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Women Enlistments

It would be unsafe to attempt much generalizing on why recruitments for the women's military organizations, WACS, WAVES, SPARS, etc., have failed to meet the need or the expectation of recruiting sections of the several services. While a census would show higher proportions for some causes than others, still it is probably true that in a multitude of cases strictly personal reasons account for the failure of many eligible women to "join up." Maybe the parents object, or the boy friend, who is probably in the service. Maybe the girl doesn't like the uniform, or the discipline. Maybe there remains the old, old idea that war is a man's job. (Even the Indians, who put most of the menial work on their squaws, reserved the privilege of fighting to the male braves). It is impossible in a few months campaign to break down the old traditions of woman's sphere.

Significant however is the change in attitude within the army. It was reported when the first batch of WACS came to Camp Adair one of the old army officers expostulated, "What the hell is the army coming to?" But those who first scoffed, most of them, revised their opinions as they found the women in military service performed a multitude of tasks with the same competence they had shown in the business world. And they have taken over many assignments formerly handled by able-bodied young men, who now are switched over to combat teams or to work still regarded as a man's job.

The women in the military service are for the most part quite enthusiastic. While they suffer from homesickness the same as men, and while army routines grow wearisome, the number of cases of AWOL are very small and the number of discharges for failure to "fit in" are few. The testimony of those who are in the service is the best advertisement for recruiting. As women tell their civilian friends how much they like the service and what a thrill they get in wearing the uniform of the armed forces the hesitation of thousands of eligible women will be broken down. But if a quarter century hence, we have another war it is altogether likely that selective service will apply to women as well as men. That will be the ultimate answer to slackness in volunteering, though it probably will not come in this war.

Arms for French Underground

The diplomatic and military authorities appear to drag their heels when it comes to cooperating with the French and particularly with the French underground. Yet here is a Trojan horse already within the enemy gates whose hatred of the nazis has been demonstrated over and over again. True, there are some French soldiers fighting in Italy, and probably more being trained in North Africa. But the help that would be most valuable is that which the Frenchmen in occupied France can give and are eager to give.

While we furnish arms and ammunition to Gen. Tito in Yugoslavia we are, according to report, withholding them from the French underground. Yet a million armed Frenchmen ready to strike when D-day comes would demoralize the enemy behind his own lines by destroying communications and by seizing key points like airports and railway junctions.

Apparently in our fears of dealing with some group that doesn't have an approved political complexion we let slip the chance for the big help that guerrilla forces in France could render. Our political arm just hasn't done a good job in dealing with the French, and the result may prove costly in war and damaging in peace.

A plywood company has moved its head offices from Olympia to Springfield, Ore. This is just another sign that Oregon is becoming the great center of the lumber industry. Washington mills have to come to Oregon for many of their logs. They can do this in flush times when demand exceeds supply. In a sharply competitive market however the log haul would severely handicap them.

W. J. Entress, who has been a leader in local trade union circles for many years, was reelected to a third term as chairman of the central labor council, and Ted Amend was reelected secretary. These men and others like them in Salem have given the labor cause a stability which earns for it respect of employers and the general public. It is gratifying to see them retained in office.

The war honeymoon for railroads is fading. The Southern Pacific had an increase in gross of \$100,000,000 in 1943 and a decrease in net of \$10,000,000. Higher wages and higher taxes and increased expenditures in maintenance account for the decline in net. Still the roads are doing very well for themselves.

The "March of Dimes" should meet a good response this year. The past year showed that infantile paralysis isn't something a long way off. The money from past collections proved a life-saver in caring for those stricken with the disease in western Oregon last year.

Wake Island is still in the hands of the Japs, but the navy has named a super-dreadnought, the Taussig, after the admiral who claimed it for the US in 1899. Maybe the ship can repeat the performance of its namesake.

