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"ALL OR NOTHING AT ALL"

Of all the many efforts which are being made to formulate comprehensive "post-war plans" for this nation, the best that can be said is that some good will materialize eventually out of the exchange of many ideas. In every statement that has appeared two phrases recur—FREE ENTERPRISE and DEMOCRACY, but nobody so far has been able to define either of those ideals in one-syllable words.

With war's end in Europe likely to come any day, Congress has been called from its summer "politicking" to try to deal with the intricate problems of "reconversion." If we are to avoid a serious lapse into unemployment, depression, concerns which have been employing millions on war contracts must have two things:

1. PROMPT settlement of all legitimate war goods claims so that they will have capital to go into civilian production.
2. PROMPT disposal of all surplus war plants and materials so they will not stand in the way of peace production.

But it is not possible to consider these stop-gap measures without taking the long-range view, and that brings up at once Ole' Debbit Taxation.

If "free enterprise" is to live, business and the individual must be allowed some "profit accumulation" otherwise there can be no expansion into new enterprises so important to employment.

But—our staggering national debt, some \$250 billion, MUST be paid. We MUST NOT default war bonds. That brings up Ole' Debbit Balanced Budgets. All the best plans call for LOWER TAXES and BALANCED BUDGETS.

And that brings up the baffling problem: "How far can federal aid in public works be eliminated or curtailed?"

Already we have passed "the GI Bill of Rights" and no citizen will say that we should shirk our obligation to the men and women who have done our fighting. But will this be enough to meet the greatest problem of all time:

"Can we control prosperity cycles?" Most of the programs to date read something like the speech of the venerable congressman who was talking of railroads:

"I want higher wages for the employees, lower rates for the shippers, and bigger dividends for the stockholders."

Labor's first interest is labor; the first interest of business is business but even within these groups conflict of interest arises. "Monopolistic" business does not look through the same knothole as "little business." Foreign trade expansion does not sing the same tune as domestic development.

The forgotten "angle" in most plans and talk of plans is—human problems, the millions of personal readjustments which must be made by veteran and civilian alike.

We are muddling. But at least we are better off than at the end of World War I. We have started muddling while the guns still boom.

"NOT IN THE USUAL SENSE"

Now the nation is beginning to understand what Mr. Roosevelt meant when he said in his famous letter of acceptance that he would not have time "to campaign in the usual sense." The radio address to the Democratic convention "from a base somewhere on the Pacific coast, the conference with MacArthur in Hawaii, the tour of the Aleutian outposts are his first steps in dramatizing "the commander-in-chief," the "American generalissimo."

These peregrinations also cover some moves which may have even more significance. As commander-in-chief the president is also seeing to it that Candidate Roosevelt appears in a martyr's role. The restrictions which a rebellious Congress wrote into its soldier vote law—against the distribution of political propaganda to people in service—are being enforced to the point of absurdity. With grand slam publicity, even books bearing a picture of Mr. Roosevelt are "prohibited" to voters in service.

The Philadelphia street car strike—a very mysterious affair, by the way—afforded another opportunity for a master stroke. The issue, you recall, was the employment of Negroes as motormen and conductors. We talked the other day with a Philadelphian—a very calm and objective observer, not at all in politics—and he said:

"Until that strike show, I would have predicted that Pennsylvania might go Republican in November. When Mr. Biddle waded in and took over, it cinched the huge Negro vote in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh for Roosevelt. It cinched the Negro vote in all the big cities and that may even turn the tide in Illinois and New York. And I do NOT expect anything to come of the proposed prosecution of a few labor people who are charged with instigating the strike."

Most subtle tactic in the Roosevelt strategy, however, is the determination to "attack Hoover," not Dewey, and to try to dismiss the Republican candidate as "a Boy Scout." This is a leaf out of an old political book.

For some decades the Democrats labored against the "mental hazards" which the hard times of the Cleveland administration had created in the public mind. Hard times and the Democratic party were almost synonymous. In the 1944 campaign a key point of strategy is that Herbert Hoover shall not be forgotten.

What can Dewey and the Republican party do to offset these tactics of a regime?

Dewey is acclaimed the best "organizer" the party has had in many years, but it will take much more than such things as the recent conference of Republican governors (26-count 'em) to put Dewey over the political hump. Dewey has many devout followers but so far as we can see he has not yet penetrated deeply into the public's affection. His prompt repudiation of Gerald H. K. Smith's pseudo-fascist "America Firsters" did not "ring the bell." It did not counteract Mr. Roosevelt's "class and mass" appeal, especially in the great cities. The big question of the campaign at the moment is:

"Can Dewey be dramatized to the point where he will be even a close competitor for the mass of that art?"

