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FOR A FIFTH "INTERNATIONALE."

OUT of the obscurity of his Paris exile comes Alexander Kerensky (you remember—the ex-Russian president that old Doc Wirt said somebody said Roosevelt was like) with a proposal for a Fifth Internationale. This would be a world-wide political party to fight all forms of fascism and communism and class dictatorship and to restore democratic procedures and personal liberties.

Kerensky's appeal is directed particularly against the Russian and German dictatorships. Why he should omit the Italian, Austrian, Polish and Rumanian dictatorships and the Japanese military oligarchy from specific condemnation we do not know. Nevertheless he has set forth an idea which will have wide appeal—though like most of his ideas it will not succeed!

It is almost an axiom: International political parties do not succeed. Consider the other "Internationales."

There was the First Internationale, formed in London in 1864, split at once on socialism and anarchism, died in 1876.

There was the Second in 1889 which held its members together mainly on opposition of working classes to war, but it went to pieces in 1914 because most of its members went to war against each other.

There is the Third Internationale, still virile, with headquarters in Moscow, but as Kerensky himself points out, drifting so rapidly from original "left wing" principles as to be hardly recognizable.

There is Leon Trotsky's new Fourth Internationale, a split from the third, which seems to have died a-borning a few days ago when France found out what was happening and shooed Mr. Trotsky to a new exile.

There is no reason to believe that liberals and democratic ideals will have any larger success with international political organization than the Socialists and Communists have.

A fact overlooked by most of those who talk the lingo of world reform is that nations exist and have a way of shaping political instruments to their own customs and plans. Communism, for instance, means one thing to communists in Russia, something else in Germany, something still different in France or Britain or America. Liberalism and conservatism show the same national variations. Thus we shudder when we think of the Royalists in France but view with unconcern the Mellon dynasty in Pennsylvania.

There must be a fight against dictatorial regimes, but in each country it must be shaped to different customs and situations. Mr. Kerensky's Fifth Internationale is just an interesting idea like the disarmament conferences.

WHEN POLITICS ENTERS CASE.

NOT a very pleasant or inspiring figure in the American scene is the much publicized Bishop James Cannon, Jr., who has just been acquitted of charges alleging the manipulation of campaign funds back in 1928 when Herbert Hoover was running for the presidency against Al Smith. The bishop was in the forefront of a campaign throughout the South which stirred up racial and religious prejudices against Smith.

It was brought out that the bishop at times engaged in stock gambling which is not a very pretty diversion for a man of his cloth, and it has been alleged from time to time that part of the funds donated for the campaign against Smith went to the bishop's stock accounts. At any rate he was finally brought to trial (along with his secretary) for failure to report certain contributions to the campaign of which he had charge.

A jury has declared Bishop Cannon not guilty and that's that. Nobody can ever tell just what moves a jury to a decision, but in this case it is fairly safe to assume that the jury got the idea that the Cannon trial was pretty much a case of "pot calling kettle black." In other words, the real issues concerning the use of funds were obscured by politics.

Cannon conducted an unfair and unscrupulous campaign against Al Smith. In some sections he succeeded in discrediting Smith. Cannon thereupon became the target for a similar attack. And certainly the objective of discrediting Cannon has been accomplished. A jail sentence could add but little to his ill repute.

The Cannon case seems to be another illustration of an American maxim that all is fair in love and war and politics. At any rate, for offenses committed during a political campaign, juries will seldom convict. In a way this is unfortunate, for while men should not be "persecuted" for their political ideas, as such, for the handling of funds they should be held to strictest account. Corruption breeds upon the gentle theory that dishonesty in any form becomes a sort of jest when it is done in the sacred name of getting votes.

AND THE MYSTIC SIGN IS "L."

AS civilization progresses, it becomes more and more apparent that the late Mr. Barnum was a rotten mathematician in his calculation that "there is one born every minute." For the present rate of production seems to be out of all proportion to the actual increase in population since Mr. Barnum made his computation.

Down in the gentle Southland which has been prolific in such movements, the Silver Shirts are being promoted and their gift to America is to be a sort of synthetic "fascism." A whiskered gent by the name of William Dudley Pelley is the high-muck-a-muck of G. H. Q. in scenic Asheville, N. C. His chief aide is a youth named Summerville with a flair for blue silk shirts, whipcord breeches and artillery boots in combination.

After certain difficulties in getting started (financial) the organization claims to be on its way with some 75,000 paid up members which isn't a bad take even at a nominal charge of \$1

per head. The organization denies it sells uniforms but it can tell where uniforms can be had for about \$10 per head. A gray flannel shirt with the mystic red "L," a pair of leather puts, and, of course, a Sam Browne belt will make the (paid-up) brother "an regis".

