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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"  
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## Richardson's Testimony

The defect in American policy prior to Pearl Harbor was not the concentration of the fleet at Pearl Harbor, which was protested by Admiral Richardson, but in failure to provide ample protective screening against surprise. The admiral in his testimony in reply to a question by Representative Gearhart of California said the Japanese fleet which had crossed most of the Pacific to make the attack at Pearl Harbor "quite likely would have been able to deliver the same attack on Puget Sound." His principal complaint was over the lack of preparedness of the fleet; but he disagreed with the state department's policy of having the fleet concentrated at Pearl Harbor.

Cordell Hull and Sumner Welles in their testimony both upheld this policy, which the president followed; and expressed the opinion it did serve to restrain Japanese aggression for a time. It is quite regular for the fleet to be moved to support a country's policy. In this case the presence of the fleet in Pearl Harbor may have held the Japs back for a good many months. This gave us time to press our navy construction program, so we had new battle-ships and carriers sliding down the ways which soon filled the gap caused at Pearl Harbor.

The disaster lay in the factor of surprise. For this it seems clear that both Washington and Pearl Harbor were to blame. Washington failed to give Pearl the urgent alerts and Pearl failed to adopt the precautions which the times warranted. Both seats of authority guessed wrong as to the point of Japanese attack. And our army and navy intelligence failed to keep track of the Jap carrier fleet.

That the presence of our fleet at Pearl did have a restraining effect on Japan seems to be corroborated by the fact that the first move of the Japs was to eliminate this fleet.

Admiral Richardson told of a proposal by Roosevelt to establish a patrol to prevent Japanese commerce from crossing to this hemisphere. Richardson said he opposed this idea. Admiral Stark agreed with Richardson so the idea was dropped.

The Richardson testimony fails to prove the rumors that Roosevelt was an arbitrary dictator of navy strategy. The state department backed him up on keeping the fleet at Pearl Harbor, and he followed the advice of navy men and dropped his idea of a patrol. The admiral's testimony does show him as an honest, alert and forthright officer, whose personal initiative might have sufficed to save the fleet on December 7. He evidently was full of fears of what the Japs might do and had he been in command, he might have insisted on wider patrolling of the Pacific, dispersal of the big ships, and alertness of observers. His removal may have been Roosevelt's big mistake.

## Riots in Palestine

If the Palestinian Jews who are bombing police stations and rioting at Tel Aviv are typical of the Zionists we can't blame the Arabs for wanting no more of them to enter that country. The disorders which resulted in six deaths two weeks ago and injuries to ten police constables Sunday will chill the ardor even of American politicians who have taken up the Zionist cause.

The rioters have been making trouble for the British, yet the Jews were restored to Palestine only under the British mandate and the Balfour agreement. Britain has been their protector. Now they turn against Britain because under pressure from the Arabs the "white paper" was issued which restricts Jewish immigration. Hardly a very good way to get Britain to withdraw this paper or to win approval of Americans.

After all the title of modern Jews to Palestine is sentimental only. The writer, of Scotch-Irish-English ancestry, doesn't feel he has any claim to the British Isles because his ancestors lived there. No more have the Jews to the Holy Land. The afflicted Jews of Europe have a claim to world mercy, but not necessarily to land in Palestine any more than in Poland, Germany, Spain where their people long have resided. Maybe they think they can break down British resistance if they persist, like the Irish, in "black-and-tan" disturbance.

## Editorial Comment

### FIRE-FIGHTING IN STATE HANDS

The state, through its forestry department, has taken over fire control duties in the 281,000 acres of forest land formerly patrolled by the Polk County Fire Patrol association.

This follows the state's action in taking over the similar duties that had been performed in Clatsop, Columbia, Washington and Tillamook county areas by the Northwest Oregon Fire Patrol association.

Thus the state is extending its assumption of anti-forest fire control duties and establishing a precedent which may lead ultimately to its assumption of direction of forest fire prevention throughout the state's forested areas.

