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Oregon Soldiers' Votes

Whenever it is suggested that a special session of the legislature be called, two questions should be asked: (1) Is there a real emergency? (2) If there is, can and will the legislature enact with reasonable promptness measures which will meet the emergency?

Unless the answer to each question is "yes" there should be no special session.

When Portland interests sought recently a special session to revise the income tax forgiveness features enacted at the 1943 session, there was dispute as to the first question's correct answer; the answer to the second question was "no." Gov. Earl Snell quite properly refused to call the lawmakers together.

Now it is suggested that if necessary, a special session be held to amend the election laws slightly in order to permit Oregon service men to vote. For the sake of true democracy and for the sake of these men's morale, if that necessity arises it will constitute a real emergency; answer "yes" to question No. 1.

So far as can be foreseen, the remedy would consist simply of an amendment advancing the deadline for independent candidacies, so that ballots might be printed perhaps 60 days before the election date, rather than the present 45 days. Such an amendment could be prepared before the lawmakers met. It would not be controversial. There would be no need for oratory, though there would be some. What with the necessity for patching up the organization of the two branches, electing a speaker of the house since that post is vacant, and observing a few of the amenities, it might not be possible to do the job in one day, but it surely could be accomplished in two.

A "gentlemen's agreement" to consider no other business is proposed. Legally it would not be binding; politically it probably would. The public could not be certain that the legislature would perform its simple task and adjourn; but the elected representatives of the people ought to be trusted that far.

So—if the emergency actually develops, a special session seems justified.

As things stand, it apparently will not develop. There are 45 days to get the ballots to the voters and back to the county clerks. By air mail, they can make the round trip to any point in 32 days. There remains the question of printing the ballots. It is suggested that five days be allowed. This would be ample—if county clerks and printers were on their toes. The entire job would not have to be done after the deadline; the forms could be set up so that only the names and ballot numbers of late-filing candidates need be inserted before the presses begin rolling. Unless some "bug" arises in connection with the mail delivery, this problem can be met without amendment of the election laws.

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

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The relative ease with which Uncle Sam thrust war the Marshall Islands doorway to an attack on Japan itself is bound to have upset the enemy's once tranquil thoughts of security.

The battle front in the Pacific has been carried 1000 miles westward in a single stride. An island-hopping campaign has expanded to the beginning of a group-by-group American advance carried out with such overwhelming power as to leave no doubt in Tokyo that Japan's Pacific island outpost screen is utterly vulnerable.

Kwajalein atoll and its vast reef-girt lagoon, now firmly consolidated as an American offensive advance base, was no improvised defense work. More than two decades of secret, treacherous Japanese plotting had gone into its preparation for the test. But it took massed American power less than a week to reduce it, destroy its suicide garrison and begin at once to convert the atoll into an air base of infinite menace to Japan itself.

Gen. Marshall, top-flight American war strategist, hailed Kwajalein as an "expert demonstration" of massed air-sea power employed with "perfect teamwork." The history of war probably shows no parallel for the weight of metal by air and sea brought to bear on such concentrated targets to clear the way for landing forces. An American casualty ratio so low as to amaze the officers in command resulted.

The contrast with the heavy cost at Tarawa in the Gilberts was startling. It shows that every bitter lesson in the technique of atoll warfare learned in the Gilberts or elsewhere was successfully woven into the Marshalls operation plan.

It demonstrates, too, that American sea and air power in the Pacific has been brought up to a point now which, without harm to the war effort in Europe, would permit multiple offensives on far separated fronts simultaneously.

It is sufficient to strike at or by-pass any Japanese Pacific atoll outpost. There is every evidence of Japanese recognition of that fact in failure of the Nipponese fleet to take up the Marshalls challenge. Step by step enemy sea power that once reached out to American Pacific islands off Alaska, to Pearl Harbor, is being forced back westward into the waters of Japan itself and those of the Philippine group to hold the inner, last defenses of the China sea approaches.

