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Meeting the Reds on the Home Grounds

In a recent talk to San Francisco's Commonwealth Club, Paul G. Hoffman, now retired from administration of the Marshall plan (ECA) declared that we can win this weird war we are now fighting with the Communist powers, but only if we meet them on every corner of "the home grounds"—military, political, economic and informational. We shall quote a couple of significant paragraphs:

"If we had gone into China in 1945 with a rural reconstruction program in all provinces, and if we had worked with the Chinese government for certain desperately needed land reforms, I am convinced China would have been saved from Communism. A five-year program could have been carried out for about one billion dollars. If this had been accomplished we would not have had the Korean war. I have heard estimates that the war in Korea has cost us from 25 to 50 billion dollars.

"On the information, or propaganda front, the Russians are way ahead of us. They are telling their Big Lies with incredible energy on both sides of the Iron Curtain. We need to counter these lies with Big Truths—and we have to tell the truth with the same energy and force the Russians use in telling their lies."

The original proposal of General Marshall was to extend economic aid to Asia as well as to Europe. Europe seemed more urgent at the moment; Congress balked at including Asia. We decided to rebuild Western Europe and we let Asia go (although we did pour about 2 billion dollars worth of money and military supplies into Chiang's abortive effort to crush his Red foes).

Officially ECA came to an end the other day, although we shall continue to pour aid into Europe, earmarked for defense industries. It is difficult to appraise the actual effect of ECA, but the reports are favorable on the whole, and most of the European correspondents and observers credit the Marshall plan with saving Europe from a collapse which would have provided easy pickings for Stalin.

(Best evidence of the success of the Marshall plan seems to be on the negative side

—the bitter protests of the Communies against it. Remember we were willing to extend the plan to some of the satellite states. The Czechs accepted the offer and got their ears pinned back by Moscow for being tempted.)

Hoffman's statement that China could have been saved by a billion-dollar program of friendly and constructive help may be an over-simplification, but the fact remains that we failed to make the effort and that the measures which we did adopt only aggravated anti-American feelings.

Hoffman points out that we still have a chance to regain the confidence of those Asiatic peoples who are still free—especially India and Pakistan—if we move in promptly to implement "the Point Four program." He remarks ruefully:

"The budget for \$59 billion for defense was approved almost unanimously by both houses of Congress. The appropriation of \$2 billion for economic aid was cut 40 per cent to \$1.2 billion.

"The figure on which we should concentrate is the total cost of waging the peace—the total cost of our defense—whether the dollars are spent for bullets or for political, informational or economic activities."

Hoffman has been suggested as a possible Republican candidate for president. He is not talking like a candidate. He is an able man. In his new job as director of the Ford Foundation he may be able to do more than he could in politics, particularly on what he calls the "informational front."

Some solid "propaganda" is needed here at home. The American people have shown an amazing willingness to accept any burden put on them to "wage the peace." If the program is incomplete or faltering, it is mainly because we have faltering leadership. Truman has not been inarticulate, but he certainly has done a poor job of telling the American people, or the rest of the world, just what our program is—if he understands it himself.

'Nemo' Appointed to Fair Board

Nearly everybody in Lane county would agree, we think, that the fairgrounds and the county fair deserve a high rating in the community's list of "unfinished business." Therefore the appointment of Sanford Nemerovsky to serve on the Fair Board with Carl Arnst and Gus DeVos should meet with general approval. "Nemo," as he is widely known, is a businessman. His colleagues are farmers. Mr. Nemerovsky lives in Eugene; Mr. Arnst near Creswell; Mr. DeVos in the Springfield area. All are high class citizens.

The appointment of Mr. Nemerovsky is a good one because the problems of the fair and the fairgrounds are both urban and rural. For many years we have been telling ourselves that something is going to have to be done—either rebuild the fairgrounds where they are or move the county fair as such to a new and larger site and develop other plans for the acreage in Eugene. Whatever the decisions, these points seem to be essential:

Keep the present property in public ownership, either by the county or the city; do not yield to the temptation to sell it for residential uses.