When the last Britisher to draw the \$20 a year for standing on the Dover cliffs to watch for Napoleon's invasion fleet died, the office was abolished. Wonder if our office of civilian defense will last that long.

Soldiers in the south Pacific have put in a bid for a visit from Dottie Lamour. Evidently Dottie's older sisters of the south seas don't satisfy GI Joe.

War-time Bootlegging

Bootlegging has been on the increase for several months. While it is most pronounced in Portland it is quite probable that more illicit trade in liquor goes on over the state than for many years. The reasons are not far to seek. The war boom has filled the pockets of men and women with plenty of currency. The supply of liquor through state stores is inadequate to meet the demand which has increased because of the increase in population and in per capita income. So the temptation is great to peddle liquor on the side at prices up to \$12 or \$15 the quart.

City officials have not been very diligent in enforcing the laws against bootlegging, leaving that largely to inspectors of the state liquor control commission. The commission simply cannot police all the state. There has been a recent meeting of the commission authorities and representatives of the city government of Portland. Whether it will result in any more than a spasm of reform is hard to say.

The experience proves two things: first, that outlawry in the liquor trade springs up on the slightest provocation, the 'leggers have no more respect for the liquor control law than they had for prohibition. Second, there is a ready market for the illicit booze. It the illicit trade assumes present proportions under mild rationing what would it become under prohibition? In other words society faces this dilemma: modified control does not control when illegal competition becomes profitable, and prohibition doesn't prohibit when the 'scofflaws' run rampant and the liquor-consuming public is ready and eager to patronize them.

Ickes' man, George Briggs, who was indicted for forgery and fraud in connection with the Hopkins-Lee letter, lived some 55 years in obscurity. His brother was the cartoonist who created the series "When a Feller Needs a Friend." Poor George is in that class now. But Honest Harold doesn't show up in too pretty a light. He hired Briggs as his confidential aide after the latter was introduced to him by Boss Mayor Kelly of Chicago. Ickes surely let his guard down on that one.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 — Messrs. Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin were sitting around chatting at Tehran after work was done, when Mr. Churchill, with his typically sly humor, is supposed to have allowed (in effect):

"There is no doubt about it. We are reconciled to the fact that the world after this war will be no more pink."

It had to be explained to Stalin. He did not know of our use of the word "pink," as the story goes among diplomats here who accept it as authentic. When the translator finally conveyed the precise Russian equivalent for Churchill's meaning, Stalin chuckled. Mr. Roosevelt intervened with: "The world will be all colors of the rainbow."

Whether the world is to be rainbow or red, Russian diplomacy lately has been pure red. It is now clear the "Pravda" charges that the British were attempting to make a separate peace, as well as the mystifying attack on Mr. Willkie, was merely a Russian diplomatic move to make the Curzon part of Poland, the Baltic states, and Finland a similar deep hue.

Stalin turned the heat on the British who foster the exiled Polish government and upon Mr. Willkie who has advocated more independence for the Baltic states particularly.

There may or may not have been some incident behind the peace negotiation rumor. Both Russia and Britain are supposed to have conducted some indirect talks with nazi peace bearers from time to time in order to sound out the enemy for military purposes. These, however, in no way impair the genuineness of the agreement among the United Nations for unconditional surrender.

To the contrary, some negotiations are proceeding now between Russia, Britain and the United States for occupation of Germany when victory finally is won. It is being decided what part of Germany, Russia will occupy, no matter who gets to Berlin first. (Incidentally, a Russian general made a statement a few weeks ago saying the final battle line would be the Spree river, which runs through Berlin, although he referred to military operations rather than to political occupations.)

But this is not the most important phase of last week's sensation. This country is entering a new era of diplomacy in which official Russian newspapers may be used by Stalin to stir up whatever diplomatic pot he chooses to bring to a boil.

American news reading and American diplomacy must be adjusted to the different conception of news from Russia. There, it is used for official purposes and not necessarily or primarily to inform the public what is going on.