What does the "L" stand for? It is as good a guess as any to say that it stands for "Liberation" the magazine which Bro. Pelley is also publishing. What do the Silver Shirts propose to do? They propose to "protect the constitution." Unlike the late lamented Klan they do not include Catholics specifically in their ban but only Jews and other foreigners generally.

So far the ritual of the movement seems to be in the formative stages but that can be developed as the market is extended. An interesting sidelight on an organization which is setting out to fight the Jews is the chief adornment of the G. H. Q. auditorium. It is a plaque with an "inspirational message" signed "THE ELDER BROTHER." This says the leaders is the mystic army's official title for Christ Jesus.

MEETING FOR CITY PLANNERS.

OF interest to all persons who think of the modern city as a planned community with definite objectives and purposes, will be a luncheon which will be held at the Osburn hotel Wednesday, May 2, under the joint auspices of the Eugene city planning commission and the University of Oregon's Bureau of Municipal Research.

At that meeting, the guests and speakers will be Hugh R. Pomeroy, a planning engineer for several California counties; Harold E. Pomeroy, field representative of the League of California Municipalities; Earl C. Thomas, mayor of Palo Alto and president of the California League; Winston R. Updegraff, editor of the magazine "Western City." These men will be on their way to a meeting of the Association of Washington Cities and they have been "flagged down" for the Eugene stop. It is believed many representatives from other towns in the Oregon League of Municipalities will come to Eugene to meet the guests.

Property owners especially should be interested in this luncheon gathering which will, of course, have city planning as its topic. For city planning has passed from the realm of the visionary into the realm of the practical and has a great deal of bearing on taxation and the stabilization of property values and other matters in which hard-headed taxpayers have an inevitable interest.

So far, Eugene has done little with city planning except talk about it. No city has greater need of it nor a better chance to do a good job. The gentlemen from California are not mere planning enthusiasts; they are men who are working in it, and they are aware of its many difficulties as well as of its benefits.

The Wednesday luncheon is open to the public. It could be the point from which active work on a plan for Eugene might start.

WARNING FROM DR. ANGELL.

SPEAKING at the University of Washington in Seattle, Dr. James Rowland Angell, president of Yale, delivers a timely warning that the universities of the country have the duty to be the guardians of free opinion and liberal institutions and customs. He points to Europe, where in three countries, Italy, Germany and Russia, "freedom of teaching, learning, thought and expression have become entirely obliterated." And the battle is on in all countries.

Too great a swing either to right or left may bring the dreaded mechanisms of class compulsion, says Dr. Angell. If there is any place where free criticisms of men and institutions must be kept alive it is in the institutions of higher education. They exist for the free exchange of ideas and opinions; they lose all constructive force when they become merely the conveyors of dogma and propaganda.

Dr. Angell's warning should be of interest to those who view with horror and alarm every indication of liberal thought or expression on the part of college teachers or students. Give the pendulum another push and the clamor would be against any teacher or student who dared to express a conservative idea. The ideal is to preserve the utmost freedom of discussion.

Representing Yale, Dr. Angell is no radical. He is one of the country's most conservative educators.

McGurk also says that while it's pretty wonderful, this business of bringing a dead dog back to life, now some scientist find a sure-fire way to get rid of fleas.

We may not be ready to turn the country back to the Indians as some reformers propose but we are calling on the Indians to help us catch our crooks, and that's worthy of note.

The King of Italy has just opened another session of the alleged Italian parliament; Benito Mussolini, no doubt, will close it.

Henry Hansen recommends that Treasurer Holman turn his salary back to the state. The Budget Director is just waking up to a grand and glorious opportunity he missed.

Ajax McGurk says that so far as he can make out the first thing the modern high school youth learns is "Dad, I need a dollar."

Earnest Republic wants to know if we are going to tell him how to vote. Yes, of course. But with the distinct understanding that he must do so at his own risk, nevertheless.

Government at Washington announces that efforts are to be made to control weather. We can get along with the weather. Why not get NRA to clicking first?

Western Lane is really unique. It puts on a big Rhododendron Day and breaks all precedents. No "beauty queen" was chosen for the event.

The world's oldest man became ill when a Doc wanted to look him over to see what makes him tick. Then he had to call a Doc to cure him of the shock. Folks are like that.

What a difference a few roads make. You can hang around Eugene till 10 and still get to Florence in time for Rhododendron Day and the clambake.

A So-and-so club has been organized at Mt. Union, Kan. Everybody is eligible who has ever argued with anyone.