All we can report is this statement from a New Yorker who should be quite familiar with the Dewey technique:

"Dewey will ATTACK, but not until he has his case prepared. When he opens up he will have all the evidence and he will be as relentless as when he was district attorney."

That sounds fine, but Dewey's problem is to sell himself and not merely to convict the Roosevelt regime for its many follies. There was a labor leader (AFL) from Kansas City and a garment manufacturer from Chicago who sang a "duet of damnation for bureaucracy" during a long station stop, but both were still "for Roosevelt!"

"What's Dewey got that he ain't got?"

This is merely an effort to present the problem which Dewey and the GOP must face. So far it is not a campaign which flatters the intelligence of the American public. The vast problems of domestic readjustment for post-war are crowded on the doorstep like unwashed children of a tenement street. Neither candidate has an intelligible approach to foreign relations on which to found a peace, and if all our noble Allies seem to lean toward the perpetuation of Mr. R, it is mainly because he "spends so carelessly."

The New Deal has been sidetracked for "Mr. Win-the-War," the "generalissimo." In the East, the loud-mouthed liberals still rave about "social gains" and cling to their "indispensable man"—and hold their noses when they mention the great city bosses, Hague and Kelly and Crump, and the grasping Hillman of CPA, upon whom "liberalism" now must count. Is it to be a campaign of "smear and be smeared"? Can Dewey find some weapon, keener and better than the accumulated antagonisms and annoyances on which a large section of the GOP pins its hopes?

It is "not a campaign in the usual sense." It is more unlovely—much!

It's during a political year that you find that all of the bunkers are not on golf courses.

A Maryland man says his wife spent more than \$5000 trying to reduce. She succeeded—as far as the bankroll was concerned.

Fences are what fail to keep kids in their own back yard.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By GEORGE T. CHRISTOPHER
President Packard Motor Car Co.
Written for NEA Service

MAKE YOUR POSTWAR MORE HAPPY

War workers today are not only building weapons to fight the Axis. They are helping pay for them as well. Every week when payday rolls around, many patriotic, far-sighted employees insist on at least 10 per cent of each pay check in War Bonds.

Some invest 20 per cent. These workers are making their money work for them in three ways: helping to pay the terrific cost of war, insuring themselves of having postwar dollars to use later to better advantage, and helping to prevent the country from buying its way into a depression.

Buying our way into a depression? Yes. There is a minimum of civilian goods available today. Their scarcity makes them luxury items, able to command above-ceiling, black-market prices from people selfish and short-sighted enough to pay. Whenever you pay black-market prices, you are helping to push the country into a postwar depression.

Jobs are plentiful today, because of the billions being spent on the war. This war spending will end some day, however. When it does, the country will go back on a peacetime basis. The reconversion period may be one of serious unemployment. This is when you will need the dollars you are spending today.

WE—YOU AND I—MAKE INFLATION
By FRANK SINATRA
Written for NEA Service

The other day some friends of mine started kidding me because I sounded off on inflation. They seemed to think it was funny that a singer should have anything to say on such a complex subject. Well, I'll admit I don't understand all the ins-and-outs of price control and finance. But here are four things I do know:

One: Non-experts on economics like you and me make up about 99 per cent of the population, so it's what we do that counts. Two: Every one of us decides for or against inflation a dozen times a day by what we do. Three: If we let inflation get started now, it will bring on a postwar depression that will make the last one look like a picnic. Four: We know exactly how to avoid inflation, because the experts have told us how—by buying only what we vitally need, by supporting price ceilings and rationing, and by putting every cent we can spare—and more—into War Bonds and savings.

Yes, it's up to us non-experts, all of us, to follow all the rules. This time, the way I understand it, it's really got to be all, or we'll end up with nothing at all.

SOCIETY. WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

DINNER, SHOWER HONOR COUPLE

Honoring Miss Lois Allred and Robert Bankhead, who are to be married this month, a group of friends gave a surprise dinner and shower Friday evening in Skinner Butte park cottage.

Invited were the honored guests, and Mr. and Mrs. Gaylen Hoitling, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Heide, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heide, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Diriam, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Lonberg, Mr. and Mrs. Mun Beg, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Dotson, Mrs. Alfreda Bowman, Misses Esther and Jessie Bowman, Mrs. Oscar Heide.

BRIDGE GROUP

Harmony Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. H. J. Leonard Friday afternoon, and honors went to Mrs. J. E. Coldren, Mrs. Adeline Smith, and Mrs. Francis Taylor. The next meeting will be September 8 at the home of Mrs. Tony Overgard, 1385 Columbia.

