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THE PARTY OF OPPOSITION

As a reader editorial we are printing today, the comments of Mr. Marvin Warlick upon our recent diagnosis of the election results. We saw—for the Republican party, in defeat, the opportunity to become a strong and constructive "party of opposition," for the Democratic party, in victory, the perils of too long a stay in power and the threat of disintegration from the discordant forces within the party which only the personality of President Roosevelt has held together.

Mr. Warlick, a staunch Democrat, does not like this diagnosis, naturally, and he accuses us of inciting partisan obstructionism. If he will reread last Thursday's piece he will find that we do not encourage any such tactics. On the contrary, now that the voters have weeded out some of the Holmans, Nyses, Ham Fishes and other futile "baiters," there is reason to believe that opposition may, indeed, reach the plane of constructive criticism.

As for the statement that the nation, now more than ever, needs a strong, well organized, intelligent "party of opposition," we repeat it without qualification and without apology.

The re-election of Mr. Roosevelt has not removed any of the fundamental issues presented by the regime which Mr. Roosevelt has created—the vast hodge-podge of administrative "alphabets," the misuse of political patronage, the ambitious projects for even greater centralization of AUTHORITY over every detail of American living, the confusion of taxes and the waste of the money raised, the endless experimentation in social reform, but guided by political expediency rather than clear-cut purpose. The alliance with Hilman's PAC could be a costly bargain.

It does not detract from Mr. Roosevelt's prestige as a leader, at home and abroad, in war and in peace, to say that his every act and every act of his regime MUST be subjected to constant review and criticism.

In the last 12 years, the Republican party has done a rather poor job of opposition, and some of the readers may remember that we have often criticized Republican futility, and even the late Senator McNary for his many compromises with the New Deal system.

In the type of democracy which the English-speaking nations have developed the MINORITY (or the "loyal opposition" as the British call it) has a tremendous public duty. In the Republican party are many new voices, and it is our hope that it can become a force for continuous, constructive, high-minded criticism, and this does not preclude complete cooperation where that is due.

The people of the United States have broken with precedent to elect Mr. Roosevelt four times, but they have never given him or his associates any mandates. Walt Whitman once expressed it:

"Where the citizen is always supreme . . . And mayors, governors, presidents, whatnot are only servants for pay."

The Republican party has not yet realized its responsibility as "the party of opposition." Its leadership has often been narrow and bigoted, but in the next four years it has high duties to perform. We hope it will measure up to its responsibility.

41ST DIVISION NOT FORGOTTEN

All over Oregon there is springing up a movement to petition for the return to the United States of the 41st Division, the famous national guard division which we have come to regard as "Oregon's Own." It has been over in the South Pacific since shortly after Pearl Harbor and it has gained high distinction in the Salamaua and Biak campaigns. It has had nearly three years at the front, or close to the front and it has been in active duty four years. That is a long time!

It is perfectly natural that relatives and friends of these soldiers would be restless, especially when they read that some other combat divisions have been returned to the states (mostly Marine divisions which are under Navy). A few men from the 41st have been filtering back under the "rotation system," but this process is painfully slow.

However, we do not believe that there is anything to be gained by petitioning for the return of any particular unit in the service. Nor do we believe that this division has been forgotten by the high command.

At last report, the 41st was somewhere in Dutch Guinea, holding down one of the sectors for General MacArthur. General MacArthur and his staff would be the only persons competent to decide what divisions ought to be sent where, and sometimes

these decisions are very complicated because:

- 1. Transport must be spare. 2. Relief divisions must be ready. 3. The commander cannot jeopardize any sector of his long fighting front by permitting any move until all factors are exactly right.

Here at home we must not forget the 41st Division because so many of its men are "ours." They were first to go to war and they should be first in our thoughts and attention, and we need to do everything we can to recognize their sacrifices and bolster their morale. But, here at home, we cannot pass judgment on military necessities or military decisions.

The struggle in the Philippines has just begun, and it probably will be long and bloody. Our men over in Dutch Guinea may not be very much in the current battle reports but they are holding the vital left wing of the entire South Pacific advance. We have the right to say that when it is possible to return fighting divisions, the 41st should be among the first, but we cannot say when that ought to be.