Keep a "Farmers' Center" on the present fairground site—an auditorium or meeting place for the many year-round rural and agricultural groups which find this a handy place to convene.

Keep the Pioneer Museum in mind as one of the important facilities for which this site has many advantages.

It has tremendous possibilities for a wide range of urban and rural recreational activities; it is ideally located to be the "central park" for the west side, just as the Amazon tract will be on the east side.

If the county fair remains on this site, the buildings must be of a permanent character, and, if possible, so designed as to be capable of many year-round uses.

"Nemo" has been very active in Junior Rodeo, the Sheriff's Posse and many of the riding groups which have used the fairgrounds for years. He is a businessman with at least semi-

rural interests. Most important is the fact that he has tremendous interest in these problems and "he'll work."

The greatest need is to have a specific program. The first problem of the Fair Board is to investigate all of the possibilities, the relative advantages and disadvantages of each one, the relative costs of doing this or that. We have long held these beliefs:

It will cost a lot of money to do the job right, and the program should be spread over a period of years.

People will vote YES for any program which is specific and practical; they will not support any program which merely sends good money after bad.

In recent years the county fair has "paid its way;" it has made operating expenses; it has eked out enough from other sources to squeak through the year. But it has not been "a going concern" in the sense of being able to earn enough to rebuild to modern standards.

The condition of the property is very bad, in spots. As the town has grown around it there has been more and more protest about unsanitary conditions in the stables, fire hazards from weed patches and decrepit buildings. Many call it "a nuisance," and this can't go on forever.

The situation calls for a lot of level-headed planning, for close cooperation between the city and county governments, the Granges, the 4-H clubs, the recreational groups, and all concerned. Mr. Arnst and Mr. DeVos have been on the Fair Board long enough to know how big the problem is. It's much bigger than getting the Fair cobbled together once a year; it's getting a setup of which all the people in Lane county can be proud. "Nemo" will be the "freshman" on the Board, but we know him as a good-natured guy who likes tough jobs.

A seven-hundred pound tuna was caught off the coast of Nova Scotia. How will they ever get that fellow into a can?

A Michigan doctor says that cheerful surroundings are half the cure. Maybe he'll take the amount off on his next bill.

Paul W. Harvey, Jr.

Experienced Cons Fret About Youths

SALEM—(AP)—The veteran state prison convicts who have 25 years or more of crime and several prisons behind them are worried about the younger generation.

These old-timers say they were the victims of the days following World War I, when money came easy. Wives worked instead of taking care of their children, and many homes were broken up. So many children became delinquents and ended up in prison.

Now the veteran criminals say they can see exactly the same thing happening after World War II. They are sorry to see so many young fellows coming into the prison, and the old-timers wish they could make these boys see what's going to happen to them unless they reverse their criminal habits.

MUST DO SOMETHING
The old-timers feel that unless somebody does something for the young fellows, they will end up where the old-timers are now—in strict segregation, cut off from communication even with other convicts.

This information was learned over the Christmas and New Year holidays by E. W. Jacobus, 29-year-old University of Oregon graduate student in psychology. He and two sociology students from the university—Clyde Fahlan, 20, junior from Eugene, and Bill Barber, 27, graduate student from Salem—spent 10 days working at the prison.

MADE DISCOVERIES
They learned a lot, too, discovering things that can be learned only by somebody not connected with the prison.

"The hardened criminals," says Jacobus, who spent his whole 10 days with the men in segregation, "think the young criminals today will have a better chance because under the new program, the prison officials are interested in helping them, instead of just punishing them."

Jacobus said he found the old-timers very cooperative and friendly.

The three young men worked under John R. Akin, prison sociologist, who was so impressed with their good work that it will become a permanent project during college vacations.

They didn't get any pay, but received their food and lodging in the guard's quarters.

Fahlan and Barker worked with first offenders who had been admitted recently.

