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New President for OSC

Though of his capacity we know only what may be gleaned by scanning his impressive record as an educator and the pleasingly rugged physiognomy portrayed on our front page, there is satisfaction in the news that Dr. August LeRoy Strand, head of the similar institution in Montana, has been chosen to become president of Oregon State college. Satisfaction, first in the news that the college is to have a president without further delay; second in the disclosure that an eminent educator from outside the state has been selected.

Not that Oregon lacks qualified men; but the history of public higher education in this state has been such that a "new broom" seems to be the recipe. Dr. Strand will not be handicapped from the start by suspicion that the old college-university rivalry is to be renewed.

In that connection, advice recently offered the state board of higher education in this matter of selecting a president for the college, by the Eugene Register-Guard, is of interest—even beyond the circumstances that it should come from such a source, yet receive credit for sincerity. It is even more remarkable than the possible acceptance by Oregon democrats, of any advice this newspaper might choose to offer. Yet the R-G's suggestion should be acceptable, not only because that newspaper has on the other occasions demonstrated a sincere interest in higher education, but because it happens to be constructive.

Briefly, the R-G commends the evident determination of the state board of higher education to find an outstanding educator-executive to fill the vacant OSC presidency. Answering a query as to whether the presence of "strong" presidents on both camps—or campuses if you prefer, as we do—would not renew old rivalries, the Eugene newspaper says:

We think the answer is—not if you get a leader for Oregon State who can see beyond politics. Oregon State will not need to be jealous of every little enrollment fluctuation if it is providing training in these new technologies for which there is such tremendous demand.

To identify what the R-G means by "these new technologies" we quote two other paragraphs from its discussion:

Oregon State college has never quite grasped the opportunities in the ever-expanding field of the applied sciences and technology and now, one has only to look toward aeronautics, plastics, light metals, electricity to realize that we are standing on new frontiers...

We see lumbermen of Oregon fumbling with new strange problems in the use of mill wastes, the chemistry of woods, wood plastics. In the forests, we are passing beyond the primary stages of preservation and fire control to all sorts of new problems of forest crops and sustained uses. The whole science of engineering and construction is on the move. The prospector whose eyes once sought only for gold is combing Oregon hills for new metals and materials. Agriculture must keep pace with every other change.

What the R-G suggests, in other words, is that Oregon State college under competent leadership, move out aggressively into the new reaches of its own exclusive field—out where there is so much room for service that there will be no occasion for bickering over "boundary disputes" of the curricular variety. Each institution under leaders of proper vision would be so busy developing its own field that there would be no clashing—and each would expand its enrollment by increasing its usefulness.

Negative Approach

Listing of the "essential civilian activities" recognized by selective service boards in granting deferment to "necessary men" has served in some degree to clarify the status of married men of fighting age. We are aware that some of the men affected still are puzzled as to the solution of their individual problems, but at least they know where they stand.

There is no guaranty that any man will be called for military service. But, even though a man has a wife and children that fact will not, in the near future, automatically assure him of deferment. If in addition he is a "necessary man" engaged in an "essential civilian activity," deferment will be granted—but only if his employer files the necessary affidavit, form 42-A.

Obviously the definite list of 34 does not include all occupations which actually are essential to the war effort and civilian survival; employers who do not find their business on the list but consider it essential should nevertheless confer, at least, with the selective service boards or employment officials, in case any of their irreplaceable men are advised to change occupations.

All this—including for that matter the list, though in less detail—was explained in an editorial and news stories in The Statesman some weeks ago and aroused no noticeable furor. What did stir up discussion the past week was a restatement of the policy by a selective service official, quoted indirectly in the press and without qualification. As we recall it the phrase "war industry" was used rather than "essential civilian activity."

What actually has caused the misunderstanding is lack of universal recognition that the purpose of this program is to persuade married men employed in non-essential occupations, to become employed in essential occupations. That surely is a desirable and at this time a necessary objective. The misunderstanding has arisen because, through no fault of the selective service officials, the objective has been approached negatively and indirectly, with the awkward result that seemingly men are being encouraged by selective service to avoid selective service. It may be that a direct approach—an actual "labor draft"—would be more satisfactory; it certainly would be less confusing.

