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WHAT PRICE SURVIVAL?

Every man, woman and child in the world has a stake in the present struggle for freedom, for justice and for liberty. The present crisis is not a problem so far removed that it does not affect Main Street of the smallest villages. And before the crisis is settled every individual will be aware of its price, which will be a big one should Russia win.

Dr. Frederick Hunter, a student of history, noted in a recent address here before the Lions club that our present national policy is merely an expression of the popular thinking and the same theory has been expressed many times. But popular thinking isn't the best national policy as witnessed by the results in Korea.

It is far from popular to be pacifist at the present time since it is argued that the Kremlin can understand only one language, that of force, but even military might must be properly directed for the best of generals make mistakes and sometimes suffer defeat. Dr. Hunter may be right when he says that the American people have always been too anxious to bring the "boys" home after every war.

At least we have not been very successful in winning the peace, which means that after every conflict we have been so anxious to return to normal life that we have "let our guard down" so to speak.

SELF CONTROL IS BETTER THAN GOVERNMENT CONTROL

The public did itself a distinct disservice, when at the outbreak of the Korean war, a lot of people rushed in to buy a lot of items which were on the critical list during the last war. The irrational buying began pushing prices up by creating an artificial scarcity. And if the international situation takes a turn for the worse, the situation could call for price controls by the government sooner than they might otherwise come.

Self control is much better than government control in any crisis.

PROGRESS AND PRINTING

Printing will be honored in many communities of the nation this week as a force of progress. January 14 to 20 has been designated as "Printing week", which serves both to commemorate the art of printing and the birth of Benjamin Franklin, which occurred on January 17.

Printing has opened the storehouse of knowledge and has contributed to all progress since the invention of movable type by Gutenberg in 1440.

"We must stop business as usual, strikes as usual, and politics as usual. The government must let us know soon what is still ahead on taxation. Nondefense spending must be cut to the bone. Without increasing the national debt unduly, this means forgetting 'politics as usual' and really doing a job on the nonessentials. As yet, we have heard no official statement from Washington even promising cuts in non-defense spending."—Brehon Somervell.

"At the heart of all important government policies is the money policy. Cheap money today means inflation. And everyone knows that it is impossible for the government to create cheap money without industry using that cheap money for expansion of all kinds, thus increasing demand and raising prices."—Lawrence Fertig.

The average American may have to practice austerity in some things before the year is over, but it was recently estimated that the U. S. consumers can have four more pounds of meat to eat in 1951. He can have 149 pounds against an average consumption of 145 pounds for the past year and ten more pounds than prior to world war II.

Washington Letter

Representative, 4th Dist.
by Harris Ellsworth

It always takes three or four weeks for a new Congress to get organized and ready for business. Indications are now that this new 82nd Congress will get committee assignments made and legislative work started just a little speedier than usual. As a matter of fact, the House Armed Services Committee is already in action. It has reported a bill authorizing a Naval expansion program at a cost of \$2,000,000,000 (billions, that is). This program calls for the conversion of 291 ships to strictly modern standards and the construction of 173 new navy ships.

The biggest item in the Naval expansion program is \$253 millions for a super aircraft carrier which will take probably three years to build. Congress previously authorized the construction of such a giant carrier which was started in 1949. Several millions were spent on it, and thrown away, when construction was cancelled by the then Secretary of defense, Louis Johnson. Now the ship will be

smaller, but will cost about sixty million more.

Incidentally, the Armed Services Committee of the House is headed by Representative Carl Vinson of Georgia, who is beginning his 20th term of continuous membership in the House of Representatives. Twenty terms is forty years.

New political definition of the word "unity": "If we make a mistake, or are about to make one, don't say anything about it."

Nobody here knows or can really make an intelligent guess as to what the future holds in store for us. Many of us are depressed because our course in international affairs is still being laid out by the same people who insisted upon making the blunders that have brought us to the brink of disaster. But we cannot go back and undo things which have been done. We simply face the grim reality that we must arm and get ready for what may happen.

The National Production Authority (NPA), present counterpart of the War Production Board of World War II, is getting organized rapidly. In fact, it is already in action.

Production of needed military requirements is being speeded by plant expansion loans as provided for under Section 302 of the Defense Production Act, which was passed last fall. Procedure for obtaining such loans is entirely different than in WPA days.