This is an important new function for the state to assume, and one that it perhaps should have assumed long ago. The public interest in prevention of forest fires is far too great to leave the job in private hands. The state can direct fire prevention with more authority and probably more efficiently.

Now that the state is directly in the fire fighting business, the state forestry department will probably lend its influence to the establishment of a new policy for construction of fire breaks and fire trails throughout the woods to facilitate fighting fires.

Particularly in the coastal area, where had forest fires can be swept by an east wind down to the sea through farms and cities, are we interested in an adequate policy of fire fighting and forest preservation. We are pleased to see the state assuming this new function.—Astorian Budget.

## First Things First

This touchy subject of conscientious objectors is being brought to a head by the self-imposed fast of 12 men at Waldport, but it is doubtful they are doing either themselves or their cause any good.

The men have been fasting in protest of their continued confinement, declaring the rate of discharge for COs is far less than for GIs, and contending they are entitled to more consideration than has been accorded them for service up to four years without pay or provision for dependents.

Without going into the merits or demerits of conscientious objection, it may be pointed out that drafted GIs and COs were called to serve for the "duration" and six months. The "duration" has not yet been declared. Conceding that everything can't be taken care of at once, we can find no fault with the policy of putting first the problem of releasing servicemen who served, or were in readiness to serve, in the no-quarter battles of World War II.

The COs are conceded the right to their scruples, of course, but realism compels the conclusion that were it not for the servicemen the COs wouldn't have much left of the kind of a country to which they now wish to return.

Former president Herbert Hoover has deeded his home on the Stanford university campus to the university, as a memorial to his late wife. It will be known as the Lou Henry Hoover home. Mr. Hoover has resided in the home very little in recent years, making his home in an apartment in the Waldorf-Astoria tower. The west regrets his change of residence, but feels sure the former president will continue his lively interest in the Pacific coast.

China has ratified the Bretton Woods financial agreement, the second to do so, the United States having been first. Whether Britain will sign has become a question since the succession of the labor party to power. The agreement points the way to an orderly restoration of international commerce based on national financial stability. It should be ratified and put into effect lest the world lapse into economic isolation.

Premier Attlee said that what the world needed was the application of the principles of Christianity. With over 200 sects of the Christian church it doesn't appear that Christians can agree among themselves any better than the "big three" world powers.

The war must be over—a Salem woman saw a flatiron for sale and actually asked the price before buying it.

Now that we know what a new car may cost, there's nothing left to worry about except how to get the money and the car.

## Interpreting The Day's News

By James D. White  
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SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Hints of ill-will are beginning to appear between Dutch and British officials who are involved in the complicated East Indies revolt.

These hints come as negotiations between Dutch officials and the revolutionary Indonesian "government" break down and the British use rocket-firing planes to quell new outbreaks of violence by native extremists.

The hints are such as these: The British charge that Dutch and Ambonese troops loyal to the Dutch shot down 60 Indonesian police in "cold blood" at a police station in the capital city of Batavia.

Shortly afterward, the Dutch news agency, Aneta, reported that the British ordered some native villages burned. This was in reprisal for the murder by Indonesians of a plane-load of British and Indian troops which had been forced down outside Batavia.

### Burning Villages Common

The Dutch may have intended no slur on the British in reporting this reprisal—the bodies of four British aviators and 20 Indian soldiers had been found hacked to pieces, and such reprisals as burning villages are fairly standard practice in such cases. The usual procedure is to warn people to leave first, so no one is hurt and the bamboo huts go up with an impressive show of smoke and flame. They can be rebuilt quickly.

There appears to be some dispute between the British and the Dutch over a couple of thousand Ambonese soldiers which the Dutch have had in Batavia.

The British reported they had been ordered withdrawn a few days ago, presumably because most of them are Christians and traditional enemies of the predominantly Moslem Javanese who are defying the return of Dutch rule.

British Order Withdrawal  
But a spokesman for Admiral HeFerich, the Dutch commander-in-chief, told American correspondents that the admiral had informed the British that the Ambonese would stay. Soon afterward the British announced that the withdrawal order stood.

