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Danube and Dardanelles

In a contribution in today's Safety Valve, Col. A. M. Church supports the Russian position relative to the Danube river and the straits of the Dardanelles, as against positions taken by Britain and the United States. His statement has some degree of plausibility; however, it does not give proper weight to all the facts.

First, as to the Danube: It has been a river open for free traffic long before the present war. The United States (more than Great Britain) has insisted that its free status be retained. This has nothing to do with military control, as it relates only to movement of commercial vessels. The United States is firmly committed to the principle of free commerce from the system of quotas, restraints and preferences in the belief that this policy will improve the economic health of nations and so help to prevent wars. Russia seems to favor the closed economic system, which certainly would be instituted if the Danube is barred to freedom of commerce. The effect would be to bind the Danubian countries more firmly within the Russian orbit.

Second, as to the Dardanelles: Britain and the United States agreed at Potsdam to give Russia full freedom of transit through the straits, both of merchant shipping and war vessels. What is opposed is Russia's demand for a military base on the straits. The sovereignty of the straits is Turkish. For Russia by pressure or force to occupy land on the straits would be an act of aggression which certainly could not be condoned in advance or later.

To justify Russia's demand, as Colonel Church attempts to do by the process of comparison, is to follow the same line of reasoning used to justify Germany and Japan in their moves of aggression. What Colonel Church ignores is the changed factor in international relations which looks to maintenance of peace through the United Nations. If this agency can be made to function then Russia needs no military base on the straits. The United States has placed itself squarely behind the charter and is ready to meet its obligations under it for the restraint of aggressors. In agreeing to the concessions of Potsdam the western nations have gone as far as they should in meeting Russia's claims for consideration as to the straits.

Decontrol for Meat

The King of France went up the hill
With twenty thousand men;
The King of France came down the hill,
And never went up again.

President Truman completed a similar round trip last night. After bravely marching up the hill of price control on meat and sticking to its slippery summit for days while frantic housewives galloped in with dire political tidings, he marched down the hill to order decontrol. Seldom in our political history has a president made such a humiliating retreat. Mr. Truman's bitter castigation of the willful men who had confounded his policies was a reflection of the gall he must have tasted over his defeat.

Price control was killed months ago by public restlessness over controls by faulty administration, by lifting of wage controls by congressional throat-slitting, by defiance of scofflaws. Truman was powerless against the sweep of the tide ebbing from the war's crest.

While the congressional bloc he castigated did do much to wreck price control, in the case of meat the real villains were the greedy livestock producers. They held their cattle off the market. It was a sitdown strike as regardless of the general welfare as the strikes of labor unions. The only difference between this strike and a union strike is that it was not ordered; no picket lines were set up; anyone could sell if he wanted to. Common consent served the purpose however, and the government was brought to its knees in a period of less than two months.

President Truman seems still greatly concerned over inflation. Again his timing may be poor. The present price dance is the customary last fling of inflation. Just over the horizon looms deflation as a greater danger.

"Meat" has been a sorry shibboleth of politics in recent weeks. None of the parties involved in the late controversy over meat can take much pride in their performance; politicians, livestock growers, consumers grumbling though they are still the best-fed people on earth. The record is a sorry one for the American people.

New Vocational School

We trust that the attempt of the state board of education to acquire Klamath marine barracks for a vocational school is not a case of the appetite being larger than the stomach. The anticipated enrollment of 600 vocational students may just rattle around in the barracks with accommodations for 5000. The state board of higher education, which runs the institutions of higher learning, decided, wisely, we believe, not to participate in the Klamath venture. The other state board whose duties relate to the common and vocational schools has undertaken to set up a vocational school there and the state emergency board has made available funds to carry the project through until the legislature meets.

There is need for extension of true vocational education in this state. A system was set up in a 1941 act of the legislature, but no state funds have been provided to date for making it effective. Virtually all the cost of war and postwar trade education was borne by the federal government, with assistance of school districts. Klamath barracks gives an opportunity for launching a vocational project on a large scale.

