

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

By Harris Ellsworth, Member of Congress

The question of whether or not the United States will immediately embark on a program of aid for Greece and Turkey has priority over everything else these days. The president's message on this subject, delivered in person before a joint meeting of both houses of congress, presented an issue for immediate consideration by congress, which is generally believed to be the most important and far-reaching problem of recent years—if not in all our history. What the president requested congress to do was far more than merely authorize the expenditure of \$400,000,000 in aid to needy governments. He requested congress to authorize a new and drastic step in our foreign policy. In my opinion, the president said in effect:

—that we will send troops and armament to Europe to defend Greece and Turkey against Russian infiltration and domination.

—that, once embarked upon this policy, we will doubtless be compelled to do the same thing for China, India, and possibly of the South American countries.

—that the United Nations organizations is almost as weak and useless as was the League of Nations, and cannot function as it is supposed to function.

—that, because we cannot trust Russia, the world bank and stabilization fund cannot solve the problem for Greece. We must send both troops and cash.

—that, as of today, all previous agreements, organizations, conferences and negotiations toward permanent peace are of small value, and we must now resort to power and force.

The problem of what to do about Greece is not a new one. Even before the British announced they would have to withdraw their support from Greece, we had been sending vast amounts of financial aid to the Greeks. For the last several months, it has been generally known that the situation there was such as could precipitate a major crisis. We are now face to face with

that crisis.

Congress will shortly be called upon to vote "yes" or "no" on the President's suggestion with all it implies. I believe the decision as to how to vote on that proposition is the most difficult decision members of congress have ever been called upon to make. It is difficult because of the very enormity of such a world-wide program. It is difficult because there is no way anyone can be sure that, having embarked on this program, it will be successful. It is difficult because we can have not reasonable estimate as to how much money and how many soldiers may ultimately be required. And most important of all, it is difficult because no one can say for certain that we have remaining resources and credit enough to carry out such a program without dangerously weakening our own country.

Although speed is necessary, it is equally necessary that congress give the matter most complete and careful consideration. So far as I am concerned, I am in doubt. I fully realize the force, and logic, of the argument that we must complete the job of winning the war, but before I cast my vote in favor of the European intervention bill, which is what the proposal amounts to, I want to feel certain in my own mind that we are not bluffing and that we can actually go every step of the way and still maintain our own strength.

Dog Poisoning

When the Devil starts making his great reward for the meanest hounds deserving the hottest home in hell, our idea is that he will reserve the grand prize for the fellow who puts out poison for a dog.

In most of our states laws have been placed on the statute books making it a crime to do such a deed. It should a universal law.

Man's best friend is the dog, and the mere fact that somebody's dog may not be welcomed

on some other man's place is no excuse for placing a deadly peril of poison in food for stray dogs to eat and thus be slaughtered. The contemptible cowardice of deceiving the poor dumb brute into believing, in it hunger, that a friend has placed food at its reach, only to become the victim of internal agony, muscular paralysis, and mortal pain is about the lowest dastard deed of which we can imagine.

The snide who secretes poison in food or otherwise to kill his neighbor's pet dog, is worse than the lousiest lout and the most despicable dastard.

Each scalawag should be reported to the law authorities and punished plenty for his cowardly crime.—GERTRUDE COLE.

Harbor School Notes

THIRD GRADE

Judith Spencer won the crocodile in the spelling contest.

We have a map in our room.

Marjorie Moore won the penguin to keep in Arithmetic.

We had a picture of St. Patrick in our room.

Pete Tierce brought a glass rabbit to school.

Group one is reading about Mexico and lots of the states.

In Oregon we are reading about "The Ox Team Trail."

SECOND GRADE

We have had some problems in arithmetic, using three numbers.

Last Friday we drew pictures of daffodils. We put them on the walls.

Last week the state policeman talked about how to ride and get on and off the bus.

Tuesday, 25 of us got 100 in spelling. We had six words.

Mrs. Horner brought us some new song books.

Group One reading has new readers.

FIRST GRADE

Several of the pupils of both A and B classes are able to write numbers from one to 100.

Jean brought a beautiful bouquet of Dutch Iris to brighten the room, Tuesday.

Mrs. DeMoss is ill and Mrs. Goldizen is teaching for a few days.

Every pupils was present on Tuesday, after much absence because of illness.

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harris of Myrtle Creek were house guests for a week at the home of L. A. Frazier. They are old time residents of Curry county, and are looking for a place to locate.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mello have as houseguests, this week, Mr. Mello's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fincher of Redwood City.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stapleton have from from Crescent City to the Milton Foster place, of which they are new owners.

L. C. Brittain returned the lat-

ter part of the week from a trip which took him to southern California for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Reed spent a few days here from Medford where they are now making their home. They have disposed of the property at Harbor, but plan frequent visits here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woodriff were recent Coos Bay visitors where they attended a lily meeting which attracted many.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carson have taken delivery of a new Studebaker sedan and Earl is busy showing it off to their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Strubeing are on a several weeks trip in the midwest and eastern part of the country where they are visiting greenhouses between now and Easter.

Mrs. Sylvester Payne and her daughter, Agnes Hensey, were called to Berkeley, Thursday by the illness of Mrs. Payne's sister, Mrs. Helen Richards. Mrs. Richards passed away Saturday as result of a heart attack, and the funeral was held Tuesday after-

noon at Berkeley. Mrs. Richards spent several months at her lodge on the Upper Coast which she built about a year ago.

Walter Garrard had a fortune of seriously injured foot Friday afternoon when he was driving onto a soft shoulder and over. He is able to hobble but has doctor's orders to off the foot as much as possible.

The Mutual Improvement Society of the Latter Day church held another evening for the teen-agers at Harbor school last evening. Instruction in the evening's program was planned to keep up the tics of these at each

The Frontier dance, given by the Odd Fellow dance committee, attracted a good crowd to the Grange hall, Saturday evening. There were many costumes and several costumes of that period.

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