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Useless Recriminations

The probe of Pearl Harbor and criticism of General Clark's strategy in Italy take a back seat, as far as surprises are concerned, with Winston Churchill's disclosure that 100,000 British Empire troops surrendered the great naval base of Singapore to less than one-third that many Japanese.

Admittedly, in modern warfare strength doesn't always rest with numbers, and the British strength undoubtedly didn't constitute all first-line soldiers. But it cannot but be wondered what a hulabaloo would have gone up in this country had American troops been similarly defeated.

Churchill himself confessed the episode provided "an endless field of recrimination," but won his point that no investigation be undertaken at the time because of its undoubted impact on the war.

It is not to throw stones to point out that 400 marines held off 10,000 Japanese and an entire task force at Wake island for two weeks, or that the surrenders of Bataan and Corregidor were to overwhelming forces. We made our mistakes, too. But unless some good is to be derived from continually harping on the mistakes of war-darkened years-a period which never would have occurred at all if far more serious mistakes hadn't been made long before -it's time to quit digging dirt from the past.

The tragedy of Pearl Harbor and Anzio, or Singapore, can't be rectified now. All in all, if the world's statesmen don't make any more mistakes than its military leaders the future, indeed, will be brighter. Let's look ahead.

No CIO Work in Meat Plants

The refusal of CIO packing house workers to return to work when the department of agriculture takes over the packing plants is understandable. They are on strike for higher wages. The government will pay the same wages which prevailed before the strike. How then will return to work help the workers win their wage demands? The war being over, the patriotic appeal has little weight.

But with the CIO refusal to work in the packing plants the score is evened up on disregard of government requests. Phil Murray and Walter Reuther have denounced Big Steel and General Motors for scorning the terms of settlement urged by President Truman and a factfinding committee. The packing house workers are as prompt to spurn the government as the

The fact is that government seizure of a struck plant settles no issue. It may, if workers return to work, supply goods or services to the public; but the contention between labor and management remains and it may take a long time to conclude a deal so government can turn the plants back to owners. In case of essential industries like public utilities there is justification for government intervention; but ordinarily it should be avoided.

A shutdown is apt to spur both parties to quicker settlement. Workers without jobs are eager to get wages. Employers without production to sell are anxious to resume plant operations. In the case of steel, President Truman is following the right course in not jumping in to run the plants. Some distress will result, but distress itself is a prod to action.

Monroe Sweetland, gone from Oregon for four years, working first in the labor division of WPB, then setting up the CIO organization for raising money for war welfare projects and later with the Red Cross, has come back to the state and purchased the Molalla Pioneer. He and his wife are moving to Molalla and will give active attention to the publication of the paper. Long a leader in left-wing political thinking Sweetland may be expected to make the Pioneer a medium for expressing his views. Well, we can stand some such publication to serve as an editorial irritant in Oregon. The state has lacked such since Rod Alden sold the Woodburn Independent and Col. Church became prosperous.

Russian papers do as good a job promoting bad relations with this country as the Hearst papers. Tass news agency has been stirring up trouble over American administration in Korea, accusing Americans of poisoning Koreans against the USSR. This charge is of questionable truth. Even the Koreans have heard how Russia rules its own country.

In a southern Oregon city a man killed himself by putting the muzzle of a 30-30 under his chin and pulling the trigger. He was considerate, though; he went out to the woodshed to perform the deed instead of messing up the family bathroom.

They put barbed wire on Waikiki beach, made a military base out of Tahiti, told us there were germs in kisses, and now they're bombarding the moon. Is all romance to be atomized?

Statisticians tell us the world has been at peace only 8 per cent of the time in recorded history. As far as we're concerned, it can start on that other 92 per cent right now.

It's all very well for the scientists to say the atomic wave won't be over 5 feet high at a distance of 500 miles-we're still glad we don't live in the Marshall islands.

The chief reason for the close-in slugging at the UNO meeting is that representatives still think first of their national interest and second about world peace.