In the light of the stunning display of massed power at Kwajalein, it seems clear that Japan can no longer count upon any other island bastion in the Pacific long to delay the American advance upon Tokyo. How and where the follow up will come only time will show; but it cannot be questioned that Kwajalein finally clinched the strategic and tactical offensive in the Pacific in American and allied hands.

It is open to question even now whether any substantial part of Japan's main fleet still is based at Truk, less than 1500 miles from the airstrips of Kwajalein. The opportunity to fight for the Marshalls having been let pass, it seems doubtful that Tokyo would risk leaving major naval units within range of the land-based bomber attacks he expected. Truk is a natural part American objective, to be taken by storm or merely sealed off.

"War Time" Issue Revived

"Let every man be master of his time." The advice is Shakespeare's, spoken through the medium of his character Macbeth.

When farmers insist that "war time" or its predecessor identical in practical effect, daylight saving time, disrupts their schedules and those of the cows and chickens, city dwellers and even rural dwellers who are only part-time farmers, earning their livelihood in industry or trade, are never quite able to comprehend clearly their argument.

If a farmer has been in the habit of getting up at 5 a. m., what's to hinder him, under "war time" from getting up at the same time, even though the clock says it's an hour later? There must be an answer, for the farmers were unhappy under daylight saving time and are unhappy under "war time." They need a "public relations man" to elucidate the matter.

Frankly, one who works on a morning newspaper lacks natural sympathy for either side in this controversy. This particular species of human owl has found it necessary to adjust his life to a schedule, and occasionally as that schedule changes, to readjust it again. He knows it is difficult, but then he has done it and figures others can do the same.

Whether "war time" actually helps relieve the peak load on electrical power consumption has never been answered categorically; or if the answer is in someone's possession it has not been adequately publicized. It is reliably reported that in Oregon there is no problem involving a power shortage; on the other hand it is unquestioned that "war time" has forced school children to set forth before daylight and even to begin their classwork by artificial light; especially in such places as Portland where school hours have been advanced to relieve transportation peak loads.

Now daylight is coming earlier and the controversy doubtless will die down again. Inasmuch as city folk for the most part find "war time" to their liking whereas farmers' reactions are strictly the contrary, it will have to come to a showdown before the emergency act expires. Meanwhile the farmers should, we think, explain their viewpoint; preferably with diagrams. We city folk just can't understand what difference it makes to a cow.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, February 5 — The senate probably next they will pass on food subsidies—and what will Mr. Roosevelt do then, with the fourth term campaign underway, with his labor campaign manager, Phil Murray, pleading for steel wage increases, and the consumers groaning audibly about prices?

The generally published supposition has been that he will veto the ban and continue to pay the middlemen free treasury money to hold wholesale prices down while slipping an increase to the farmers. The congressional and farm leaders naturally heard about this, and have made private plans to squeeze him around to their way.

His OPA authority expires July 1 shortly before his re-nomination. If he vetoes this ban, they intend to slip another into the OPA bill which he cannot veto without losing his whole price regulation program.

Certainly all the newly generated administration heat hereabouts therefore, already is being turned on the senate to get a compromise which will extricate the White House from its worst political predicament.

Lately, reports have come in from the farm belt indicating the men in the fields were not so strong against Roosevelt, but all evidence locally suggests the contrary. The farm organization leaders here have been off the front pages lately, but their fire has not diminished, nor has their intention to circumvent the president.

True, nearly all farm prices are now above official parity. Also, the administration has been quietly inching up its subsidy payments. Flour, most important farm food product, has been slipped into the subsidy list, as has grapefruit juice.

Moreover, his commodity credit corporation has been functioning all along in a quieter subsidy way with price stabilization loans and buying.

Conspicuously, Agriculture Secretary Wickard has come out with a new postwar farm program, which sounds big—postwar production greater even than now. But all these efforts have a moulty underside, which the farm congressmen say will guarantee a heavy majority against Roosevelt in farm states.

