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THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPEAKS UP

The effect of our state department's unequivocal and categorical damnation of the present Argentine government's policy will be watched with interest for several reasons. It may decide the immediate fate of Pan-American solidarity as well as the future of the Farrell-Peron regime. And it may also provide a pattern or preview of the manner in which the post-war world will deal with nations of aggressive tendencies.

This last would be particularly true if the present denial of hemispheric recognition should fail to alter Argentine policy. No one hopes that it will fail. But if it should, then something further must be done. Economic isolation would probably come first, despite the hardship it would work on this country and Britain. And if that were unsuccessful, military action would not be an impossible eventuality.

In such a course of events the American governments, led by the United States, would have to improvise. For if the Argentine situation does not get better quickly, it may get worse. A solution probably will come before a worldwide peace organization is set up. So any step that the western hemisphere nations might take would be of great importance: a successful one could be incorporated into a world agreement; a failure would serve as a horrible example.

Thus far the state department's actions have been of a sort to arouse public admiration. Secretary Hull's dealings with Vichy France and Franco's Spain were criticized severely, but were defended as expedient moves which hastened victory and saved lives. There is no reason for a similar attitude toward the Argentine regime, which has been irritating and hurtful to the war effort, but is not in a position to inflict such immediate and vital damage as the pro axis European governments.

The state department has made it abundantly clear that our dissatisfaction is not a cloak for interference in Argentina's internal affairs. In fact, our indictment of the government's fascist, militaristic complexion is only secondary.

The primary indictments of the Farrell-Peron government are these: It has violated its country's pledge to support the war against the axis, thus striking a "powerful blow" at hemispheric co-operation; it has "openly and notoriously given affirmative assistance to enemies of the united nations."

The growth of fascism in Europe has taught an obvious lesson. Heeding it, the state department has spoken early and decisively. A change of Argentine attitude in response to these words will augur well for peace in years to come.

BANISHING A BROMIDE

Coincident with the war manpower commission's curtailment of hotel services comes a proposal from Glenwood J. Sherrard, president of the American Hotel association, that all employees of businesses dealing directly with the public forthwith stop using that irritating phrase: "Don't you know there's a war on?"

The phrase, Sherrard points out, is no excuse for poor service. It also might be said that poor service is no excuse for this ill-mannered retort by employees.

One possible solution might be for the customer to be actively conscious of the fact that there is a war going on, and that he can't expect peacetime service. A little more understanding and fewer complaints about things that can't be helped might go a long way toward banishing "Don't you know there's a war on?" to the limbo it deserves.

One of the easiest ways to keep a wife in money.

Modern history—Germany is bounded on the east, west and south by Allied troops.

Get in the habit of pleasing where you go and you can go just about where you please.

The popular way of reading a menu these days is looking at the price and seeing what you can get for it.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

LABOR IN POLITICS

(Salem Statesman)
Candidate Wayne Morse told the IWA (CIO) convention at Eugene that labor "was walking down the right road in taking an active interest in politics." That may be correct as a general statement, but not without limitations insofar as CIO present practice is concerned. It is proper for labor to take an interest in politics, but to do so as citizens rather than as a group-conscious segment of the population. The use of union funds collected by assessment is also undemocratic, because individuals should retain their own freedom of decision in contributing to campaign funds as well as in casting their ballots.
It is a grievous error to have political parties divided by class or property lines. One trouble with

the republican party is that there are too many business men in it, while the democratic party suffers from lack of business men. In other words our parties should divide on vertical rather than horizontal lines.

The AF of L has usually limited its participation to endorsements or denunciations of candidates. Rarely or never has it raised or used funds of its unions in political campaigning save for particular issues of concern to labor. The CIO is more aggressive politically, which is all right if it wants to be aggressive; but it should not seek to function as a class bloc, but rather should put the obligations of citizenship first.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By S. BURTON HEATH
Substituting for Peter Edson

What is the state of morale on the home front today? Three famous women authors—in the following brief articles survey the scene.

WHO IS COMPLACENT?

By Sophie Kerr

Now and then I hear a criticism—in a very self-righteous voice—that we Americans are too complacent about this war. I do not believe it. I have not found one complacent person among those I know. Certainly there is no complacency in the thousands on thousands of American homes where a service flag hangs in the window. There is no complacency among the thousands on thousands of war workers either paid or volunteer. There is no complacency in the serious young faces of the men and women in uniform.

It is not the American way to parade our doubts or difficulties. We pride ourselves on "eating our own smoke," on "keeping a stiff upper lip," on "not beefing," and "not griping," on being "poker-faced." We know that we will win this war, we trust our fighting men. The look of coolness and calm we wear is NOT COMPLACENCY, but a reasoned, sane and honest CONFIDENCE.