EYE PRISON WORK

Before they came here, none of the three students had any desire to go into prison work. But now they are seriously considering it.

They say their experience has made what they read in their textbooks suddenly become alive and real.

All three found that the convicts like the change in the prison from a penal institution to a correctional institution. The prisoners feel that the state now is interested in helping them get rid of their criminal tendencies, rather than just in getting revenge.

Fahlan said "the prisoners are still a little uneasy and uncertain as to where they stand, but they know the institution is becoming more personalized. They are becoming names instead of numbers."

LONG WAY TO GO

Barber said "there's a long way to go yet, but the changes the warden has made are a step in the right direction." Warden Virgil O'Malley says it will take two or three years to get the program well under way.

The men in segregation, Jacobus said, "like the new program because they see it's not built for bitterness." He thinks some of these men might even be reformed.

The convicts liked the idea of being interviewed by the students, because it demonstrated that people on the outside are interested in them. Convicts don't like to be forgotten men.

The three students say that the public has to become better informed about the prison and its program.

Akin hopes to get more students during the spring vacation, and he certainly will have more during the summer vacation.

SO THEY SAY—

Public education . . . In trying to be non-sectarian, quickly became non-Christian, and so in total impact often anti-religious.—Dr. George Hedley, professor Mills College, Calif.

What has happened to our soldiers? Have they forgotten how to grieve?—Gen. Matthew Ridgway, on hearing GI's in Korea had no complaints about Army food.

You get out and earn your money the hard way, the way I do.—Mrs. Anthony Krisuk, Portsmouth, N. H., telling off holdup man who tried to rob her store.

When I was young I resolved not to get married until I met the ideal woman. Some years later, I found her—but she was looking for the ideal man.—Michel Simon, French film star.

Some personal or social deficit is being satisfied when one attends a concert. I do not advise protracted listening. . . . It's just like eating three steaks in a row.—Arthur Fultz, Boston music therapist.

I have learned that comedy based on reality gets the deepest, most satisfying laughter.—Jackie Gleason, TV comic.

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Mark well the words of William Penn . . . Who settled Pennsylvania when . . . It was a barren wilderness . . . He said, "They who will not confess . . . God as their ruler, soon will see . . . That tyrants will their rulers be . . . And whether tyrant wears a crown . . . Or drags our Constitution down . . . It matters not for when we're tossed . . . The Right aside, then Freedom's lost, JULIEN C. HYER

Orphan of the Storm



Wives Kept Happy By Rotation System

MESA, Ariz. — (AP) — George Meril Dutson, an excommunicated Mormon wanted for bigamy, apparently divided his time among eight wives whose door-to-door peddling supported him, authorities said Thursday.

Maricopa County Deputy Sheriff Newt Hawkins said three of the four wives arrested here apparently had separate rooms in a farm-type dwelling and a fourth wife lived in a trailer.

Two other wives were picked up at Phoenix. All six were arraigned Wednesday on charges of "open and notorious cohabitation" with the middle-aged Dutson, said and released on \$500 bail each.

All 'Nice-Looking'
They were Laura Dutson, 44; Hilda Dutson, 48; Anna Dutson, 33; Arline Dutson, 48; Sarah Dutson, 43; and Hazel Dutson, 33. Hawkins said all of them were "nice-looking" and "intelligent looking."

Dutson, who has been missing since he paid a parking fine last Monday, was believed to be in Salt Lake City, Utah, or Rock Springs, Wyo., where he is accused of having wives, or in Arizona or Mexico.

Rotation System
Hawkins said Mrs. Laura Dutson indicated that the wives approved of Dutson's policy of rotating his visits with them.

He said Wednesday night that she told him they all lived as "one happy family" and just wanted "to be left alone."

"We are trying to bring up our children in the right way," she told Hawkins. "Why don't they leave us alone. We are living together as one happy family and aren't bothering anyone."

