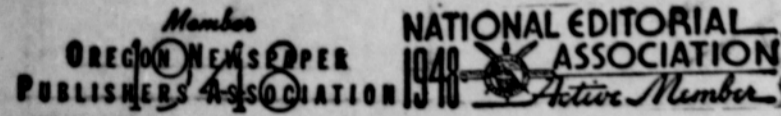


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THE \$64 RUSSIAN QUESTION

Just how great is the Soviet Union's industrial and war potential? That is the \$64 question which has been bruited about furiously during the past year or two. It is, of course, impossible to answer it completely or with unquestioned accuracy—the Russian security system has its leaks, but it is fairly efficient. A good deal of pertinent information has become available for those who know how to add it up.

Life magazine recently devoted 10 pages to "A Report on Russia's Strength." It appears to be about the most complete survey of the subject yet made available for public consumption. And it gives an interesting insight into the resources of the East as compared with those of the West.

First of all Russia has the world's largest standing army, numbering about 3,000,000 officers and men. It has a huge air force, with 14,000 planes in commission. It is rapidly building a submarine fleet of highly advanced design. And, so far as anyone can see, its industrial expansion is keeping up with the ambitious objectives laid down in the current Five Year Plan.

As Life says, "These military and industrial prospectives sound impressive, but they are subject to tremendous qualification, particularly in the relation of quantity to quality." First of all, the Russian army is pretty largely on a garrison basis, and is not prepared for an immediate major offensive. More important, in the long pull, is the apparent fact that most of the 14,000 combat aircraft are left over from the war, and are obsolete by modern standards. An exception to this is a jet fighter which, it is believed, is comparable to the best American and British models of the type. It does not seem likely that the Russians have a really first-class bomber. Their newest model is a version of our B-29, which they have developed as a transport as well as a combat arm. In this connection, it is an interesting fact that the Russians "expropriated" one of our B-29s which was forced down in Soviet territory during the war. The crew was treated with all consideration, but the plane simply disappeared.

Russia has practically no surface fleet. Like Germany, she is concentrating her major effort on the submarine. Life says that she has about 250 of these undersea craft in operation now, of which about 100 are snorkel-equipped. The snorkel is a device for permitting the sub and its crew to breathe under water, and allows a diesel-powered craft to run below the sea for as much as 15,000 miles. It was developed by the Germans, and Russia got a number of the Nazi U-boats when the last war ended.

Going on, Soviet production, by her standards, is doing well. However, she is far behind the United States. As an example, she will produce less than one-quarter as much steel this year as we will. She hopes to produce 250,000,000 tons of coal in 1950—and we passed that level 45 years ago. She is giving everything to upping her output, which is one reason why the standard of living of the Soviet citizen is even lower than in prewar days.

Finally, Life describes Russia's incredibly complex plan for moving much of her heavy industry behind the Urals, to Siberia, where it would be as remote from attack as possible. The move began in 1930, and it has been greatly accelerated since the end of the war. To that end, she is developing every resource as swiftly as she possibly can.

All in all, Russia is a major military power. She is becoming a major industrial power, though she has a long way to go before she can be compared to this country. As Life puts it, "For a peaceful nation this great internal expansion could make Siberia a rich treasure house of progress. For a nation bent on war, it could produce an industrial fortress capable of supplying vast military forces and subject only to difficult, long-range attack." Which choice the Russians will make is the principal problem the world faces.

THE BASIC CAUSE OF INFLATION

The President's message to the special session of Congress dwelt at length on rising prices and the high cost of living. But it did not touch at all on one of the basic reasons for inflation—the high cost of government.

Since 1939, according to government figures, the cost of living has risen 73 per cent. But in the same period the cost of the federal government has risen 337 per cent—from less than \$9,000,000,000 in 1939 to nearly \$40,000,000,000 for the fiscal year of 1948. To put it another way, the cost of government, federal, state and local, has increased at a rate nearly 4 1/2 times as fast as the cost of living, and taxes now constitute the largest single item in the budget of the American people—larger than the nation's bill for food.