Style and Constitution

A critic of the structure and phraseology of the United Nations charter writes:

"The subordination of precise thought to promiscuous wording has been cited as one of the characteristic symptoms of a disintegrating civilization . . . This document would not be more difficult reading-it would be far easier for the average man to comprehend-if its language were clean and clear and definite and tough-as is that of our federal constitution."

He touches one of the prime virtues of the American constitution: its literary clarity and economy of words in expression. Credit for this should go in great degree to Gouverneur Morris, a delegate from New York. He had this advantage to be sure, of working in the single medium of the English language, while the UNO charter had to be written to meet the ideas of men of diverse tongues. Few realize, however, how important is the style used in a public document like a constitution or charter, or how much of the success of our own constitution is due to the clear style in which it is written.

Democratic Process

"Town Meeting" Thursday night had for its" question: "Is there a substitute for strikes?" The discussion ranged all over the lot, and as is generally true, didn't settle anything. Answering one question from the floor, Dr. J. Raymond Walsh, pro-labor economist, said in his view a labor union had the right to strike any time it wanted to for any reason its members desired. The question dealt with the right of New York transit-workers to strike as threatened unless the city submitted to referendum the question of sale of city-owned power plants. If the transit workers have the right to strike to try to stop the proposed sale, according to Walsh's theory the electric workers would have the same right to strike to try to force the sale. If labor unions take on such functions how will either orderly government or orderly industry function? Labor has full right of expression of its political views; but to apply mass economic pressures on political issues endangers the democratic process.

The national park service is going to find out whether Crater lake really, burps or not, A geologist has been sent to the lake and a soundrecording device lowered over the rim to be suspended ten feet in the water. It will pick up and report any seismic disturbance which may account for the reported clouds seen three times over the lake by park employes and visitors. Now if the ancient volcano has the stomach-ache, let it belch.

Interpreting The Day's News

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25-(A)-More than 80 years ago the king of Siam had an idea, and it's still paying dividends.

Noting that America had large tropical areas such as Florida, he wrote to President Abraham Lincoln offering a herd of elephants from which we could build up a source of motive power. Lincoln replied with thanks, saying we had loco-

Today, Siam has reason to be grateful for Ameri-

can goodwill as she tries to get back on the track after her brief excursion as Japan's only independent ally in the Pacific war. For the American view-that Siam's alliance with Japan was not the wish of Siamese people -is behind the terms of the treaties which Siam today is signing with her recent enemies. Siam became a constitutional

monarchy in 1932 after a bloodless revolution. But in 1939 an army officer named Luang Pibul Songgram set himself up as dic-

tator with strong leanings toward Japan. After Pearl Harbor he declared war on the allies, includ-

ing America. The United States ignored it, and a free Siamese delegation remained in Washington.

Revolutionists Return In the summer of 1944, soon after Hideki Tojo fell in Tokyo, Pibul Songgram was voted out of power by the cabinet, and the same men who had led the 1932 revolution came back into power. The Siamese went back to calling their country

Siam and looked hopefully toward the peace. There was trouble with China. Certain of Chiang Kai-shek's generals, including Chief of Staff Ho Ying-chin, talked of sending Chinese occupation troops to Siam. (There were riots in Bangkok, the Siamese capital, involving the big Chinese business community.) Peculiarly enough the Chinese never had had diplomatic relations with Siam, and negotiations had to be forwarded through Washington until Chungking decided to send a delega-

tion to Bangkok. The British, meanwhile, were negotiating a treaty, and strenuously denied reports they were seeking to acquire such a dominant influence as to make Siam practically a vassal.

Their original terms were never revealed, but after some talk with the Americans a treaty was signed which everyone said was satisfactory. To Turn Over Rice Supply

Siam returned to Burma territory she had grabbed before the war, agreed to abide by future international agreements on tin and rubber, and promised to turn over her rice surplus to the British. In the meantime, America told the Siamese they also would be expected to turn back to Indo-China the Cambodian jungle grabbed from French Indo-China before Pearl Harbor.

Now the Siamese have signed a treaty of friendship with the Chinese, and diplomatic relations to be established for the first time between two only sovereign nations in east Asia.



