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

## Fifth Column in Schools

We hear much nowadays of "progressive education" which is making its influence felt even in Salem schools, and, promoted by the Teachers' College of Columbia university, is attempting to revolutionize educational methods. It turns the school over to the pupils, claiming that the school should be "child centered," meaning that mental and self discipline with a thorough knowledge of fundamentals is no longer necessary.

The child should study only those things in which he is interested and intent counts for more than accomplishment. Hence examinations are becoming taboo. The "Educational Sign-post" says that the whole Progressive Education syster is centered about three essentials:

"1. Educational procedures should be entirely based upon and exclusively follow the originality of the learners.

"2. There are to be no standardized procedures, no established or sequential curricula, no norms (standards) of conduct, no moral codes to affect the educational procedures or to restrain the freedom of action to be accorded the learners.

"3. The betterment of the individual and the betterment of society are to be attained through group activities allowing for full freedom of expression of self without reference to moral standards."

From a manifesto written by a committee of the Progressive Educational association, entitled "A Call to the Teachers of the Nation," published by the John Day Co., Inc., appears the following:

"To quote from the declarations of this committee: 'Our society has come to the parting of the ways. It has entered a revolutionary epoch. It stands in the presence of a momentous decision. It is already at war with itself. . . . If the teachers are to play a positive and creative role in building a better social order they will have to emancipate themselves completely from the domination of the business interests of the nation, cease cultivating the manners and associations of bankers and promotion agents . . . take up boldly the challenge of the present, recognize the corporate and inter-dependent character of the contemporary order and transfer the democratic tradition from individualistic to collectivist economic foundations. . . .'

It would appear that the "Progressive Education" drive, headed as it is by Dr. John Dewey, Trotskyite fellow traveler of the communists, is the "Fifth Column" in our educational structure designed to train youth for social revolution, destruction of the American system of individualism through creeping collectivism.

## Our Unpreparedness

The total unpreparedness of the United States for defense, glossed over by the president in his fireside chat has been revealed by army and navy chiefs before congressional committees. This unpreparedness is typical of democracies and peace loving nations which do not awake to realities until emergencies arise.

The president said in detailing what has been accomplished since he took office in the same year with Adolf Hitler in Germany: "Since 1933 we have actually purchased 5640 airplanes for the army," adding that those delivered four or more years ago have been scrapped. But the army has only 2422 planes, of which but 863 are combat types, and only a few hundreds of these modern.

"We now," said the president, "have more than 1700 modern anti-aircraft guns of all types on hand or on order." We have actually on hand 163 guns of the out-moded 3 inch type and just one modern anti-aircraft gun.

"We have now on hand or order," continued the president, "more than 1600 modern infantry mortars." Yet the army has 'only a handful' of the 75-mm howitzers in its possession, the others are "on order" for future years.

The president further said that "we have on hand or on order" 1700 modern tanks and armored cars." There are on hand less than than 100 light tanks.

Of the navy aircraft the president said "we have on hand or order" 2892. Of these 1765 are on hand, 1912 on order for the next fiscal year. They will comprise 851 scouting, 20 transport, 193 fighting, 120 bombing, 270 training, 310 patrol bombing, the others miscellaneous.

All of which shows how unprepared we are for defense in these days of sudden blitzkriegs without warning. The situation justifies the increased billions asked for by the president and the coordination of the country's resources for preparedness, the sole guarantee of peace.

## A Rebuke to Lindy

Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, widow of the senator and former envoy to Mexico, gave her famous son-in-law, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh a neat slap on the wrist for his isolation radio address by urging that the United States give active aid to the Allies before it is too late. A telegram placed in the Congressional Record by Senator Smithers says:

"I and members of my family support resolution passed by New York branch of Committee to Defend America by Aiding Allies. Urge you to support immediate action on three points as follows: First, make available to Allies as many planes as may in opinion of president be released without impairing national defense. Second, make available a hundred million dollars to aid refugees in war zone. Third, stop export of war materials which may find their way to aggressive nations."

This program does not mean participation of American forces in the European conflict nor does it mean financing the Allies, but it means active support, short of entering the war, of the Allied cause and cessation of aid to the aggressors. It accurately reflects American public opinion and helps safeguard the future.