This underlines the folly of trying to find a scapegoat for high prices. They aren't the fault of manufacturers or retailers or any other group. Industry, taking it as a whole, has raised prices reluctantly and only when no other course was possible, because high prices ultimately reduce sales. Our whole government fiscal policy is of a kind that makes more and more inflation inevitable.

It is a gross deception to argue that the cure for higher prices lies in controls and roll-backs to the level of 1946 or some other year. Nothing would do more to discourage production, and to give this country a taste of what a police state is like.

Talking too much and thinking too little has spoiled many a career.

Smith: "I'm surprised that you permit your wife to go around telling the neighbors she made a man of you. You don't hear my wife saying that."

Jones: "No, but she told my wife that she had done her best."

Another trouble with our country is that too many people who have nothing to say go right on saying it.

One way to get a good, lasting finish on your car is to try to beat the train to the crossing.

DORENA

The Dorena H. E. club met with Creswell H. E. C. at the W. A. Hemenway grove. A potluck dinner was served to the 24 members present. During the day the club voted to make this an annual affair on the third Sunday in July and invite the Hebron Grange H. E. C. and the men of the Granges. It was also decided to hold the annual picnic in the city park.

Jeannette Kelly motored to Eugene one day last week.

Some of the Grange members met at the Grange grounds Saturday and Sunday and poured concrete pillars for the Grange hall.



"I told you before we were married that I didn't care for money."

THOUGHTLETS

By Earl R. Baleh

The Bureau of Labor statistics has given out that the amount of cigarettes smoked in the United States last year was equal to 121 cigarettes for every man, woman and child in this country. I wonder who smoked my share.

Here is one act of the State Department that has raised no voice of protest in this country. The refusal of the federal government to release two Russian school teachers to the Russian consulate has apparently met with the approval of the people of the nation of all political slants.

The President of the United States has seen fit to call the Congressional hearings, now going on, "red herrings." This statement is open to debate. Whether or not these hearings are for political purposes, I do not know. It should not be so. It seems to this humble columnist that the information about communism within the government is above all political considerations.

If the Christian church had no value there would be no hypocrites.

Did you ever go into a store and exclaim: "Oh, what lovely tomatoes!" and later discover they were not so lovely. Some people are like that—only lovely to look at.

Many of us find that much of value escapes us because we give it too little attention.

Most of us are unaware of how much we color the news because of our own opinions and prejudices.

Congress Library To Show Oregon Historical Exhibit

On Saturday, September 11, the Library of Congress will formally open an exhibition to commemorate the centennial of the establishment of the Territory of Oregon. Luther Evans, the Librarian of Congress, announced today. This will be the eighth in a series of major exhibitions at the Library commemorating important anniversaries in the histories of States. It will include rare books, manuscripts, maps, prints, photographs, newspapers, and music from the collections of the Library together with items from other Federal agencies in Washington, and from governmental agencies and private and civic institutions in Oregon. The exhibition will be described in a catalog to be published in time for the formal opening on September 11. This will contain the text of an address on the history of the state, as well as a complete catalog of the exhibition, and illustrations of 18 of the 341 items.

Oregon history is peculiarly rich in pictorial materials. An example will appear as a forerunner of the main exhibition, in the Library's Exhibit-of-the-Week to be displayed August 14-20. That week will mark the centennial of the signing, by President James K. Polk, of the Act of Congress establishing the government of the Territory of Oregon, August 14, 1848.

The Exhibit-of-the-Week will be a fine colored lithograph, entitled "The American Village," showing Oregon City on the Willamette River, as it appeared in the 1840's just before it became the capital of the newly created territory. The sketch was made by the British Captain Henry James Warre, who in 1845 was sent to survey conditions in the Oregon country, then under joint British and American occupation. It is one of several drawings which he made during the expedition, and was published in London in 1848 in his Sketches in North America and the Oregon Territory.

