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As I See It

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One of the most perplexing problems bedeviling the nations today is the Palestine situation. Palestine is one of the sorest and most trouble-making spots in the world. The nations shy away from it as they would an atomic bomb. Considered from any angle it is loaded with dynamite. Whatever avenue of outlet that is sought to assuage the ferment that is boiling up in that troubled center; nothing but dangerous and ominous forebodings result.

This situation is not developed because the Jews are powerful, because they are not. They possess, it is true, a racial identity, wherever they are found, but they are in no logical sense, a national force. They possess no organized government, they have no army, they are of all countries and all nationalities. They speak all languages, and their personal interests are established in all quarters of the globe. As a rule their vast wealth is identical with the interests of the country of which they are citizens. Long ago they were told by the prophet that, "For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him; lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among

the nations." Numbers 23:9. That is, the time would come when their national identity would cease, which it did in A. D. 70, when Jerusalem was destroyed by the romans.

"The annihilation of Jewish nationality was complete. Jerusalem was reduced to a ruin, and the survivors of her people were to be found exposed in the slave markets of Rome or groaning out their lives in the rock quarries of Egypt." History of the World,

John Clark Ridpath, Part 2, chapter 62. Read the 19th chapter of Jeremiah for more complete prophetic confirmation of the fate of the Jews.

Prior to the late war, there were in all the world about 15 million Jews. It is estimated that the Axis nations destroyed about six million. It is probably that there are not more than ten million Jews living today, in all the world. On the other hand, Palestine and Jerusalem are a religious center and mecca for more than 200,000,000 Mohammedans. Of this great number, one hundred and fifty million are in Asia and forty-five million in Africa. Jerusalem is a shrine and a holy place to them all. The religion of the Mohammedan teaches him that the highest place and honor that can be bestowed awaits the warrior that dies in fighting for his faith and prophet.

The Jews are claiming Palestine under a title that was forever lost to them when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans. The Arabs claim it by virtue of subjection and present possession. They have repeatedly declared that they will fight if their occupation is disturbed. What nation or group of nations desire to incur the fighting wrath of 200,000,000 fanatical Mohammedans to appease the desire of a few million Jews who are scattered among all nations?

The vast resources of minerals and oil held by the numerous small Arab countries surrounding Palestine are eagerly eyed by all nations. Great Britain and the United States at present, seem to hold the winning hand. With insatiable desire Russia studies this situation that is in no wise pleasing to its hopes and ambitions.

History records many instances wherein rulers have made moves that were not expected, or even anticipated. There are many today, who consider themselves wise in the lore of nationcraft, that greatly fear such events may

occur, and that without warning. This fear is two-sided, viewed and held by nations of irreconcilable ideologies. Such times and conditions have always been dangerous, and are today so considered.

Next week, we hope to have something to say about Russia's place in this jig-saw picture of world affairs. In the meantime it is well to remember; that, "The nations are angry, and Thy wrath has come." Revelations 11:17.

Court Of Honor Was Impressive Ceremony, Sat.

First Such Function To Be Held Here; Second In County

In the first court of honor ever held at Brookings, and the second to be held in Curry county, Saturday evening, popularized the Boy Scout movement in southern Curry county, when forty-one awards were handed out to boys of the local troop. E. A. Seaton, regional scout director, was clerk of the court, presided over by Charles E. Low, head of the local scout committee.

Made more impressive by aid of mothers, who pinned on the badges, this court of honor held distinction of being one of the largest ever held in this section of Oregon, according to E. A. Seaton, of Coos Bay, regional director of Boy Scouts of America.

After presentation of colors by the scouts, when the scouts marched to their places, Charles E. Low, chairman of the scout committee, explained the purpose of a court of honor, and called on E. A. Seaton to present scouts due for advancement.

Receiving second class pins, presented by C. A. Page, were: Jack Johnson, George Berger, Ronald Akers, Jimmy Vincent, Glenn Orton, Bob Garrard, Edwin Stark, Bob Shipley, Jimmy Lytle, Jimmy Fitzhugh and Kenneth Pierce.

Coming up or first class pins, presented by Bob Perkins, member of the scout committee, were: Jimmy Carte, Roy Johnson, Gene Gould, Chris Brown, Dwain Sumner, and Doyle Rausch.

John Ginther, scout master, in a role which he derived much enjoyment, presented the merit badges to: Doyle Rausch, automobiling and printing; Ronald Akers, printing; Jimmy Lytle, home repair; LaVern Mendenhall, public health and first aid; Gene Gould, printing, journalism, photography, automobiling, home repair, aeronautics, airplane structure, airplane design, aerodynamics.

By virtue of winning five merit badges, Gene Gould was awarded a Star Scout badge, and for his ten merit badges LaVern Mendenhall was awarded Life Scout honors.

Cub Scouts Honored, Too
Following this portion of the court of honor, the Cub pack, under leadership of George Widney, presented honors to Bill Maloney and Jerry Payne, who were given their wolf emblems, together with gold arrows. Glen Stewart was given his bobcat badge. Presentation was made by parents of these lads, who spoke briefly on

what they felt "cubbing" did for their sons.

A plea for more den mothers was made by George Widney who pointed out that Mrs. Widney was, at the present time, caring for three dens.

Tenderfoot Scouts Inducted

At a candlelighting ceremony, tenderfoot scouts were inducted into the troop in a model pageantry under direction of Glenn Sumner, assistant scoutmaster.

As the scout law was read, each of the twelve sections, represented by a candle, was lighted. By showing how much more light was given by 12 candles, Mr. Sumner impressed upon the tenderfoot lads how obeying all twelve scout laws made life easier. By obeying the scout oath, represented by three candles, life had a "lot more light" he told them.

Mothers of the lads, all who could be present, were called to the stage, and stood with their sons during this ceremony. Each boy was accepted into the troop by patrol leaders who will serve with them in further exploration of scoutcraft.

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Cub Scout Dens

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Payne, who has been a den mother, is leaving us.

Mrs. Bob Smith has been asked to be a den mother for the Cub Scouts of den 2 and 3. Please someone to please be a den mother.

Please return all the Crusoe books, as they are due.—G. W. Widney

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams, Wm. Coffman, of Ophir, visitors in this area when they attended the Pomona Grange. Mr. Adams recently returned from

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