A Geographical Problem

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man earth-bound. We now are toying with forces whose immensity taxes our imagination; the unleashing of wild energies chasms of galactic systems.

Sir Isaac Newton, who died of gravitation, said this toward Santiam Snow the close of his life:

and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble since his death. The new phy- were advised. sics, the new chemistry, the new truth remaining to be charted. the summit.

The Literary Guidepost By W. G. Rogers

THE TURQUOIS, by Anya Seton (Houghton Miffin; \$2.50). to make use of sex appeal, is vicinity of Manzanita. the theme of this novel about a girl, named Santa Fe for the pavement. city where she was born in

Her Spanish mother and Scot- snow on road. tish father, both cast off by their families, die early and the girl is brought up by impoverished Mexicans. She proves to have Gross crop values of more than where she rises to the pinnacle of interior oficials.

If you're interested in improbable romance, in a picture of our country unlike what it was, and above all in a seeing-eye girl, you'll dote on this.

STEELWAYS OF NEW ENGLAND.

by Alvin F. Harlow (Creative Age
Press; \$3.50).

This is the first book in an ambitious railroad series that proposes ultimately to tell the story of the United States as it was welded by the singing rails. It is a good, sound start, although it is to be hoped that future volumes will open up the throttle a bit more and carry the general reader faster through the complex financial and other details that at times slow Harlow's book almost to the speed of the first trains.

Carefully documented, well illustrated, the book traces railroading in New England from the early 1800's, when some believed they "were of the Devil," to the present when airplanes, the bus and the automobile are bedeviling the railroads for sure.

THE GREAT PACIFIC VICTORY, by Gilbert Cant (John Day; \$3.50). Obviously we are still too close to the conflict to get a definitive or even an outstanding history of the war. In writing this excellent account of the Pacific war since Guadalcanal. Gilbert Cant was even closer to events than we are now. In spite of this he has produced a lively, well-balanced account that does not spare criticism when the author thinks it due. However the very multiplicity of actions in the vast Pacific campaign makes the material difficult to handle, and not infre-

Holy Name Society To Meet at Stayton The Willamette league of the

Holy Name society will hold its bi-monthly meeting at St. Mary's Drive Totals Catholic church, Stayton, Sunday evening, January 27, with President-elect Edward Hammer of Mt. Angel presiding. Represen-

"I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore At Record High

Snow at Santiam Junction sumor a prettier shell than ordinary, mit reached a depth of 118 inches whilst the great ocean of truth Friday, record for the current lay all undiscovered before me." winter, R. H. Baldock, state high-Newton's observation is still way engineer, reported. Packed shairman was a veteran seeking help should be true, in spite of all the amazing snow was reported throughout the discoveries in the two centuries entire Santiam district and chains

A light snow was falling at astronomy merely serve to show Odell Lake with 10 inches of New Swift, Dr. Hugh Dowd, Maxine how much vaster is the ocean of Snow and a total of 117 inches at

Other road conditions:

surface of some roads with sand- jorie Bergsvik. ing operations in progress. Medford-Fog.

Astoria-Rain. Columbia river highway closed at east city limits with detour through Tongue Point Burned Area From rags to riches, or how Naval base. One-way traffic in

Bend-Seven inches new snow.

IRRIGATED CROPS TOTALED

second sight; she can tell you \$3,000,000, an average of \$80.62 where you lost your money, an acre, were received in 1945 by future fires. what is in your pockets or even farmers in the central Oregon irrisomething about the future. This gation district, near Redmond, helps here in an affair with a Charles E. Stricklin, secretary of handsome gringo medicine man, the state reclamation commission, with whom she runs off east was advised Friday by department

maps would have helped. -JW | 1942.

DimeCampaign **Group Checks**

(Story also on page 1) A mid-campaign resume of progress in the March of Dimes was tatives from 12 valley parishes given by various members of the will be on hand to discuss regu- Marion county chapter of the Nalar business and to hear the prin- tional Foundation for Infantile cipal speaker of the evening, Rev. Paralysis at a meeting Friday in Damian Jentges, OSB. Rev. Math- the Masonic building offices. Anew Jonas, pastor of St. Mary's nouncement was made of the toin nuclei of matter, the grasp- parish, will be host to the gath- tal of \$1571.25 taken in by the street booth of the "Mile of Dimes" through Thursday, but other totals were unavailable as the 500 milk bottles placed in the stores will only be collected at the end of the campaign.

