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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 ft 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 in the no-quarter battles of World War II. 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 battleships 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 patroling 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 Jewes 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

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 as-

Thus the state is extending its assumption of antiforest 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 effic-

Now that the state is directly in the fire fighting siness, 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

Particularly in the coastal area, where bad forest fires can be swept by an east wind down to the e through farms and cities, are we interested in uate policy of fire fighting and forest presrvation. We are pleased to see the state assuming Agtorian 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 de-merits 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,

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-Astor 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

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 Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26 .- (AP)-Hints of illwill 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 rocketfiring 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"

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.

at a police station in the capital

Burning Villages Common The Dutch may have intended no slur on the British in reporting this reprisalthe 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

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

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 "You're too late. I just bought same real estate from one



The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers

HIGH BONNET, by Idwal Jones (Prentice-Hall; \$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

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 hammered bones; roastfowl 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 Ventadour, Thome de Savoie, Cantal, Parmesan; coffee with the flavor of orange peel, ptarmigans 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.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

News Behind the News By PAUL MALLON

International Poker

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duced the complete Jap story of

What the Japs did and how

Pearl Harbor-but not ours.

or in part strictly prohibited.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 26-The the sub nets for garbage disposal inquiring congressmen have proat dawn, as well as our limited

they planned it can be rather fully understood from the files and statements uncovered by General Mac-Arthur in Tokyo. but the American causes for our greatest disaster of all war history are not so

plain. The Japs de-Paul Mallon upon the attack two months ahead, (October 5), when Mr. Roosevelt decided to impose the embargo upon supplies from Premier Yammamoto told nomic 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

us.

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 escaped northwestward 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

By Lichty

Japs refueled). It was cunning, long-planned treachery perfectly executed under the most favorable auspices.

On our side of it, Mr. Roosevelt and his admirals knew an attack was to be made and the approximate time of it. But they expected it in Malaya against the British and Dutch, and against us in the Philippines. They did not expect it to fall upon Pearl Harbor, and were totally surprised when it did.

This is the only justifiable conclusion from the accumulated public evidence that they knew war was coming through intercepted messages yet did nothing about Pearl Harbor. They did little more about the Philippines, anticipating no doubt, a long range war on that front in which we would attack Jap shipping northward and seek out the Jap

Responsibility in Question Beyond all the new and old facts about Washington's failure to warn and the navy's failures to detect and defend, is the basic

question of who was responsible for setting up our fleet like ducks on an enclosed pond for the Japs to destroy. This is the inexcusable colossal, overall blunder. A few hours warning from here would have dispersed the fleet to sea where

the bulk of it would have been saved (the Jap planes had no gas for searching out maneuverable ships). Admiral Richardson says Roosevelt, 15 months earlier, told him the Japs would make a "mistake" and enter the war; but also declined to accept Richardson's policy of retiring the fleet to the safety of our Pacific coast

who would do presidential bid-FDR Concept Wrong It was Mr. Roosevelt, then, who is responsible for the policy of keeping the fleet based on Pearl Harbor as a general policy.

and replaced him with a man

His concept of Jap attack strategy was therefore wholly wrong. As to the specific event of why the fleet was bottled there that day, it is unbelievably true that Mr. Roosevelt and his admirals who were required to follow his bidding, permitted those ships to remain closeted in their narrow base when they knew atta : was coming - without a

warning to disperse. Some evidence suggests Mr. Roosevelt was playing a come-on game with the Japs, wanted to draw them into the "mistake" of war and thus dispose of them. This may be true, but nevertheless the man or men responsible for the disaster are the ones who left the fleet set up there that day. They could only be the ruling navy clique of which Mr. Roosevelt was the intimate, shiploving top man.

The answer which these facts demand is complete cleansing out of the top navy-and Mr. Truman has already started it with the replacement of Mr. Roosevelt's Admiral King, (who came in after Pearl Harbor) and simultaneous approval by the president of the legislation to put the navy with the army and air corps into a combined armed service force.