Meanwhile there was a curious development regarding the use of Japanese troops who still have not been disarmed. A British officer let it be known that some had done "an excellent job" in helping to clear native settlements east of Semarang, where some of the latest native uprisings have taken place.

The following day Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, whose military sphere includes the Indies since General MacArthur relinquished that area to him shortly before Japan surrendered, was quoted as saying that "Japanese prisoner of war troops" had never been used in any offensive action against natives.



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## The Literary News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON  
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### HIGH BONNET, by Iwail Jones (Penguin, \$2.50).

This is a novel in form, roughly, but the form is only an excuse for writing about good food... and it's a better excuse than many novelists think up. The author makes a library out of kitchen, pantry and cellar; he makes a chef d'oeuvre out of a chef.

The story had to be laid, of course, in France. Jean-Marie Gallois gives up the sea for sauces and soups, becomes a sculptor in cake icings; though he is disappointed in an affair of the heart, what matters to him most is stomach.

Though there is a fairly dramatic climax, even to bombs, the body of the book tells you how to make Zabaglione sauce for Peches Giulia; you have the pleasure of dining with the Council of Brillat; and kidneys are described so eloquently that reading is as good as a meal.

To make Espagnol stock you throw into the pot "lumps of beef, ham and veal, fried brown with the hammed bones; roast-fowl carcasses, tomatoes, turnips, onions, carrots, bay leaves, pepper and all-spice, celery, thyme, marjoram and savory, chervil... and a pinch of the Savoy coriander... and keep it at a simmer for a day. After an integration with sherry, it is passed through a hair sieve."

The book is full of smells, tastes, sounds. Chefs, you learn, eat out; it isn't the most famous places that always serve the best food; a clean kitchen is no more proof of delectable dishes than a clean studio of great paintings; a meat vault is a morgue; an amateur chef is as dependable as an amateur surgeon.

There are such cheeses as Ventador, Thome de Savoie, Cantal, "Parmesan"; coffee with the flavor of orange peel, parmigians roasted with a vine-leaf shield, Minorca cockscombs brined for Eliogabale sauce. And you'll enjoy your soup all the more if the diner at the next table is eating a tangerine.

This is a book for men as well as women, and it's a point in its favor that food supplies are becoming more plentiful.

### WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The inquiring congressmen have produced the complete Jap story of Pearl Harbor—but not ours.

What the Japs did and how they planned it can be rather fully understood from the files and statements uncovered by General MacArthur in Tokyo, but the American causes for our greatest disaster of all war history are not so plain.



The Japs decided upon the attack two months ahead, (October 5), when Mr. Roosevelt decided to impose the embargo upon supplies from us. Premier Yamamoto told the government the loss of economic sustenance from us would defeat Japan in her war in China, so she might as well go to war with us on the chance of winning all or nothing.

The date was picked then, orders issued November 5, fleet assembled November 25 (the date our navy obviously feared something big, decided to risk no more shipping in the northern Pacific and ordered all to the southern route).

Most Planes Escaped  
The fleet refueled at sea 200 miles north of Pearl Harbor on December 6, and attacked the next day from that neglected expanse of ocean; lost only 27 of the 381 planes in the attack; the remainder getting back to the carriers striking westward, and all escaped northward to the home Kuriles.

The Japanese peace mission to the White House was a complete fake to cover this operation. The government had been reorganized November 2 to bring in a war crowd better schooled in Nazi technique (although Hitler was not advised). Nor were the Jap peace emissaries informed of what was afoot.

The plan for the attack had been in the Jap war book for years, and every detail had been worked out by observation of our naval habits of bringing in ships and giving the men shore leave over weekends, opening

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



The first Greek letter sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, was founded at De Pauw university in January 1876.

