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"For Whom the Bell Tolls"

No man is an island, in the sense that every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the Main. If a Clod be washed away by the Sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a Promontorie were, as well as if a Manner of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind: And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee. —John Donne.

The quotation, as most readers will recognize, provides the title for Ernest Hemingway's book, now translated to the screen. Without comment as to the story's merits, it is here quoted simply because it came to mind in the course of cogitation aimed at the composition of a Newspaper week editorial.

As for John Donne, he was an outwardly crabbed poet and preacher of the 16th century. So long ago a few men recognized the interdependence of "Mankind." It has taken more than four centuries, repeated wars and untold mass misery to convince more than a few. Whether a sufficient number now recognize the truth to do something constructive about it remains to be seen.

Yet there is evidence that recognition has been spreading more rapidly in this century than in any of its predecessors. In the task of public education on this score, it seems to us that newspapers, whether their editors were personally enlightened or not, whether deliberately or not, have played a major role.

How would we know "for whom the bell tolled" in Ethiopia or in China or in Czechoslovakia except for the newspapers and the press services they have built up? How might we realize that those peoples are essentially so much like ourselves, except through newspaper tales told originally, perhaps, merely to cater to idle curiosity?

If space permits, some observations on other aspects of the newspaper's contribution to society will appear before the week is over. For the present it may be appropriate to add this thought, that it can scarcely be accident that the history of daily newspapers coincides in time precisely with the history of the United States of America, and that mass circulation of a free press has been most extensive in the lands where democracy has been most successful.

AWS Goes on Reserve Basis

Those faithful watchers of the skies, the volunteers of the Aircraft Warning Service who have devoted, in the aggregate, millions of hours to their vital protective task, are to be retired at the end of next week to inactive duty. They are not being demobilized but will man their posts only in case of an "alert."

Thus ends a highly creditable chapter in the record of home front service, the actors in which can never receive individually the recognition due though fortunately, a measure of group recognition was accorded two months ago on the occasion of Aircraft Warning Service week. And thus ends, too, a phase of United States participation in the war.

Relatively unprepared despite its clear advance warnings, the nation's efforts in the first few months after Pearl Harbor were necessarily concerned quite extensively, though at no time exclusively, with defense. The word "defense" had rather dominated national thought on international issues in the two preceding years. That word has fallen steadily into disuse. To the armed services "defense" has at all times been more than a routine chore; characteristically their primary interest has been in the attack.

It is well not to be misled. The danger of sneak attack, "nuisance" raids, continues. Provision of sufficient radio detection equipment to replace them makes possible the release of the AWS watchers. The alertness of all on the home front against sabotage from within must not be permitted to slump. And though "defense" is replaced by "attack," it should be borne in mind that last as well as first, "national security" is the more exact name for the objective. When our occupation troops march into Berlin and Tokyo—and for that matter, when our representatives sit down at the peace table—the objective will not have changed.

Every football player knows that "attack" is more demanding than "defense." He who defends may crouch and wait; the assault requires more expenditure of energy, more initiative, more teamwork and more "fight." Now we have the ball; the situation's demands confront the fighters on the home front, no less than those on the battle front. The AWS watchers are relieved of their duty of inactive vigilance; neither for them nor for any other Americans is there justification for a "letdown."

Congressional Frank

The American Legion is taking a rap at the congressional franking privilege. But what if congress appropriated money so its members could have stamps? That's the way the Oregon legislature does it, with some astonishing results in the comparative demands of members for stamps. And there have been instances reported where, after sessions, members were around trying to peddle postage stamps. The frank may be bad, but ordinarily it isn't negotiable, though members have let their franks be used for circulation of propaganda.

The current complaint is that certain congressmen let their franks be used for the circulation of "America First" literature. But, unless our memory is at fault, the same trick was pulled in circulation of pro-PUD propaganda through the help of some of the top-ranking new dealers in the national congress.

Hitler's order is "hold that line." This is the time of the year when college cheering sections chant the familiar exhortation — often to no avail. Let's see; just what yard-line is Hitler's team on now?

