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Australia—Vital Continent

The great continent of Australia with an area approximating that of the United States but with hardly more than 5 per cent of this nation's population, is getting set for a tremendous immigration. But fears are frankly expressed that unless the atomic age makes defense possible without a huge army, there will not be sufficient manpower strength to stave off any determined invasion attempts in the next half century.

It is with this factor in mind that the down-under commonwealth is offering free passages to Australia for British ex-servicemen and assisted passages for British civilians who might want to seek a new start in life. At least 15,000,000 more persons are needed to boost heavy industry, develop agriculture, and utilize the continent's great resources to a point of self-sufficiency and defensibility.

Australia's problem is almost unique in the modern world. Its population of 7,400,000 constitutes but 2.5 persons to each square mile, compared to 121 persons in pre-war Europe, 506 in Britain and 43 in the United States. So great is deemed the need for additional population that arrangements already are underway to obtain 50,000 orphans from war-ravaged nations, and there is even being considered the possibility of procuring the illegitimate children of the German army of occupation in Norway. Removal of whole sections of surplus war industries from Britain also is being studied—factories, workers, and all.

Australia's location at the very foot of the Oriental volcano should make her concern more than understandable to the democratic nations. Her own contributions to peace and progress have been considerable in the last 30 years, and whatever helping hand can be extended her way will pay rich dividends in the years to come.

Too Fast for Dobbin

If it isn't too much like crying in the dark in this atomic age, we'd like to express the hope right now that the announcement of the 130-mile-an-hour automobile will be greeted by a marked lack of enthusiasm.

It cannot be denied that speed has been worshipped by designers and engineers for years, and that the public has hailed each new record, from the Indianapolis speed classic on the ground to the 4-hour crossing of the continent by plane. But putting a 130-mile-an-hour weapon into the hands of anyone who can memorize a driver's manual is another matter.

Neither the human mind or reaction nor the great majority of our highways are equipped for any such ground speed even though the vehicle itself is built to the point of perfection. Super-highways in years to come may afford an avenue for the use of the new car, without endangering and completely confusing the preponderance of drivers who prefer to crawl along at half the contemplated speed, but at the present time we'd prefer to see cars built around the basis of durability, safety and appearance.

"Souped-up" cars for years have been able to travel 100 miles an hour or more. But they have not been made generally available to compete for road-space with the so-called horse-hair-buggy days of motoring. And de-

Editorial Comment

IN PRIME OF USEFULNESS

Justice George Rossman of our state supreme court up for reelection this year, was nominated without opposition and elected without opposition, both in 1934 and in 1940. In 1928, when he first ran for the supreme court, he had top vote of three candidates for nominations to two positions; in November he had the top vote of six nominees for the two positions. In 1922 he was nominated for circuit judge by a 3-to-2 majority over the combined vote of two opponents, and was elected by a 5-to-2 majority. Prior to that he had served as municipal judge, an appointive office. So far this year we have heard of no opponent inclined to brave this formidable record of vote-getting. If he again is renominated and re-elected without opposition, it will be one more testimonial to the respect commanded by his consistent success at the polls and the universal esteem felt for his character, industry, and ability as a judge. By August of this year he will have completed 29 years of continuous service on the bench.

As a jurist, Rossman began to make his record before he was appointed judge. Author of treatises that were widely republished from Oregon Law Review, he had something of a national reputation 30 years ago. During intervening years he repeatedly has been honored by American Bar Assn. and the American Juridical Society by appointment as member of chairman of national committees to prepare reports which in turn have won high commendation. The quality of his written opinions attracted national notice while he was a circuit judge, and as supreme judge as early as 1936 he was rated by that great jurist, Dean Wigmore, in American Bar Assn. Journal, as one of the judges who had been "habitually writing masterly opinions in the various supreme courts." His opinions, including dissents, frequently have provided the base upon which our state legislature has revised statutes in question. They are characterized by thoroughness in review and citation as well as by open reasoning that led to his conclusion. While to the layman they might seem lengthy and ponderous, to the profession they are valued because of their full presentation of issues, precedents and processes of logic. They also have the merit of scholarship in style.