And perhaps we should keep on yelling because this whole Pacific theater is still the step-child of "grand strategy." We have only begun to "pour it on," and nobody can predict how vast the demands for supplies and manpower are going to be.

BROADER POLICY

Mr. Churchill has informed Parliament that it will be the British policy to let the Greek people choose their own form of government when normal conditions return.

Would it be impertinent of us to ask if the Atlantic Charter, of which Mr. Churchill is co-author, did not announce as its policy the right of all peoples to choose their own form of government, and without retaining any provisions about deciding what and when were "normal conditions"?

DOG'S LIFE

There have been quite a few critical comments over the fact that Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery has chosen to name his well-beloved canine pet after the Nazi Fuehrer. The consensus seems to be that what has happened to Sir Bernard's "Hitler" shouldn't happen to a dog.

READER EDITORIAL

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SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS By MARIAN LOWRY

THETA SIGMA PHI INITIATES MEMBERS

Three new members were initiated into Theta Sigma Phi, national women's journalism honorary, at a ceremony Sunday morning at the University of Oregon campus. The girls were pledged by the university chapter last spring.

Names of the initiates as announced by Miss Anne Craven, Portland, president of the organization, are: Misses Margaret McGee, Eugene; Louise Montag, Portland; and Ruth K. Collins, Fresno, Cal.

A formal breakfast followed the ceremony.

EAGLES AUXILIARY HOLDS SPECIAL MEET

Ten women were initiated into the Eagles auxiliary at the special birthday celebration meeting held at the lodge hall Sunday afternoon, beginning at one-thirty o'clock. Three were members of out-of-town auxiliaries. Local candidates were Mrs. Alex Johnson, Mrs. Ernest Stromme, Mrs. C. J. MacMillan, Mrs. Travis Brown, Mrs. Millard Van Cleave, Mrs. Peter Rittthaler and Mrs. Susie Hammond. Mrs. Nick All also was admitted by transfer.

All auxiliary guests were presented with corsages. Nine lodges represented by auxiliary members were Bend, Portland, McMinnville, Salem, Albany, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Coquille and Coos Bay.

Following the meeting, the auxiliary joined the Eagles lodge for refreshments and entertainment.

Y. W. C. A. RETREAT IS HELD SUNDAY

The annual "retreat" of the University of Oregon YWCA cabinet, a combined outing and discussion period, was held Sunday at a picnic spot near Eugene. Miss Lois Greenwood, executive secretary of the campus "Y," reports that details were worked out at the cabinet meeting Tuesday for the event.

Misses Elizabeth Gilmore and Janice Seymour, both of Portland, and Miss Luella Prescott, Eugene, were named as a committee for the outing.

DAR MEETING

Featuring the program for the meeting of Ogon Lewis and Clark chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Friday evening, was a talk by Walker Tilley, forester with the Willamette Tree Farms. At the meeting of the group also, work of Angel Island also was taken up. Next meeting for the chapter comes the second Friday evening of December.

MEETING TUESDAY

Madreitas club meets Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joseph A. Kremmel, one-fourteen o'clock.

CLUB MEETS

Santa Clara Thimble club will meet at the home of Mrs. M. E. Miller, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

DELPHIANS MEET

Delphian society will meet Wednesday morning at nine-thirty o'clock, at the Eugene hotel.

DINNER GIVEN

Dr. and Mrs. Milton V. Walker entertained last week at a dinner honoring their daughter, Miss Helen Margaret Walker, and three of her associates in 4-H work.

Sociology Secretary Goes To Washington

Miss Blanche Thompson, who for the past year has been secretary of the sociology department at the University of Oregon, has resigned her position here to accept a job in the consular service, Washington, D. C. Miss Thompson will take preliminary work in the capital for three months, and then expects to be assigned to foreign duty.

Noble, Clark Talk To University Women

Dr. Harold J. Noble, associate professor of history, and Dr. Dan E. Clark, professor of history, spoke Saturday, November 11, at the American Association of University Women's armistice day meeting on the University of Oregon campus.

Dr. Clark spoke to the group on the "old" league of nations, with special reference to its non-political activities. Dr. Noble discussed the Dumbarton Oaks plan for a new league.

GO TO CALIFORNIA

Mrs. I. D. Larimer and granddaughter, Sharon Lockertie, left the latter part of the week to spend the winter in southern California.