The Wickard program can be accepted as the democratic plank in the platform to be adopted in Chicago, but an analysis will show it contemplates consolidation of small farm units into larger operations and abandonment of acreage on those crops which can be produced more cheaply off shore, presumably meats (Canada, Argentina, Mexico) and oils from around the world—this to be done to strengthen friendly relations with foreign peoples and promote world peace.

Also the politics of the food subsidy program appeals only to the class of farmers who do not pay taxes or buy bonds, apparently the smallest of the small. To them only is it gravy. The others realize they are paying part of their own subsidies in taxation.

Obviously, as smart a political manipulator as Mr. Roosevelt is not going to let this adverse situation go into the campaign. What will he do?

If he gives Phil Murray the steel wage increase, he will have to give the farmers some more price increases, and, in either event, he will alienate the consumers who are the biggest bloc of voters. Ordinarily, you would think he would just let farm prices gradually rise until election day (the customary way), but this too will entail difficulties with labor and consumer. Usually, his technique is to give all claimants a little bit, but this would be difficult in the present tight wage-price condition, and probably would please no one.



The Fourth Dimension

Today's Radio Programs

KSLM-SUNDAY-1230 Kc.
8:00—Longworth Fourtime.
8:30—Gospel.
8:30—News in Brief.
8:35—Music.
8:35—Popular Salute.
8:35—World in Review.
10:15—Moonbeam Trio.
10:30—Hit Times of Tomorrow.
11:00—American Lutheran Church.
12:00—Sunset Trio.
12:15—War Commentary.
12:30—Golden Hour.
1:00—Fun Valley.
1:30—Young People's Church of Air.
2:00—Isle of Paradise.
2:15—Voice of Restoration.
2:45—Vocal Varieties.
3:00—Songs of Healing.
3:30—Your Square Church.
4:30—Bible Quiz.
5:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour.
5:30—Tonight's Headlines.
6:15—Antis and Tom Boyer.
6:30—Ship Fields.
7:00—Bob Hamilton and Quintones.
7:30—Langworth Novelty and Salon Group.
8:00—First Presbyterian Church.
8:30—Music.
9:00—News Summary.
9:15—Organalities.
9:30—Black Home Hour.
10:00—News.
10:30—Dream Time.
11:00—Sign Off.

KEX-SUNDAY-1130 Kc.
8:00—Your War Job.
8:30—Dr. R. H. Walker.
8:45—Seagle and Trinity Choir.
9:00—The Quiet Hour.
9:30—The Moyal Sisters.
10:00—John B. Kennedy.
10:15—Music.
11:00—Chaplain Jim USA.
11:30—National Vespers.
12:00—Life of Riley.
12:30—Hot Copy.
1:00—The Pearls Fun Valley.
1:30—Metropolitan Opera Auditions.
2:00—Where Do We Stand?
2:30—Musical Steelmakers.
3:00—Radio Hall of Fame.
4:00—Know Your Allies.
4:15—Dorothy Thompson.
5:00—The Alert.
5:30—Christian Science Program.
6:15—Serenade.
6:30—Walter Duranty.
6:45—Drew Pearson.
7:00—Walter Winchell.
7:15—Radio Hall of Fame.
7:30—Jimmie Fidler.
7:45—Gertrude Lawrence.
8:00—Music at the Future.
8:15—This Man Gully.
8:30—Choir.
8:45—The Moyal Sisters.
9:00—Quiz Kids.
9:30—Deadline Drama.
9:45—News Headlines and Highlights.
10:00—The All Humanity.
10:30—Music.
10:30—The Quiet Hour.
11:00—Concert Hour.