HOW ABOUT SEGREGATING THE POOR SUFFERERS?



WHAT SOME THINKERS THINK

—Compiled by CLAY E. PALMER—
 Pastor of First Congregational Church

WILLIAM LYON PHELPS: "Physically all who have passed 45 begin to deteriorate, but mentally some men and women never grow old. I think I can point out the exact moment when a man begins to grow old. It is the moment when, upon examination, he finds that his thoughts and reflections in solitude turn more to the past than to the future."

John Barrymore: "After stumbling around looking for contentment for years I suddenly learned that you cannot find it by hunting furiously for it. Happiness sneaks in through a door you didn't know was left open."

John T. Flynn: "In a London slum that city found that the death rate was six times as great in one room families as in four room families."

Fortune Magazine: "A" lover of statistics has calculated that the United States could run a deficit of five billions a year for 132 years before becoming as insolvent as France was when she succumbed to her great post war inflation."

Albert Einstein: "Many times a day I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of other people, both living and dead, and earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received."

Henry Goddard Leach, editor of Forum: "Roosevelt in one year has shown more action than any President since Lincoln, more imagination than any president since Wilson. Roosevelt is not socialism or communism or fascism. It is something more nearly akin to the Scandinavian cooperative states, in which the consumer, not the producer, controls business."

Nicholas Murray Butler: "The safest nations in the world today are the unarmed countries—the Switzerlands, the Denmark, the Norway, the Sweden."

Government Leaflet, dealing with school problem: Approximately 200,000 certified teachers are unemployed today. A total of 2,280,000 school children, 6 to 15 years of age, are not in school this year. One out of

every four American teachers is now teaching at a rate of less than \$750 per year. Number of school days per year: United States, 172 days; France, 200 days; Sweden, 210 days; Germany, 246 days; England, 210 days; Denmark, 246 days.

Christian Century Editorial: "Mr. Roosevelt is the best friend capitalism could have in this crisis. He hopes to see recovery brought about within the framework of capitalism. This cannot be brought about unless capitalistic business is willing to accept social responsibility. If the new deal lands us in socialism it will not be due to Mr. Roosevelt but to the moral short-sightedness of business itself."

H. C. Engelbrecht, student of munition business: "Sir Basil Zaharoff, super-salesman of death, sold \$7,000,000 worth of war material during the World War. In this country the World War created 21,000 new millionaires. DuPont stock rose from \$20 to \$1000 a share."

Dr. Albert W. Palmer: "A thought, an ideal, a sense of value is just as much a part of the cosmic process as rock, or an ocean or a mastodon. A new cosmic faith is taking shape under our very eyes, a profound conviction that the universe is not a meaningless drift of fortuitous circumstances but that at the heart of it and pervading its every activity, physical and mental, there is some great all-inclusive ever present unifying power."

Dr. James Gordon Gilkey: "Whenever, on the human level, we find that objects have been put in order and that processes have been set in motion and directed towards intelligible ends, we infer the organizing mind and power of a human being. Confronted by a universe that is in order, and by processes which seem to be purposeful, we feel that we have a right to make a similar inference. God is the MIND and the POWER, the organizing SELF, working in and through the life-process."

Gilbert K. Chesterton: "We have sinned and grown old and God, our Father, is younger than we!"

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

SAGE OF EUGENE
 EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—The greatest trouble the nudists are now having is to figure out where to wear their fraternity pin.

Before a bully undertakes to champion a certain cause or nation it might be well to ascertain whether he is wanted. To interfere for the weak when not in variance is one thing, to bring peace by subjugation with the big club is another. If China wants a crocheter and arrows and a few stickpins that's her business and I hope she gets them.

Prodigality is schooled and taught by the powers of Uncle Sam. The people's money in a steady stream is pouring into the coffers at Washington, D. C., but has always found a bigger hole to run out of through the dexterity of the nation's spendthrifts. The greatest race is the human race, and at that, a very few of them make the hundred against Father Time. Bill Hayward may be an exception. He will probably live till the fish are all caught.

In the good old days gone by there was always a chance to get rid of a bum horse by giving it off to the other fellow. By a little attention in slipping on an old plug and shooting some dope in him at the right time you could usually trade him in for one not so slick but much better. The age was determined by the teeth but in that few were experts. With an auto life is different. To get rid of a 2nd hand car now is like showing your hole card in a poker game. They simply know what you got. A horse was a horse year in and year out but in these new tomorrow model cars you can't tell the head from the tail. It has begun to creep out that Rufus Holman, the troublesome state treasurer, applying for governor, has been a hard worker in endeavoring to maintain his full salary throughout his incumbency. In his imagination of filling the governor's chair his pompos-

ity is only exceeded by his greediness. If his name indicates anything he will be a hole-man when he comes out in the hole in the coming month's primary election.