DAUGHTER BORN

A daughter, Mary Ellen, was born Saturday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Clay Pomeroy at Emanuel General hospital in Salem. Mr. Pomeroy is assistant pastor of the First Christian church in Salem. They formerly lived in Eugene.

MISS GERALDINE ROBISON, Noma Jeanne and Roma Deane Otto. Attending the dinner were the four honoring guests, and Mrs. and Mr. E. A. Danielson, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Otto, Miss Marlene Harrallson, Miss Dorothy Cleaver of Portland, Ian Walker, and the Hosts.

FORMER RESIDENT OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Esther Green of Portales, N. M., mother of Mrs. E. C. Rexford and W. W. Green of Eugene, celebrated her 100th birthday recently at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. B. Priddy, at Portales. Mrs. Green at one time lived in Eugene, and for the past thirty years has divided her time between Oregon and New Mexico.

Mrs. Green was the eldest of nine children, as Esther Elizabeth Tinsley, born in South Carolina, near Charleston. Her schooling consisted of only three months' training in the old "blue-back" speller, but she has developed herself through reading, and is today well informed of affairs.

During the Civil war, she was, she says, "old enough to bake bread and work in the field." She told the friends who attended the open house event held in her honor about the burning of their home by Yankee soldiers. She has never compromised with the north; to this day she is strictly a southerner and a "rebel."

WRITERS' QUEST CLUB ASKS DIVISION'S RETURN

The Writers' Quest club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Nellie Kepner. Letters were read from boys serving overseas with the 41st Division. The petition, which is now being circulated for the return of those boys so long in combat service, was discussed from all its angles and all of the members were heartily in accord with the movement.

MISSION CIRCLE

Eleri Mission circle of First Baptist church met recently in the church parlor to work on White Cross projects under the leadership of Mrs. Howard Smith. Mrs. Charles Edwards and Mrs. Elden Stamback were hostesses, and devotions were led by Mrs. Kenneth Cutler. Miss Marjorie Stewart of the Lane county girl scout council talked to the group on girl scout work.

INITIATION HELD BY WOMEN OF MOOSE

Mrs. Ralph Fraser was in charge of the program of the chapter meeting of the Women of the Moose Friday evening, at which Mrs. Harry Dool spoke upon the library at Mooseheart. Two books were sent by Mrs. Fraser to the library, commemorating the event. Mrs. Jewell Mann played several piano solos, and accompanied by patriotic songs, which were sung by the group.

Candidates initiated at the meeting were Mrs. M. T. Feiler, Miss Betty Francis, Miss Edythe Ferguson, Mrs. J. P. Allison, Mrs. E. H. Raymond and Mrs. H. B. McKenty.

LOYAL WORKERS SPONSOR BAZAAR

Loyal Workers class of First Christian church held a bazaar Friday in the church annex, which was attended by seventy-five persons.

Pouring at the tea tables were Mrs. H. D. Hoven, Mrs. Clarence Hyde, Mrs. Ruby Goodrich, Mrs. Ross Griffith, Mrs. Louisa Keliems, Mrs. Marcus Jepson, Mrs. W. L. Russell, Mrs. R. O. Evans, Mrs. Maude Skaggs Woodyard and Mrs. Nellie Murphy Dixon. Mrs. R. H. Pierce and Mrs. Bruce Davidson had charge of the dining room.

Mrs. Woodyard sang, with accompaniment by Mrs. Dixon. Booths featured Oregon products and fancywork.

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BAD NEWS!

ALONG with all the good news of victories abroad, A comes some very bad news here at home. Fat salvage collections are TAKING A NOSE DIVE in many sections of the country.

That can mean just one thing! Too many of us are letting the good news GO TO OUR HEADS. Too many believe that, with the collapse of Germany, we can relax. Don't these people know that the battle of Germany is just one chapter in this global war—and that we still have a long, tough road to travel in the East?

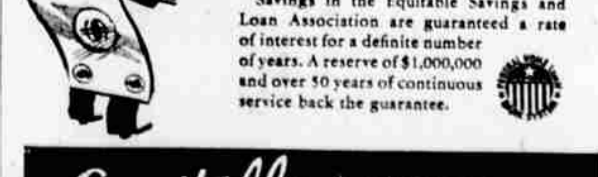
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