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"With or without offense to friends or foes I sketch your world exactly as it goes."

### Lindbergh the Pacifist

Colonel Lindbergh, like his father before him, is a pacifist or he wouldn't be making radio speeches declaring that all America has to do in a world aflame to keep out of war is to be neutral, to follow an appeasement policy similar to that of Munich. In his Sunday address he said:

"... But regardless of which side wins this war, there is no reason, aside from our own actions, to prevent a continuation of peaceful relationships between America and the countries of Europe. If we desire peace, we need only stop asking for war. No one wishes to attack us, and no one is in a position to do so."

This formula was followed by Ethiopia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Belgium and the Netherlands who all sought a "continuation of peaceful policies" with nations ruled by military sadists. And where did it get them? Where did a policy of peaceful conciliation land Britain and France?

There is nothing surer than that if Germany defeats the Allies, it will be but a stepping stone to the conquest of the world, including the Americas. That is the admitted Nazi program, in their "God given natural mission to bring Europe and the world to reason and thereby make Europe and the world happy, under Nazi tyranny," a program hailed as "a holy and unconquerable idea." That is why Nazi philosophers hail this as "the greatest of revolutionary wars" with "an outworn era crumbling into dust beneath the marching feet of the German army."

The fate of the people Germany conquers or seizes, that is those not slain outright or tortured to death in concentration camps, is similar to that pronounced on the Gibeonites by Joshua after the destruction of Jericho:

"Now therefore are ye cursed and there shall none of you be freed from being bondsmen and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God."

### Price Fixing Decisions

It makes a layman dizzy to keep track of supreme court decisions on price fixing. Yesterday the supreme court held that the 1937 national bituminous coal act, designed to stabilize by price-fixing and market regulation the soft coal industry, was constitutional. A few years ago it held a similar act illegal. Justice Douglas' opinion said:

"It was the judgment of congress that price fixing and the elimination of unfair competitive practices were appropriate methods for prevention of the financial ruin, low wages, poor working conditions, strikes, disruption of the channels of trade which followed in the wake of the demoralized price structures of this industry."

Two weeks ago the court held that the Sherman Antitrust act outlaws any combination by individuals or business organizations "which tampers with price structures" and upheld the conviction of the mid-west oil companies for attempting to do just what the coal barons are doing, "curb over-production and savage competitive warfare," and that under federal sanction of another branch of government.

In a previous decision the court held that federal and state governments could regulate the price of milk. Building contractors, material supply industries and labor unions are under federal prosecution throughout the country for price fixing and attempting to regulate the industry. Meanwhile price-fixing and crop control rules agriculture.

From court decisions it appears clear that price fixing, production quotas and industrial and farm control are constitutional only when attempted through a federal bureau authorized by congress. Otherwise it is unconstitutional. All of which is designed to accentuate the mushroom growth of bureaucracy and complete its control of the economic life of the nation. Just where the constitution authorizes congress to grant such powers only the New Dealers know.

### Courting Trouble

At the solicitation of distributing agents for certain pinball machines the city council of Independence is giving consideration to a proposal to license these devices when operated for "amusement" only and press reports credit the city fathers with the intention of making a definite decision at their next meeting.

There is and never has been anything illegal about the possession or operation of such machines when they are played simply for the entertainment of the player, without prize awards in money or merchandise as reward for luck or alleged skill. Anyone is privileged to feed their nickels into these coin gobblers for the pleasure of propelling one or more balls around the table in hopes of scoring a bulls-eye, so long as in so doing they do not gamble with the operator or other players.

The trouble is they will not in any great numbers patronize the machines when operated just for fun and, in their anxiety to stimulate play and profits, the operators soon succumb to the temptation to "pay off" on the sly for high scores. Wagering between players is another abuse that invariably follows the installation of such devices.

To enforce laws against the use of pinball games and boards for gambling purposes is almost impossible. The easiest and surest way to prevent the growth of this evil is to refuse to license the machines. To recognize them is but to sanction and encourage their misuse.

### Tolerance No Cure

Experience of the police department during the past year in attempting to educate the motoring public out of the practice of double parking in the congested downtown retail district has demonstrated the ineffectiveness of such methods. Today the officers are under orders to arrest all offenders, which seems to be the only efficient method of enforcing speed laws and traffic regulations.