Present at the meeting were Dr. W. J. Stone, chairman; Lawr-Wright, vice chairman; Mrs. Ruby duced the speaker. en's division; the Rev. George H. around." Buren, Albert Gragg, postoffice; Milton Coe, state rehabilitation department; Fred Zimmerman, Klamath Falls-Packed snow on Mrs. Stanley Krueger and Mar-

To Re-Develop

Plans for protecting and developing the Tillamook burn, ravished by fire during several previous seasons, were discussed Road slippery at Lapine. Packed at a meeting of the state forestry board here Friday.

It was decided to divide the burned area into districts, each protected by a fire break. Nels Rogers, state forester, said this would go far toward controlling

Reseeding of the burned area will get under way this year with federal and state funds now avail-

STATE TEACHERS TO MEET PORTLAND, Jan. 25-(A)-The quently the reader finds it dif- Oregon State Teachers association ficult to distinguish the forest will gather here March 28-30 for because of the trees. Better its first statewide meeting since

By Lichty



"It's nice they're civilians again-but they just don't have the a and reckless abandon they had on 5-day furloughs!"

lems."

will take concerted action to per- and organizations. this practice.

ment of veterans' affairs, Mr.

Freilinger said he runs across

is being done for the veteran. "But we have only reached the

starting point in aiding the veteran," Mr. Freilinger said, "be-

cause only a little more than half

have returned about July 1, then

the real job will be facing vet-

erans' aid organizations in solv-

One vicious practice still ope- compensation commission. rating there concerns a collec- S. G. Dempsie of the First Nation agency which calls on the in- tional bank and Rex Gibson of debted veteran immediately after the U.S. National bank were on e his discharge and files suit for hand to explain the subject of GI debts incurred previous to his loans on real property to the service. On top of the debt is veterans. piled a fee for court costs and . After the business gathering notary and attorney fees, Frei- Monty Brooks, Portland, furnishlinger said. The Portland advis- ed entertainment in the form of ory committee found that the ag- vaudeville acts. Phil Ringle of ency is operating within the law, the local post was general chairbut the practice is "unmoral and man of the evening's meet, while unethical," Mr. Freilinger de- Onus Olson was in charge of the clared, and the only way it can program and ceremonies commitbe stopped in through coercion tee. Commander Harlan M. Bones and public resentment.

Chairman of the Salem advisory committee's executive body is H. C. "Hub" Saalfeld, Marion Rose-Flower county service officer, who preence Fisher, treasurer; Mrs. David sided at the meeting and intro-

Bergsvik, secretary; Roy Houck, county chairman of men'e divi-Dorothy Cornelius, city chairman index will be used to avoid duplifor women's division; Mrs. Harris cation of work and to keep the Lietz, county chairman of wom- veteran from getting the "run-

R. C. Shepherd **New President Farmers Union**

ZENA, Jan. 25 - (Special) - One hundred attended the Spring ella Niebert, president; Connie Valley Farmers Union meeting at Power, vice president; and Ruth the Zena school house Jan. 18, Anna Nelson, secretary. The other with Ralph C. Shepard presiding charter members are Irene Frey, Admitted to membership were C. E. Caldwell, James Smart and Wallace, Lorena Quiring, Carol Kenneth Hunt.

New officers are Ralph C. Shep- Hyatt and Wanda Quiring. ard, president: T. E. Burns, vice president; S. B. Dodge, secretary- leader Mrs. Madeline Power, Daltreasurer; Clarence Martin, doorkeeper; Worth Henry, conductor; executive committee members Roy Carr, L. I. Mickey and Fred

social at the February meeting to munities. raise funds for the national education project. Juniors under the SWISS HAVE EARTHQUAKE supervision of Mrs. L. I. Mickey, presented Russell Hicks, president, in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Alma Knower, state educational director, had as her topic "Why the Farmers Union has so much to offer rural youth."