Judge Rossman's faithful service in highest trust richly entitles him to the honor of another reelection, what is even more important is the public interest, which is best served by keeping in office the experienced and qualified members of the bench so long as their faculties are unimpaired. Judge Rossman at 60, vigorous and keen, is in the prime of mature usefulness.—Oregon Voter.

spite the fact that abnormally slow drivers also are the cause of many accidents, we'd prefer that the new cars be required to have some sort of a speed governor on them rather than have 130 mph engines in them.

Our war-time experience—both as it effected a saving in materials and a reduction in fatalities—proved that considerable speed could be sacrificed without too much hardship.

Mortal Immortals

Dick Neuberger, according to a press report from Portland, criticized the board of control for the selection of Dr. John McLoughlin and Rev. Jason Lee as the men to be commemorated with statues in Statuary hall, Washington. Dick was inaccurate in his target. The board of control was not responsible for the selection. Nor did the committee created by the last legislature to investigate and determine how to honor two citizens with statues make the choice of McLoughlin and Lee. That selection was made in a resolution adopted by the 1921 legislature.

Robert W. Sawyer, member of the present committee, advises The Statesman that the committee felt it was restricted by the language of the 1945 statute which empowered the committee to change the 1921 selections "if it shall appear to the committee that public opinion requires the designation of a different citizen or citizens." The committee felt it had no basis to conclude that public opinion required a change and knew of no feasible means of testing public opinion, which has been quite dormant on the question.

Neuberger says there are others more deserving of statutory recognition and mentions McNary, Os West, Walter Pierce, Harvey Scott. Pierce and West would not be eligible because they are still among the living. Maybe we should arrange for a rotation system, if not of statues then of paintings or photographs. We could start in with McLoughlin and Lee and give them a five-year showing, and come on down the line. Neuberger didn't mention ex-Governor Charles Marten, but when eligible he should be included. In this way we could keep up with fame. "Making Statuary hall" could be a goal for every young Oregonian. Who knows, Neuberger might get his turn at national honors by this system.

House construction goes under slow bell but a trip through the valley shows that motel building is thriving. Oregon is preparing to take care of tourists, modestly. So far no one is putting up any swank resort hotels so the Gotrox family can go on to B. C. or Cal.

Interpreting The Day's News

By James D. White
Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—(AP)—China today is confronted with two movements for local autonomy which bring to mind Iran's trouble in Azerbaijan.

One is in Sinkiang, China's "wild west," where an autonomy movement has been going on for some time. The other—and latest—is in western Manchuria, where an "autonomous republic of eastern Mongolia" is reported set up.

Critics of Soviet Russia will note that Sinkiang lies just east of the Soviet Kazakh republic, while the new Mongolian autonomous regime is adjacent to the Soviet-sponsored republic of outer Mongolia.

However, if Soviet influence is at work in these regions, it isn't the only influence. Both are on China's perimeter, contain sizable non-Chinese elements, and in the past have been subject to central Chinese authority only by fits and starts. Follower ground for autonomy "movements" would be hard to find.

Communications Still Underdeveloped
Primary factors behind this situation are the undeveloped state of China's communications and her constant preoccupation during the past century in fighting off foreign aggression, mostly from the sea.

But students of Asia—including some Chinese—mention another thing. This is the resultant Chinese policy of relegating the rule of such outlying areas to local military commanders and other exploiting elements.

Sinkiang, for instance, was ruled from 1934 on by General Sheng Shih-tsai, a local Chinese warlord who paid lip service to the central government but who worked actively with Russian advisors, presumably to keep central government influence at a minimum. In 1943 he asked the Russians to get out (this was before Stalingrad) and to his surprise they did.

Since then, Sinkiang has had considerable unrest, mostly with the Turkic tribesmen who have racial relations in Russian Turkestan. Autonomy movements have increased lately, and Chungking's Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek sent an envoy to Sinkiang who negotiated a settlement. But Chiang turned this down, letting it be known that the Sinkiang autonomists demanded a "private army."