CLUB MEETING

The Penwomen's club will meet Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Lou Hawkins for a noonday luncheon, potluck, each member to take her plate, knife, fork and a covered dish. The group will meet at the home of Mrs. Minnie Conley, 561 Pearl street, cars to be there to take all those who have no way to go, the group to meet at Mrs. Conley's home at 10 o'clock.

Luckey is Honor Man In Oregon Naval Unit

Curtis Warner Luckey, Jr., 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Luckey of Springfield, has been named honor man of an all-Oregon company nearing the end of its recruit training period at the U. S. naval training center at Farragut, Idaho.

Luckey was graduated this year from Springfield high school, where he was voted the outstanding athlete of the year. Last summer he worked at Vancouver, Wash., as a machinist's helper. A brother, John, a radio technician, also is in the navy, at Pensacola, Fla.

The company with which Luckey is training, No. 686, is composed of men from Portland, Salem, Medford, Springfield, Eugene, Corvallis, Astoria and vicinity. Originally scheduled to "graduate" from "boot" training Aug. 8, members of the unit now are expected to start their 15-day leave about Aug. 15.

Lane County Men Want Full Number in Listing

The service page two Sundays ago carried a story listing names of seven men from Lane county who are at Camp Wolters, Tex., as supplied by the public relations office of that camp. This week, the Register-Guard received a letter from Private Seward Radtke, asking why only seven were mentioned, and listing 15 additional names of Lane county soldiers. He says: "We are all marching in the same heat, and all are just as homesick for good old Oregon, so we would like a recount."

Here are the names of the 15 to whom Lane county is home, and who admittedly felt themselves "left out": Privates A. Johnson, Harry Jones, Glenn Young, Gordon Peters and Sam Pskulak, all of Eugene; Cecil Runyon, Mike Prociw and Jasper Hill, of Springfield; Seward Radtke and Merle Jones, Cottage Grove; Isaac Shaw, Veneta; Earl Lou, Vida; Leland Hufford, Blue River; Bill Johns, Jasper, and Laurie Mathews, Dexter.

Portland Warned Against Baby Shows

PORTLAND, Aug. 14. (AP)—Portland health officials have warned that baby shows or other gatherings may increase danger of infantile paralysis.

Dr. Thomas L. Meador, city physician, said at a recent baby show 600 children were registered. A coronation for the winning babies was announced for Aug. 21, and Dr. Meador said: "It is my feeling that such gatherings should be definitely discouraged at this time."

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SHOREY-OSTERHOUT WEDDING REPORTED

OAKRIDGE — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Osterhout announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Viola Pearl Osterhout, to Larry Gene Shorey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shorey of Oakridge. They were married in Olympia, Wash., Aug. 3 and were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Shorey. Norman Shorey ARM 3-C is stationed at Shelton, Wash., and is a brother of the bridegroom. The couple returned to Oakridge and are living in one of the Noyen bungalows. Mrs. Shorey was graduated with honors from the Oakridge high school in June, 1944. Mr. Shorey is employed here.

FORMER EUGENE TILLS ENGAGEMENT

Eugene friends have received announcement of the engagement of Miss Betty Fowler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sevegn, Seattle, to Ronald Schimel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schimel, formerly of Eugene and now of Seattle. No date is set for the wedding. Mr. Schimel was graduated from St. Mary's high school. The family lived in Eugene for many years. Miss Fowler was graduated from Highline high school in Seattle. Both have been in defense work for some time in Seattle.

FORMER FLORENCE GIRL IS MARRIED

FLORENCE—Word has come to friends here of the wedding of a former Florence girl at Spokane, Wash., on July 30 when Miss Rose Etta Calder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Calder, was wed to S-Sgt. Joe Wierzbicki of New York. The ceremony took place in the Sunset chapel of the Galena air depot branch. The bride, whose parents have been residents of Corvallis for the past few years, was educated in the local schools but left here at the conclusion of her sophomore year. She spent a year in Eugene at the civil service trade school and for the past year has been in the employ of the air service command at Spokane. Her husband is stationed at Fort George Wright, Wash., and has been in the service the past five years. The couple will make their home in Spokane.

Bob Hope Plane Forced Down North Of Sydney

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 14. (AP)—A transport plane carrying comedian Bob Hope and four members of his USO camp show was forced down 225 miles north of Sydney today, but all aboard escaped injury.

The transport, en route from Brisbane to Sydney, developed engine trouble and made an emergency landing on a sand bank near Laurieaton, a village of about 300 persons.

Hope told the United Press by telephone that the entire party was safe and probably would resume their flight to Sydney tomorrow.

Summer Lake Preserve Opened to Hunters

PORTLAND, Aug. 14. (AP)—Ten thousand acres of a hunting preserve at Summer lake will be opened to the public as a result of action by the state game commission. The commission said the waterfowl refuge will be opened to hunters for a special \$1 fee.