MT. VIEW

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Johnston and son of Cottage Grove were visitors at the Walter Downes home.

Janine Voss accompanied her relatives who have been visiting at their home in Vancouver. On their return they left for their home in Fresno, Calif.

The Victor Worley family have sold their home and will move to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Riker and two children motored to the coast Sunday. They reported nice sunny weather there.

Bob Worley of Washington is visiting at the home of his father, Victor Worley.

Mr. and Mrs. Nord and family of Baltimore, Md. have been visiting at the home of Mr. Nord's brother. They returned Monday to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Turay and two sons were overnight guests at the Walter Downes home Sunday and left Monday for Washington to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peterson and family attended a family picnic supper at Mosby Creek Saturday. Mr. Peterson's sisters, Mrs. Ida Smith and daughter, also her son John Smith and family of Portland, and Mrs. Minnie Henriksen of Creswell were there.

Kathleen and Stephen Gillispie were guests at the Walter Downes home one day last week.

Peggy Ketcherside and Baba Mosley left Monday for Eugene, where they will pick beans.

DOG DAYS!



WEEK'S QUOTE:

"I don't believe you can build a just and lasting peace in a hungry world. Somewhere down the road is a gate marked Freedom from Want. It is also the gateway to peace. Once we pass through it, men and nations will be able to do many things that seemed impossible before. It is up to our generation to find that gate and open it, and you can help to lead the way." — Norris E. Dodd, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

News Views



by GENE WARE

Tired of dented and scratched fenders? Scientists have already solved the problem... fenders made of rubber. It might be a few years before you go "bouncing" along the highways with them... but they'll be worth waiting for. The rubber wizards are hard at work trying to make our lives a lot more comfortable. Already rubber is used in over 35,000 different items... but that's only a starter, they claim. The latest rubber invention is called "cellular rubber"... it's composed of millions of nitrogen-filled bubbles. An egg, dropped from 11 stories will bounce from it without breaking. Someday this rubber will be saving lives, instead of bouncing eggs. By stretching the imagination a bit we can see rubber sidewalks that will put you on your feet in case you slip!

Summer vacation and back to school days require smart luggage. The finest and most durable will be found in our new luggage department which will be completed Sept. first. We extend a cordial invitation to each and every one of you to come in and see this new department.

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UNITED NATIONS IN ACTION

Food and Agriculture

A bumper crop is expected on the farms of North America this fall. In Europe, the harvest looks like a good one. In the Far East, some countries are predicting fine farm production for the first time since the end of the war. And still, say the farm scientists, the world won't have enough food, because the earth's population has grown faster than the production of food, because inefficient methods of production are used and because the effects of the war are still holding back farmers.

Getting enough food for the people of the world is an international problem and since the war, governments have increasingly tried to work together through the United Nations to find international solutions. The main instrument of world cooperation in this field is the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, which has 57 members.

FAO's first big job is to help the world raise its food production. To do this, FAO has already sent missions and individual experts to many nations to help find better methods of agriculture. It has explored the use of new types of forest and farm sources, which might furnish large supplies of food. It has brought together nations of a region, like the Far East, so that they could work together in developing rice, fisheries and other specific food. It keeps statistical tabs on production and food production and makes studies of specific problems so that the farmers of the world can find out about their own positions in the market and so that governments can plan ahead. It gives technical

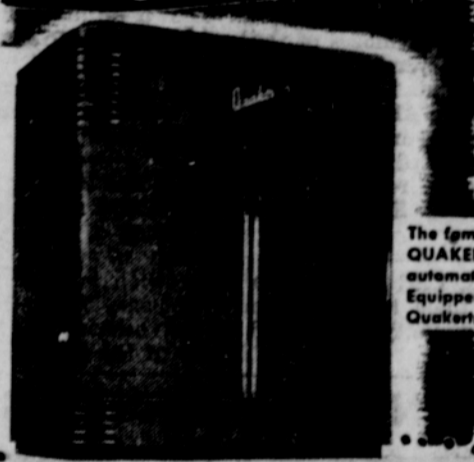
advice to nations and regions and carries out dozens of similar technical projects.