Mongolian Question Complicated
The Mongolian question is even more complicated. Western Manchuria probably has almost as many Mongols as inner Mongolia itself, and old maps show Mongolia extending eastward nearly to Harbin in the middle of Manchuria.

Manchurian Mongols belong to different tribes than do those in inner Mongolia, but still speak Mongol and have not been absorbed by the Chinese to the extent that the Manchus were—which was virtually to the vanishing point.

The Japanese, during their 14 years in Manchuria, encouraged Mongol "autonomy" to a degree (but only to a degree). It was another handy way of keeping the inhabitants of Manchuria divided and well-in-hand.



The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers

THE STREET, by Ann Petry Houghton Mifflin, \$2.50.

"I ain't exactly working right now at the moment," says one of the men in this novel.

That's the essence of this absorbing story. Beautiful Lutie Johnson can't find a job, or at least a decent one, nor could her father, nor husband Jim, nor the obsessed superintendent of the 116th street building where she and her young son lived.

They could be maids, washwomen, dishwashers, porters, bootblacks, bootleggers, salesmen for the numbers racket, pimps, prostitutes, bouncers. But they couldn't earn enough money to escape the street.

It's 116th street here, but the author says it could be any Harlem street lined with firetrap buildings, cluttered with wind-blown refuse, young men lounging on the corner for pickups, young girls strutting past eager to be pickups, kids playing in the gutters.

These people can keep alive but can't live. Lutie begins the story optimistic and ambitious, but no matter where she turns she is foiled by lack of the pitifully few extra dollars which would enable her to fulfill the promise of her ardent, youthful aspirations. The valiant struggle she wages serves only to tighten the net in which she is trapped; the more admirable her motives, the more miserable her fate.

This is the week's third novel by or about negroes. One was an ordinary historical romance, the second a forecast of a better tomorrow. This one, written on a Houghton Mifflin literary fellowship, is unusually fine fiction.

The action is dramatic and the climax tragic. The manner is definitely casual; at the start you think Miss Petry is even a little slipshod but as you read on, you find she has a carefully calculated style, easy-going but delectable, tricky, the hurt and the harm disguised by a grin.

This is the negroes' "An American Tragedy," and it is no more propaganda than was Dreiser's great novel. It's a bang-up good story—sex, betrayal, villainy, murder. Who wants a happy ending when he may have, instead, the gripping, remorseless, tense inevitability of a novel like this?

The day upon which Easter should fall was decided in the year 325 at the Council of the Christian Churches at Nicea.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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to tell which of the late enemy should lose their heads. In 1865 there was the cry for vengeance: "We'll hang Jeff Davis to a sour apple tree" had been a popular song. Davis was not hung but he was confined in an army post in Florida for some time.

We can't help worrying lest some of these trials of war criminals today plague us in the future. Vengeance should not be the inspiration of trials and executions. But can we condone with a mere slap on the wrist those responsible for mass tortures, cremations and starvation? It is evident that the special courts impounded to hear these cases are seeking to base verdicts on adequate and substantial evidence. We hope the verdicts will stand the erosions of time and then appear valid in the long judgment of history.

When Confederate General John B. Gordon bade farewell to his troops in the Army of Virginia, Congressman Elihu Washburne of Illinois complimented him on the tone of his remarks. Gordon inquired:

"Why do you think, Mr. Washburne, that the south will be generously dealt with by the government?"

"Because Abraham Lincoln is at its head," was the reply.

Alas, Lincoln was not long head of the government after this dialogue. His successor, Andrew Johnson, was unable to stem the northern radicals and the sorry chapter of carpetbag government in the south was written.

The lesson of reconstruction in the south should not be forgotten today. In planning for new Japan and the new Germany the victors should build for the future and not think just in terms of the past. They ought not to compound upon subsequent generations of our late enemies the sins of their forefathers, but seek to encourage them for decent living within their boundaries and in the society of nations.

