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"WILSON"—A SUPERB PICTURE
There can be little doubt that the motion picture "Wilson" is deliberate propaganda, but—it is still a superb picture, one of the finest in many years. It is propaganda against isolationism and for world government. It idealizes Woodrow Wilson, a strong president. It casts a sinister light on the U. S. Senate. Very subtly it glorifies the "liberals" of the Democratic party; portrays the Republican party as an instrument of reaction. It is a picture which campaigns slyly for Mr. Roosevelt and the fourth term, passing lightly over the fact that Mr. Roosevelt was not among those who remained loyal to the Wilsonian ideal. It is a Hollywood product.

It has all of these faults, if you want to call them that, and yet it is redeemed by real sincerity. In the script Lamar Trotti has been remarkably faithful to history. Woodrow Wilson is idealized but not canonized. He is portrayed as a man, a very brave but utterly tragic figure. Magnificent acting completes the magic of this picture. Alexander Knox, as Wilson, has captured the spirit of the man. The finest talent of the stage has been assembled in the support, and with unusual understanding and finesse they have re-created "the times" against which Woodrow Wilson fought his fight with destiny.

Many of us are old enough to remember those times vividly, and this picture emphasizes the question which has been in our minds all down the years:

"Could this new world war have been prevented, if the United States had accepted the League of Nations as Woodrow Wilson brought it to us?"

Nobody can answer that question. And, if we go into some form of world organization at the end of this war, as we probably will, only one thing is certain—there will be no cheap or easy road to peace. To establish a rule of reason in the world will require works as well as words. Even Wilson seemed to realize this toward the end.

Woodrow Wilson gave the world an ideal which has survived his own failures. He failed partly because that vast inchoate thing called the public mind was not ready for his lesson, and partly because the great teacher himself was not adequately prepared. The picture represents the cynical Clemenceau, the wily Lloyd George, the vindictive Senator Lodge as villains in the plot of frustration. This is a partial truth.

Much of the fault lay in Wilson's own character. Like many another evangel he came to feel that only he knew truth, the whole truth, and that all who disputed his creed were wholly bad. He had become in his own mind "the indispensable man". One time, in the spring of 1919, while the discussions at Versailles were still in progress, we saw a letter from Georges Clemenceau to a friend in New England, and it said:

"This man Wilson is full of self-righteous conceit, but we shall have our way. We will flatter him and his wife. We will let him strut as the saviour of the world, but we will make his League what we want it to be."

Wilson had the idealist's instinctive distrust of "realists," but when he allowed that to become contempt he was undone. Politics is cruel; stooping to the basest ridicule and slander, but Wilson thought of all who opposed him as "enemies". He cherished the illusion that to confound his foes he had only to call upon "the people," and if his strength had held out...

Hollywood passes lightly and charitably over those last days when Wilson broke with most of his old friends. It has emphasized the virtues, not the faults of the man. Against the stately background of White House, capitol, and with the overtones of a mighty nation roused to world crusade, it has re-created the most human and the most heroic moments of a plain American, called to lead.

We doubt if anybody can see this picture without being profoundly stirred. We are at war again. When this war has been won the same problems will challenge our intelligence. The prophecy of Woodrow Wilson has become our heritage. Even his errors may help us to be wise.

LETHARGY

Henry Gorrell of the United Press, now with our forces in Germany, describes his surprise at coming through the first days in enemy home territory without being killed or wounded by guerrillas. His feeling is natural, but his good fortune is scarcely surprising.

The German civilian who complacently surrendered his liberty to the Nazi Party isn't likely to rise up angrily in the Nazis' defense. He, the middle-aged German beyond military age, happily allowed himself

to be hypnotized by Hitler's oratory, even though later the Gestapo had to be dispatched to keep him in his trance.

Now, as one burgher told Mr. Gorrell, the Gestapo is gone and the Germans aren't afraid. They're glad the war is almost over. They want peace and quiet.

Stares, silence and lethargy have greeted most American troops in Germany thus far. Lethargy will probably remain after the fighting is over. It is the lethargy of a people who love to be led, and who accepted Hitler as the alternative to the bothersome chore of governing themselves. It is a lethargy that will be something to contend with in rebuilding Germany under a rational form of democratic government.