NO COMPLAINTS

By Cornelia Otis Skinner

I have met a good many of the boys who have returned from overseas, for it's been my privilege to perform in a number of the big hospitals where the wounded men are being cared for. Those of you who have also visited these hospitals know what a wonderful, moving and inspiring experience that is. Those boys are cheerful, uncomplaining and not in the least disillusioned.

Only last week I met a kid who had lost both legs and one arm in Sicily. I was asked if I would go over to his bed and say something to him. Of course I didn't know just what to say, so I weakly murmured, "Hello, how are you?" He gave me that kind of grin that only American kids, God bless them, can give, and said, "Oh, I'm fine—no complaints, no complaints at all."

But on my way home on the train, I thought of a few complaints I had made during the day. I'd complained because I didn't have enough gas to drive my car to the house of a friend; because I no longer could get a certain kind of lipstick, and because I spent my ration stamp on a pair of shoes that hurt my feet. And I can tell you I felt pretty disgusted with myself.

And behind me a woman was telling another woman where she could buy black market nylon stockings at \$9 a pair, and if I hadn't been what I fondly suppose myself to be—a lady—I'd have hauled off and socked her one because I was haunted by the thought of those boys—haunted by the question of what can I do for them.

Those boys, as I said before are uncomplaining and not in the least disillusioned. But they are going to be plenty complaining and plenty disillusioned if, when they come back, they don't find us doing as much in our way as they have done over there.

Black markets all over the face of the United States prove the existence of masses of people who must be in the despicable image of Mr. and Mrs. Scrooge, or these illicit markets could not survive.

What must it be like to be Mr. and Mrs. Scrooge?
What must it be like to ride around, illicitly propelled on gas that belongs to young men who are being sacrificed for you? What must it be like to gulp down gobs of red meat or quaff liquors that the government needs in the name of Allied victory? What must it be like, Mr. and Mrs. Scrooge, to be safely on the civilian front, with a wall of flesh and blood of American youth between you and the hell of combat? What must it be like, Mr. and Mrs. Scrooge, to cheat yourselves, your youth, your country?

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

COUNTING BLESSINGS

A lad writing from an unnamed island in the South Pacific says in part: "I've been catching up on my reading but I can think of many more enjoyable pastimes—such as fishing in Florida—with my wife; (he's been married since in the service) or wandering down a sand pathway in the home town park with my wife; or going swimming with my wife; or fishing in a mountain lake with my wife; or just being with my wife." If I'd known her address, I'd have sent his letter on to her. He further said maybe I'd think that proof plenty of his mental breakdown. Rather do I think it indicates quite the contrary.

Then a girl in Chicago writes a letter most strange to us who have the great good fortune to live here on the Pacific coast. "My friend and I took a walk during the noon hour through the Italian quarter. We heard old women jabbering in Italian, arguing with street hucksters and shooting their children out of the way."

"Today some one had removed the cap from a newly painted fire hydrant and the water was surging out full force. You can imagine what fun the Italian children were having, sailing boats in the gutters, wading and slipping and sliding on the pavement; shouting and jumping and splashing their usually dirty faces until many of them were actually clean!"

"Then along came a wagon load of watermelons with a fat, sleepy old Italian man driving the horse. The horse started prancing when it hit the water; then it balked. The horse did his best to sit down in the water and I wished I could rid him of his harness and load and let him roll in the cool water, which so evidently was what he wanted to do. It was so hot here today and animals must suffer from the heat no less than do humans."

"And then do you know what—suddenly Bob and I kissed each other right there before God and everybody. We'd been tired and although we didn't admit it, a little miserable. Then that spraying water, the romping laughing, almost naked little children, the horse so evidently wanting to splash and do a bit of relaxing himself, well it came to us both at the same instant that this wasn't such a bad world after all."

And out here in the west we need no such reminders it's a grand world to be in. Maybe we do need to be reminded though; we're so prone to take our blessings for granted. So I give you this bit from the letter of a girl in Chicago.

Kiwanis Told China Takes Long Strides

China is one of the most important countries in the world today, and is the country that has to take the leadership in that part of the world because there is no other nation that can assume leadership there, said Dr. J. Henry Carpenter of New York in speaking for the Eugene Kiwanis club Monday noon. Dr. Carpenter was asked by the Chinese government to make studies of industrial cooperatives in China. His topic for the Kiwanis meeting was: "I Saw the New China."