Transoceanic Air Service

No prophet is needed to foresee that immediately after the war there will be a notable expansion of transoceanic air service. Were it not for the announced intent of government to negotiate an equitable distribution of schedules, there would be an international scramble for this new trade. Back of that there will be, as things stand, an internal scramble for the United States' share, among the existing domestic airlines and the steamship lines which will in self-defense seek to enter this field.

In this phase of the problem the United States will stand alone, for in all of the other major nations the airlines are government-owned or controlled. Doubtless with some motives of self-interest but avowedly in the belief that such a situation would impede the United States government in its negotiations, United Air Lines has proposed that the domestic airlines agree in advance to "joint or cooperative" operation "if it should be found on further study that our country's interest could best be served" by such a plan.

President W. A. Patterson of the air line which serves this area points out that, for all its prospect of rapid expansion, transoceanic air service will be extremely limited in the foreseeable future. He estimates that not more than 43 planes will be required to transport passengers, mail and cargo across the North Atlantic within the next five years. Divide that up among seven nations and each would have only six planes. If more than one United States company were permitted to enter this limited field there would be either ruinous competition or heavy subsidies which, in turn, would mean an international subsidy war.

Concluding that a single operation is the only logical answer, United proposes joint or cooperative operation by the existing airlines. The others have not agreed, so United has just served notice it will be in there bidding if the issue is to be decided competitively. This is going to be a show worth watching.

Highway Work Stop

Work on the Central American highway being built largely at the expense of the United States has been suspended and in Costa Rica the president says the work stoppage "constitutes a hard blow to Costa Rican economy."

Central America is just getting acquainted with our WPA methods of start-stop-start-stop. Begun as a work project to help Central America when exporting of bananas and coffee was curtailed, and as a war project to provide a land route to the Panama canal, the probability is that with the clearing of the sea lanes in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean sea the need for pushing the road became less. Bananas can go to market in ships, and the menace to the Panama canal has been removed in large measure.

Interpreting the War News

By KIRKE SIMPSON

Strategic aspects of the fight for Coo island, off the Turkish coast in the Italian Dodecanese group at the eastern mouth of the Aegean sea, are difficult to discern as the status of the conflict itself, clouded by conflicting Nazi and British reports.

It seemed probable last night, however, that the first skirmish of a battle of the Aegean was being fought there. For prestige reasons if no other, the British commander in that eastern Mediterranean zone, General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, hardly can afford to permit the Germans to retain the island if they have retaken it as Berlin claims.

But just where Coo island, a tiny strip of land some 20 miles long by six miles wide, figures in allied offensive plans is far from clear. The smaller but better equipped island of Leross, some 60 miles farther north in the Dodecanese group and still British held, is a better air stepping-stone up the eastern Aegean. It is known to have good land and sea plane facilities as against Coo's more limited air installations.

In Nazi eyes, at least, Coo probably represented a British beginning on the business of recapturing the great Greek island of Crete, primary Nazi bastion guarding the approaches to the Aegean. Coo lies 100 miles or less northeast of Crete. In allied hands it represented a base for fighter planes to protect bombers from across the Mediterranean or from Italy assigned to blast a way back to Crete.

The fact that Crete is out of range for fighters from the south shore of the Mediterranean largely led to the British disaster on Crete when Nazi forces overran it in the first major air-borne invasion of the war.