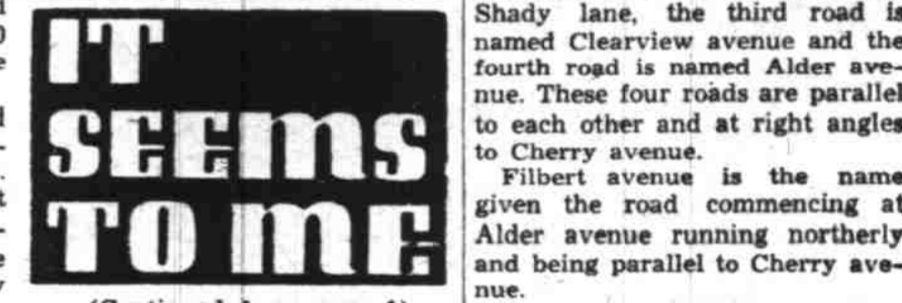
## Proper Utilization of State's Resources Urged by Hunter

Termining reconversion "the first step in winning the peace," Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter of the state system of higher education urged Salem Chamber of Commerce members and guests Monday to utilize the state's unmatched resources to "keep faith with the 200,000 who did not come back."

The people of the United States as a whole, he maintained, should lead the world in perfecting an international organization with authority and power to stamp out wars in their very beginnings, keep the nation's defenses high and should maintain a research program adequate to cover the farthest frontiers of scientific investigation in all fields, using for this purpose government and private financing.

Forest Crop Tops  
Oregon has the greatest unharvested forest crop in the United States, agricultural fertility surpassed by no other state, water power resources per capita greater than those of any other area of America of similar extent and population, one of the finest climates in the world (here his audience laughed, for Hunter traveled through one of the worst storms in recent years to address the Salem chamber), a great tourist wonderland and the beginnings of a manufacturing industry of great promise, he declared.

Intelligence High  
The state's level of intelligence rates high—and so does her living standard, the speaker said. By raising levels of intelligence and with them living standards of peoples on the other side of the Pacific basin, Oregon may not only help to keep the peace but build for herself a still more prosperous future, Hunter predicted.



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What the compromise will be has not been announced, but within a few months the states will take over the service. Such being the case the states should plan now to pick up the pieces and put them together again.

Here are the difficulties: The state wage scale is lower than the federal. Employees will naturally "look around" before taking a wage cut.

Second, few of the employees have any civil service rating with the state because there have been so many changes in personnel.

In Oregon the employment service will go back under the unemployment compensation commission. Just as soon as the return is definitely decided the commission should designate the director of the service and inform all employees they will be blanketed in as far as may be done consistent with the merit rating plan of employment.

The commission should not stop there, however. It should seek to build up the service where it will make a real attack on the employment problem, seeking aggressively to find jobs for workers. During the war his task became one of finding workers for jobs. Right now, it is sort of between "hay and grass" and devoting most of its time to registering applicants for unemployment compensation. It should not lapse into just a registration office for the unemployed.

The CED report referred to makes definite suggestions for improvement of the unemployment service, such as:  
Improvement of employment contacts with local employers and local labor groups.  
A greatly strengthened system of state and local advisory committees.  
Comprehensive job information and occupational counseling service.  
Unity of action and adaptability to the rapidly changing conditions of this period, effective guidance of interstate migration; a properly supervised program of transportation grants to move workers from surplus to deficiency labor areas.

Oregon had an excellent employment service before the war. It should not fail in the postwar period. But thorough planning and prompt action are needed if the service is to meet the burdens that may be seen just ahead.

Presided over by Retiring President Ross Coleman, St. Paul, more than 50 delegates from many parishes in the Willamette valley heard an address by Rev. Damian Jentges, OSB, Mt. Angel, on the subject "Catholic Mentality." Other members of the clergy present were the Rev. Frs. Joseph Scherbing, Sublimity, and M. Jonas, Stayton.

An invitation from Father Jonas to the league to hold its next meeting in January at Stayton was accepted.

Edward Hammer, Mt. Angel, was elected president for 1946 of the Willamette valley league of the Holy Name society at the league's regular bi-monthly meeting at Sublimity Sunday night, November 25.

The vice president post went to Anton Traeger, Mt. Angel, and Joseph L. Prange was named secretary-treasurer. Patrick Gorman, Stayton, was re-elected marshal.

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