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MR. ROOSEVELT ON THE NATION.

High point of President Roosevelt's message to the new Congress on "the state of the nation" is the renewed demand for a "national service law." This would give the federal government complete control over labor supply for the duration of the war, at least. Mr. Roosevelt made this same demand a year ago. It did not meet with favor either in Congress or out through the country, because the general opinion was that while this plan might have found favor at the time of Pearl Harbor, it was "too late now."

In renewing his demand, the President emphasizes our recent setbacks in Europe and he argues:

"First—it would assure that we have the right numbers of workers in the right places at the right time.

"Second—it would provide supreme proof to our fighting men that we are giving them what they are entitled to, nothing less than our total effort.

"Third—it would be the final unequivocal answer to the Nazis and Japanese that we may become half-hearted about this war and they can get from us a negotiated peace."

Those are powerful persuasions, but — let us examine some of the things that have been happening.

It was Mr. Roosevelt himself who promised that this war was going to be fought "without loss of any social gains," creating the illusion of a luxurious home front.

It was his administration which insisted on labor policies which have catered to the whims and ambitions of certain powerful leaders rather than to the welfare of the people, including the workers themselves.

It is his administration which has used the War Labor Board, the courts and other agencies in campaigns for power which have nothing to do with winning the war.

Somehow miracles of production have been accomplished by this nation in spite of the meddling and muddling of the host of super-agencies and politically appointed "czars" created by Mr. Roosevelt. This accomplishment is due mainly to the patriotism and common sense of the American people, employers and employed — not to the confused and garbled "directives" which have emanated from the sprawling bureaus in Washington.

Having in mind the "wild goose chase" which the lumber industry of this region experienced last summer — as the result of government prodding, we question the CAPABILITY of this administration to assume final and total powers over the use of this nation's manpower. You may recall how the lumbermen were induced to comb the Deep South and the Middle West for loggers, on the representation that those areas were full of suitable people who had been released from other war production. For this immediate area, after weeks of effort and expense, the agents finally found TWO MEN, neither of whom could stick it out.

At the beginning of the war, the "labor draft" which Mr. R. wants, might have been accepted and possibly shaped to the temper of the people. Too much has happened to impair confidence in the abilities and the motives of the Washington satellites who might be entrusted with this operation.

Mr. Roosevelt wants still more power. That is the meaning of the message. It is fairly clear in the message that the "state of the nation" is not too good, particularly our foreign relations. Mr. Roosevelt offers nothing which even indicates constructive policy.

The president asks for confidence in General Eisenhower and our other military leaders. This we feel sure the nation gives gladly. Out of the will of the people will come whatever is needed for victory. American resourcefulness will meet the problems of production and manpower. It is too late for the gesture of "drafting labor" to mean much to fighting men.

The fighting men want us to "say it" with properly selected and trained reinforcements, with guns, ammunition, ships, planes, timbers, everything they need to get to Berlin and Tokyo. The policy which will shape the post-war world must also come from the hearts of the people, not from the "pacts" or "understandings" or thimble-rigging which the statesmen produce as "plans." This is a people's war and freedom is our religion and test of faith by which we judge all plans.

The kids are starting a new drive for tin cans, and the citizen who cooperates now may not have so much yard cleaning to do when fishing season starts.

The Oregon legislature will hunt some new sources of taxation, says a Salem dispatch. Maybe they ought to call in some of these scientists who have been "breaking down the atom," to aid the research.

The Dies committee is dead but Congress

has created a new one to take its place. Some of the boys from the deep South are not "checking everything with Sidney," especially their dirks.

The days are getting longer, but unfortunately the same cannot be said for the sawdust. McGurk longs for the first dandelion — you understand, the first.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

HOOD RIVER INCIDENT

(Klamath Herald)

This column, as its readers well know, has never wasted any sympathy on those disloyal Japanese at Tulelake who have shown, through trouble-making enterprises, that they have no love for America and would like to see it lose the war.

We must, however, join the writers of a letter on this page yesterday in deprecating the action of a Hood River American Legion post in erasing the names of men of Japanese descent, serving in the armed forces, from the post honor roll. It was a small and unworthy deed, and we imagine the Hood River Legion already regrets it. We do not regard it as typical of American Legion attitude; we know a great many Legionnaires whom we suspect will agree with what we have said.

We just can't do that to men who fight under the flag of the United States.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By Peter Edson

Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

RADIO AIDS FILIPINO MORALE

You have to read about the radio programs you don't hear, otherwise you don't know they're there. Few people in the United States have heard the programs beamed to the Philippines from KGEI in San Francisco, for instance, and the few people in this country who have heard them couldn't understand them because they go out over the air in such languages as Tagalog, Bicolano, Cebuano, Ilang and Moro-Sulu, all dialects spoken by the Filipinos.