WASHINGTON LETTER By PETER EDSON Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

'LITTLE STEEL' FACES SHOWDOWN
While the War Labor Board is conducting its public hearings on petitions of labor organizations to break the Little Steel Formula, it will be confronted with pleas that the issue be settled on the basis of the unions' specific demands, and not on the basis of some trick new theory, setting up a postwar wage policy, or as a political football to be kicked around till after election.

Labor leaders are beginning to infer that they are finding it more and more difficult to hold their unions in line. The wage issue has been around since last November, and at recent union conventions the leaders had a hard time keeping the rank and file from voting to abandon the no-strike pledge. Three times the repeal of that pledge barely escaped passage at the Auto Workers' convention, and it is still to be decided by a referendum of the more than a million members in this biggest union in the world. The Rubber Workers' convention also had a close call because some of their biggest locals wanted to repeal the pledge. By some standards, the United Mine Workers have already broken the pledge through their countenancing of strikes of supervisory employees. And so it goes.

"Postwar" Backs Move
Unions now involved in demands to break the Little Steel Formula include the entire A. F. of L. and in the C. I. O., the Steelworkers, the Electrical, Aluminum, Glass, Auto, Packinghouse and Shipyard workers. It is far and away the most potent labor-pressure group ever to marshal its forces behind a single demand—"defrosting of frozen wages," as it's called by Editor Len DeCaux of the C. I. O. News.

In this particular, the administration finds itself on a hot spot. Less than six months ago, marking the first anniversary of the president's famous "hold the line" order of April 8, 1943, Director of Economic Stabilization Fred M. Vinson, Price Administrator Chester Bowles, War Food Administrator Marvin Jones, and War Labor Board Chairman William H. Davis issued a report to the president, bragging about how well the line had been held.

"The level of basic factory wage rates has been raised less than one and one-half cents an hour," said the report. "Wages have been stabilized."

"We must not jeopardize these gains by any change of policy or relaxation of effort in the critical months ahead," the report recommended towards the end. "The need for continued restraint and continued co-operation with every phase of the stabilization program is evident. Obviously, too, we should cling to the policies and machinery which have served us so effectively thus far."

Those are noble sentiments, but again the prophets of doom are predicting that if the Little Steel Formula is now to be broken, somebody is going to have to eat 'em.

New Wage Changes
Chairman Davis of WLB has indicated that the Board might come up with recommendations for changes in wage policy different from the changes demanded by the labor unions. The inference in this important statement is that the board might be thinking more about preventing wage reductions after the war, when the economic objective will be to maintain purchasing power and consumption.

It is a question how satisfactory any such new formula—bending the Little Steel Formula without breaking it—would be to the labor leaders. In previous evasions of the Little Steel Formula, the coal miners got partial-to-partial pay, the non-operating railroad brotherhoods got overtime, but these two groups got only minor adjustments in basic pay rates. What the present drive against the Little Steel Formula is all about is to get increases in basic pay rates on work weeks of 40 hours or less. Best indication of this trend came from the miners' convention in Cincinnati, when it was announced that they would ask for a dollar a day increase in basic pay, with adoption of the seven-hour day and five-day week in place of the nine-hour day and six-day week in force at present.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

SOME INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
How little we ever dreamed international relations would reach out and touch our own little neighborhood! But they have. For one of our local men married Betty, an English girl. He met her in Australia but where ever you find an Englishman, be it in Mandalay, Tibet or Australia, there you find a bit that is forever England. Indeed such a one gets more English the farther away from England he is.

Our young woman is Nice English. If you know what I mean, not Billingsgate English. Her voice is as soft as her own London fog; her manner as gentle. Every action is pre-considered. To act on impulse shows lack of poise. Not even her marriage to the American lieutenant was out of character, since she'd known him four years.

After a two-day honeymoon, her husband had set off for the South Pacific; she did the same for Oregon for it was planned she'd make her home with his people until after the war. She was to stay with Mary, the wife of another member of the family who was also in the navy. The idea seemed to be they'd have so much in common they couldn't help but enjoy each other.

But Mary is one of those fly-away women, high strung, impetuous, her heart always two jumps ahead of her head. Her voice is shrill and her language is liberally sprinkled with the more robust terms of her logger husband and fishermen brothers. To her, the English girl seems a creature from another world and though she welcomed Betty with interperate joy yet I see her increasing amazement at the difference which lies between them. She senses Betty has a refinement she lacks. Her reaction to this is to raise her voice even more shrilly, use even more robust language.