Small manufacturers, who can produce something needed for the Department of Defense, should acquaint themselves with the details. The set-up looks to me like a field day for the "five percenters"—people who offer to take care of such things for a fee of five per cent or more.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: The following letter was received by the Sentinel last week but we did not have room to run it in last week's issue. In the interim we received another letter from Mrs. Gabriel stating she was not fully aware of civil defense preparations in this area when she wrote it. "I don't want to go on record as being opposed to the organization of civil defense. I didn't realize that they were ready to call for volunteers for a 'home guard' now," she wrote.

To the Editor:

We note with interest that Oregon is starting a civil defense program, and we hope those in charge have learned to dispense with a lot of stuff and nonsense we went through in World War II.

Yes, we had two companies of the State Guard in Cottage Grove, for the most part hard-working men past their prime, armed with rifles, shot-guns, air rifles, or what have you, and no ammunition except the few shells each man could get for himself. The guns and ammunition promised them arrived after the war was over.

They also had one piece of artillery—the cannon the American Legion hauled around with a rope and fires on Armistice day.

These "Guardsmen" learned to march, march, march on tired legs and crippled feet, to turn square corners, present arms, etc., and practiced at war with little paper bags of flour.

In case of invasion of the Oregon coast this band of brave, but pitifully inadequate Cottage Grove citizens was supposed to meet the Japanese regular army and hold them until the U. S. Army could get there. And after they had been cut to mince-meat on the sands of Unquaga Beach and Winchester Bay or the streets of Reedsport and Gardiner, what we women and children and old folks at home were supposed to do for protection from hordes of blood-thirsty lustful Japs is still a mystery.

We women learned first aid and home nursing, and had there been an invasion not one of us would have been allowed to tie up a finger or give an aspirin. The army would have taken over and we would have been evacuated. After the war was over we found out from the British that most of our instructions on what to do in a bombing raid were wrong and practically useless.

The general opinion in Cottage Grove seems to be that in case of war we would remain where we are, business as usual, no cause for worry for Cottage Grove is too small a town to be bombed and there are no military objectives here. There isn't one chance in a million either of an atom bomb being dropped on Cottage Grove or of Cottage Grove escaping being bombed in case of an all-out war, and who knows what may become a military objective? During the past 33 years thousands of cities, towns and villages have been bombed to heaps of rubble, and in only two instances were atom bombs used. Military objectives of first importance are transportation lines as railroads and highways, and communication lines including telephone and telegraph, radio facilities, power plants, sub-stations, etc.

In Cottage Grove some military objectives would probably be the S. P. depot, all highway and railroad bridges, the highways and railroads themselves, the Cottage Grove and Dorena dams, large buildings such as mills, schools, churches, and the armory which might shelter either American or enemy troops as the case might be. How many bombs would it take to make an impassable jungle of the S. P. tracks and highway 99 from Divide to Drain? There are five roads between Cottage Grove and Drain leading to the coast, all of which are boulevards compared with those being travelled by the Reds in Korea.

Several times we have been told by army authorities that in case of actual invasion of the Pacific coast we should all be evacuated by the army to east of the Cascades and Sierras. We must all know by now what that means—last-minute evacuation by trucks and air-lift with hysteria and chaos, parents and children separated, no pets of any kind evacuated, each person allowed one small suitcase which is thrown out if time is short to make room for more evacuees, and some left behind in spite of everything. We have seen the whole terrible picture again and again, it is taking place in Korea now.

We don't know that there is going to be war, or bombing or invasion, and we hope against hope that there isn't. But if the situation is serious enough to need to prepare for any part of civilian defense, it is serious enough to prepare for all parts of it. Perhaps everything is taken care of in the new civilian defense plans, we hope so, it has never been before.

My personal opinion, for what it is worth, is that if things begin to look pretty serious we should all be ready to evacuate on short notice under our own power, each family in its own car with clothing, bedding, and food enough for a few days, and with transportation provided for in advance for those with no cars of their own. In this way evacuation could be speedily accomplished with a minimum of confusion and hysteria. It isn't probable that evacuation

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ACTION vs. GRANDSTANDING

The first real progress made toward shortening the present session of the legislature was accomplished this week in the senate when 37 bills were introduced after screening tests by the senate committee on education.

The bills incorporated a few of the numerous changes in the Oregon school system recommended by Dr. T. C. Holy of Ohio who was hired by the legislative interim committee on education.