These programs have one star—Carmen Lagaya—who hasn't had much press agenting but who deserves a hand none the less because her tough assignment has been to drive from the air the enemy lady known as Tokyo Rose, the English-speaking siren who for over three years has been playing records for the Jap propaganda machine in a vain effort to make American soldiers homesick and make them stop fighting.

Fan Mail From Entire Pacific

Carmen Lagaya, as mistress of ceremonies on one of the Philippine Hour programs from KGEI, gets fan mail from G. I.'s all over the Pacific, from the Aleutians to New Guinea, and she is credited with having done a fine job for herself in blacking out Tokyo Rose. Her main effort, however, has been in her words and music directed at her Philippine homeland. In that she puts her heart. She was for two years under Japanese martial law on the islands before she was evacuated and found her way to San Francisco to begin daily broadcasts of American music and Filipino folk songs to the Pacific.

Programs of this sort are only one part of the radio bill of fare that has been beamed westward to contribute whatever it could to keeping alive in the Filipino people a spark of hope that the American armed forces would return to the islands and drive out the Jap invaders. Filipino leaders give the credit for having helped a lot as a morale builder and in keeping the Filipino people informed on MacArthur's progress up through New Guinea while the Navy was driving towards the Marianas. Five times the Japanese issued orders that all radio sets on the islands must be turned in for doctoring so that they would receive only Japanese broadcasts. Each time the deadline was extended and though Jap penalties for possession of radio sets were severe, the Filipinos hid what sets they could and so kept in touch with the outside world.

Early in 1945 programs beamed to the Philippines will be stepped up from the present 15 shows covering six hours to 28 shows covering nine hours daily. The Army having taken over KGEI for broadcasts to American troops, the information services to non-military personnel will go out over a companion station, KGEX, to be operated by the Office of War Information. All this propaganda and related activities in the Pacific are run by the Army's Psychological Warfare Division.

Rhine Heads OWI Branch
The OWI end of the Philippine radio activities has been in charge of a young Hollywood screen and radio writer, Larry Rhine, who began operations Dec. 15, 1941, with two programs covering a half hour daily, and has been at it ever since. Enlisting the aid of Filipinos in the San Francisco community he found announcers for each of the "nine principal" dialects spoken on the island, trained them in radio technique, and went on from there to develop news, church, entertainment and feature programs. In the early days of Bataan and Corregidor, messages from wives and families of soldiers trapped on the islands came over a large part of the program. Messages from Filipino leaders went out to their people and after President Quezon escaped on a submarine and set up his government in Washington, this radio was a link between his headquarters and the Philippines.

Today it is still being used to keep the Filipinos informed of progress on Leyte and Mindoro, and to prepare for the liberation of all the other islands, and Manila itself.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

FROM PRIVATE BUCK

After a far, far too long a time, Private Buck is again heard from. Those of you who have followed this column will recall how persistently cheerful he has always been. In this letter he has a thread of gravity running through it, for he has other letters. It is headed, "Marianas Islands." "I'm further from home than I ever want to be again. I hope this war will be over soon so I can come home but from what we see and know, that won't be for a long time. Until a person actually sees the tremendous amount of material and labor necessary out here it's impossible to realize what is going on. The radio and papers painting their pictures of words seem always to want a pretty picture. Of course no one likes to look at a dull and ugly picture so I won't tell you too much about how conditions are.

"We live in a jungle and as this is the rainy season it is a sea of mud. It doesn't just rain here; it deluges. This morning, to wash my hands and face, I just cupped my hands out the tent door and almost the same thing inside as no tent can keep out that much water. We covered the floor of our tent with coral. Mosquitoes and flies are very thick. Some of the mosquitoes are the kind that carry (he wrote a word I can't make out). A lot of them have bitten me and I'll probably have it soon. It last for about ten days and while very disagreeable, has not lasting effects.

"Rats are plentiful and are in and out on top of the tent all night. There are lots of little lizards. Some have bright blue tails. One of them slept with me last night; at least it was in my bed this morning.

"The boys know that if they are to receive letters, they must write some, yet it's hard to have anything to write about when you stay on just a few acres. Some that write only a letter a month are the first in line at mail call. It takes an awful lot of spirit and an awful lot of hope to keep going out here.

"We had a light earthquake recently. I was reaching for a cup at the time and it wasn't where I reached."

Always the cry in every letter I get from a service man, is that the boys don't get enough letters. Write to them whether they answer or not. That's what I've resolved to do.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

LEAGUE OF WOMEN

VOTERS HEAR PANEL

Members and friends of the Lane County League of Women Voters who heard the panel discussion on Saturday afternoon at Gerlinger hall on "Congressional Reorganization" were urged by Mrs. Ralph Rasmussen of Portland, president of the Oregon League, to support legislation which would set up a committee to study reorganization.

