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FACING OUR RACE PROBLEMS

Dire warning of the race trouble that is brewing in the United States is found in the tieup of Philadelphia's transportation system because it was proposed to promote eight Negroes to motormen. The War Department took over because vital war production in that great industrial center was jeopardized.

The Negro is here. He is a human being. He is an American citizen. He fights and dies in our wars. He must have COMPLETE political and economic equality. But he is being misled by the intellectuals and sentimentalists who encourage the idea of "social equality."

And the condition has been aggravated greatly by the well intended but unwise regulations promulgated by the New Deal which for the acceptance of the Negro in positions where he is not wanted, and for which in some cases he is not prepared.

The country is boiling with ugly "stories," tales which are passed from mouth to mouth, of the alleged abuses of the new-found privileges. Our appeal to every American who hates "mob stuff" is to believe none of these tales. Believe nothing unless you see it yourself!

There is a dangerous situation which calls for the utmost frankness and for great clarity of definitions. Especially is there need to make clear the distinctions between economic and political rights and all those vague notions which are involved in "social equality."

It needs to be made clear that "social equality" for white or black is something which no man can achieve except as he earns it (and even among whites merit does not always get its full recognition).

Much easier it is to definite the economic and political rights. Certainly the Negro must be given the right to vote whether he lives north or south. He must be given equal opportunity to make a decent living—according to his real ability. He is entitled to all the opportunities of education and personal advancement. He is entitled to a decent place to live.

But this does not mean that he should be encouraged to insert himself into neighborhoods where (rightly or wrongly) he is not wanted, or that he shall be encouraged in impractical notions of complete intermingling and intermarriage. Indeed the ablest and best of Negro leaders have never demanded that. They have demanded only the right to FULL PARALLEL DEVELOPMENT.

The condition which has been stimulated by the unwise "friends of the Negro" is very dangerous—in all our larger cities as well as in the south. It is an inflamed emotional unreasonable condition which makes it difficult to get a clear view of what is really tolerant and right.

The black man is a good American and he has proved himself on more than one occasion. Given a fair break he will build his own communities, his own social structures, of which he and all the rest of us can be proud. But it is inviting disaster for white and black to promote these situations for which the public mind is simply not prepared. Millions of people white and black cannot be forced to change overnight.

TURK DARDANELLES-CONSCIOUS

Just as in politics, the candidate, in the heat of campaign, is not too critical of any proffered support, the United Nations are not too critical of Turkey's belated efforts to get on the winning side in this war. However, a little realism is prudent.

The Turks, having staved off Axis invasion, are now just as anxious to prevent Allied "acquisitiveness." Their great interest now, as for many centuries, is their hold on the Dardanelles. Russia has always looked for an outlet to the Mediterranean. Several wars have been fought for control of that strategic waterway. In the game of power politics, the Turk has always been right skillful in hanging on.

It would be unfair to blame the Turks too much. Comparatively they are an impoverished nation. They had much to lose and very little to gain by becoming involved in this war too soon, although the same might be said for the rest of us.

However, it is going to be difficult for them to prove that they are true friends of the freedoms for which we fight. The argument that their policy of appeasement kept the Germans from sweeping to Suez through the Near East has some measure of truth, but it is pretty thin.

The Turks want a voice in the peace making, and that they should certainly have, and their legitimate "rights" should be respected. But Turkey's admission to full

membership and full confidence depends on democratic conduct henceforth, not on technical historical claims.

Freedom of trade in all parts of the world is one of the cardinal objectives, and one which will involve liberal administration of the Dardanelles. If the Turks insist on a narrow nationalistic program, they may get hurt.

We could mention one Turkey that apparently isn't going to give the Germans any cause for Thanksgiving.

On the beaches near war plants is where you can find the no peace bathing soot.

WASHINGTON LETTER

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WASHINGTON — News from Germany has greatly speeded planning for her future by several government agencies, here which see a chance of an earlier collapse than had been reported—although that was less early than many Americans have believed.

Allied military experts are virtually agreed that if we want a peace worth the paper it is written on, the first clause must disarm Germany completely and utterly. That is a hitherto unpublicized reason for the attempted revolt of some German generals still untouched by the Nazi madness.