That is the Lincoln lesson for today.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"We'd probably get a more positive reaction if we beamed some radio singing commercials at the moon!"

Scout Troop 4 Gives Awards In First Court

More than 300 persons attended the first troop court of honor of the year for Boy Scout troop 4 Sunday evening at the First Christian church, troop sponsor.

Merit badges were received by Robert Chivers and Leslie Morris. First class badges were given to Harold Goheen, Fred Tusing, Ronald Brunk and Eugene Mungler. Second class awards went to David Riggs, Richard Vaughn, William Maude and Max Vogan.

Perfect attendance pins were awarded to Edward Meyers, Robert Chivers, Alfred Chivers, Jerry Bachle and Ron Brunk. Den chiefs who serve in pack 4 of cubs who were honored are David Riggs, Raymond Raaf, David Bussard and Richard Vaughn. The red bar award went to David Bussard and Alfred Tusing and the Webelos award was given to Gordon Morris on his entrance into troop 4.

Glen Weaver was the committeeman in charge of awards. Wives of the troop committeemen served refreshments. The Rev. Dudley Strain delivered the message of the evening entitled "How To Grow Up". Clay Pomeroy is scoutmaster of troop 4 and his assistant is Leslie Morris.

Coming



Hawthorne Daniel, world traveler, who will address the Salem Knife and Fork club on the night of Thursday, February 21, on "America's New Pacific Empire."

World Traveler Is Knife and Fork Speaker

Hawthorne Daniel, who has just returned from a globe-encircling trip while gathering information for his lectures and material for a new book will be next guest speaker before the Salem Knife and Fork club on the night of February 21, at the Marion hotel. Charles S. McElhinny, the club's treasurer, announced Monday.

Daniel is said to be a keen observer of things as they are and not necessarily as they should be. Because of this detached viewpoint, he has been able to forecast with surprising accuracy many of the conditions which have come to exist the last four or five years, McElhinny declared.

On the recent trip he visited Hawaii, the Marshalls, the Marianas, the Carolines, Philippines, Moluccas, Australia, China, the Cocos islands, Ceylon, Calcutta, Egypt and European spots.

Subject of his address here is to be "America's New Pacific Empire."

Peterson Plans Speaking Trip

E. L. Peterson, state agricultural department director, will address the Kiwanis club at Tillamook Wednesday and on Friday will be one of the speakers at the Western Oregon Livestock association annual meeting at Coquille.

On February 18, Peterson will meet with the Fremont Sheepmen's association in Lake county and the following day will speak at a meeting of the Lake county livestock association at Lakeview. Before returning to Salem Peterson will confer with agricultural department supervisors at the shipping point offices in Klamath Falls and Medford.

Former Teacher In Japan to Speak For WU Students

The Rev. W. Howard Norman of Vancouver, B.C., will be chapel speaker at Willamette university Wednesday. Born in Japan of Canadian parents, the Rev. Norman studied in England and Canada, then returned to Japan and taught school and managed a Japanese orphanage.

During the war he has served on various commissions dealing with the Japanese in Canada and taught in the Canadian army. At present he is pastor of St. George United church, Vancouver, B.C.

BEAN PICKING TOPS

EUGENE, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Lane county bean pickers made \$114,582 last season to top the county's farm income-production list, County Agent O. S. Fletcher reported today.

Navy Officer To Interview WU Applicants

Comdr. Webster A. Jones of the United States navy will be on the Willamette university campus on Wednesday to interview applicants for the V-5 officer-pilot training program which has just been announced by the naval aviation cadet selection board in Seattle. The program will be effective in the 13th naval district March 1.

High school graduates, 17 and 18 years of age, may enter the training immediately. Those 19 years of age must have one year of college to qualify. A requirement for men of 18 through 22 is two years of college or completion of their sophomore year if they wish to sign for immediate service.

Ex-service men are eligible if they meet the requirements and have not been separated from either the army or navy while participating in a flight training program. Men of draft status may enlist up to the time they receive notice to report for induction.