Such a committee should have adequate time to investigate and make its report to Congress and have an appropriation of at least \$10,000 for the study. Mrs. Rasmussen made this recommendation after discussing several measures proposed during the last session of Congress including proposals to reorganize the committee system, proposals to facilitate legislative action and to make available a staff of experts. "The time is ripe for such a study," Mrs. Rasmussen said, "because Congress itself has recognized the need."

Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed, first president of the local League, started the discussion, giving a historical background of Congressional procedure, and commenting, "I feel that our form of government is being tested today more than at any other time in history. There is much propaganda for a change, and the decision will affect us for generations to come." She pointed out that few realize the tremendous authority entrusted to congress and the complexities caused by so many war commissions springing up over night under presidential authority, with congress holding the purse strings.

Mrs. W. H. Copeland, Portland, state vice-president, continued the panel, pointing out that not only in this country, but in some others there is a tendency toward a shifting of power to the executive branch from the legislative.

Points Stated
She discussed weaknesses in congressional organization under the following classifications:

1. The present committee system and the "seniority" rule for appointments of chairmen. 2. The lack of an adequate staff of technical advisors to assist committee members in making their investigations and decisions.

"Congressmen are free in providing technical staff for all sorts of government bureaus," she said, "but hesitate to provide any such advisors for themselves. This is an economy which the nation cannot afford."

3. The lack of unity of command over congress because the authority and responsibility for the work is so scattered. 4. The fact that congressmen are not now protected from demands of constituents and pressure groups. 5. An artificial separation of powers between Congress and the administrator, producing poor results.

Tea Served

Members of the panel were introduced by Mrs. V. N. Freeman, program chairman. Mrs. Karl Peterson, chairman of "Government and Its Operation" group urged members to write their congressmen regarding the equal rights amendments which the League feels should not be passed. Dr. Edna Landro, international relations chairman also asked that the Secretary of State be assured of our support in a plan for working out some of the proposals at Dumbarton Oaks.

During the tea hour Mrs. Virgil D. Earl and Mrs. C. B. Swango poured. Assisting with the serving were Mrs. Mary Barnes, Mrs. C. W. Hawkesworth, Mrs. W. S. Baldinger, and Mrs. C. A. Huntington. The hospital committee included Mrs. Elizabeth Knapp, Mrs. Eric Peterson, Mrs. Helen Soranson, Mrs. Frederick M. Hunter, Mrs. Swango, and Mrs. C. A. Horton. Miss Pearl Bonisteel was general chairman.

The state officers were honored at a no-host dinner by board

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members at the home of Mrs. C. F. Hyde. At that time Mrs. Copeland spoke informally on legislation which may be introduced at the coming session of the Oregon legislature and Mrs. Rasmussen answered questions regarding pending federal legislation.

SORORITIES PLEDGE

24 GIRLS SATURDAY

Twenty-four women were pledged Saturday by sororities to the University of Oregon campus at the end of winter term rush. Alpha Phi sorority led the Greek letter societies with six pledges, Mrs. J. A. Wickham, acting dean of women, announced Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Gamma Delta tied for second place with four pledges each.

Pledges were—Alpha Chi Omega: Miss June Wiswell, Haines; Alpha Delta Pi: Miss Frederica Hamilton, Roseburg; Miss Belva June Mayor, Portland; Miss Dorothy Rasmussen, Rockaway; Miss Suzanne Cook, Whittier, Calif. Alpha Gamma Delta: Miss Jane Garrison, Portland; Patricia Schultz, Bend; Genevieve Heup, Klamath Falls; Elizabeth Overton, Burlingame, Calif. Alpha Omicron Pi: Miss Patricia Powell, Portland. Alpha Phi: Misses Joan Nielson, Portland; Virginia Bratfish, Medford; Marcie Jackson, Lexington; Lois Herrington, Boise, Ida.; Mary Palmer, Palo Alto, Calif. Theta Upsilon: Miss Kay Sauri, Portland. Delta Delta Delta: Misses Jeanne Krebs, Portland; Helen West, Aberdeen, Wash.; Lila Nevins, Lima, Peru. Delta Gamma: Miss Virginia Harris, Salem. Gamma Phi Beta: Miss Sally Bernhard, Portland. Pi Beta Phi: Misses Paule Shanafelt, Portland; Helen Steele, Milwaukie.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

Mrs. J. R. Jewell presented a paper on the topic, "Educational Changes," at the meeting of Fortnightly club Thursday at the Osburn hotel. Mrs. R. U. Moore gave a five-minute talk on Mildred Helen McAfee, head of the WAVES, as a portrait of an outstanding woman in the news.