The motorists who howl and grumble over the drastic nature of the new enforcement program have no one to blame but themselves.

For months they have been ignoring the requests and warnings of the police not to park where they would interfere with the free flow of traffic and block access and ingress to the curbs. Now we shall see whether they are willing to pay for the privilege they usurp.

### Boyhood Hazards

By Beck



### Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

How the strawberry grower can save his strawberries without killing the birds is an old problem which has been solved by J. E. Putnam, strawberry grower out north river road. Incidentally he has a lot of fun in the process. The answer is firecrackers, which are available now most everywhere as the Fourth of July spirit begins to pervade the country. Three or four firecrackers a day will do the trick says Mr. Putnam. As the birds begin to arrive in the morning, shoot off a firecracker, he says and they leave. This repeated in small doses at various times during the day will keep the patch clear and doesn't hurt anything about the birds but their feelings. "I don't like to see the birds killed," says Mr. Putnam, "and likewise I don't like to lose a good share of my strawberry crop. So a few firecrackers a day keep the birds away and that's all there is to it." Mr. Putnam says he first tried the experiment with great success last year and it's working just as

well this year and passes the idea along to save both the strawberries and the birds.

It might be a good idea to save up a few firecrackers for the cherry orchards a little later on.

Which One Is Yours, Hedda? (Oregon Oddities from Oregon Writers' project)

"In addition to 13 Table Rocks, (in Oregon), there are Upper Table Rock and Lower Table Rock, a Table Mountain and a Table Glades Butte. Other geographic features can be found throughout the state all bearing the same names."

It may be that the snow got off the wrong Table Rock this year to allow it to rain after May 1 despite Hedda Swart.

Red Beyers finally has acquired his clay pipe through courtesy of Ray Hoffman who brought one up for Red and the illusion is now complete.

In response to a number of inquiries, we wish to say that Salem Centennial dates are July 31, and August 1, 2, 3 and 4—five days of something doing every minute, according to the Centennial committee which should know, if anybody does.

Double parkers are going to get pinched instead of just being scowled at by the police, Chief Minto warns. This will be good news, no doubt, to cop Lee Wintersteen who was suspended once for 30 days for just scowling. In fact, it looks to be in the nature of a vindication.

The general idea of those with whom we have talked lately is to postpone that European trip for another year, at least, with a hope expressed that the Europeans will also make up their minds not to come over here.

Four Corners is to have a post-office which will set stamp collectors scurrying to get a new postmark. Not long ago we saw a collection of postmarks from the old Fairgrounds postoffice which is prized highly by its owner.

### Keizer Community Picnic Is Enjoyed

Keizer—The annual Community club picnic was held Sunday at Willow Lake on the Charles Weathers place. A large crowd attended, and everyone had a good time.

Fred S. McCall was general chairman of arrangements, and his assistants were Mrs. N. G. Earle, Mrs. Willard Savage, Charles Weathers, T. W. (Doc) Lewis, Tom Bowden, H. W. Irvine, N. G. Earle, Joe Bartruff, Arthur Holden, and J. S. Louver. Dinner was served at long tables under the trees, followed by the ball game, swimming and races. The older men won the ball game. F. E. Wolf acted as umpire.

The following were the winners of the different races: Potato race, Katie Durham; running races, 4th grade, Catherine Green; sixth grade, Mildred Freen and Kate Durham; 7th grade, Bob Dornbusch. Relay race, Daryl Schackman; free for all, three Green sisters. Three legged race, Kenneth Percell and D. Fleming; broad jump, Albert Porter. Catherine Green, and Daryl Schackman; running race, Albert Porter and Tommy Galren.

### Pupils of Piano Heard in Recital

Turner—Miss Betty Peets presented a recital by her piano pupils at her home Saturday afternoon. The numbers on the program were:

Piano solo, Beverly Kendall; duet by Eunice Bear and Pauline Stewart; solo by Eunice Bear; vocal solo by Patricia Ahrens; duet by Mrs. Bear and her son, Billie; duet by Geraldine Edwards and Eunice Bear; solo by Beverly Kendall; vocal by Cookie Edwards, accompanied by Mrs. Edwards; solo by Betty Peets; solo by Geraldine Edwards; solo, Pauline Stewart; solo, Billie Bear; and a solo by Doris Webb. Refreshments were served by Miss Peets to those who attended including Miss Virginia Melton, honor guest.