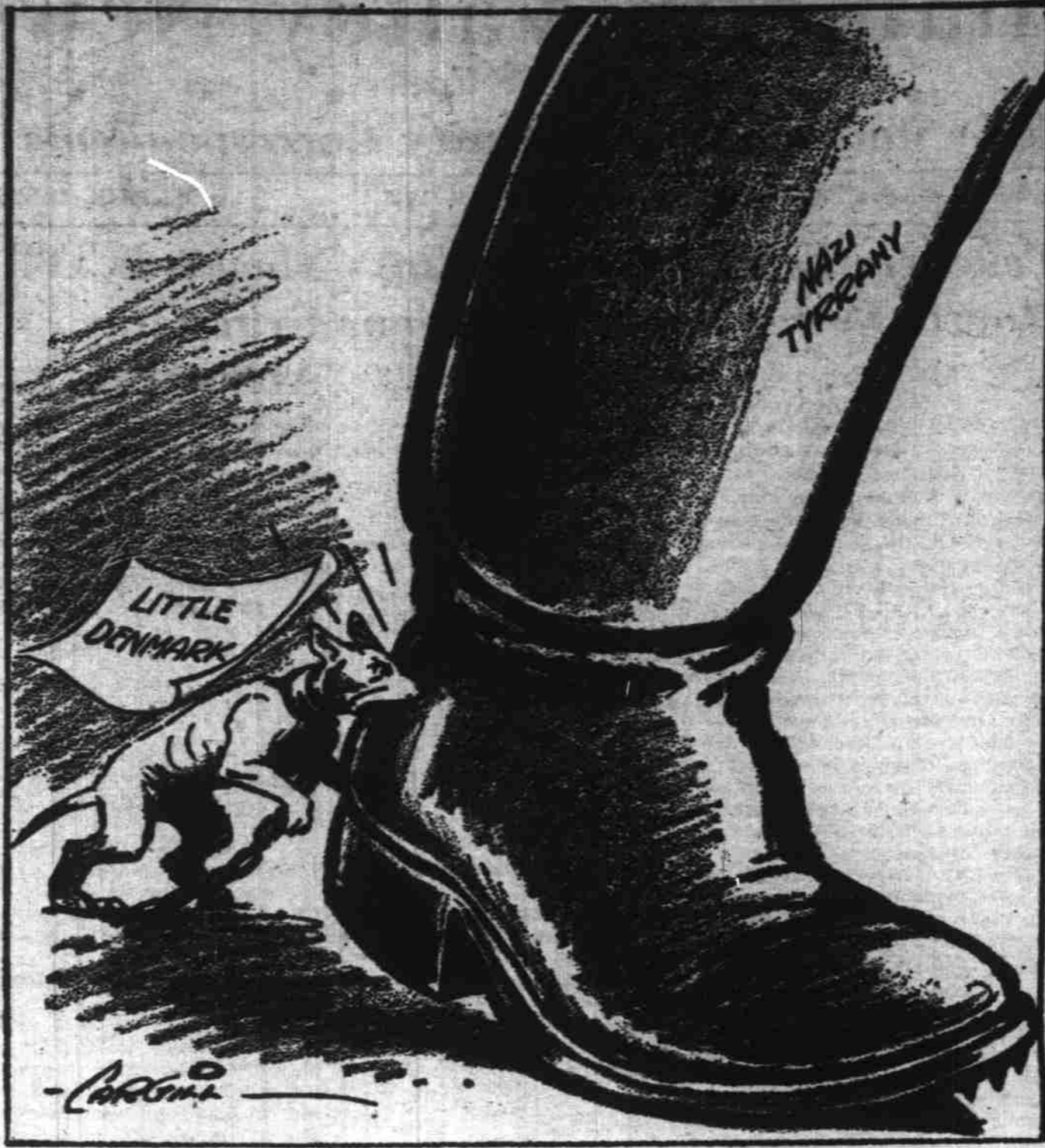
Allied-Italian seizure of Coo also represented a very close threat to the largest island of the Dodecanese group, Rhodes, 60 miles to the southeast. Light British air and sea borne forces bypassed Rhodes to take Coo and Leross. Presumably Coo represented a first move in plans to surround both Rhodes and Crete with close-up airfields for eventual use in capture of both to open wide the mouth of the island-dotted Aegean.

British activity in the Dodecanese group also might be calculated to assure nearby Turkey of prompt allied air support if and when she takes the plunge into the war as a British ally and member of the United Nations.

The vigorous and surprise Nazi reaction at Coo virtually compels prompt British sea and air action to regain it, for the effect on Turkey or on the Nazis' wavering Balkan nations, Bulgaria and Rumania. For that reason alone the Coo fight will likely touch off the whole Aegean battle ahead of the allied schedule.