China is not looking to the past, as once was the custom; it is looking to the new world, and in quoting figures and impressions, Dr. Carpenter gave the impression China is far ahead of some other nations as to the planning and preparation for the future.

The greatest industrial expansion the world has ever seen is ahead for China, and, as a thought, too, along with being a great economic power, that country can become the greatest military power in the world, the speaker said. There are vast amounts of resources in that area, and China is ready to go as soon as the war is over, being ahead of many other sections of the world in preparing now to push ahead as soon as the war is over, he pointed out.

The thought in connection with such comments is that we must realize there can be no peace without cooperation, that we must build up brotherhood and friendly relations with the people of that area, because if we don't they are going to rise up and demand their rightful place. People of that area are aroused as they have never been before, Carpenter said.

It is true there is a great opportunity for this country in trade with China, but it is going to be a one-way street in trade, it is going to be a two-way road—China is going to be in on that trade, too, because she will have products to market and she will have to pay us back, the speaker warned.

Dr. Carpenter gave a graphic picture of the unbelievable suffering in China today, and spoke of the sorrowful plight facing many of more than 50,000,000 refugees. He told also of the heroic effort being made to rehabilitate these millions and of the new thinking that is coming to China as result of the war and its horrors in suffering.

July Lumber Output Increases Over 1943

SEATTLE—(AP)—Pacific coast lumber production maintained its approximate five per cent increase over 1943 output during July, the West Coast Lumbermen's association reported.

The report was couched, however, with a warning that the production lead is now in danger of being lost because of shortage of men and equipment—particularly logging truck tires.

Total production during four weeks in July was 130,322,000 board feet bringing the cumulative 30-week total since the first of the year to 4,842,726,000 board feet. Production at this point in 1943 totaled only 4,427,851,000, the association reported.

Unfilled orders stood at 1,006,090,000 board feet at the end of July, gross stocks at 439,207,000. Parachutes require about 150 yards of fabric.

Legion Members Heading for Portland

Going to Portland, Wednesday, will be a sizable group of American Legion members from the Eugene post, the group to take in the annual state convention of the Legion in Portland through Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Delegates from the local post are: B. R. Wagner, outgoing commander; Harvey L. Hilton, incoming commander here; Ben F. Dorris, Roy Woodruff, N. B. Sleeper, Ed Yenne, Walter S. Garrett.

The Eugene post does not hold another meeting until Aug. 23. The annual installation comes Sept. 8. At the last meeting, Clarence M. Urey was named as scrap paper chairman from the post.

Springfield

NEIGHBORS OF WOODCRAFT
SPRINGFIELD.—Members of the Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge will meet Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stevens, 137 South Eighth street for a 7 o'clock potluck supper.

RETURN FROM NEVADA
SPRINGFIELD.—Misses Mary Lou and Jean Harper returned to their home Thursday from Battle Mountain, Nev., where they spent two months with an aunt, Mrs. S. S. Rounds, the former Beulah Harper of Springfield.

FINES
SPRINGFIELD.—Fines have been assessed in the recorder's court against Lew Campbell, Vida, \$18 (\$13 suspended), for speeding; and Arthur Hendershott, \$10. (\$5 suspended), speeding.

NOW IN SPRINGFIELD
SPRINGFIELD.—Bessie Marshall, former operator of the Marshall Body and Fender works in Eugene, now holds a position in Flanery's drug store in Springfield which is now owned by William Schlitzkus and E. A. Woodman.

LOCAL 9-233 TO MEET
SPRINGFIELD.—CIO plywood local 9-233 will hold a regular meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the CIO office.

RETURN FROM SAN FRANCISCO
SPRINGFIELD.—Miss Leona Goepford and Pauline Smith returned to Springfield this week-end following a week's vacation in San Francisco.

CIRCLE FOUR, WSCS
SPRINGFIELD.—The WSCS circle 4 will meet at the home of Mrs. George Stock in Glenwood Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

Wounded Soldiers From Oregon Listed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Army personnel wounded in action in the European area include the following from Oregon:

Borreson, Cpl. Elvin W.—Mrs. Gena Louise Borreson, wife, Durkee.

McCarthy, 2nd Lt. Willis P.—Willis C. McCarthy, father, The Dalles.

Scott, 2nd Lt. Leonard W.—Mrs. William B. Scott, wife, The Dalles.

Ulestad, PFC Roy C.—Mrs. Lena Ulestad, mother, Vancor City.

Wiles, Pvt. Eugene F.—Mrs. Glenna Wiles, wife, Marcola.

Wright, Staff Sgt. Shirman D.—Mrs. Elsie Wright, wife, Gresham.