It will be remembered that Colonel Lindbergh stated: "We cannot aid others until we have first placed our own country in a position of spiritual and material leadership and strength."

## Dr. L. R. Burdette Leaves for East

Dr. Leslie R. Burdette, president of the American Optometric association, accompanied by Mrs. Burdette, will leave this evening on an extended trip throughout the east. Dr. Burdette is making an official visit to all national offices of the association which he heads. In Minneapolis he will inspect the office of secretary, and in New York the Optometric Public Health Bureau and eye clinics.

After a brief visit to Boston he will continue on to Washington, D.C., where the office on national affairs is maintained.

In Cincinnati he will preside over the 43rd annual convention of the American Optometric association, returning home by way of New Orleans and California. They expect to return to Salem by July 10.

## Actions You Regret

By Beck

## The Fireside Pulpit

By REV. E. S. HAMMOND

"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord. . . . He that sitteth in the Heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. Psalm 2:2, 4.

The Psalmist had watched the course of human events, he had learned from history, he had faith in the God in whose hands are the final disposal of human affairs. And as he saw the puny efforts of wicked men to defy God, and to overturn His plans for the well-being of His human children, he pictured the Almighty as laughing, and deriding their impotent efforts.

It will hearten us in these days when brutal force seems to have everything its own way, to get the Psalmist's viewpoint. We think of Japan in China, of Italy in Ethiopia, of Russia in Finland, and Germany crushing helpless neutrals all about her. We need to recall the saying:

"The mills of the gods grind slowly,
But they grind exceeding small;
Tho' with patience He stands waiting,
With exactness grinds He all."

We want God to strike Hitler and Stalin with his thunderbolts of wrath, but that is not His way. God has other ways of working. James Martineau was not regarded as an evangelical, but he declared after his profound study of history, that at the heart of things in this world, "There is a power, not ourselves, which marks for righteousness." In other words Martineau saw that righteousness in the long run is rewarded, and wickedness is punished.

Today, Hitler looks as if he might take his place as one of the great conquerors of history. Alexander was such a conqueror. Yet, at 33 years of age, he died from a drunken debauch. He could defy man, but he could not defy the laws of nature God had ordained. Caesar was another conqueror. His "Gallic wars" are a story of continual and uncalled for butchery. But Caesar was assassinated by jealous rivals. Once more natural law was his undoing. Hitler's career for the moment seems more like Napoleon's than that of any other potentate. But Napoleon died, so history tells us, from over-eating on a mess of fried onions! These men, like Stalin, Mussolini, Hitler and the Japanese warlords defied God and humanity. Their temporary success did not enable them to escape the inexorable march of God's natural law.

This is a time to trust. It is not a time to sleep, or take no precautions, but let us not lose heart and faith. Lowell sings:

"Right forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne;
But that scaffold sways the future,
And, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God amid the shadows,
Keeping watch above His own."

## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Sardine packers who think they have reached the ultimate in avoiding waste space could have learned a lesson in the United States bank lobby this a.m., where the general public succeeded in doing a job of squeezing into the lobby which would have put an expert sardine packer to shame. Apparently the bank is going to have to start spreading out its lobby soon or else the customers will have to start reducing.

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A few crowds like that out at George Waters baseball emporium will put a lot brighter light on the situation.

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"A lady told me," confided our postmaster, Henry Crawford, "that these Whiskerinos shouldn't think that when some member of the fair sex is smiling at them she is trying to act friendly. She's just grinning at his funny looking whiskers," he said.

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John Collins, the well known restaurateur with as heavy a thatch of sage as ever concealed an otherwise fair chin, presents a problem to the naked eye which is a vexer, if nothing else. Just where did John keep all that brush before he let it come out onto his face? It doesn't seem possible that human skin could conceal so much surplus hay without busting. It's a good thing for John them whiskers didn't get fussy and turn into the ingrowing kind or he'd had a mouthful.

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**Poor Dean**

(Gladys Shields in Jefferson Review)

We enjoy "just-past-six-year-old" Dean Cobb, next door, very much. He plays as hard all day as any little boy we know, but we have never seen him really dirty. He usually looks as if he had just been scrubbed.

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Cheer up, Dean, that's what liberty means. When you get old enough you can scrub, or not, as you please. That's one of the good and valid reasons why mankind in these parts doesn't have to surrender up these liberties and get scrubbed by the bureaucrats.