KGW-SUNDAY-630 Kc.
6:30—News Roundup.
6:45—Commando Mary.
7:00—The Melody of the Thing.
7:30—National Radio Pulpit.
7:45—News and Music.
8:00—The Church in Your Home.
8:30—Visiting Nurse of the Air.
8:45—The Carol Sisters.
9:00—Carroll Wells, Commentator.
9:15—News in Review.
9:30—Stradivari.
10:00—A Layman Views the News.
10:15—Labor for Victory.
10:30—Chicago Round Table.
10:45—Those We Love.
11:00—John Charles Thomas.
11:30—Washington Reports on the Nation.
11:45—Spotlight on Commentator.
12:00—The Army Hour.
12:30—Garden Talk.
1:00—NBC Symphony Orchestra.
1:30—News Headlines and Highlights.
1:45—The Melody of the Thing.
2:00—News-makers.
2:30—Jack Benny.
2:45—Band Wagon.
3:00—Tom Reddy News.
3:15—Charlie McCarthy.
3:30—The Moyal Sisters.
3:45—Manhattan Album of Familiar Music.
4:00—Hour of Charm.
4:30—Bob Crosby & Co.
4:45—The Great Gildersleeve.
5:00—Symphony Hour.
5:30—Land of the Free.
5:45—Musical Interlude.
6:00—News Flash.
6:15—Orchestra.
6:30—Symphonette.
6:45—Francis and the Hotel Orchestra.
7:00—War News Roundup.
7:15—News.
7:30—12:30 a.m.—Swing Shift.

KALE-SUNDAY-1230 Kc.
8:00—Westley Radio League.
8:30—Voice of Promise.
9:00—Detroit Bible Class.
9:30—Early Morning News.
10:00—All Williams.
10:30—News.
11:00—Romance of the Hi-Ways.
11:30—Pledge Hour.
12:00—News.
12:30—Voice of the Dairy Farmer.
1:00—Dr. Floyd Johnson.
1:30—Lutheran Hour.
1:45—Abel Lincoln's Story.
2:00—Portland Bible Class.
2:30—First Night.
3:00—News Flash.
3:15—Little Show.
3:45—Old Fashioned Revival Hour.
4:00—Sociation Hour.
4:30—Gabriel Heatter.
5:00—Cleveland Symphony Orchestra.

7:00—Cedric Foster.
7:15—Music of the Masters.
7:30—Hinson Memorial Church.
8:00—Jack Benny.
8:30—News.
8:45—Rex Miller.
9:30—Wings Over the West Coast.
10:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour.
11:00—Young People's Church.
11:30—Concert.

KOIN-SUNDAY-930 Kc.
8:00—News of the World.
8:15—Music.
8:45—New Voices in Song.
9:00—Church of the Air.
9:30—Wings Over Jordan.
9:45—Warren Sweeney News.
10:00—Blue Jacket's Choir.
10:30—Invitation to Learning.
10:45—Salt Lake Tabernacle.
11:00—Garden Talks.
11:15—News.
11:30—Church of the Air.
11:45—Trans-Atlantic Call.
12:00—Calling Unlimited.
12:30—World News Today.
12:45—Songs of America.
1:00—Philharmonic Orch. Concert.
1:30—The Pause That Refreshes.

Monday's Radio Programs

KSLM-MONDAY-1230 Kc.
7:00—News.
7:30—Farm and Home Program.
7:45—Rise n' Shine.
8:00—News.
8:15—Morning Moods.
8:30—Cherry City News.
8:45—Tango Time.
9:00—Pastor's Call.
9:15—The Truth.
9:30—Music.
10:00—Cherry City News.
10:30—Music.
11:00—Cherry City News.
11:30—Music.
12:00—Rite of Yesteryear.
12:30—Organalities.
12:45—Headline Serenade.
1:00—Matinee.
1:15—Lum and Abner.
1:30—Will Bradley.
1:45—The Aristocrat.
2:00—Spotlight on Rhythm.
2:15—The Aristocrat.
2:30—Bill Roberts.
2:45—Langworth String Quartet.
3:00—Broadway Band Wagon.
3:15—KSLM Concert Hour.
3:30—Round Up Time.
4:15—News.
4:30—Musical Tunes.
5:00—Music.
5:15—Let's Reminisce.
5:30—Tonight's Headlines.
6:15—War Commentary.
6:30—10:34 Ranch.
6:45—Orchestra.
7:00—News.
7:15—War Commentary.
7:30—Music.
7:45—War Fronts in Review.
8:00—Low White.
8:15—The Aristocrat.
8:30—Treasury Star Parade.
9:00—News.
9:15—South Myrl.
9:30—Arthur Wilson.
10:00—Swing.
10:30—News.