The Japanese are rather poking fun at our navy after observing it took 48 hours for our big gun tubs to paddle through the canal. But why worry. The whole world knows we have Mr. Dillinger at the head of our artillery department.

When a man has gone through life and kept a little ahead of his salary all the time by not overlooking frivolties and being a good all around sport he has the assurance of a pension paid by other fellows who didn't. It's worth thinking over. Of course to make it amicable to the recipient the pension should have a greater spread. Should Uncle Sam call in all the gold and silver we still have a chance to deal in nuggets from the Bohemia and Blue River and maybe some Windberies.

I have tried most everything in business during my life and never seemed to excel; so when a barber and jeweler told me my stuff wasn't getting by with them it was only another discouragement. The information from the barber cost me 35 cents, the jeweler nothing.

The greatest law is the law of gravitation. When a man begins to soar there is always a chance for him to drop to a level where other people regard him.

HENRY W. STEWART.

When his police department came into being more than 100 years ago, London was the most criminal place in the world; there was, on an estimate, one criminal for every 22 of

ON FIREMEN JANITORS

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—In regard to firemen janitors the city hall, I would sincerely like to know who is going to extinguish our fires for us.

I have had considerable experience in municipal fire fighting and know from experience that a crew the size of our local fire department does not stand a chance unless they can get to a blaze during the first few minutes after it has started.

The entire success of our wee small department has been in its promptness in its response to alarms and cool decisive action on the part of each of its members after they get there.

To slow this department up to the slightest extent would greatly reduce their chances of getting a fire out before considerable damage was done, for when a blaze is once under way, two or three minutes can cause thousands of dollars of damage.

If these men (we have ten besides the chief) were scattered hither, thither and yon about the city hall and its premises, mowing lawns, scrubbing woodwork, windows, lavatories, floors, and spittoons, sweeping, dusting, polishing and a hundred other things the job entails, it would take more time to get them back to their department and ready than it would ordinarily take them to get to a fire and have it under control.

This kind of economy, though typical of the kind practiced by our city fathers, I am afraid is not practical, and the sooner it is forgotten by all the better.

If the city wants to do something in the line of economy, it would be far better to increase the size of the fire department, up to one man for every 750 or 1000 population, as required by the underwriters, and practiced in cities of 20,000 population or over.

In doing this it would reduce the insurance rates enough to pay the additional wages increase and pay a janitor's wages besides.

I wonder if the people of Eugene realize what their protection from fire amounts to when the department is already out to a call, and your own home, for instance, should take off.

I am afraid such an emergency would rather embarrass the one man left on the department for this purpose, and if there was to be a third one, oh well, let's don't think of it! But nevertheless, we have been lucky so far and the law of averages is bound to overtake us.

C. L. WALLACE.

ON ELECTION DUTY

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—As the political pot has begun to boil, and the fitness of candidates for the various offices are being discussed, and from the many candidates offering themselves for the several offices in the county and state, we seem to have plenty material to select from.

It is up to the individual voter to select the most fitting candidates to fill the several offices. The direct primary gives every citizen a voice in the selection of candidates for the several offices, and is indeed one step toward good government. It represents in its purity a government by the people, for the people; therefore every individual voter should exercise the prerogative of an American citizen and do their duty in bringing out good efficient candidates to fill the several offices.

We have ample time to investigate character and fitness of the candidates offering themselves for the various offices. This being done, your next duty is to attend the primary election and give your choice, your hearty support. Don't be a slacker and stay at home on primary election day and growl, because your choice was not nominated.

It has become only a matter of who can best serve the many wants of the common people of our great and growing state. Therefore it behooves every citizen to exercise his or her voting franchise and let's hear from the mass of thinking people and not from the politicians. It is up to us and let's be Johnnies on the spot. We are in a muddle and we want the best. Yours for efficient service.

G. W. DIMMICK.

ON ROUTE F

SWISSHOME, Ore.—(To the Editor)—In regard to the Eugene reators petition to President Roosevelt, it is a shame, that such charges and requests should be made by residents of an otherwise O. K. county of the U. S. A., Lane county. Mr. Prescott and Mr. Svarverud are absolutely ignorant of facts which they claim and charge in this petition!

The people of western Lane county have bonded themselves to the tune of \$400,000.00, which is paid now, thank God.