Betty, I think, is affected in much the same way, though in reverse. The more piercingly Mary shrieks, the softer grows Betty's voice, the more cultured her speech. Where Mary flings herself about the room, Betty walks sedately. When Mary would toss a cloth over the breakfast table's disarray and dash to meet the mailman, Betty insists they first do the dishes. There is a look of sheer horror on Betty's face as Mary siren, "All right that gown of mine ain't wrote me a letter, 'I'll go to Farragut in person and slit his throat!'"

Yes, our local international set-up promises some exciting developments.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

BUSINESS WOMEN LIST TWELVE NEW MEMBERS

At the meeting of the council of the Eugene Business and Professional Women's club the past Wednesday, twelve new members were announced, bringing up the membership roll to one hundred and sixty-five for the organization. The new members are:

Mrs. Vaughn M. Bennett, Miss Dorothy Boehringer, Miss Marian Busick, Mrs. Margorie Dare, Mrs. F. W. Fischer, Miss Kay Godley, Mrs. John Hathaway, Ruth Hawkesworth, Mrs. W. H. Lynch, Mrs. E. A. Stacks, Mrs. W. W. Stewart, Mrs. H. L. Woodhouse

Meet at Hotel

The group voted to meet regularly for its luncheons on the second Thursday of each month in the blue room of the Osburn hotel. Also, it was voted that from now on there will be program speakers for the luncheons.

Plans also were discussed for the annual national business women's week observance, October 8 to 14. A tea next Sunday afternoon at the Osburn hotel and a formal banquet the evening of October 14, also at the Osburn, will be the two major social events for the week. Mrs. Lyman C. Palmer is general chairman for the week's activities.

CAMPUS GROUP ATTENDS OSC EVENT

Ten co-ed members of the University of Oregon Red Cross board went to Corvallis Wednesday night to attend the convocation ceremony at which Oregon State College was presented with their Red Cross charter. Verne Simmons of the national Red Cross headquarters, Pacific area, presented the charter and spoke at the assembly.

Members of the campus Red Cross chapter, which was the first chapter to be established in an institution of higher education in Oregon, being granted their charter April 4, 1944, who attended were: Miss Carol Wicke, chairman; Misses Carmen Green, Gloria Carozian, Mary K. Minch, Florence Hintzen, Sally Spiess, Mary Decker, Annamie Winslip, Virginia Tomkins, and Dorothy Rasmussen.

DUNN P-TA OPENS YEAR, LISTS COMMITTEES

The Dunn P-TA held its meeting the past week. Speakers for the evening were Mr. Compton, talking on Boy Scouts work, and Miss Judd from the Girl Scouts office discussing work of that office.

The hot lunch program for the coming year was discussed and the teachers were introduced.

Mrs. Martin P. Simon, president of the unit, named the following committees for the year's work:

Publicity—Mrs. H. Higgins; hot lunch—Mrs. Paul Sittner, Mrs. S. T. Donohue, Mrs. Cecil R. Smith; program—Mrs. Hunger, Mr. J. Briles; budget and finance—Mrs. J. Dolan, Mrs. L. Swaggart, Mrs. Warren Korstad; ways and means—Mr. Cecil R. Smith, Mr. William Zinkler, Mrs. Carl Petersen, Mrs. G. W. Mintz. Magazine committee—Mrs. Miner McIntyre. Hospitality—Mrs. Paul Edwards, Mrs. William Dugan, Mr. Rudolph Siegmund, Mr. M. P. Simon. Membership—Mrs. William Zinkler, Mrs. William E. Brown. Procedure and by-laws—Mrs. M. R. Trospier.

WRC EVENT

Mrs. Jessie Houghton was initiated into the Women's Relief corps at its meeting Thursday afternoon at the IOOF hall, and Mrs. Fred Lamb was reinstated. Three applications for membership were read. Thirty hours Red Cross work was reported and the relief committee reported making fifty calls upon shut-ins, also sending flowers and cards. The invitation of the Sons of Union Veterans and auxiliary to attend a dinner meeting Monday evening was accepted. Thirty were present.

Ford Official Admits Gift To America First

DETROIT, Oct. 6.—Harry Bennett, vice-president of the Ford Motor company, admitted Wednesday that he gave \$2,000 to America First leader Gerald L. K. Smith but emphasized that the money was "to fight communism and labor racketeering and not for any other purpose."