KOIN-MONDAY-930 Kc.
8:00—Northwest Farm Reporter.
8:30—Bible Institute.
8:45—Texas Rangers.
9:00—KOIN Klock.
9:15—Valley Lady.
9:30—News.
9:45—Bob Green, News.
10:00—Nelson Pringle.
10:30—Consumer News.
10:45—Learn to Dance.
11:00—Western America Loves.
11:15—Aunt Penny.
11:30—Late Santa Speaks.
11:45—Big Sister.
12:00—Romance of Helen Trent.
12:15—Our Gal Sunday.
12:30—Life Can Be Beautiful.

Practical Religion

—by Rev. John L. Knight, Jr.,
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PRACTICAL RELIGION
Did you ever notice that two people may look at the same object and yet see two different things? For example, a man watches a dog romp across the front lawn. To him it is a mutt, a cur, a nuisance of the neighborhood. To the young boy who watches from across the street, however, that same dog is a pet, a pal, a companion of the playground.

No two people looking at any given situation see the same thing. The critic sees faults where the admirer sees virtues. The pessimist sees disaster where the optimist sees hope. It seems to be one of the rules of living that what each person sees depends on what he is looking for—in individuals, in circumstances, in life itself.

What are you looking for? "Seek, and ye shall find."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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a person to be crazy.

It is true though that people can go crazy over religion. They brood so much over their own sins or the sins of the world, their emotions are chronically upset until finally they go daffy. I recall a case of a woman who worked herself into a state of hysteria for fear she had committed the "unpardonable sin." She was a very pious woman who had let her imagination work overtime. Fortunately her pastor told her not to worry about that and she came out of her spell.

Religion very properly affects the emotions. But where it produces an emotional debauch it victimizes its followers. It becomes a form of mental intoxication that disturbs the whole

Fourth War Loan Thought For Today

A Favor to You

There is one very curious thing about these recurrent war loan drives. So many people seem to think

they're doing the solicitor, or the government, a favor when they sign up for a couple of bonds. As a mere matter

of finance, the bond buyer is usually doing himself a favor, because he's saving money that he might otherwise have spent foolishly, and at the same time is getting a good interest on his investment.

Then, many of you may be worrying over what you're going to do when the war ends. There will be readjustments, no doubt. People will need time, and perhaps money, to get themselves settled in profitable jobs. But the fellow who has bought the bonds right along, and salted them down, will be sitting pretty. He'll have the best security there is, with a grub-stake to tide him over an awkward time, and maybe enough savings to start him anew in a good job or a paying business. You can't afford not to buy extra war bonds in the fourth war loan.

3:15—Stars of Today.
3:30—Lean Back, Listen.
3:45—Johnson Family.
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:15—Shady Valley Folks.
4:30—Monday Musicals.
4:45—News.
5:00—Learn to Dance.
5:15—Superman.
5:30—Showtime.
5:45—Jordan Burke.
6:00—Gabriel Heatter.
6:15—Believe It or Not.
6:30—Paul and Jerry.
7:00—Gladstone.
7:15—People's Reporter.
7:30—Lone Ranger.
7:45—Serenade.
8:00—Na'li Laundry.
8:15—Point Sublime.
8:30—News.
8:45—Salute to Our Heroes.
9:00—General Barrows.
9:15—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
9:30—Treasury Star Parade.
9:45—Music.
10:00—Chicago Symphony.
10:30—Yankee House Party.
11:00—Learn to Dance.