Such an enterprise will be free of some handicaps that a GI university would have faced. It does not pose as a college. It can obtain instructors from the wartime schools or from industry. It has little duplication. It should fill a real need in providing well-rounded training in trades and crafts—not just as six-weeks' course in metal working or a two-weeks' course in welding. It can provide ample housing both for students and instructors. It has no diversions of "big games," fraternities, and ivy-clad traditions to interfere with serious work.

The principal drawbacks are remoteness from thickly populated districts and from varied lines of industry. Instruction must be chiefly on-campus, with little cooperation with practical industry. Klamath Falls, whose attitude in the whole business has been sincere and well-intentioned, will do all it can to overcome these difficulties.

If the federal government assents to the plan at least we shall make a test of the interest of persons in such a vocational school; and in the interval light may dawn for the permanent use of this facility, far too valuable just to be junked.

American censorship was too zealous when it banned a Japanese editorial which urged Japanese not to set up General MacArthur as a new god in lieu of Hirohito. In the portions quoted it is hard to see anything "derogatory to occupation officials" imputed as the cause of the ban. The American general is doing a good job in getting Japan reorganized, and the Nipponese seem to be falling over themselves in adulation. But the editorial is correct when it says that MacArthur is no god but a living example of the democratic system. That idea should be propagandized, not suppressed.

Dr. Newburn Gives C of C Peace Talk

The basic disciplines of an individual that make for a better, peaceful world are developed on the community level, in the opinion of Dr. Harry K. Newburn, president of the University of Oregon, who addressed the Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Dr. Newburn's lecture featured the chamber luncheon meeting observance of businesswomen's week. Officials and members of the Salem Business and Professional Women's club were guests at the meeting.

Because no organization for worldwide peace will be effective unless the men who run it can "fight" for peace as courageously and intelligently as men fought the war, Dr. Newburn said, emphasis must be placed on training of "better men" for world leadership.

The speaker listed as seven disciplines that would make "better men" the realization that freedom is relative and accompanied by responsibilities, the proper use of basic tools of learning to communicate one's essential thinking, the trained mind, full understanding of the power of knowledge, realization of the importance of health, control over one's conduct and strength of character that will recognize the necessity of diligent labor for any accomplishment and the importance of spiritual things above material things.

Introduction of Dr. Newburn was made by Carmelite Weddle, president of the local-businesswomen's club. Other club officers were introduced as were two state officials, Membership Chairman Charlene Edwards of Philomath and Publicity Chairman Marian Lowry Fischer of Salem.

Firemen Take Exams Today

Eight candidates for city fireman civil service appointments will be put through their paces—mental and physical—today in a civil service examination. They will report at city hall at 9 a. m.

Candidates are Kenneth L. Burnett, 1065 N. 13th st.; Clayton S. Patterson, 241 N. Liberty st.; Gordon G. Gemmell, 460 N. 24th st.; Roland M. Dahl, 807 S. Commercial st.; James W. Lockard, 1990 Center st.; Arthur W. Brown, 295 N. 17th st.; Prims, 1990 Center st.; and James C. Hatfield, 399 N. 24th st. All but Burnett and Patterson have been serving recently as temporary firemen on the Salem force.

2,563 in Seven Vet Hospitals

Seven veterans administration hospitals of the Pacific Northwest housed at last report 2563 patients, two thirds of them veterans of world war I, it was disclosed yesterday by James S. Harris, VA representative in Salem.

Harris added that the report made at the beginning of September showed that 1768 of the patients—about two thirds—were being treated for disabilities not connected with their service.

The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers

THE FIRE OF THE LORD, by Norman Nicholson, \$2.50.

The scene of this novel is Odoborough, a little English village where farm gives way to factory, with a monstrous slagbank overlooking the Green, St. Kentigern's where the people worship, the Mungo Arms where they drink, and Marsh Edge Street where they buy pasties.

The time is a short five war-time months, from November 5, "Papist's Conspiracy," to the following March 24, Easter Sunday. The plot is just a switching back and forth between righteousness and sin, loving and not loving.