Southwest Pacific
Bell, Pvt. Leo W.—Horace C. Bell, father, Salem.

Benke, Tech. Sgt. Arthur R.—Mrs. Julius Benke, mother, Oregon City.

Need for Bean Pickers Wednesday Is Stressed
Eugene young people responded in large numbers to the call for more bean pickers Tuesday, but there is need for 150 to 200 more to report for work Wednesday morning, it was announced at the farm labor office. They are asked to be at the Irish-Swartz parking lot at the corner of Tenth Avenue west and Charnelton street by 7 a. m. Growers furnish the transportation.

If pickers have their own cars that they want to use in going to and from the bean yards, they are asked to report at the labor office at 979 Olive street and they will be directed to the yards that need help. If they continue work for any length of time they will be assisted in obtaining additional gasoline, it is announced.

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Eugene Flier Home From European Zone



Captain Howard L. Robertson, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Robertson, 142 Fourteenth Avenue east, arrived home today on 21-day leave, having completed his 30 missions of combat flying in the European theater of war, with the 8th air force in England. He wears the distinguished flying cross, and the air medal with three oakleaf clusters, each equivalent to another award of the medal.

Captain Robertson entered service in May, 1942. He received his call to active duty on the day that a memorial service was held for his older brother, Lt. Ernest Wayne Robertson, who lost his life in a plane crash at Tampa, Fla.

His commission as second lieutenant in the army air forces was received at La Junta, Colo., in February, 1943, and he was raised to first lieutenant at the time he was sent overseas, in February of this year. His captaincy was received recently, when his missions were completed. Prior to going to England, Captain Robertson had served as an instructor for a year at army air fields in Euphrata, Wash., and Ardmore, Okla. He has been flying heavy bombers in the combat zone.

29 Scouts Advance At Court of Honor

Twenty-nine different Boy Scouts were advanced in rank at a special court of honor conducted last Saturday at Camp Lucky Boy, the summer camp of the Oregon Trail council, Boy Scouts of America.

The ceremony of advancement took place at the evening camp in the presence of the entire camp and was conducted by Ralph Kalaher, camp director, and camp staff. The highest award granted was that of Star Scout to Lenny Falk of troop 101, Eugene. A complete list of awards follows: Second-class: Dick Lytle of troop 4; Alex Byler, troop 20; Duane Richardson, troop 68; Richard Christner, Garth McGuire, Dick

Cannery Squeezing Through on Help Because of Weather

Cannery of the Eugene Fruit Growers association is about on an even keel as far as the help situation is concerned—all because the weather provided a break. The cool nights and mornings of the past week have resulted in no great flood of green beans at the cannery, which normally has three full crews operating around the clock on beans at this time of year, with beans pouring in at capacity.

Any turn to warmer temperatures and sunshine, however, will result in more beans coming in at the cannery and immediately there will be an urgent need for

Wehrer, troop 88.
First-class: Larry Bails, troop 1; Jim Clark, troop 14; Bob Haynes, troop 54.

Merit badges: Dave Smith, Delos Young, troop 1; Champ Husted, Herby Lombard, Dick Schmitt, Jim Valentine, troop 18; Albert Powers, troop 20; Rex Stencomb, troop 52; Walt Banks, Bob Haynes, troop 54; Bob Hammond, troop 68; Ernest Cristler, Jim Ryan, Loyal Swafford, Bob Whitaker, troop 77; Kermit Chapman, troop 88; Darrel Spores, Lenny Falk, Jim Vitus, troop 101; Forrest Rogers, SSS Enterprise.

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Lately, people have been coming to our stations at the last minute without a coach reservation, expecting to get a seat on a train. Frequently they have been disappointed as no space was available for them.

A year ago we established a coach reservation plan for all Southern Pacific trains, except local trains on short runs. We did this in the interests of our passengers, as our trains had been badly overcrowded.

The plan has worked well, but we think it is timely to remind people that coach reservations are still necessary on Southern Pacific.

If you plan to travel in a coach on a long distance S. P. train, here is what you should do:

Buy your coach ticket well in advance of the day the train leaves. You will then be given a free reservation check. This check does not entitle you to a particular seat in a particular car, but it is a permit to board the train. You will nearly always find a seat, but there may be times when people will have to stand because of emergencies.

You can get your ticket and reservations at any S. P. ticket office. Coach reservations cannot be made by telephone because telephone lines are overloaded with other calls.

Service men make coach reservations, too, but they are given preference, of course.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL—please don't try to travel by train unless your trip is important to the war effort. There just isn't room now on trains for vacation or other non-essential trips.

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