A skit, "Peace is the way of life" was presented by Betty Dodge, Fred and Patsy Basting. Leonard Perlich, state president, spoke on the junior program for unity and equality among all people. Viola Perlich gave a piano

Frank Crawford, sr., described the plans for the building of the Farmers Union Livestock cooperative association and called on members to support the project. Vance McDowell spoke on the

Health clinic, and told the cost per person and per family. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ralph C. Shepard and Mrs. S. B. Dodge, assisted by Mrs. Walter Kime.

Health Conference Set For Aurora Jan. 29

A child health conference will be held on Tuesday, January 29, at Aurora, conducted by Dr. W J. Stone of the Marion county department of health. From 9 to 11:30 a.m. infants and pre-school children may have a physical examination, vaccination against small pox and immunization against diphtheria and whooping cough. From 1 to 3 p.m. school children may receive physical examinations and vaccination against small pox and immunization against diphtheria. Routine tuberculin tests will be offered to all first grade children.

Veterans' Counsellor Tells of Traps Ready to Catch Ex-GIs

Getting the civilian readjusted to the veteran, rather than trying to readjust the veteran, is the big problem facing Oregon today and in the months to come, Carl Freilinger of Portland told executives of the local veterans' service committee Friday at their weekly luncheon meeting in the Quelle restaurant.

As a member of the advisory committee of the state depart-

some people who think too much 800 Veterans **Attend VFW** of Oregon's veterans have been discharged. When most of them Entertainment

More than 800 veterans from ing the ex-serviceman's prob- Marion and Polk counties jammed the hall of the Veterans of The biggest three, he said, are Foreign Wars, Marion post 661. employment, housing and educa- at Church and Hood streets tion, and these problems are be- Thursday night for a program of coming more serious every day. speeches and entertainment spon-Mr. Freilinger told the local exe- sored by the local VFW post.

cutive committee that rackets Douglas McKay, master of and "unethical" deals to get the ceremonies, introduced Lt. Col. returning serviceman's money is George E. Sandy, chief of veteranother problem veterans' groups ans personnel section of state selective service, the principal Many injustices can be reme- speaker of the evening, who spoke died if veterans' aid organizations on veterans' rights and benefits

suade agencies concerned to Other speakers and special change their methods. Cases were guests included Brig. Gen. Raycited, one of them involving mond Olson, state adjutant gen-Portland apartment house own- eral; Col. Carlton Spencer of the ers who evicted tenants because U. S. selective service; Hugh Rosthe contract was "broken" when son, chief of state veterans' afa baby was born to a veteran and fairs; G. O. Pike, state service his wife. By calling on the asso- officer of the VFW; William Bailciation of apartment house own- lie, Marion and Polk county diers, Freilinger's group was able rector of U. S. employment serto show the injustice done by vice, and Aubrey Tussing, representative of the unemployment

presided at the meeting.

DALLAS, Jan. 25-(Special)-Members of the Dallas high school consisting of 11 girls and one boy, met with Russell T. Daulton, assistant county agent, in the home economics room at the high school Tuesday, and organized the Budding Rose and Flower club as a 4-H club project. They selected the name "Budding" because this is the first time any of the members ever belonged to a flower club and they know they will have to bud before they can become fully blossomed

The officers elected were Ros-Lila Taylor, Buryl Parrish, Irene Fawver, Keith Holdorf, Betty

The members selected for local las, and Dr. E. W. Benbow, Presbyterian minister, Dallas, as honorary local leader. Daulton hopes to organize a

4-H Rose and Flower club in West It was proposed to hold a pie Salem and Independence com-

BERN Switzerland Jan. 25-(A) -Earth tremors toppled scores of chimneys and balconies in Sitten tonight. Police said there was no loss of life. Tremors lasting four to seven seconds were felt in a number of Swiss places at 6:35 p.m. local time, causing widespread damage.



collection of birthstone, emblem and signet rings.

Budget Payments