This time, as usual, it was accompanied by agitation from the communist elements in both London and the United States to drive from the British and American governments what they called "anti-Soviet influences." The Daily Worker long has been gunning for Assistant State Secretary Berle, for instance, mainly because, in state department councils, he is supposed to have resisted some Russian claims.

Obviously, if domestic communists are going to help conduct Russian pressure diplomacy by agitating against officials who are not putty in their hands, you would think the American press well might retaliate by advising Stalin bitterly as to who should be dropped from his official family.

This, of course, would be practically ineffective. If our press did, Stalin simply would not print it in Russia and the agitating purpose would be lost. But we publish his "news" as possible truth.

Incidentally, in all this series of Moscow agitations (including the Czechoslovakian treaty, etc.) no criticism of Mr. Roosevelt or any of his actions has been involved. True, the Pravda agitation came as a "slightly timed" unofficial rebuttal to Mr. Hull's offer of mediation, but in general, Stalin and Roosevelt get along far better than Stalin and Churchill.



Now That the Railroad Crisis Is Over—!

Today's Radio Programs

KSLM-FRIDAY-1330 Kc.

7:00-Cherry City News.
7:30-Marion County Farm and Home Program.
7:45-Rise 'n' Shine.
8:00-News.
8:05-Morning Moods.
8:30-Cherry City News.
8:35-Program Parade.
8:40-Rhythm Five.
8:50-Tango Time.
9:00-Gabriel Heatter.
9:10-Believe It or Not.
9:20-Double or Nothing.
9:30-Dale Carnegie.
9:40-News.
9:45-News.
10:00-Cherry City News.
10:05-Song and a Dance.
10:20-Music.
10:30-Cherry City News.
10:35-Sentimental Songs.
10:45-Maxine Buren.
11:00-Hits of Yesterday.
11:20-Organalities.
11:30-News.
11:35-Hillbilly Serenade.
11:45-Midday Matinee.
1:00-Lum 'n' Abner.
1:15-Orchestra.
1:30-Polka Dots.
1:45-Spotlight on Rhythm.
2:00-News.
2:15-Studio Matinee.
2:30-Safety Program.
2:45-Broadway Band Wagon.
3:00-KSLM Concert Hour.
3:05-Charles Magnante.
3:15-News.
3:20-Spirit of Vikings.
3:45-Music.
3:50-Merrick's Vocal Group.
4:15-Let's Reminisce.
4:30-Gypsy Orchestra.
4:40-Tonight's Headlines.
4:50-War News Commentary.
5:00-Evening Serenade.
5:10-Two-Four.
5:25-Beyond Victory, What?
5:30-News.
5:35-Clyde Lucas.
5:40-Keystone.
5:45-War Fronts in Review.
5:50-Orchestra.
5:55-Lubri Gas.
6:00-Treasure Star Parade.
6:05-News.
6:10-Castles in the Air.
6:15-Between the Lines.
6:20-Ensemble in Swingtime.
6:25-News.
6:30-Sign Off.

KALE-MBS-FRIDAY-1330 Kc.

6:45-Dave West.
7:00-News.
7:15-Texas Rangers.
7:30-Memory Timekeeper.
7:45-Bible Institute.
8:00-News.
8:15-What's New?
8:30-How Do You Say It?
8:45-Book Review.
9:00-News.
9:15-Woman's Side of the News.
9:30-Buyer's Parade.
9:45-Bear Music.
10:00-News.
10:15-Curtain Call.
10:30-This and That.
10:45-Cedric Foster.
11:00-Marketing.
11:15-Concert Gems.
11:30-Music.
11:45-News.
12:00-News.
12:15-Luncheon Concert.
12:30-Art on the Farm Front.
12:45-Melody.
1:00-Walter Compton.
1:15-Learn to Dance.
1:30-Sentimental Music.
1:45-Ray Dady.
2:00-News.
2:15-Young for a Song.
2:30-War-time Wonders.
2:45-News.
3:00-Learn to Dance.