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Glen Lewis, et ux, went over to the strawberry festival at Lebanon yesterday and when they returned to their West Salem home discovered that bees had taken possession of same and swarmed in the bathroom, kitchen and between the floor. As near as Glen could figure they'd made their entrance via a drain pipe and he and the missus began scooping up bees by the dishpanful. His whiskers, he opines, furnished ample protection which is the first report on the Centennial practice proving of any practical value.

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Out at the ball park the refreshment concessionaire has adopted a little refined nicety which is worthy of comment. He furnishes a paper napkin with every sack of popcorn, a practice which should become widespread, in fact almost universal. This guy we consider is endowed with the true spirit of progress coupled with a sense of social responsibility.

## Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

### Waiting

Wallace, N. C.—Josephus Daniels, U. S. ambassador to Mexico, in a telegram congratulating Director Norman Y. Chambliss of this community's annual strawberry festival, recalled that he earned his first money picking berries.

He added:

"The people I picked for still owe me 25 cents, and I'll give you the regular commission to collect it."

### Snappy Surprise

Lawrence, Kas.—Don North, Lawrence youth, baited his hook and hoped he could entice a Kaw river catfish. A strike, and he hurried to the University of Kansas zoology department.

There professors identified his catch by clips on its tail as a 16-inch alligator they thought secure in their tanks.

### Hot-Foot

Window Rock, Ariz.—J. C. Duerksen, knocked out by a bolt of lightning as he walked home, will be all right as soon as he gets his shoe repaired.

When he recovered consciousness, he discovered his only damage was a hole in the sole of his right shoe.

### Too Realistic

Chicago—Four 16 year old orphan boys engaged in a make-believe-war on the grounds of the Guardian Angel Orphanage — the "allies" against the "nazis."

The youths' weapons were simulated spears—thin metal rods with sharp ends—taken from the orphanage greenhouse.

One of the spears struck Wilfredo Aqueros in the left temple. He was killed instantly.

## Kelly Says:

Things Happening Quickly in Capital

Defense Financing Makes Big Problem

Albert Goss May Run for Senator

By John W. Kelly

Washington, June 1—Paying for defense will cause John Citizen to yell, but it will be for his own good. Uncle Sam will permit John to keep his shirt, however.

Things are happening so quickly in the national capital that a prediction today is discredited tomorrow. It was the general opinion of congress that no tax bill should be offered at this session, because it is election year and ever mindful of constituents, congress does not like to rub constituents the wrong way when a campaign is on. It was the considered decision that the treasury could provide funds for the defense program until January, at which time a revenue bill could be prepared.

**Took Only Six Hours**

Somehow, in a matter of six hours sentiment changed. Representatives and senators sounded off that now is the time to find revenue; that people today should be paying for the defense and not saddle the debt onto future generations. Smart politicos conceived that the psychology is just right to pass a tax bill as the American people are panicky, hysterical and otherwise fussed up at the moment. Six months from now (or less) enacting a revenue measure may be a tough job. "Get while the getting is good," is the motto.

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Finance program at this writing (it may be discarded tomorrow), is to extend the debt limit another three billion dollars and then amortize this additional debt at the rate of $600,000,000 a year—wiping it out in five years. This, however, barely takes care of the defense appropriations now being made—and equally large appropriations will be made next year.

**Smokers May Pay**

How to raise $600,000,000 a year above current revenue is the problem. It is suggested that there is easy money increasing the tax on a package of cigarettes. Present tax is 6 cents on a package, and a proposal is to make the tax 10 cents. A smoker will, probably, not buy less but he will smoke the fag to the bitter end. More taxes on jewelry and cosmetics. These are considered as luxuries. Suggestions for upping the gasoline tax are discouraged for gas is now a necessity for the poor man's jalopy.

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To get an idea of this tax proposition, remember that total federal collections in Oregon from March 1, 1933, to January 1, 1940 (period of the new deal), amounted to $70,650,357—an average of $10,000,000 a year. According to the law of averages, Oregon's share of $600,000,000 for five years to amortize the three billion dollars would run about $1,000,000 annually.