### Kelly Says:

Hitler Robs Dutch Of American Money

\$650,000,000 U. S. Securities Seized

President Weary As Message Read

By John W. Kelly

Washington, May 21—Every taxpayer in the Pacific northwest is unwittingly financing part of Hitler's expense in waging war. This may sound fantastic, but it is a fact.

It was 11 o'clock at night. Word had been received that the Germans were dropping parachutists in Holland. As President Roosevelt conferred with state department officials, at the White House, there was a hurried assembly of high treasury officials. The representative of the Netherlands was with them.

"We have in Holland \$650,000,000 of United States securities, obligations of the government, and they are negotiable," began the diplomat. "We do not want this fund to fall into the hands of Hitler. We have decided to destroy the bonds, burn them to ashes. What we wish to know is, with the securities destroyed, what kind of evidence will you require as proof that they are destroyed and we can eventually collect on them?"

While the treasury officials were discussing this problem; the need of witnesses to the destruction, etc., the Hollander was called to the phone. Returning to the group, the picture of distress, the diplomat said:

"Gentlemen, it is too late. The Germans have already seized the securities."

### Must Be Redeemed

The stolen bonds are negotiable. The United States must redeem them when they mature, no matter who offers them. These securities will be redeemed from taxes collected from the people of the United States, and to that extent Americans are furnishing stews of war to Hitler. Similar loot may have been, and probably was, taken by the Germans in Belgium and Luxembourg, but in smaller amounts. President Roosevelt was freeing credits but Hitler was grabbing cash, which he needs.

President Roosevelt has requested congress to appropriate \$896,000,000 for national defense (authorize an additional \$286,000,000), and what Mr. Roosevelt asked as an appropriation is only \$246,000,000 more than the sum Hitler seized and American taxpayers must eventually pay to the dictator. Of course, the United States cannot repudiate any of its securities which Hitler may acquire, regardless of how he gains possession of them. But the part the American taxpayer is playing in the blitzkrieg is strikingly revealed when the Holland loot is compared with the defense fund Mr. Roosevelt wants.

The assessed valuation of the taxable property in Oregon is approximately \$142,000,000, or only 92 million dollars more than those securities Hitler is seizing in Holland.

### Big Headache Coming

When congress comes to discussion of what to use for money for the president's request, expect a long debate and innumerable schemes, some decidedly crackpot. Within an hour after the president's message one senator suggested a horizontal increase of 10 per cent on everyone paying an income tax; another advanced a sales tax. Oregon's McNary argued that the burden should fall on those who will make the profits out of the defense program orders—aircraft, powder, motor, steel, gun factories—and opposed distributing the loan on the people who are not being benefited financially.

The tax problem will be a headache for the next session unless the war in Europe should be over in that time and the defense program be slowed down—a remote contingency.

### Use of War Funds Suggested

Mr. Roosevelt wants \$100,000,000 at once, to use as he sees fit, and an authorization for another \$100,000,000—bank checks for \$200,000,000. In the war with Spain, President McKinley asked for \$50,000,000 and the people were shocked to think of a president having that much money at his command. In the World War President Wilson received \$100,000,000 and about all there is to show for that is the Veterans' Administration building a few hundred feet from the White House.

What Mr. Roosevelt has in mind for the \$200,000,000 has not been revealed and he probably has no definite program worked out. However, as he talked a few months ago of a military highway from the Columbia river south, along the Pacific highway, and a military highway along the Columbia to Boise, he could use some of the funds for that purpose. Or develop the proposed highway to Alaska.

### Plea on Poppy Day

The president has never been as serious as when he delivered his message. He appeared tired, especially his eyes, and his fingers fumbled as he adjusted his glasses to read the triple-spaced typed lines of the document. Always before he jostled with the committee escorting him to the joint assembly; calling members familiarly by their first names. On this dramatic occasion he said nothing and read his message without resort to theatrical delivery which he can use so effectively. As the president spoke of the preparations against war, speeches of crimson could be seen on the coats of hundreds of men in the audience. It was poppy day, reminder of the American Expeditionary Force when the United States fought a war to end all wars.

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