The principal bill would: Let school districts adopt a permanent tax base, reorganize and enlarge school districts, recodify state school laws, improve teacher training, reorganize the department of education and have the state education superintendent appointed by the board of education instead of being elected by the people.

One of the bills would reduce the terms of members of the board of higher education from nine to five years. This was requested by Governor McKay.

ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A bill aimed at protecting prospective borrowers from the wiles of small loan companies, who do not relate complete conditions of loans in broadcasts and advertisements, will be introduced by Senator Frank Hilton of Multnomah this week. Senator Hilton says some contracts he has examined are exact as much as 36 per cent a year and unfortunate borrowers should be informed of what may be expected of them.

Representative Francis W. Ziegler is preparing a bill that would require that all revenue from state income tax be delivered to the general fund of the state. This would remove the temptation, Ziegler says, of special groups to shoot at the funds.

A two per cent sales tax bill is being drafted at the request of Sen. Rex Ellis that would finance the \$30- month increase in the basic school levy and pay soldiers bonus. It would apply to the retail

will be necessary, but there isn't much we could do about it if bombs started falling and paratroopers began landing in our yards.

We are fortunate in Cottage Grove that we have so many veterans of World Wars I and II whose actual war experience would be essential in making our civilian defense set-up as nearly fool-proof as possible.

Mrs. Ethel Gabrio

sales of all tangible property, with some exceptions.

DIGEST OF NEW BILLS

Recently introduced bills would: Require money-spending initiative measures to state the maximum amount; get state veterans preference for veterans of Korean war and for all persons engaged in police operations under United Nations; require initiative petitions to carry signatures of 5 per cent of registered voters in each congressional district, instead of 8 per cent of those in the state at large; bar leaving key in switch of a car parked on street or highway, allow women workers becoming pregnant to collect unemployment compensation for 12 weeks; allow Oregon courts jurisdiction over husbands who leave the state to avoid paying alimony; revoke the license of a hunter killing another for 10 years; restrict the use of fireworks to public displays if supervised by local police and fire chiefs; create a one-house non-partisan legislature of 40 members elected on non-partisan ballot; make all hunters fishermen and trappers wear license tags on their backs bearing numbers two inches high; allow night fishing for cat fish; make it illegal to hold in captivity any game fish or game animal; set up fishing areas for youngsters under 14 years of age; require all political campaign contributors to be identified by name and address, with violation to be punishable by a year in prison or \$5000 fine or both; make illegal pari-mutual and other forms of betting on dog races; abolish the state civil service commission and allow sales of colored oleomargarine in Oregon as now being sold in 32 other states.

SOLONS TO GIVE BLOOD

Monday February 19 will be Blood Day for the Marion county chapter of the American Red Cross with a collection unit located in the capitol. Legislators as well as state employees and the public in general will be asked to give blood. The date is between Lincoln's

CURTIN

Mrs. Grace Thompson, Reporter Phone 12F6

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Severns of Isabelle, South Dakota, visited at the Goins home Saturday and Sunday, leaving Sunday evening for California to visit relatives. The Severns are former residents who lived on Pheasant Creek.

The Marvicks made a business trip to Roseburg Monday in their new car. Mrs. Marvick plans to open her coffee shop in a few days.

The John Stiger family was involved in an auto wreck near Leona the middle of last week. Mrs. Stiger and Sylvia Jo received numerous bruises.

Darrel Booher, former resident, has enlisted in the Army Air Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nixon and Allan of Eugene, and John Rentz of Smith River were Sunday dinner guests at the Eldon Thompson home.

Varied improvements and enlargements are being made by the Forrester Veneer Company. The sawmill has been closed down while a burner is being installed. The veneer mill is supposed to start the night shift right away after being off for some time. The cabins in mill camp are being razed by Morris Billings to make room for further improvements.

Very few of the woods men were able to go to their regular jobs Monday because of the terrific wind storm.

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FOUR-FIFTHS OF OSC STUDENTS EARN PART OR ALL OF EXPENSES

Oregon State College—Four-fifths of the nearly 6000 students at Oregon State college this past fall term are wholly or partly self-supporting in their college expenses, according to reports compiled by the registrar's office from forms filled out by the students.

More than a third of the total number, 2212 students, indicated they were 100 per cent self-supporting. Nearly half of the men and about 12 per cent of the women were in this classification. Forty-seven per cent of the co-eds and 12 per cent of the men said they earned none of their own college expenses.

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