Bennett's statement came after Smith, his party's presidential candidate, told a house campaign expenditures committee in Washington that the sum was allotted to finance radio talks. The Ford executive was the only individual disclosed as a contributor by Smith, and Bennett charged he had been named because he refused to support America First activities.

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VFW AUXILIARY INITIATES THURSDAY

Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars initiated Mrs. Marshall Wise and Mrs. Glenn Forrester as new members Thursday evening, at regular business meeting. Elected to membership, and to be initiated in November, are Mrs. William Conn, Mrs. Leonard M. Jensen, Mrs. Howard Van Sant, Mrs. Hibbard E. Richardson, Mrs. O. A. England and Mrs. A. E. Hubbard.

Mrs. Nora Peterson reported on the department meeting held recently in Portland. Entertainment following the meeting was provided by Mrs. Arthur Schneider. Mrs. Carl McIntyre and Mrs. Harry Conner served refreshments.

In place of the next regular meeting, a covered-dish dinner, to be followed by a dance, will be held on the meeting night of the VFW post, October 20, which will be attended by both post and auxiliary, and wives of VFW members.

KOZY KORNER CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Kozy Korner club held its first gathering of the fall Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. S. Fletcher.

New officers for the group are Mrs. R. E. McIntyre, president; Mrs. Ira O. Stewart, vice-president; Mrs. W. B. Neal, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. W. S. Averill was a guest at the Thursday evening meeting. Mrs. Samuel H. Tyler and Mrs. A. V. Lewis will be hostesses for the November 2 meeting.

FIRMS MAKE REFUNDS

Three Eugene firms have made voluntary refunds of overcharges on meats, under OPA price regulations, according to announcement made by OPA from Portland. The firms and refunds were listed as follows: Antone Sauer, Modern Sausage Kitchen, \$540; Blue Bird Packing company, \$1712.30; Beau Monde Market, \$430.93.

GEORGIA BOXER SUSPENDED

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—Boxer Larry Lovett, Swainsboro, Ga., was suspended today by the state boxing commission for what it termed his "poor showing" here Tuesday night in a bout with Florida's Elmer Ray.

TOWLERTON-SCHAEFER WEDDING REPORTED

Miss Leola Schaefer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schaefer of Springfield and Dale E. Towlerton, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Towlerton, Goshen were married at San Francisco at seven o'clock Thursday evening, Sept. 28, Chaplain Best of the U.S.N.R. officiating at a candlelight service. The double ring ceremony was performed. Kennie Botts, U.S.N., was best man. Miss Lois Kunkle of the U.S.M.C. was maid of honor. The bridal party later dined at Monacos at the international settlement.

The bride wore a beige suit with brown accessories, and the gift of the bridegroom, a string of pearls. Parents of both the bride and bridegroom were present at the wedding.

The couple will make their home in San Francisco where the bridegroom is stationed at Treasure Island.

SURPRISE GIVEN

As a surprise party celebrating her ninety-second birthday Oct. 2, "Aunt" Wolcott was entertained at her former home in the Zumwalt apartments. Those attending were Mrs. Zerbie Gordon, Mrs. Millie Frances, Mrs. Sarah Mayhew, Mrs. Elsie Walker, Mrs. J. W. Conn, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Don Conn, Mrs. Charles Chesebro.

SHOWER GIVEN

A shower was given in honor of Mrs. William Utterback the evening of Sept. 29. Hostesses were Mrs. W. C. Wells and Mrs. Bill Palkola.

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C. L. GROUP

Quills were tied by the Builders club of Central Lutheran church, Thursday afternoon, following a noon potluck luncheon. With serving of afternoon refreshments, a shower was held honoring Mrs. H. J. Thorpe, who is moving soon to California. The group will meet Oct. 19 at the home of Mrs. George Myrmo.

LUTHERAN DAUGHTERS

Lutheran Daughters of Central Lutheran church will sponsor the appearance in Eugene of a dramatic reader, Walter D. Gran, who will present the Lloyd C. Douglas book, "The Robe," as a reading in three parts. He will come late in November. Gran, who is blind, makes this his life work, and has for many years. He has appeared

in Eugene previously, under a different sponsorship.

The group met for business study at the home of Mrs. William Morris. Plans were made to have luncheon at noon Sunday, the of the drive by the church building funds, at the church. Next meeting will be at home of Miss Maria Sakarinen.

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