**Adjournment Delayed**

Other plans to raise defense revenue: Broaden the base of the individual income tax by lowering exemptions; a sales tax; a tax to take the profits out of profiteering with government orders; a horizontal increase on all income taxes to be regarded as a special defense contribution; tax on tax exempt obligations of municipalities. And so forth.

Of course, taking up a revenue means that congress cannot adjourn before the middle of July—possibly not until August—and this can only be accomplished by limiting debate, otherwise congress will talk on and on until next January. It has been the scheme of certain senators to wind up the session two weeks hence and then if the treasury did not have the money required, the president would be compelled to call a special session, and to do that would necessitate specifying a reason—and any grouch on taxes would, they imagined, be directed at the president and not the congress.

**Granger May Run**

Albert S. Goss, former master of the state grange of Washington, is thinking of running for United States senator from Washington, in order to battle against the Wallace controlled Farm Credit Administration. Mr. Goss was land bank commissioner at $10,000 a year, but was invited to resign by Secretary Wallace when the Jones bill was introduced, which reduces loans to farmers to 3 per cent. Mr. Goss and many others interested objected to the measure, contending it would ruin the FCA and destroy existing policies. Walter M. Pierce, Oregon, answered by saying opposition to lower interest rates to farmers came from "the wolves of Wall street." Mr. Goss has been offered a job with an insurance concern in San Francisco, but has his eye on the senate.

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With the chatter about organizing industry for defense, it may be stated that there is a complete, comprehensive report on the subject prepared a few months ago by the war resources board, which was composed of the outstanding executives in the major industries. The board was selected by Louis Johnson, assistant secretary of war. The inner circle of the White House, disliking big business men, talked Mr. Roosevelt into dissolving the board and the valuable recommendations of the board have never seen daylight. The report is still a secret; still suppressed. However, it will probably be available.

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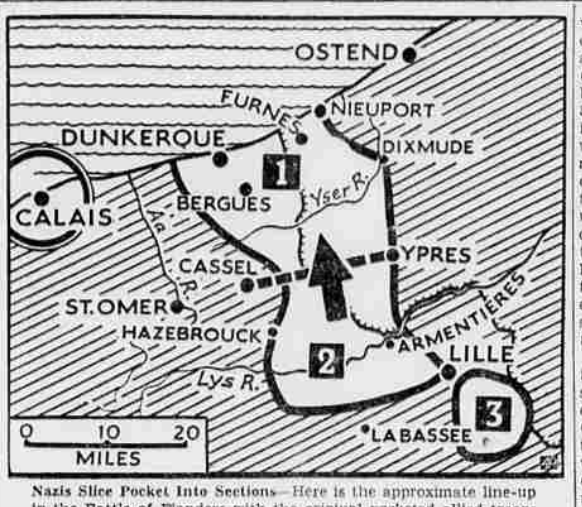
Senator Holman told the senate that in Astoria the communists have a hall; the local relief board ordered all communists stricken from the relief roll. It was known who they were because they had a hall and met there. Aubrey Williams, a director of federal relief funds, and now a high official in the government, ordered the communists alternative that if they were not restored to the relief roll with the the federal government would withdraw its financial support.




**Nazis Slice Pocket Into Sections**—Here is the approximate line-up in the Battle of Flanders with the original pocketed allied troops scattered into three segments. 1—The top of the pocket where terrific fighting continues as fleeing soldiers embark for England. 2—A pocket between Lille and Cassel which is being badly pressed by Germans. Allied reports say some of the trapped men crashed through a new German line spread between Ypres and the vicinity of Cassel (arrow through dotted line). 3—The original tip of the pocket where Germans report French face annihilation or surrender. Shaded area is held by Germans. Calais (circle) still was reported to be partly held by small allied detachments. — Associated Press Photo.

## *Street Bus Company Threatens to Quit*

Oregon Motor Stages, in a letter to Mayor W. W. Chadwick and the city council, threatens to withdraw from street bus service in Salem if a license to operate is granted to the Economy Cab company. The threatened withdrawal is based on scant profits of the business under present conditions which, it is contended, cannot stand further competition.

The application of the Economy Cab company is opposed both by Oregon Motor Stages and by existing taxicab companies. The Economy company proposes to operate a fleet of 12 vehicles at a 10-cent fare between the business district and any place inside the city limits. The application probably will be passed on at the council meeting next Monday night.