Nevertheless, the German move against Coo cannot be regarded as more than a delaying operation, a counter-attack to upset allied plans and give more time for reorganization of Nazi defense dispositions in the Balkans and Greece forced by Italian defection from the axis.

Whatever lies back of it, the Nazis have invited eruption of the battle in the Aegean-eastern Mediterranean sector at a time when the Russian front is admittedly bogged except on the Sozh river line east of the Dnieper above the mouth of the Pripiet, and when the fight in Italy is moving northward a new Nazi standing ground.



'Great Dane'

Today's Radio Programs

- KSLM-WEDNESDAY-1290 Kc.**
 - 7:30-News
 - 7:45-Rise 'n' Shine
 - 7:55-Ten-Two-Four
 - 7:55-Morning Moods
 - 8:00-Cherry City News
 - 8:15-Music
 - 8:20-Tango Time
 - 8:25-Foster's Call
 - 8:35-Joe Wolverton and Boys
 - 8:35-Popular Music
 - 8:45-News
 - 10:30-A Song and a Dance
 - 10:35-Music
 - 10:40-News
 - 11:35-Bits of Yesteryear
 - 11:40-Music
 - 11:45-News
 - 12:35-Matinee
 - 12:40-News
 - 1:30-Mel Hallett's Orchestra
 - 1:35-Melody Melodies
 - 1:40-News
 - 2:00-Isle of Paradise
 - 2:15-US Marines
 - 2:20-News
 - 2:45-Broadway Band Wagon
 - 3:00-KSLM Concert Hour
 - 3:05-News
 - 4:15-News
 - 4:30-Boys' Town
 - 4:35-Industrial Information
 - 5:30-Melodies
 - 6:00-Tonight's Headlines
 - 6:15-News
 - 6:20-Evening Serenade
 - 7:00-News
 - 7:15-Cherita Harp's Ballads
 - 7:30-Keystone Karavan
 - 7:45-This Is Your Business
 - 7:50-News
 - 8:10-Interlude
 - 8:15-Hollywood
 - 8:20-Music
 - 8:45-Treasury Star Parade
 - 9:00-News
 - 9:15-Old Timers
 - 9:45-Between the Lines
 - 10:00-Serenade
 - 10:30-News
- KGW-NBC-WEDNESDAY-630 Kc.**
 - 4:30-Dawn Patrol
 - 5:30-Labor News
 - 6:00-Backstage Gossip
 - 6:30-News Parade
 - 6:35-Labor News
 - 6:45-News of Living
 - 7:30-Reveille Roundup
 - 7:45-Sam Hayes
 - 8:00-News of Today
 - 8:15-James Abbe Covers the News
 - 8:20-Last Night in the Rose Room
 - 8:45-David Harum
 - 9:00-The Open Door
 - 9:15-Larry Smith, Commentator
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Capital Post No. 9 to Be Host To Legion District Oct. 31

Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, will be host to the district No. 2 conference of the Legion October 31, it was voted at Monday night's post meeting, first to be held under direction of the newly-installed officers.

Percy E. Barbour of Newberg, district No. 2 vice-commander, was introduced by O. E. "Mose" Palmateer and talked on membership and plans for the conference.

Much discussion centered around a proposal to hire an assistant to the adjutant, deemed necessary because of the volume of work that officer is called upon to perform. Temporary assistance was authorized and further discussion and proposals are to come before the October 18 meeting.

The post adopted a resolution presented by Brazier Small, urging the establishment of a national cemetery in Portland.

I. N. Bacon announced a meeting of the Marion county council to be held at the armory in Silverton, Friday night, October 8.