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

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A hint of desperation is evident in the Nazi choice of a site for the first limited counter attack effort against the allied flanking operation south of Rome which seriously threatens to turn the whole German transpeninsular front in Italy.

The stroke came southwest of Littoria in the Pontine marshes. Picked German armored forces, hastily pulled back from the Cassino-Minturno main battle front to the south, were used but promptly were thrown back. Anglo-American forces on that sector obviously are concerned chiefly with protecting the south flank of the Nettuno-Anzio beachhead.

That brief fight probably cannot be classed as more than the first preliminary skirmish of the decisive battle to come in the Rome area. The Nazi armored blow fell too late to catch the allies' unprepared to meet it for tank and gun for gun. It was stopped cold without need of calling on heavy allied naval guns within easy range. It seems doubtful that the German command could have

expected to break through at that point to endanger the Nettuno beachhead across which allied reinforcements and supplies have been pouring since the complete tactical surprise achieved in the landings.

Availability of the Pontine marshes as a natural barrier to Nazi successful counter attack from the south figured importantly in planning allied operations.

That allied flank obviously has been well secured as a first step toward cutting through all enemy road and rail connections between the Rome transportation hub and the transpeninsular battle line to the south.

South of the Pontine marsh skirmish lines the main Roman highway runs along the seashore at two points, at Tarquinia, northwest of Gaeta gulf, and at Formia at the head of that gulf. Both sectors are under allied air and direct naval bombardment. That seriously restricts Nazi use of the Apennine Way as a springboard for a powerful attack from the south against the Nettuno beachhead.

6:30-News Parade.
6:35-Labor News.
6:40-Journal of Living.
6:45-News Headlines & Highlights.
6:50-News Roundup.
6:55-Sam Hay Day.
7:00-Stars of Today.
7:05-James Abbe Covers the News.
7:10-Special Assignment.
7:15-David Harum.
7:20-Personality Hour.
7:25-Benny Walker's Kitchen.
7:30-Ruth Forbes.
7:35-News.
7:40-Art Baker's Notebook.
7:45-The Guiding Light.
7:50-Today's Children.
7:55-Light of the World.
8:00-When a Girl Marries.
8:05-Women of America.
8:10-Ma Perkins.
8:15-Pepper Young's Family.
8:20-Right to Happiness.
8:25-Backstage Wife.
8:30-Halle Delia.
8:35-Lorenzo Jones.
8:40-Young Widder Brown.
8:45-When a Girl Marries.
8:50-Portia Faces Life.
8:55-Just Plain Bill.
9:00-Front Page Farrell.
9:05-Road of Life.
9:10-Vic and Sade.
9:15-When a Girl Marries.
9:20-Rambling Reader.
9:25-Dr. Kate.
9:30-News of the World.
9:35-Tropicans.
9:40-Golden Gate Quartet.
9:45-V. Kallenborn.
9:50-OK for Release.
9:55-Music.
10:00-Day Foster, Commentator.
10:05-Louis P. Lochner.
10:10-Waltz Time.
10:15-News.
10:20-Amos and Andy.
10:25-Bill Stern Sports Newsreel.
10:30-Music.
10:35-Fred Waring in Pleasure Time.
10:40-Fleetwood Lawson.
10:45-Your Favorite Hit Parade.
10:50-Furrough Fun.
10:55-Music.
11:00-Musical Interlude.
11:05-News Flash.
11:10-Your Home Town News.
11:15-Labor News.
11:20-Gardening for Food.
11:25-Voice of a Nation.
11:30-Hotel Biltmore Orchestra.
11:35-War News Roundup.
11:40-2 a.m.-Swing Shift.

KOIN-CBS-FRIDAY-970 Kc.