The army has developed a new shirt cloth utilizing a finer yarn, permitting its manufacture by a larger number of mills.

The first Greek letter sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, was founded at De Pauw university in Janu-

Proper Utilization of State's Resources Urged by Hunter

Terming reconversion "the first step in winning the peace," Chancellor Fhederick 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

as a whole, he maintained, should international organization with authority and power to stamp out wars in their very beginnings, keep Street Names the nation's defenses high and should maintain a research program adequate to cover the farth-

Forest Crop Tops Oregon has the greatest unhar-

er than those of any other area lane is named Manbirn road. of America of similar extent and A portion of road known as ence laughed, for Hunter traveled Auburn avenue. through one of the worst storms The portion of Monroe avenue in recent years to address the Sa- running south from Fruitland 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.

plane observation radius of 200 miles (just outside of which the

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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. Employes will naturally "look around" taking a wage cut.

Second, few of the employes 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 employes 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 its 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 com-

Comprehensive job information and occupational counselling service.

Unity of action and adaptability to the rapidly changing ive guidance of interstate migradeficiency labor areas.

It should not fail in the postwar M. Jonas, Stayton. period. But thorough planning An invitation from Father Jonas that may be seen just ahead.

The people of the United States County Court

The Marion county court at a est frontiers of scientific investi- hearing Monday affixed names to gation in all fields, using for this nine roads and avenues in the purpose government and private immediate vicinity of Salem at the request of the postmaster and certain residents adjacent to these roads.

The road running easterly and vested forest crop in the United westerly between Salem-Wheat-States, agricultural fertility sur- land road and the Willamette rivpassed by no other state, water er and between and parallel to power resources per capita great- Sunset avenue and Cummings

population, one of the finest cli- Morgan avenue running parallel mates in the world (here his audi- to East Center street is renamed

lem chamber), a great tourist won- road or East Center street and derland and the beginnings of a parallel to the eastern boundary manufacturing industry of great of the city is renamed Hawthorne avenue. Cannon street is the name giv-

en to a block-length street onefifth of a mile south of Hoyt street and on the east side of 12th street.

Certain roads or avenues running east and west and commencing on Cherry avenue and immediately north of the alumina plant were named. The first road north of the plant is named Candle lane, the second road is now Shady lane, the third road is named Clearview avenue and the fourth road is named Alder avenue. These four roads are parallel to each other and at right angles to Cherry avenue.

Filbert avenue is the name given the road commencing at Alder avenue running northerly and being parallel to Cherry ave-

Snyder Speaks School System

Salem persons, including a number of teachers, who attended the fourth in a weekly series of 15 lectures on community resources for youth education held have any civil service rating in Collins hall Monday night with the state because there heard Walter Snyder, curriculum have been so many changes in director for Salem public schools. speak on elementary education systems.

The lecture series which is featuring outstanding speakers from specific fields of youth education is being sponsored by the Willamette university department of education under the guidance of Dr. Lawrence Riggs. Marion county teachers who are attending each meeting of the series will receive in training credit for their attendance.

The December 3 meeting will feature a panel discussion group including C. A. Kells, general secretary of the YMCA; Lyle Leighton, executive, Cascade area council Boy Scouts; Mrs. Esther Little. general secretary Salem YWCA. and Mrs. Emma Maxwell, executive Salem Camp Fire girls.

Catholic Group Elects Officers

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. Presided over by Retiring Pres-

ident Ross Coleman, St. Paul, conditions of this period, effect- more than 50 delegates from many parishes in the Willamette tion; a properly supervised pro- valley heard an address by Rev. gram of transportation grants to Damian Jentges, OSB, Mt. Angel, move workers from surplus to on the subject "Catholic Mentality." Other members of the clergy Oregon had an excellent em- present were the Rev. Frs. Josployment service before the war. eph Scherbring, Sublimity, and

and prompt action are needed if to the league to hold its next the service is to meet the burdens meeting in January at Stayton



