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EDITORIAL

WE ARE IN THE WAR

The United States is at war. Let us face the facts. It is all very well to talk about "measures short of war" which this nation is taking to aid the British in their defense against the Nazi-Fascist powers of the Continent, but in effect they amount to actual participation in the war.

Regardless of our "neutrality" laws, the United States has definitely taken sides in the most momentous struggle between nations in all history. Nobody can question that. Most Americans are heartily in favor of it. Except for sending troops to fight abroad, which are not needed, and for sending our navy, we are as much at war against Germany and Italy as we were against the Central Powers in 1917-18.

Consider: American factories have been shipping fighting airplanes to England for a year and more; lately our Government has been sending many planes out of

our own Army and Navy equipment. We have been selling British field artillery left over from our World War stocks, with ammunition to fit. We have delivered great quantities of rifles and ammunition out of Government stock to the British. A dispatch from London just a few days ago told of a German plane having been brought down by soldiers armed with American Springfield rifles.

Then we sold England 50 reconditioned destroyers, taking in exchange the rights to naval and air bases to protect our Atlantic coast line. We have what amounts to an alliance with Canada, which is actively in the war, guaranteeing to go to her defense if needed. We are practically, though not technically, allies to England.

Who can doubt that, if Hitler and Mussolini defeat Britain, that they will consider, and rightfully so, that the United States has been an active participant in the war against them, and that ours is an enemy nation? There seems little doubt that official Washington looks at the prospects in that light.

AMERICANS MUST STAND TOGETHER

No nation is safe, in these days against the sort of warfare which the totalitarian powers are taking against the weaker and less wary nations, if the people of a nation are divided among themselves.

We have seen it demonstrated in Europe, that the Nazi policy has been to prepare its victims for easy conquest by stirring up racial and religious antagonisms until the people are so concerned with their internal difference, and hatreds that they are unable to unite for the common defense. That sort of tactics has been employed in America, too. It is still going on, some under cover, some in the open. But the efforts to set groups or classes of Americans against each other are being combatted by numerous

means and group activities.

The latest, and possibly the most effective movement of this sort against Nazi and Communist trouble-makers is that of the Council Against Intolerance in America. In thousands of school-rooms all over the country there have been hung this Fall copies of the colored wall map of the United States got out by the Council, with the title "America—a Nation of One People from Many Countries."

Thirty-five different racial and national stocks are listed on the map, grouped in the regions where they have principally settled, with pictorial indications of the occupations which most of them follow, as well as notations of their respective religions, and the number of each racial group. An Indian bears a banner inscribed: "With the exception of the Indians, all Americans or their forefathers came from other countries."

Nothing could be better calculated to offset the insidious efforts from Europe to stir up antagonism by Americans against Americans.

DOVER

(By Leona Updegrave)

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Aldinger and daughter and the former's mother, Mrs. Aldinger, were dinner guests at the home of J. W. Schmalz.

Last Thursday, Walter Valbreck's father died of pneumonia. The funeral will be Monday at 2 o'clock.

Chet Reed was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wilcox for the past week.

Mrs. McDonald and family spent Sunday at Mrs. Nort's, their aunt, in Oregon City.

Mrs. J. C. Craft, Mrs. J. W. Schmalz and Mrs. C. Updegrave met at Mrs. A. R. King's residence Wednesday to discuss some plans for the Amateur program to be held at Sandy High School.

Mrs. Huntington was a visitor of Mrs. Wolf Wednesday afternoon.

The Taylor children are in the Dover school again this year. They are back at the beginning of last week.

OREGON TRAIL

BEING PHOTOGRAPHED

Duane Knapp, Dell Butler and Charles Butler took 125 feet of colored film of the Old Oregon Trail Sunday for the Sandy Pioneer Association.

These pictures were taken from Laurel Hill to White river, showing where the early pioneers lowered their wagons down the steeper places using logs for breaks and other interesting scenes along the route.

They plan to go to The Dalles and record the trail from there to White river, then from Sandy to Laurel Hill and from Oregon City to Sandy, which will make a complete picture of the Barlow road which was the end of the Oregon Trail.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Eight 4-H clubs were organized in the Sandy grade school.

The leaders and their project are as follows: Home-making, Mrs. Calen; Clothing 1, Mrs. Howard Eliason; Clothing 2 & 3, Mrs. John Williams; Bachelor Boys sewing, Mrs. H. Nicholson; Cooking 1, Mrs. Fred Koennecke; Camp Cookery, Mrs. Ruth Folsom; Cooking 1 & 2, Mrs. Reita Sullivan; Health, Mr. Cottingham and Miss Kerslake.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stahlnecker and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Sheppard and daughter, from Scotts Mills, Oregon, were visitors at the William Bittner home Sunday evening.

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