What are the results of that money? The money is wasted. There can never be a port of any importance on the Siuslaw, common sense will show. The Siuslaw river has not enough water in it to keep a channel open deep enough for sea going vessels.

It is a known fact that between Florence and the jetty, in extremely low tide you can wade the Siuslaw river.

I wish that the port of Siuslaw could be developed, but it never will be by man to an extent to benefit Eugene.

"Because the really board claims, an almost water grade to the coast by route F. Route F has two mountain grades to go over. The present route down the lake creek has only one. So that argument is out. The only water grade from Eugene to the sea is via Portland, and on investigation, it will be found that is the only cheap way for commerce to be found to favor Eugene."

Was the petition of the 6th instant in-favor of route F just for military and commercial purposes? If so then let them establish an absolutely strict commercial artery, pay for it, and make it a toll road, kept up by the promoters. Do please not slur such an enterprise, for the S. P. railroad, which by virtue is the biggest tax payer in Lane county.

The S. P. railroad has not robbed western Lane county of anything as is claimed. The S. P. went through the western part of Lane county only to get to real resources around Reedport and Coos bay.

I do hate to say, as a resident of western Lane, it has no resources, excepting a few timber claims on Knowles Creek.

If route F is a contributing factor to Eugene's prosperity, let Eugene put up the money this time, and not leave the taxpayers of western Lane responsible! The promoters of this petition should take the blame themselves, and not involve any Lane county citizens.

Sincerely yours,

WM. WERCHE.

ON WORKING WOMEN

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—I have read several letters in your paper in regards to fishing, fighting and wrestling, and I believe there is matter to be discussed on a still more important question. Here it is:

Why should married women be allowed to hold positions when their husbands are making more than a hundred dollars a month?

Why not place single women in their places, and have just a little distribution of the city, county and state funds, which have been going in double payrolls to some families in Eugene for several years? Why should some be able to bank one hundred dollars a month and others have to borrow? It seems to me that this is completely out of step with the National Recovery Act!

Why not a little discussion on the subject? Still better, why not a little action?

Yours truly,

J. A. MORAN.

"CONSOLATION"

After the storm is over,
 Dark clouds pass away,
 After night is ended again,
 Comes the dawn of day.

A new dawn in all its splendor,
 When each may start anew,
 Cast away dark shadows,
 And find new tasks to do,
 Tasks that may be a burden,
 With pay and gratitude small,
 The never give up or be discouraged.

There's happiness in this world for us all.

JOE L. SCHOLL.

328 4th Ave. West, Eugene, Ore.

ON OMENS

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—Regarding that strange meteor or whatever it was of a few nights ago, I did not see it, but those who did may know whether it was a fulfillment of the following prophecy of Rev. C. V. Morrow on Jan. 1 and published in the Progressive Thinker, Feb. 17, 1934:

"But let me say to you friends, there will appear in 1934 a great demonstration of God's power, wisdom, and love, and it shall appear in the heavens."

"It may be a streak of light, it may be a star, I am not positive of that. But its light will demonstrate to you that God is powerful and strong, and we (Spirits) need to place the light in Heaven."

Not being much of a prophet and having learned long ago not to take too seriously, I usually prefer to not pass an opinion on such matters. But being such an unusual affair it may have been a harbinger of a much greater phenomenon that may soon come to pass.

Be that as it may, there is plenty of time during 1934 for almost anything to happen that may take some of the links out of all of us. Those who do not know that Spiritual forces may cause physical phenomena have much to learn yet. In the meantime it will be interesting to watch the heavens for any solar phenomena whether caused by sun spots, spirits, or what not.

M. E. JENSEN.

ON CAMPAIGN PROMISES

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—An election time approaches we will have the same number of campaign promises from some of the candidates, probably sincerely made in most cases, but what is the result when we replace experienced help by others equal in every way but lacking the experience necessary to carry on a large business economically?

I have before me the promises made by our present judge and commissioner. (They wished to be con-

sidered as one) before the last election, there are several pages of them, so I will not enumerate them, suffice to say that the total amount which they promised to pay in 1933 according to their figures was just \$262,288.48.

I have no doubt they thought they could save the taxpayers some money and they done the best they could, but the records show that the actual cost of running the county in 1932 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1933 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1934 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1935 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1936 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1937 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1938 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1939 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1940 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1941 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1942 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1943 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1944 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1945 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1946 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1947 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1948 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1949 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1950 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1951 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1952 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1953 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1954 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1955 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1956 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1957 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1958 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1959 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1960 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1961 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1962 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1963 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1964 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1965 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1966 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1967 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1968 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1969 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1970 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 1971 was \$1,470,847.71 and in 19