They have means of knowing what the distinguished professional soldiers of Britain, Russia and this country decided after studying the problem of peace in Europe from a practical aspect untainted by sentimentality. These Reichswehr chiefs want to cut Germany's losses, play safe, and get her out of a bad business with at least a shirt. But Hitler wants a desperate last stand, a gamble that the Allies will tire of blood-letting and ease off.

But once again, the Corporal of Berchtesgaden is befiling his country. For the fact is that the longer he fights, the better the chance Germany will lose her shirt. Indeed, if some people like the Poles, the Belgians, the Czechs and the French had their way, Germany would be flayed alive. The longer Hitler fights, the stiffer his peace terms will be. Already they are likely to be very stiff.

Nobody Wants The Germans
Representatives here of Poland, France, Holland and other victimized countries will want some of what is now German soil—but no Germans. They will make strong argument in logic and justice.

That would mean large interchanges of population. It would ring Germany with nations all strengthened by addition of soil to which some have excellent claims, some not, and by more homogeneous populations. Germans and Poles, for instance, would be interchanged as they should have been and were not after 1918. The Turks and Greeks have shown how this is practicable and makes bad neighbors good ones.

More Germans would be crammed into less space—the Czechs wait the Sudetenland but without the Sudeten Germans who now inhabit it. Few nations are likely to welcome Germans as immigrants. But belief grows that the Germans will still be able to make a good living if they try. For instance, converting some of their enormous and unproductive state-owned forests to farmland and by tilling their soil so well that it produces as much as does Holland's, which is only 70 per cent as good but nevertheless is made to outstrip Germany's.

Germany will have to farm more if the military men have their way. They would strip her not alone of Army, Navy and Luftwaffe—especially Luftwaffe—but of the means to build them up again. All machines, tools and factories meant to make arms or anything like arms would be wrecked.

20 Years of Re-education
To insure that Germany will keep the peace in future will mean disarmament and re-education. That will probably take 20 years under an Allied armed guard—also a lot of help from a large Allied civilian reconstruction organization.

Those views are not all official, nor officially adopted but they may well prevail. Some well-informed Americans hold them and so do many Russians who are very realistic and on some counts would go farther than we.

As to reconstruction, some British civilians want to welcome Germany again more quickly to full partnership in world endeavor—partly from what they hold to be humanitarian motives, partly as a possible customer for themselves and a counterpoise to Russia.

The military men say there can be no peace with Germany if before she is cleansed of Nazis and re-educated she is allowed to have a gun or an airplane. Or any other weapon or means to produce it. Later, perhaps 20 years later, she may be gradually permitted to build up a small police force but under supervision far closer than after 1918. Whether the military men who are realists will win out over politicians and propagandists already being heard remains to be seen.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

FALSE LOGIC FOR FOURTH TERM
(Salem Capital-Journal)

"If President Roosevelt is the commander-in-chief of war operations and has been acting in that capacity for the last few years who is the deputy commander-in-chief? What man has been trained as an understudy who could take over in an emergency?" asks Davis Lawrence, the Washington columnist.

The answer is of course nobody, although Vice President Wallace is really vice president, and James F. Byrnes, as director of economic mobilization, nearer a real understudy of the president, for he has his office in the White House and is as familiar with executive problems as any one, but the CIO vetoed his selection as democratic nominee for the vice presidency. Mr. Roosevelt is so jealous of his powers that he does not deputize or train anyone for his place.

Continuing Mr. Lawrence says:
But even Mr. Byrnes was not familiar with actual war operations, namely, the military and naval aspects of global strategy. Strictly speaking, the president has not developed any understudy in that direction and there are only four men who are intimately acquainted with the details of our global strategy. They are General Marshall, Admiral King, General Arnold and Admiral Leahy.

Of these four Admiral Leahy is really chief of staff and adviser to the president and comes nearer to being a deputy, though his office is not provided for in the constitution, just an emergency position created by the president, and accepted by congress and the country.