6:00-Northwest Farm Reporter.
6:15-Breakfast Bulletin.
6:30-News.
6:45-KOIN Klock.
7:00-Auntie.
7:15-Headline News.
7:20-News.
7:30-Nelson Fringe News.
7:40-Conservatory News.
7:55-Valiant Lady.
8:00-Stories America Loves.
8:15-Auntie.
8:30-Kate Smith Speaks.
8:45-Big Sister.
8:55-Romance of Helen Trent.
9:00-Our Gal Sunday.
9:10-Life Can Be Beautiful.
9:15-Ma Perkins.
9:20-Bernadette Flynn.
9:30-The Goldbergs.
9:40-Young Dr. Malone.
9:50-Joyce Jordan.
10:00-We Love and Learn.
10:05-News.
10:10-Open Door.
10:15-William Winter, News.
10:20-Bachelor's Children.
10:25-Broadway Matinee.
10:30-Air-It's at the Air.
10:35-The Living World.
10:40-Mary Martin.
10:45-Newspaper of the Air.
10:50-American Women.
10:55-News.
11:00-Lyn Murray Show.
11:05-Songs.
11:10-The World Today.
11:15-Chet Huntley, News.
11:20-Stars of Today.
11:25-News.
11:30-Galen Drake.
11:35-Red's Gang.
11:40-Harry Flannery, News.
11:45-News.
11:50-Bill Henry.
11:55-Quack.
12:00-Oregon at War.
12:05-That Brewster Boy.
12:10-Jimmy Durante & Garry.
12:15-News.
12:20-Slugs Door Canteen.
12:25-Love A Mystery.
12:30-News.
12:35-Playhouse.
12:40-Kate Smith.
12:45-Five Star Final.
12:50-War-time Wonders.
12:55-News.
1:00-Meaning of the News.
1:05-Music.
1:10-Voice of the Army.
1:15-Milton Charles.
1:20-Orchestra.
1:25-Dale Jones Orchestra.
1:30-News.
1:35-Midnight to 6:00 a.m.-Music & News.

KOAC-FRIDAY-890 Kc.

10:15-The Homemakers' Hour.
11:00-School of the Air.
11:15-School Safety.
11:30-Keyboard Classics.
11:40-Concert Hall.
11:50-News.
12:00-Farm Hour.
12:05-Music.
12:10-Variety Hour.
12:15-Club Woman's Half Hour.
12:20-January Book of Hours.
12:25-News.
12:30-Music of the Masters.
12:35-News.
12:40-Listen to Labor.
12:45-News.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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This is his program:

1. Lengthen term in office, giving the president one and only one term of eight years with a retirement allowance of two-thirds of his salary. Terms of senators and representatives would be for eight years with compulsory retirement at age 70, under a graduated pension system.

2. Abolish the compromise of the constitutional convention between large and small states on representation. Give recognition to population in apportionment of senators, with numbers ranging from one to states of 700,000 population or less to five for states with over 13,000,000 people. Elect senators by state legislatures instead of popular vote.

3. Withdraw suffrage from those accepting relief.

4. Require each voter to pay his or her share of the expense of every election in which he or she participates.

5. Abolish the tradition in the congress which awards committee chairmanships on the basis of seniority.

"True liberals" will pounce all over that program. Like de Tocqueville they would be "more democracy," although in actual practice they rely almost wholly on authoritarian power and bureaucratic methods. But the history of democratic forms here and in Europe in the interval between the wars shows that democracy is not self-performing. There are germs of truth in the criticism which Glasgow makes of operations of government here.

Fourth War Loan Thought For Today

NO EASY VICTORY

Will victory come swiftly and easily over the Japanese? Is there the slightest justification for not backing the fourth war loan to your very limit?

Here are a few facts reported by repatriated American correspondents:

The Japanese are engulfed by a wartime fanaticism which makes them an effective part of the war machine despite the hardships of doubling living costs, poor food even for these normally frugal people, and scarcities of coal, clothing and other necessities.