3 Mt. Angel Girls in Crash

TACOMA, Feb. 11.—(AP)—An accident on the Mountain highway near Spanaway yesterday injured three young women from Mt. Angel, Ore., and three Tacoma youths.

Swerving sharply on the road, the auto rolled over several times and threw Robinette Aman, 20, from the car. Her injuries were slight. Rita Wellman, 20, sprained her ankle; but Myra Kiser, 20, was not hurt.

MT. ANGEL, Feb. 11.—(Special)—The three girls involved in the accident near Tacoma Sunday are cadet nurses in the vicinity of Tacoma. Robinette Aman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Aman. Rita Wellman is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto L. Wellman and Myra Kiser is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Kiser, all of Mt. Angel.

NAME STORE MANAGER

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Appointment of J. Douglas Swenson, former chief of Portland bureau FBI, to be superintendent of the Meier & Frank department store here, was announced today. For the past three years, Swenson has been assistant to Superintendent William E. Kiernan, who has retired after 36 years with the store.

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MANUFACTURING JEWELERS

Mader is New Loss Adjuster For This Area

Albert J. Mader of Salem, has been appointed Marion county loss adjuster for the Federal Crop Insurance corporation, W. M. Tate, chairman of the AAA committee has announced.

All-risk insurance on the 1946 winter wheat crop was offered to county growers for the first time since 1943, following congressional restoration of the crop insurance program last year. Applications for insurance covering 133 county farms were received before the September 30 deadline. Spring wheat growers have until March 15, to insure their 1946 crops, and may make application at the county office or through an authorized sales agent anytime before that date.

17 Troopships Due Tuesday In 6 U. S. Ports

By the Associated Press
More than 9639 veterans from Pacific and European theaters are scheduled to debark Tuesday from 17 vessels at six U. S. ports.

At least 5975 personnel are expected at four west coast ports aboard 12 vessels while on the east coast five ships will dock at two ports with 3664 personnel. Ships and units arriving include:

At San Francisco—Miscellaneous on following: Sea Fisherman from Manila, 2,132 army; Pennant from Manila, 1,463 army; Bald Eagle from Pearl Harbor, 28 navy.

At Los Angeles—Sargeant Bay from Honolulu, 901 miscellaneous personnel (due originally Monday).

At Seattle—USS Grafton from Guam, 35 miscellaneous troops.

At San Diego—Miscellaneous on following: assault cargo ship Prince George, 328 navy and marine; submarine Brill, 47 navy; LCI's 993 and 997, two navy; escort carrier Hogart bay, 830 marines; Aventinus and Fabius, no passenger information.

Sheriff Young Probes Robbery at Silverton

SILVERTON, Feb. 11.—(Special)—Sheriff Denver Young was called to Silverton during the weekend to investigate a robbery at the home of Mrs. M. J. Madsen on Paradise road. A wrist watch, two rings and some pins were taken. Entrance made Friday and Saturday while the family was gone was gained, the sheriff thought, through a window in a bedroom closet. The watch, the property of Mrs. Madsen, had the initials CM on the back.

FREIGHT CARS DERAILED

ETHRIDGE, Mont. Feb. 11.—(AP)—Traffic over the Great Northern railway's "high line" was rerouted today after 26 freight cars were derailed near this northwestern Montana town this morning. The cars ripped up 400 yards of track. Lumber, fruit and wreckage were strewn along the right of way but no one was injured.

PICK AIR SCIENCE LEADER

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Appointment of S. Paul Johnston, USNR, as director of the institute of the aeronautical sciences was announced today. Johnston was awarded last month the legion of merit for his services as commander and deputy director, aircraft division U. S. strategic bombing survey.

NAVY SOCKS FOR SALE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(AP)—OPA today fixed a retail price ceiling of 35 cents a pair for approximately 4,000,000 pairs of men's new cotton-and-wool socks declared surplus by the navy. The supply will be sold to clothing merchants by regional offices of the war assets corporation.