But the people are the thing, for this, as all novels should be, is about people. First you meet P. C. Crinkle, or "Twins" as the tagging boys call him, a police officer who can't see anything in a blackout and misses a lot in broad daylight, too. Then there's Maggie Birker, who runs a little bakeshop; her assistant Elsie who, contrary to "Twins," understands more than his deafness allows her to hear; Jim Birken, the young husband; and finally Benji Fell, uneducated, godly, itinerant evangelist always preaching the need for a burnt offering, after the example of Abraham and Isaac, to hallow the land whether for crops or for red hot slag.

"Twins" has unearthed a secret which Mrs. Birker wants him to keep, but also he has something which she fancies she'd like to share; and the one will benefit Elsie and Jim while the other will not.

So of course there is plot, but unfolding easily and without strain; it springs naturally from the people, all of whom hold my undivided attention. Nicholson catches you going and coming, with plot as people do and also with what they are, and you will be absorbed by the effective shifts in love, jealousy, fear, mistrust, conniving, godliness and ungodliness. The scenes in which the girl refuses to love the man because he's wrong and then, when she has persuaded him of it, the man refuses to love the girl, are admirably contrived.

The book is full-bodied, adult, earnest, as if the author believed a novel was worth writing as well as just selling. It's calmly written, real rather than emotional, and recommended it as the best first novel in months.



The Great Beyond

The Safety Valve LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

RUSSIA AND THE DARDANELLES

To the Editor:

"U. S. and Britain call on Russia to free the Danube" says today's headlines, and the dispatch relates that England's Bevin and our Vandenberg declared in the peace conference that England cannot accept the proposed treaty "unless Great Britain is given precisely the same treatment" as other nations. Very proper, perhaps, although Britain has no legitimate interests on the Danube, which flows only through European countries now largely under the protectorate of Russia.

Let's shift the scene. For all practical purposes the Black Sea is a Russian sea, containing the highly prized Crimean peninsula. It is Russia's best terrain, being a citrus district and adjacent to the great grain-producing area, the Ukraine. For a century Russia has been pleading for an outlet to the Mediterranean through the Bosphorus and Dardanelles, the only outlet to the Black Sea. But England, considers the Mediterranean her own private lake and wants no ships there except her own and those of her political pimps of Europe and America.

In the present controversies Russia has asked to be allowed to help manage the Dardanelles and Bosphorus and make them open to the world, but our great democracies call the idea "Russian aggression," while saying nothing about England's century-old determination to keep Russia confined to ice-bound harbors. Can it be that England and the United States are scared to death at the possibility of Russian competition in world commerce? England owns the Suez canal and the United States owns the Panama canal. What a fuss there would be if these were closed to certain nations instead of being open to world commerce.

A. M. Church.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

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leftist writer who failed to make the turn from pacifism which "The Nation" successfully negotiated. Not until about the time of Pearl Harbor did "The New Republic" change its line from isolationism. Hence it will not be embarrassed to accept the neo-isolationism of Henry Wallace.

This magazine will give Wallace a sounding board. Its circulation is small, less than 50,000, but this is hardly a fair measure of its influence. The magazine does have a following among the liberal leftist groups. Its influence on the masses, however, is second-hand and in late years has not been very pronounced.

In many ways the new assignment fits Wallace very well. He is an "advanced thinker" whose personal following is small but loyal; ditto the magazine. He is something of a political iconoclast; ditto the magazine. He is branded as a "screwball" by conservatives; ditto the magazine.

As a vehicle for political advancement, if that is Wallace's objective, the editorship of "The New Republic" will probably prove a 1933 model. Unless he can supply jet propulsion he will not get very far in the political world from the editorial tripod.

As an editor Wallace becomes just another editor, just as Harold Ickes as newspaper columnist became just another columnist. He loses the halo of public office, and the perquisites of political power. At that the editorship may fit him better than the seals of office—at least it has better promise of permanence. And for the time being at least, the circulation of "The New Republic" should move ahead.

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Reder Named WU Student Vice-President

William Reder, Portland, Willamette football end who was all-conference in 1941 and who returned to the campus last semester after four years in the army, yesterday was elected vice president of the associated student body. Reder is a member of Alpha Psi Delta fraternity and president of the Alpha house dormitory.