If fate subtracted Mr. Roosevelt from the presidency it would be necessary for a vice president inexperienced in global strategy or military plans to succeed him as commander-in-chief. If such a contingency arose before next January, Mr. Wallace would be commander-in-chief. In case of Roosevelt's reelection, after January, it would be Mr. Truman. But neither has the background or intimacy with the problems of the commander-in-chief on which Mr. Roosevelt is basing his campaign as the indispensable man. The war would of course be conducted by the same big four. Leahy, Marshall, Arnold and King, who have attended all the international conferences and would give a new president the same loyalty and devotion to date that the present chief executive receives. As Mr. Lawrence concludes:

The commander-in-chief argument is a much exaggerated one and the election should turn more on international and domestic policies to be pursued by the next president rather than on the specious argument that the commander-in-chief must be retained because of his familiarity with the war.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

WOMEN OF COUNTRY CLUB PLAN DINNER

Women of the Eugene Country Club are to gather for a dinner Wednesday evening, six-thirty o'clock, at the clubhouse.

At this time presentation will be made of the trophies won during club matches. The awards to be given will go as follows:

Mrs. John F. Ashman, champion; Mrs. Weir McDonald, championship runner-up; Mrs. L. S. Axland, champion, first flight; Mrs. Claude Johns, runner-up in first flight; Mrs. J. W. Lewis, champion in second flight; Mrs. C. W. Godlove, runner-up, second flight; Mrs. Bushman, medalist.

The dinner is for members and guests. The social committee is in charge. Mrs. Lynn S. McCready as chairman.

NEEDLE CLUB

Martha Needle club is to meet at the home of Mrs. LaVeta Dyer, 886 Polk street, Thursday, two o'clock.

REUNION HELD

The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Sanders was the scene of a family gathering Wednesday night in honor of John W. Sanders, former Eugene man, who is now with the army and home on a short furlough. He has been stationed the past year in Florida, where his wife and young son, Bobbie, also spent the past winter. Those present were Mrs. M. E. Long of Oakridge, Mrs. Ethel Smith of Roseburg, Mrs. Marian Bates and daughter, Betty, of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders and son, Bobbie, of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. T. R. David and daughter, Mrs. L. A. Verne Nickel, of Portland; Mrs. Jane Don of Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Sanders. After an evening spent in visiting, refreshments were served by the hostess.

BIRTHDAY HONORED

Henry Terrill celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday on Aug. 2 at a party at the home of Mrs. Basina. Those present were Mrs. Basina, Mrs. Ella Nichols, Mrs. W. L. Russell, Mrs. Kelsay, Mrs. O. M. Anderson, Miss Nora Gilbertson, Mrs. J. A. Hoffman, and

Henry Terrill. Mr. Terrill received many remembrances of the day. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

WEDDING IS EVENT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Mary Cook of Springfield and Sherman Moody of Eugene were married Sunday afternoon, the wedding being at two o'clock in the Methodist church parsonage, Rev. Ellsworth Tilton officiating.

A reception followed at the bride's home, about forty guests attending. Mrs. Ann Haptner was matron of honor at the wedding and Jack Lesley was best man.

At the reception, Mrs. Fay Whisman of Eugene poured and Mrs. Luneta Huddleston of Sweet Home served. Both ladies are nieces of Mrs. Moody.

Following a trip to the coast, Mr. and Mrs. Moody will be at home in Eugene.

Forcible Partition Of Germany Doubtful

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — If Germany is to be split up into small states after the war, the first moves toward division almost certainly will have to come from the German people themselves.

This is the understanding in diplomatic quarters here, where the results of allied studies on the advantages which might accrue from division are well known. Apparently no final decisions have been made but the weight of opinion is against forcibly breaking up the reich.

This would not bar the assignment to Poland of East Prussia and other territory as both Poles and Russians have proposed.

Proposals for dismembering Germany as a measure for maintaining European peace have been discussed since the war began. Recently Sumner Welles, former undersecretary of state, stirred new speculation by outlining in his book a plan for three German states to replace the former German nation.

Edward R. Stettinius, undersecretary of state, explored the subject with the British in London earlier this year. It has entered also into considerations of the allied advisory commissions for Europe, which has planned Germany's immediate post-war controls.

Officials here have been reluctant to discuss what would be done with German territory since it is primarily a post-war question. But it is possible to report that at the present time the general answer to the question "Will Germany be divided?" is in the negative.

It, however, the German people want to divide themselves along the lines of their political organization of a century ago they will be encouraged to do so.