Fathers 19 Children
Mrs. Laura Dutson and Mrs. Hilda Dutson are mothers of 19 children allegedly fathered by Dutson.

Attorneys for the six women asked Justice of the Peace Jack Hunsaker to dismiss the charges on the ground that complaints did not state the precise dates and

places where the alleged offense occurred.

The women waived preliminary hearings and Hunsaker said he would rule on the dismissal motion later.

Bishop Signs Complaints
Complaints against Dutson and the six women were signed by Bishop Wendell A. Davis of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. He demanded immediate action because he believed Dutson was preparing to marry another woman.

Davis said he wanted it known, too, that his church did not sanction plural marriages.

"The neighbors all feel like the rest of us," Davis said. "They don't think it should be allowed and helped us get evidence of the case."

Ship Picketing Again is Legal

PORTLAND — (AP) — Circuit Judge James R. Bain Wednesday withdrew a temporary restraining order he issued 13 days ago against the Sailors' Union of the Pacific to keep it from picketing the Motorship Tintin and started hearing arguments on a demurrer.

The SUP wants to obtain a contract with the Columbia River Packer Assn., owners of the vessel.

The ship's owners contend that the crew cannot picket the ship because it is registered under the Honduras flag.

Ex-Congressman Better
SALEM — (AP) — Walter M. Pierce, 90-year-old ex-Congressman and former governor, was taken from a hospital to his home Tuesday afternoon.

He was taken to the hospital 13 days ago on serious condition. But his condition was much improved Wednesday.

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Sen. McCarran Plans Cleanup

RENO, Nev. — (AP) — Senator Pat McCarran said Thursday he would launch a "cleanup" of the government on his return to Washington for the next session of Congress.

McCarran was released from St. Mary's Hospital Wednesday after doctors pronounced him fully recovered from a heart attack he suffered two months ago. He is 75.

The Nevada Democrat planned to drive to Death Valley Thursday for a 10-day vacation. After that, he will go to Washington. When he does, he said, one of his major aims will be to houseclean the government.

"There exists in Washington a ruthless swarm of men and women who thrive on being parasites," he said. "I want the government cleaned up."

"That cleaning should start in each department and be carried through fearlessly. The blame should be placed where it belongs and the little people should not be sacrificed to protect men in high places where the responsibility belongs."

Teeners Caught After Three Hours' Freedom

BAKER — (AP) — Two teenagers broke out of jail nabbed again Wednesday after three hours' freedom.

Police Chief Fred Hunsaker said they were two of the three teenagers who broke out of the jail Saturday and charged nine burglaries.

Those who fled and were captured were David Smith and Merwin W. Spellman, maiming in his cell was youth, Larry Smith, 18.

Trucking Rate Bring Protests

West Coast Hike Opposed By OPS

SEATTLE — (AP) — The of Price Stabilization has objections with the Interstate Commerce Commission to what it says is a 4 per cent increase in rates for trucks operating on the Pacific Coast.

John L. Salter, OPS director, announced here today that the OPS considers proposed increase "a threat to the stabilization program."

The 4 per cent increase granted after hearings on request for a 6 per cent increase held in Portland Aug. 12-13 OPS at that time recommended a 2 per cent increase.

An OPS spokesman said agency objects mainly to what he called a "unique and unusual" recommendation by the examiner that federal taxes and surtaxes should be included in the computation of carriers' operating costs.

This would result, he said, in increased motor rates and Congress levied a new tax raised existing ones.

Big Hop Ranch Sold in Sale

SALEM — (AP) — One of the best farm transactions in Oregon in recent years was closed Thursday when Mrs. Herman Moritz sold the Golden Gate Hop Ranch to Robert J. Fitts, who also owns extensive acreage in the Lash area north of Salem.

The hop ranch is 807 acres, many years it was the largest in the country, and only below the E. Clements near Independence. The Golden Gate Hop Ranch is about 500 miles south of Independence. Also involved was the Fitts' central Oregon ranch, Powell Butte to his father, W. Fitts of Salem.

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