Another important FAO job now involves recommendations for international allocations of scarce foodstuffs. Under this program, scarce commodities, like wheat and edible oil, are placed under allocations by the governments which export them in accordance with FAO recommendations. Thus, fair shares of scarce food go to countries which need them most.

Improving the lot of the laborers who work the world's farms is one of the tasks of the international Labor Organization (ILO), which reports several international programs affecting agricultural workers now in progress. Frequently, parts of the loans made by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development go for agricultural purposes, while the monetary stabilization work of the International Monetary Fund may have an important bearing on food exports.

The work on problems affecting food and agriculture involves participation by all appropriate agencies of the United Nations, with the U. N. Economic and Social Council as the coordinating agency. The picture as it stands today is one of a fight on many fronts to feed the world - first, enough, and second, better.

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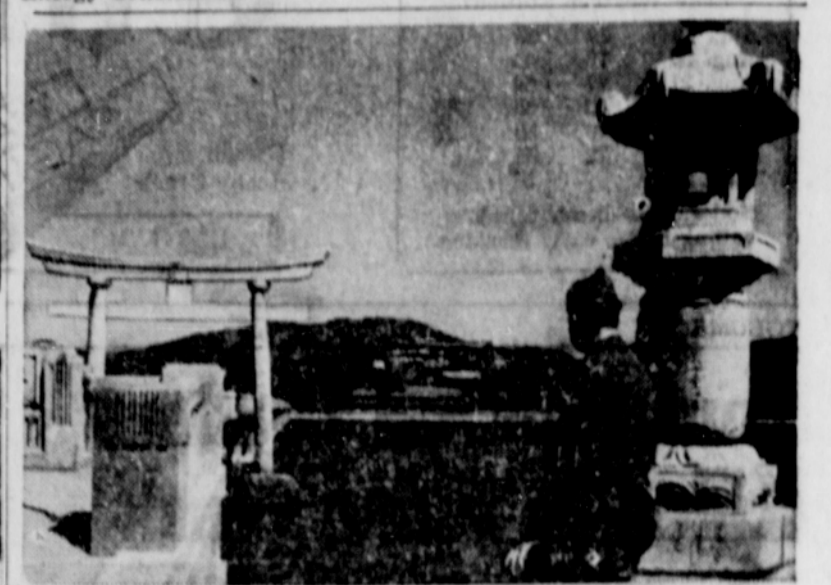
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Under administrative control of the Office of Naval Research, 29 non-governmental scientific agencies will spend \$1,300,000 conducting biological and medical research projects for the Atomic Energy Commission. Democritus, the great physicist of ancient Greece, was the first man to discover the atom and report that it was the basis of all matter. You can sell through the classified.



overseas pay... travel... sports...

go with an Army job in Japan!

How times have changed. Three years ago, when our first victorious combat men left Japan, much of it was a shambles. The Japanese people were so dazed by defeat they didn't know which way to turn. The life of an Army man often had its discomforts. But look at him today! He's helped to start the rebuilding of Japan, to restore roads and railways, to inspire a tired and hungry people with the hope of Democracy. Under his guiding hand, courts of justice, woman suffrage and freedom of worship have been brought about. In Japan there is only one soldier for every 400 Japanese—the smallest per capita occupation army in the world. The pay of a Private is 50% higher than three years ago, then another 20% higher overseas. And almost every cent can be banked. None of it goes for food, housing, medical or dental care, clothing, retirement annuity, or the opportunity to continue his education. The Army furnishes him equipment for organized sports. While on leave, he can ski in winter or visit summer resorts at a fraction of what these activities would cost him in the U. S. An Army career in Japan is full of advantages such as these. Compare it with any job across the board—you'll find it hard to beat! Ask at your nearest Army and Air Force Recruiting Station for full details.

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