Watching all those men swarm into the shipyards in three daily waves, it's difficult to realize this is still the age of "labor-saving machinery."

Report that there had been but one complaint of rental-hiking in Salem, in the afternoon paper's story on the subject, left one the impression that the story wasn't worth the space and position it was accorded. One should not however imagine there has been only one such instance. It is our information that absentee owners of rental property have been the more numerous offenders.

The eight nazi-sent saboteurs claimed they really were refugees, playing Hitler's game because it was the only way to get out of the country. When Hitler comes to trial after the war he too is expected to explain that he was just trying to get out of Germany, and sent his panzers to clear the way.

Restaurant portions these days do no violence to a reducing diet.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—People in this country do not get the picture of the battle in Russia, and consequently may be inclined to over-interpret or underestimate what is happening there.

There is no battle line such as you see daily drawn on sketched maps. The German advance is not that of a solid mass moving forward against a retreating mass a few miles ahead, doggedly dying for every inch of territory. Timoshenko's army has not even fought a major battle in its Ukraine-Caucasus retreat thus far. There have been no such scenes as waves of troops, miles in length, surging and charging against a defensive line. It has strictly been a fight of fluid maneuvering without a major engagement.

The German army is broken up into numerous fists, each an individual unit of tanks and infantry, each pounding forward individually from town to town or place to place. Frequently one advancing fist runs into a Russian unit and there is a scrap for a position.

On the whole, the German campaign can best be visualized as a thousand disconnected fists pounding forward unevenly.

The Russians have not tried to maintain a defense line anywhere, except on the east bank of the Don, from Voronezh southwest to the big bend near Stalingrad. There they have established a fairly good defensive position (not as good as they can and many have to take later on the east bank of the Volga, a much wider and less shallow stream.) South of Stalingrad, however, where the clashes between the fists have been more numerous, there has been no semblance of a line. There, Timoshenko has been involved in the desperate and amazingly successful maneuver of withdrawing an army of 200,000 men from the tight pocket in which Hitler caught them around Rostov.

If anyone had said ten days ago that Timoshenko would get 100,000 of these troops safely out of the trap, he would have been considered an optimist. Yet apparently this adroit general has succeeded in safely withdrawing most or all of them.

You have heard no claim by Berlin radio to the capture of any large number of troops in that area, and it certainly would have been made if Hitler had succeeded in his attempt to cut off these forces. Consequently, Timoshenko's army is most certainly so far still intact as this is written.

The German encirclement maneuver has forced him to move constantly back and back, because it is of good geographical defenses. The next good line has pushed him into an area to level plains, barren at Timoshenko's back is the mountains of the Caucasus.

There and on the east bank of the Volga, to the north, the Russians certainly have better military positions than they have occupied so far in this war. Of course, if they have to go back to these, they lose the Caucasus oil, all the industry and farm supplies of the Don and Donets basins, but until their armies are beaten, the real cause is not lost.

Their problem now therefore is one of generalship and morale. Some suggestions have been offered that their fighting spirit has not measured up to the superior quality of last winter in some spots, but these reflect isolated cases of one or two trapped divisions.

Morale as a whole seems better than you would expect from a retreating, pocketed army which has not yet been fully engaged. And as long as they have Timoshenko they need not worry about generalship.

To keep a proper perspective on the fluctuations of this war, therefore, you must forget all the old pictures of the civil war or the trench combat of the World War. No trenches have been dug on the Russian front from the Black sea to the Arctic, even in tight defensive positions such as around Leningrad.

There, defenses in depth have been established (concrete pillboxes, camouflaged machine gun and mortar nests) so that the terrain constitutes vast invisible forts covering hundreds of square miles, but without walls.

Japanese advances in New Guinea and nearby islands are purely defensive and in no way a threat to Australia. Our advance base at Port Moresby has been a constant source of annoyance to the bogged down aggressors.