MOTHERS MEETING

Alpha Gamma Delta Mothers' club is to meet Tuesday evening at the sorority chapter house, seven-thirty o'clock.

Mrs. L. L. Baker and Mrs. B. E. Rogers are hostesses for the meeting.

ST. CLARE GUILD

St. Clare's Guild, St. Mary's Episcopal church, will hold its regular meeting, Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Wesley C. Ballaine at the Wilder Apts. Miss Lillian Dale will be the assisting hostess.

ALUMNAE MEETING

Pi Beta Phi alumnae will meet Monday evening at seven o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Hoyt C. Franck.

CHI OMEGA ALUMNAE
Chi Omega alumnae are meeting Monday evening, seven-thirty o'clock, at the home of Mrs. L. G. McInroe, 2022 Onyx street.

Electrify Railroads, Power Official Urges

PORTLAND—(AP)—Electrification of northwest railroads—to take the surplus Bonneville power left after closure of war plants—was proposed here.

T. M. C. Martin, Bonneville power administration official, suggested the measure and urged a quick survey of possible electric power markets in the northwest.

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CANE-EDDINGS WEDDING LAST WEEK
DEERHORN. — Last Thursday afternoon at three o'clock, Miss Betty Eddings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Eddings of Deerhorn, was married to James Canine, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Canine, U. S. N., son of Mrs. Marian Spencer of Chicago. The double ring ceremony took place at the study of the First Methodist church in Eugene. Rev. L. O. Griffith officiating.

The bride was attractive in a white wool street length dress trimmed with gold buttons. She had black patent accessories. Her corsage was of gardenias and red rosebuds. Mrs. Warren Endres, who was matron of honor, wore a light blue wool dress with navy accessories and a corsage of a gardenia and pink rosebuds. The bride's mother was attired in navy and had a corsage of a gardenia with violets. Palmer Ayers was best man.

After the ceremony a wedding supper was held at the home of the bride's parents. The table, which was covered with a lace table cloth, had for the centerpiece a wedding cake. The bride cut the first piece.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cane are graduates of 1941 of Hannibal high school in Missouri. James Cane arrived recently from Guadalcanal after serving eighteen months in the south Pacific. He is on a thirty-day furlough. He received his basic training at San Diego and Chicago. He also took training in San Francisco and Akron, Ohio. About the middle of the month Mr. and Mrs. Cane are leaving for Chicago where they will visit his mother. When he returns to navy duty he will report at Jacksonville, Florida. Mrs. Cane will accompany him there. Her brother, Bob, who is also in the navy has been taking training at Jacksonville. She also plans to visit relatives in Tampa, Florida.

TUREL-BRUNKO WEDDING ANNOUNCED

On Christmas day Miss Virginia Brunko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brunko of Iron Mountain, Mich., was married to Theodore Turel of Eugene. The wedding took place at the parsonage of the First Baptist church in Eugene. The ceremony was read by Rev. Vance Webster, D.D., at eleven o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hodges were the attendants.

The bride wore a two-piece suit of cocoa brown cloth with brown accessories. For flowers she wore a corsage of yellow rosebuds and bouvardia.

Mrs. Hodges wore a navy blue silk crepe dress with a corsage of gardenias and bouvardia.

After the ceremony a dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hodges. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Millard Redaway, brother-in-law and sister of the bridegroom of Milwaukie, Ore., and Mrs. Victoria Turel, mother of the bridegroom of Canby, Ore.

CLUB TO MEET

Ellen Hawkins club is meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Will Steele, starting at ten o'clock. Red Cross sewing will be done. Each member is to take her sack lunch.

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Real Estate First Mortgage Loans	16,803,223.08	Held by over 50,000 Thrifty folks.	
Real Estate Contracts	310,606.90	Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	
These contracts are secured by a long margin, without exception we place them in the same class as our high grade mortgages.		Loans in Process	220,000.00
Real Estate Owned	None	Real Estate mortgage loans not fully disbursed.	
Real Estate in Judgment and Subject to Redemption	None	Tax and Insurance Reserve for Borrowers	330,000.00
Office Furniture and Equipment	40,000.00	Funds accumulated to pay taxes, assessments and insurance when due.	
Home Office Building	122,390.00	Sundry Liabilities	26,000.00
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	177,200.00	Dividends not yet disbursed and sundry other items in process.	
Sundry Assets	65,815.18	Surplus, Reserves and Undivided Profits	2,051,700.00
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TOTAL	\$29,605,081.67	TOTAL	\$29,605,081.67

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