she won on her needle-point sewing under the supervision of Mrs. Jeanne Morton.

The Camp Cookery club met Monday afternoon at the home of their leader, Mrs. Dorothy Ketcherside.

The Frank Billings family have moved to their new home south of Creswell on Rt. 1.

Norma Lou and Hal Callantine have gone to Montana to spend the summer with their grandparents.

Reta Hornbrook of Eugene is spending several weeks with Leonard Johnston.

Catherine Getty accompanied Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Beidler and daughter of Cottage Grove to their cabin at Scottsburg where they spent the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Becker of Corvallis visited with relatives here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Benston spent Thursday evening at the F. T. Benston home in Eugene.

CURTIN

Bob Oatney had the misfortune of hurting his leg at the mill Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Galdabini were vacationers at the coast during the past week.

Billy Oatney suffered two broken fingers while playing.

Visitors at the Leo Thompson home the past week were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Pennington and children of Klamath Falls, and Floyd Lewman of Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lynam left Sunday on a trip to Colorado to visit relatives.

Phyllis Tevebaugh is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Golda Clark, who is on the sick list.

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