Reder's election to fill a student body office vacancy highlighted the campus campaigning of last week and the rerun election which on Monday filled the class offices for which no candidate had received a majority of votes at last week's election.

Officers elected yesterday: Senior—Wesley Acton, Salem, president; Gordon Kuske, Turner, secretary-treasurer; Junior—Fred Graham, Longview, Wash., president; Patricia Miller, Portland, vice president; Joan Kathan, Rogue River, secretary; Darrell Williams, Portland, treasurer. Sophomore—Frank Newell, Pennington, Neb., president; Joyce Reeves, Salem, vice president; Barbara MacDuffee, Portland, secretary. Freshman—Charles Patterson, Burlingame, Calif., vice president; Roger Adams, Milbrae, Calif., treasurer, and Travis Cross, Salem, class representative.

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Salem Groups Join in Coast Road Opening

Several hundred Salem residents—including the high school band, the Cherrians and chamber of commerce representatives—joined residents of North Lincoln county in celebrating opening the new stretch of coast highway from Oceanlake to Delake Sunday.

W. M. Bartlett of the postwar development commission represented Gov. Earl Snell in cutting a ribbon to symbolize official opening of the highway. E. Burr Miller, chamber president, and W. W. Chadwick, head of the Cherrians, also spoke at the ceremony. The band played at Taft, Neilson and Oceanlake, principal stops in the caravan parade of motor vehicles carrying visitors for the occasion.

Hyrum Hand Dies Sunday

Hyrum Hand, 80, native of England and resident of this area the past two and a half years, died at his residence on route 7 Sunday. He was a retired mail carrier.

Surviving are the widow, Johanna Alice Foley, Salem; two daughters and a son of Los Angeles, Mrs. Margaret Doremus, Mrs. Theodora Smith and Wayland D. Hand; a sister, Mrs. Nellie Dexter, Salt Lake City; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are being made by the W. T. Rigdon company.

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Derailed Car Hits Hotel Lobby



SPRINGFIELD, O., Oct. 14—A wrecking crane is busy extricating a refrigerator car that smashed into the lobby of the Frances hotel here today. It was one of three cars of a New York Central freight train derailed in the center of the city. (AP Wirephoto).

Large Amount Of Clothing Surplus Sale

Commercial quantities of wearing apparel are on sale by the Portland war assets administration office, it was announced yesterday. The offering is available for inspection in Oregon and southwest Washington warehouses before the order deadline of October 21, it was stated.

Among items on sale are 2000 new caps made of various materials, 1000 lumberjack shirts, trousers and breeches, parkas women's coats and vests. Other current WAA offerings are miscellaneous hardware, canned heating fuel, marine wire and cable. Bids will be received until October 24 for automotive spare parts, jeep engines and jacks and miscellaneous electrical equipment and parts.

Former Salem Woman Rites Held Today

Mrs. Sarah E. Yantis, a former Salem resident, died in St. Louis, Mo., October 11. More than 80 years old, she made her home in Salem for several years before moving away in 1916.

Private graveside funeral services will be conducted in City View cemetery, Salem, at 2 p. m. today, the Rev. George H. Swift officiating. W. T. Rigdon company is in charge of rites.

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County Vote Registrations Below 1943

Registration for the November elections in Marion county is again lower than the 1943 high point, Harlan A. Judd, Marion county clerk, said Monday. Total registration for Marion county this year is 34,975, while in 1943 the total was 40,440. The number of registrars in Salem was 16,817 voters, Judd said.

Republican registration is still high in Marion county, by almost two to one. A total of 21,171 registered as Republicans as against 12,554 Democrats, Judd reported. Of other parties registered the progressives had 189, socialists 23, independents 7, prohibitionists 82, and 949 miscellaneous. Female voters are outnumbered by male voters 17,997 to 16,988.

Pamphlets to Voters in Mail

Mailing of city voting pamphlets to the 16,817 registered voters in Salem began Monday, according to City Recorder Alfred Munds.

Listed in the pamphlet are complete texts of three proposed charter amendments—an ordinance to prohibit the use of parking meters, an ordinance to clarify certain points of the new form of city government which the voters adopted last May and an ordinance providing city elections shall prescribe procedure.

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