Everyone is enrolled in one or more patriotic societies, all building the conviction that Japan is fighting a "holy war" to free Asia for the Asiatics.

Young militarists, war workers, students—all are imbued with this thought: "If we are defeated I won't be there," meaning that they are determined to die before they surrender.

This is the kind of a home front which won't be beaten by wishful thinking, but by tons of bombs and shells, great sky and sea armadas and hosts of invasion troops. War bonds help pay the bill. The victory won't be won without you. It's home front versus home front.

"Let's all back the attack" with extra bonds during the fourth war loan. Display the treasury department's red, white and blue shield in your home.

4:45-Science News.
5:00-On the Upbeat.
5:05-Story Time.
5:15-Oregon's War.
5:20-News.
5:25-Evening Farm Hour.
5:30-Wake Up, America.
5:35-Novatime.
5:40-Trade Winds Calling.
5:45-Music.
5:50-News.
5:55-Swing Meditations.
6:00-Sign Off.

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(though they often do not exercise them), nor will the small states assent to curtailment of their senatorial representation. The thinly populated but territorially vast states of the west would not assent, and at least for the original 13 states any one has veto power on such a change.

As I see it there is little chance of change in political machinery and we will have to continue to battle out questions of issuer and men before the whole electorate. Whether in some dark moment that opens the way to some "man on horseback" is a risk we have to take.

"Democracy" by the way, was scorned by the founding fathers who feared the mob. It wasn't until 1844 that the Jefferson-Jackson party called themselves the democratic party. This history is very well reviewed in the new book, "The Republic" by Charles A. Beard. But democracy is in full swing now; even Stalin talks about democratic forms of government—for other countries of Europe.

Congress Votes Pay For Veterans

By TOM REEDY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 —(AP)—Congress voted a \$3,000,000,000 pot of gold Wednesday for veterans of this war, to be paid out in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$300 each upon honorable discharge.

House and senate quickly approved the mustering-out pay legislation drawn up in a conference committee of both branches, the senate acting last and relaying the measure to the White House for the president's signature. Mr. Roosevelt had recommended that some financial arrangement be made to help each veteran return to civilian life.

The final bill was a compromise of divergent views. As enacted, the bill provides: \$100 to veterans with less than 60 days service, all in the US. \$200 to those with more than 60 days in uniform, all domestically. \$300 for those with service overseas or in Alaska.

All service men and women under the rank of captain are eligible except those over 38 who ask to be discharged to take a civilian job, those dishonorably discharged, and students in the army's education-training program.

Sen. Johnson (D-Colo.) said the program would cost about \$3,000,000,000. Discharges now are running about 70,000 monthly and it has been estimated that \$250,000,000 will be needed for immediate cases.

The soldier bonus for approximately 3,500,000 who served in the first world war cost \$2,000,000,000.

Delinquency Plan Advised

PULLMAN, Jan. 27 —(AP)—V. A. Leonard, head of the department of police science at Washington State college, Wednesday advised individual diagnosis of each case of juvenile delinquency to determine causes and the setting up of a readjustment program for the offenders to eliminate those causes.

Speaking at the closing session of the Pacific northwest law enforcement conference, Leonard said the problems of delinquency mentioned were similar to those of preventive medicine.

"Causes contributing to delinquency, like causes contributing to malaria, should be eliminated," he said.

The old method of combatting juvenile crime included arrest, trial and punishment. The new, he said, is to use diagnostic procedures confirmed by research and to prescribe treatment for the individual.

This treatment should be carried out largely on the community level with schools, churches and youth organizations taking a part.

State Liquor Group Leads Hijackers

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 —(AP)—The state liquor commission is way ahead of hijackers, Administrator Ray Conway said here.

While hijackers have gotten away with only 363 cases of state-owned liquor, the commission has confiscated 679 cases of liquor shipped into the state illegally, he said.

Not only that, he added, but the commission's losses were fully covered by insurance.