They have shifted their main battle force to Manchukuo, but as a back door diversion to break the Port Moresby thorn, they have sent small forces forward in New Guinea preparatory to a larger scale assault on the base.

Port Moresby will do them no good towards invasion of Australia, but will make their New Guinea holdings safe and enable them to cut the Torres straits, through which Darwin is being supplied by sea from Brisbane and Sydney.

For the invasion of Australia, they will need four or five times as many troops as they have in that area now.

Those single German planes which have been peering Iceland the last few days were looking for our convoys bound for Murmansk. Their reconnaissance was directed upon ships rather than toward our troops stationed there.

No Nazi air attack on that island is probable. It is too far away from German bases.



The Clown Who Would Play Hamlet

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

California's poet laureate writes on the live subject, the dreaming of dreams

Most readers of this column know John Steven McGrorty, poet laureate of California, for fifty years, more or less, conducted a column in the Los Angeles Sunday Times, the great newspaper of that state. For the issue of last Sunday, August 2, he wrote about dreams. This columnist will copy it in full, beginning:

"It was of dreams that the neighbors talked, there a while,

Today's Garden

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Today's Victory garden need not cease with summer. When you remove your garden vegetables from the summer garden, put in some bonemeal and a little well-decayed compost. Keep the garden well worked. Do not let any weeds grow in it. Then in the first week in September plant your winter turnips, radishes, rutabagas. Set out a few cabbage plants. You will be surprised at the nice garden you can still have by winter and during winter. Lettuce will usually make a good autumn growth also.

A number of gardeners have in recent days sent me leaves with round holes in them. What, the gardeners want to know, is eating on them.

Answer: Probably a beetle of some sort or a caterpillar. It is a little difficult to say. However, a stomach spray will take care of the chews. A lead arsenate or a rotenone spray if it reaches all the leaves should protect the tree in rapid order.

K.C.—Mercuric chloride compounds will control fairy ring. There are fertilizers which contain mercury compounds which, if used, will usually prevent the fairy ring from setting in. I have been able to control fairy rings successfully with Bordeaux. The soil must be punched, however, so that the spray penetrates.

"One man told of the actual finding of a hidden treasure as the result of a dream. He said he knew of a contractor who was mysteriously murdered. The

evening when they had gathered to gossip in the little gray house in the hollow with the two big rocks behind it and the lilac bush in front. Not day dreams but the strange phenomena of dreams that come in the night when sleep, the twin sister of death, holds us in its thrall of subconsciousness and the soul goes out from mind and body on inexplicable adventure.

"Among the many unsolved mysteries of life is this thing of dreams, a mystery as old as life itself. The first men to inhabit the earth dreamed in their sleep. Even the lower animals dream, particularly dogs. Yet the mystery is no nearer solution now than it ever was.

"From the inception of what is called science in the world down to the present day it has tried to account for dreams. The encyclopedias devote page after page to the scientists' findings" said "findings" being a vast waste of words, and no more findings that if they were not so childish would be considered contributions to jokebooks. Read them and see for yourself.

Of course, there are dreams that scientists can explain, that anybody can explain. Lying on an arm or a leg in deep slumber is bound to create a disturbance that affects the mind. An overloaded stomach will do the same thing. But the discomforts do not come properly into the category of dreams. They are merely physical protests against assaults upon nerves and muscles—nightmares.

"There were many stories of dreams going the rounds among the neighbors in the little gray house in the hollow enlightening the evening. Only a few were of hearsay, the bulk of them related as personal experiences.

"One man told of the actual finding of a hidden treasure as the result of a dream. He said he knew of a contractor who was mysteriously murdered. The

family knew he had large sums of money in his possession but no trace of it could be found. A year or so after the tragedy the man's daughter dreamed that the money was buried in a certain corner of the land on which they lived. The family was skeptical about it all but more to humor the daughter than for any other reason they proceeded to the spot, dug up the earth and found the treasure where the man had hidden it."