Commander John A. Olson announced the following committee appointments:

- Americanism—Aubrey S. Tusing
- Athletics—Oliver B. Huston, A. H. Wilson, E. C. Grant
- Auxiliary—R. W. Wyatt, James M. Fisher, Luther S. Dotten
- Armistice Day—Tom Hill, Ralph Campbell, Rex Kimmell
- Aeronautics—Brazier Small, James B. Young
- Boy Scouts—Lewis D. Griffith, William "Bill" Dolf, I. N. Bacon, John Te Selle, Julius Hoppe
- Child Welfare—Paul Bloch, Commissary—E. M. Phillips, Ellsworth Dearing
- Community Service—O. E. "Mose" Palmateer, E. W. Richey, Sepsus W. Starr
- Dance Committee—Tom Hill, O. E. "Mose" Palmateer, E. J. Scellars, Ira O. Pilcher, A. M. "Art" Johnson, R. C. Blaxall, Dr. C. Ward Davis, Don J. Madison, Lloyd C. Demarest
- Finance—Harry F. Caldwell, Jacob Fuhrer, Harry Holt, Paul M. Gemmill, Fred Gahlsdorf, Earl M. Daue, William Dolf, Lloyd A. Pepper
- Fourth of July—Col. Carle Abbrams, Onas S. Olson, Stanley E. Krueger

High Court Ruling Favors Alonzo Rowe

Alonzo W. Rowe is the legitimate son of the late Edwin F. Rowe and thus may share in his father's estate, the Oregon supreme court ruled Tuesday in an opinion affirming Circuit Judge E. M. Page in a case appealed from Marion county.

The suit was brought by Allinza Rowe, widow of Edwin Rowe, against the son. She charged that Alonzo Rowe, son by a previous marriage, was illegitimate and thus was not eligible to share in the estate. The opinion was written by Justice Arthur D. Hay.

Other decisions included: International Harvester company, and Justin Amundson and W. J. Baur, co-partners. Appeal from Crook county. Suit to recover for breach of agreement to insure a truck. Opinion by Justice Hall S. Lusk. Judge R. S. Hamilton affirmed as to International Harvester company, but reversed as to Amundson and Baur.



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resettlement project was launched, financed by a half-million. The state bought lands near White Bluffs on the Columbia river. Irrigation was provided by pumps. After several years' effort the settlers became dissatisfied, and when Roland Hartley became governor he "liquidated" the project as far as the state was concerned. I believe the remaining tracts have been taken over by the new Dupont project above Kennewick.

California started a similar settlement scheme under Dr. Elwood Mead, near Durham. It had hard sledding for quite a while, and no other projects were launched.

The FSA has, I believe, had much greater success with its program of rural rehabilitation and tenant-purchase plan, though the ambitious Tugwell resettlement projects were sad failures. For one thing FSA operates on an individual basis, selecting the individual with care, and making the financing very conservative. The object is to provide only necessary assistance without paternalistic coddling.

The main hope for war veterans getting back on the land first white man to set foot on the North American continent.

The day is a legal holiday in Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Leif Erickson Day Falls on Saturday

Gov. Earl Snell called attention Tuesday to Leif Erickson day in Oregon, which falls on October 9.

The observance is in honor of the Norwegian viking who sailed from Greenland in the year 1000 and is credited with being the first white man to set foot on the North American continent.

Bogolomov Represents Moscow at Algiers

LONDON, Oct. 5-(AP)—Alexander Bogolomov, former soviet representative to the exiled allied governments in London, has been appointed Russian representative to the French committee of National Liberation at Algiers, the Moscow radio announced.

BONDS OVER AMERICA

"Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty."

Thomas Jefferson, author of these words, left a monument to freedom at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

In Europe one of the oldest seats of learning is the University of Prague in Bohemia founded in 1268. It was seized by the Nazis and now only Nazi theories of a super-race are taught.

Be Vigilant Buy War Bonds

Labor Pirating Probe to Start

PORTLAND, Oct. 5-(P)—An investigation into charges of labor pirating among Pacific northwest lumber companies will get underway tomorrow in Eugene.

Six representatives of the West Coast lumber commission will check on complaints of unauthorized wage increases in the upper Willamette valley.

They then will investigate the lumber industry in Medford, Klamath Falls, Marshfield, Tillamook, and other Oregon and Washington regions.

All Polk Schools Open

DALLAS—All schools in Polk county are in session according to Josiah Wills, county superintendent. Due to the lateness of the harvest it was found necessary to start at this late date. However, a few schools had started earlier.

Ask About Our Lay-a-Way Plan

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