KOAC-MONDAY-530 Kc.
10:30—News.
10:45—The Homemakers' Hour.
11:00—School of the Air.
11:15—Samurai Songs.
11:30—Concert Hall.
12:00—News.
12:15—Noces Farm Hour.
1:00—Ridin' the Range.
1:15—Treasury Salute.
1:30—Variety Time.
2:00—Home Economics Extension Specialists.
2:30—Memory Book of Music.
3:00—News.
3:15—Music of the Masters.
3:30—Pianist's Talk.
3:45—Listen to Leibert.
4:00—Treasury Star Parade.
4:15—Highlights of the Week.
4:30—On the Urban.
4:45—It's Oregon's War.
5:00—News.
5:15—Evening Farm Hour.
5:30—4H Club Program.
5:45—A to Z in Novelty.
6:00—Music.
6:15—News.
6:30—Evening Meditations.

KEX-MONDAY-1130 Kc.
8:00—Musical Clock.
8:15—National Farm and Home.
8:45—Western Agriculture.
9:00—Home Harmonies.
9:15—News.
9:30—James Abbe Observes.
9:45—The Humphrey Family.
10:00—Breakfast Club.
10:15—My True Story.
10:30—Breakfast at Sardi's.
10:45—Tony Morse.
11:00—Sweet River.
11:30—Edw. Jorgensen, Commentator.
11:45—The Baby Institute.
12:00—Buckaroo Bunch.
12:15—The Mystery Club.
12:30—Ladies Be Seated.
12:45—Song by Morton Downey.
1:00—News Headlines and Highlights.
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emotional system and if kept up may produce serious mental impairment.

I do not believe a person must lose his mind to save his soul. A religion that doesn't stay within the limits of common sense is a distortion of true religion. And those preachers who preach such fanaticism that they unhinge the reason of their listeners have a lot to answer for.

No court nor anyone else can draw a line and say just where religion ends and insanity begins, but those engaged in the practice or preaching of religion should cling firmly to the solid ground of commonsense lest they be swept over the brink into mental illness.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

Soldier Voting

To the Editor:

Your lucid "It Seems to Me" editorial is appreciated but boiled down to the language of the man in the street, there is not much harm in the ballot that you speak of as being an abortion, for the momentous question is "Shall our armed forces be permitted to vote?" and it looks very much as if congress is very anxious to say "No."

It makes little or no difference as to who the presidential candidates are or will be. One will be a republican and the other a democrat. The same will apply to our state senators or congressmen.

With seven or eight million men and women in uniform, scattered to the four corners of the earth, it is almost a physical impossibility to give each individual a ballot pertaining to his or her own state and this is not what those who wear the uniform want, but they are going to vote either a straight democrat or republican ticket insofar as the federal election is concerned.

We berate the administration for the "too little, too late" attitude but there is something more to voting than this . . . it is the desire to remember those who voted down the expansion of the US navy; to remember those who refused to fortify Guam; to remember those who "damned" the administration in its frantic efforts over a period of almost eight years to appraise the country of what was on the horizon—the yellow peril—but the "America First" prevailed.

Whatever form the "soldier's" vote legislation takes, let's hope that our senators will have the intestinal fortitude to demand a roll call.

Cordially,
E. G. KINGWELL,
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A One-Minute Letter



To the Puzzled:

Have you sometimes asked yourself the question, why so many denominations in protestantism? The first answer to such a question is contained in the word protestant itself. A protestant is one who protests. The inevitable results of criticism are alienation and separation. This attitude of pulling apart and separating may be as great a weakness in the present generation as it was a source of strength historically.

Another reason for so many denominations in America grows from the variety of our cultural standards in this country, as well as our differences in language and race. The flexibility of protestantism in ministering to the spiritual needs of these various groups has proven advantageous.

Economic and social differences have also accounted for the rise of some denominations. In the more successful, spiritually alive churches this difference is often overcome, but a nation-wide evaluation must include this factor which is divisive rather than unifying.

Finally and most legitimate of all the reasons for denominational differences is human temperament. It will always be true that some will want their religions with a shout and an amen; yet others will want silence and meditation, while a third group will find God in pageantry and ritual. All these roads lead to the Eternal City of God, and I'm glad to live in a country where I can choose the way.

Sincerely yours,

H. L. Williams
W. L. Williams, Minister,
First Presbyterian Church,
Winter at Clatskanie, Salem,
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