(Concluded tomorrow)

ADD BITS

Mahatma Gandhi of India has been the world's outstanding more or less harmless nuisance for a long time. He has lately become a dangerous nuisance, and may go down in history as one of the prize public pests of all the periods of time down to date—graduating from a petty pest to a pervasive pestilence.

Radio Programs

- KSIM-SATURDAY-1390 Kc.
 - 6:45-Rise 'N' Shine.
 - 7:00-News.
 - 7:30-Your Gospel Program.
 - 8:00-The Elton Boys.
 - 8:30-News Brevities.
 - 8:55-News.
 - 9:20-Sherbert & Sullivan Music.
 - 9:30-Pastor's Call.
 - 9:55-Music A La Carter.
 - 10:20-World Review.
 - 10:35-Jack Feeley, enr.
 - 10:50-Al Terry and Buckroos.
 - 11:00-Weekend Jamboree.
 - 11:30-Popular Music.
 - 12:00-Organalities.
 - 12:15-Melody Melodies.
 - 12:30-Hillbilly Serenade.
 - 12:45-Willamette Valley Opinions.
 - 12:55-Introduce.
 - 1:00-Melody Mart.
 - 1:15-Chuck Foster's Orchestra.
 - 1:30-News.
 - 1:45-Harry Brewer's Orchestra.
 - 2:00-Isle of Paradise.
 - 2:15-Resound Ballroom Orchestra.
 - 2:30-Sing Song Time.
 - 2:45-Tune Tabloid.
 - 3:00-Opera House.
 - 3:25-News.
 - 3:40-Singing Strings.
 - 4:15-News.
 - 4:30-Teatime Tunes.
 - 4:45-Edwards Old Time.
 - 5:00-Whirl Sophistates.
 - 5:15-Edwards Old Time.
 - 5:30-Sunset Trio.
 - 5:45-Tonight's Headlines.
 - 6:00-News Commentary.
 - 6:30-Silver Strings.
 - 6:50-News.
 - 7:00-Sterling Young's Orchestra.
 - 7:15-Edwards Old Time.
 - 7:30-Five Novelties.
 - 7:45-Edwards Old Time.
 - 8:15-Hollywood Quartette.
 - 8:30-Week-end Jamboree.
 - 8:45-News.
 - 9:00-Edwards Old Time.
 - 9:15-Johnny Messner's Orchestra.
 - 9:30-Let's Dance.
 - 10:00-News.
 - 10:45-Harry Horlick's Orchestra.
 - 11:00-Popular Salute.
 - 11:30-Last Minute News.

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- 9:30-National Farm and Home.
- 10:00-Hotel Taft Orchestra.
- 10:15-Edwards Old Time.
- 10:45-John Buckroo, Singer.
- 11:00-Fantasy in Melody.
- 11:30-News.
- 11:45-Little Doctor Hickory.
- 11:55-Recital Period.
- 12:00-News.
- 12:15-RCAY Band.
- 12:30-Market Reports.
- 12:45-Patterns in Blue.
- 1:00-News.
- 1:00-Club Matinee.
- 1:30-News.
- 1:45-Resound Ballroom Orchestra.
- 2:00-Savoy Ballroom Orchestra.
- 2:30-Dinner Music Concert.
- 2:35-News.
- 2:50-Stella Unger.
- 3:15-Fun With Jesters.
- 3:30-Edwards Old Time.
- 4:00-Message of Israel.
- 4:15-Edwards Old Time.
- 4:30-Little Doctor Hickory.
- 4:45-Donald Fryer.
- 5:00-Swap Night.
- 5:15-Summer Symphony Orchestra.
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- 11:00-Edwards Old Time.
- 11:15-Bal Tabarin Cafe Orchestra.
- 11:30-War News Roundup.

- KGW-NBC-SATURDAY-420 Kc.
 - 4:00-Dawn Patrol.
 - 4:30-Edwards Old Time.
 - 5:00-Sunrise Serenade.
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