Officials who advocate the policy of no dismemberment unless the German people seek it claim that in the end a forcible division would not serve the purpose of keeping Germany peaceful, and probably would require constant outside pressure to maintain. The German people, it is felt, would probably develop a strong desire to restore their national unity if they had not themselves chosen to discard it.

HERNEY COMING WEST

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of selective service, will be guest speaker at the launching of the tanker Beacon Rock at Swan Island shipyard here next Tuesday, and Mrs. Hershey will sponsor the vessel.

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GARDEN CLUB GROUP ENTERTAINED AT TEA

Mrs. Frank Boyer, Elkay drive, entertained at a lawn party and benefit tea on Friday for members of the Eugene Garden club. The proceeds from the tea went to the Junior Gardens project.

The group enjoyed viewing the many interesting flowers and plants grown by Mr. and Mrs. Boyer.

Townsend Predicts Pension Plan Victory

PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Dr. Francis Townsend predicted victory in the November election for his plan that would levy a three per cent gross income tax to finance a minimum of \$60 a month for overage and incapacitated persons in Oregon.

"It's going to take a lot of courage and a lot of work, but I believe we can do it," he told 2,000 Townsends and union members at a rally here yesterday.

State Safety Broadcast Hour Is Changed

"The Fifth Cause of Death," the safety broadcast sponsored each week by the safety division of the secretary of state's office, now will be heard over KOIN Tuesday afternoons at 3:15 o'clock, instead of Thursdays, as in the past.

The broadcast is dedicated to accident prevention in traffic, in the home and on the job. The script is prepared by the safety division and is produced by the KOIN staff of actors, announcers and technicians.

The broadcast has been rated one of the best safety programs sponsored by a state in the nation. Last year, the pedestrian programs were rated the best in the nation in the national pedestrian protection contest.

Each program is transcribed and is heard in turn over the following stations: KSLM, Salem; KORE, Eugene; KOAC, Corvallis; KOOS, Marshfield; KUIN, Grants Pass; KJFI, Klamath Falls; KBND Bend; KODL, The Dalles; KWRC, Pendleton; KLBH, Mt. Grande; and KBBK, Baker.

ASSISTS AT MORTUARY

SPRINGFIELD.—Ronald Toms, licensed funeral director, Portland, has moved to Springfield to be assistant at the Phil Bartholomew mortuary, it is announced by Bartholomew, owner of the mortuary. Mr. and Mrs. Toms and son, Lewis, seven years old, have taken up their residence at 327 Sixth street, Springfield.

Tibetans drink an average 30 to 50 cups of tea a day.

More people speak English than any other language.

Hindustani is second to English as the most used language.

Berry Pickers Must Take Care, Warning

Have you a little fire bomb in your camping gear—you berry pickers?

"Several Oregon families who spent the fall months in the forest and wilderness areas of western Oregon searching for wild blackberries and huckleberries last year started forest fires," Paul Sanders, Lane county chairman of Keep Oregon Green started Monday. "I want to warn berry picking families to be careful with their campfires and do not smoke while in wooded areas."

Forest fire authorities point out that this season may break a five-year all-time low record for forest fires because of the lack of rainfall and the extremely dry condition of the forests. Just for example, over an 11-month period, September to July, Portland had its second record dry spell. The rainfall was 26.73 inches, whereas the lowest mark for that period was in 1923-24 when only 25.22 inches fell. Only .09 of precipitation was recorded in that city, which was .52 below normal. With a serious shortage of men in the logging woods, who usually are available for emergency fire fighting, and a complete dependence upon young boys for fire fighting, the condition today is dangerous.

"Conditions are just right now for another Tillamook forest fire, unless absolute caution is practiced by those who use our forests," said the fire prevention leader, as he stressed the need for 100 percent cooperation by the general public in the drive to Keep Oregon Green. "Don't be a saboteur. Fires that never start don't have to be fought."

"You berry pickers need the berries for food and the government needs our forests for lumber," the KOG chairman stated. "We can both get what we need if you use care while in forest areas."

CRASH VICTIM NAMED

EPHRATA, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Flight Officer Robert L. Parcher, Portland, Ore., was killed Saturday when his P-38 Airacobra crashed into Columbia lake behind Grand Coulee dam, the army air base announced.

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