WILLIAMS GETS MEDAL
Having fulfilled all the requirements of service, and exhibiting exemplary behavior and fidelity in the service of the United States, Cpl. Burley E. Williams, of Blue River, recently was awarded the good conduct medal while serving overseas in England.

He is a member of the oldest P-47 Thunderbolt fighter group in England, commanded by Col. Frederic C. Gray, of Texas. Cpl. Williams has now served over 19 months in the European war theater. He is an ordnance worker.

He was formerly employed by the Oregon state highway department. His mother, Mrs. Daisy Walker, resides at Blue River.

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MISS CHASE NOW AT YEOMAN SCHOOL

Advance training at the WAVES yeoman school, Iowa State Teachers college, Cedar Falls, Iowa, has been awarded Miss Marjorie Gayle Chase, seaman second class in the WAVES, it is reported by Chief William E. Bell, recruiter-in-charge of the Eugene U. S. navy recruiting substation which handles WAVES applications in the Eugene area.

Miss Chase is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Chase, of Springfield.

Miss Chase received the rating of seaman, second class, on completion of basic training and indoctrination at the naval training school for WAVES, New York city.

Miss Chase received the selection for advance work at the yeoman school, Cedar Falls, Iowa, as a result of her experience as a secretary, Portland. On completion of this advance instruction, she will be sent to a U. S. naval base for duty and for further training, releasing a trained yeoman for duty at an advance base or on a fighting ship.

Miss Chase is a graduate of Springfield high school and attended Linfield college, McMinnville, Oregon, for one year.

Springfield

SPRINGFIELD—Mrs. Arlo B. Good of Springfield left Friday with Major and Mrs. Harry E. Wilbert and children of Eugene for McCready Springs where they will spend the week-end.

VISITING FROM SEATTLE

SPRINGFIELD—Mrs. Emma Bouck is visiting for a few days from Seattle with her son Frank Bouck of Springfield.

ABC STUDY CLUB MEETS

SPRINGFIELD—A meeting of the Springfield ABC Study club will be held Friday at the home of Mrs. E. Giustina, Pleasant Hill. The annual picnic will be held at this time and each member is asked to bring a guest.

EAST SIDE CLUB HOLDS MEETING

SPRINGFIELD—Members of the East Side club of Springfield will hold their monthly meeting Friday at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. William Lane, 1651 East Main street.

FIRE DRILL

SPRINGFIELD—A fire drill has been scheduled for Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the city hall.

METHODIST BOARD MEET

SPRINGFIELD—A board meeting of the Springfield Methodist church will be held at the church Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

REPORT CORRECTED

SPRINGFIELD—M. J. McDaniel, 1213 C street, Springfield, Monday corrected a report in the Sunday Register-Guard that his brother, Lloyd K. McDaniel, who was killed in the explosion on the Quinault Victory at Port Chicago, Calif., recently, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor McDaniel of Springfield. Lloyd McDaniel's parents both died about eight years ago, his brother stated.

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Lifting of Political Book Ban Sought

WASHINGTON — (AP)—An amendment to the soldier vote law easing the ban on politically-tinted books, magazines, or films for the armed forces will be introduced shortly in the senate and probably will be passed by congress.

Sen. Theodore Francis Green, (D., R. I.), one of the sponsors of the voting law, is drafting such an amendment on the basis of an agreement reached recently at a conference attended by Green, Sen. Robert A. Taft, (R., O.) and army and navy officials.

The agreement, according to Green and Taft, provided that there should be no ban on any books, magazines, or films for the armed forces except as necessitated by transportation or space restrictions. When a choice is required by such circumstances, it would be made "impartially" by an army and navy board of review.

The desire to soften the no-politics requirement of the soldier vote law was caused by the army's strict interpretation which has banned such books as Charles A. Beard's "The Republic" and Catherine Drinker Bowen's "Yankee from Olympus," and motion pictures such as "Heavenly Days" and "Wilson."

Wounded Oregonian Evacuated from Guam

A U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAHU, HAWAII—(AP)—One of the first wounded Yanks evacuated from Guam Island to Hawaii naval hospitals is Boatswain's Mate 1-c Norman F. Cook, 24, of Portland, Ore.

Cook was directing a seabee detail in pulling ammunition inland from the Guam beaches on D-day under Japanese artillery and mortar fire. He was wounded in a mortar blast. His left arm was fractured.

Cook, who worked in the Kaiser shipyards at Portland before joining the navy two years ago, said his mother, Mrs. Emma Galke, 45,

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Mussolini at Front, Says German Report

LONDON—(AP)—German reports that Benito Mussolini is at the front in Italy, the German news agency reported.

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