"Oregon Motor Stages," states R. W. Lemen, president of the company, "which has been furnishing your city with mass transportation since 1931, opposes the granting of the license, and believes if the license is granted, Oregon Motor Stages will be forced to abandon operation of its Salem city bus lines."

Since 1931, he says, the city lines "have just about broken even or lost money annually."

The letter sketches the history of street car and bus operation since the horse-car days, and calls attention to a recent arbitration award whereby the company had to increase the wages of employes.

**Some Profit In Winter**

"In 1931 Oregon Motor Stages was organized by my associate, Mr. Reed, and myself," says Mr. Lemen's letter, "and we took over the operation of the city bus lines. Since 1931, under our management, the city lines in Salem have not lost as heavily as under the previous managements, probably because we were local men and lived where we could give our personal attention, as owners, to the operation of the system. However, the fact is that since 1931 the Salem city lines have either just about broken even or have lost money annually.

"Our experience, like that of the previous managements, has been that these lines will make a little money in the winter time and always lose some money in the summer time, so that the question is whether we can make enough money in the winter time to offset the losses in the summer time.

"Within the last two or three years our expenses have been increasing in spite of all we have been able to do to try to keep them down. Our insurance costs have come up; the cost of gasoline, oil and tires has increased, and our employes have demanded and received, from time to time, increases in their wages.

"With the foregoing in mind, and particularly the fact that the months of January, February, March and April belong to the winter half of the year, in which we should be making a profit, I wish to call your attention to the losses with which the company has been faced during the first four months of this year. During those four months we have been paying the same wages which were in effect prior to October 1, 1939, but recently a board of arbitration, which undertook to determine the wages which we should pay our employes for the year beginning October 1, 1939, issued an award which granted a substantial increase in pay plus paid vacations and other privileges, which will increase the cost of operation about $135 per month. As our operations during the first four months of the year, aside from these wage awards, have resulted in a loss of $132.16, this means that our actual losses during the first four months of the year will aggregate $672.16.

**Can Use Buses Elsewhere**

"The buses which we own and use here in Salem are vehicles which can be used elsewhere, and even if that were not true, there is no sound reason, from a business standpoint, why our company should continue operations if it appears that the sole result of such operations will be to accumulate future losses. We would like to continue to operate in the hope that future conditions might improve and permit the company to break even or make, perhaps, some small profit, but I am convinced, as are also my associates in Oregon Motor Stages, that if this 10-cent jitney taxicab license is granted, the operators of those taxicabs will take enough of our business to ruin any possibility of the city bus line system being operated at any profit in the future and, if such jitney taxicab operation is commenced I can see no reason why Oregon Motor Stages should continue the struggle. My associates are of the same opinion and it is only fair to say to you that if the license is granted, Oregon Motor Stages will cease its city line service in Salem. In doing so we will endeavor to be fair with you. You have a right to issue this jitney taxicab license if you wish to, and to substitute that sort of service for the regular scheduled bus service which the city is now receiving. We recognize that fact and, in the event you do license such service, our notice of termination of our city bus line operations will be given you thirty or sixty days in advance of actual termination. . .

"Doubtless most of you are familiar with the passenger car jitney service which swept over the cities of Portland and Seattle a number of years ago and which threatened to destroy their city streetcar service. After brief experiences those cities decided that they preferred a regular scheduled mass transportation system, such as we are operating here, in lieu of such jitney taxicabs and, as a result, made the operation of them unlawful. The city lines, in those two large cities, being large companies, stood the jolt of this competition and waited for public opinion to result in legislation which would free them of it. Our small company is in no position to wait for such relief. If that sort of competition begins, or if any competition begins which will increase our present losses, we will simply fold up and quit."

## Claire Calvert Dies At Coronado, Calif.

Claire Calvert, 10, little girl whose heroic fight against infantile paralysis for nearly three years has attracted the sympathy of Salem friends, passed away yesterday at Coronado, Calif. The word of her death was received here by her grandfather, Ben F. West, who was to leave today for Coronado.

Claire had never lived in Salem, but her mother lived here before her marriage. Claire was the daughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Allen P. Calvert, her father an officer of the United States navy who is now in Honolulu. Her mother was Gertrude West.

The family was living in the east when Claire became ill with infantile paralysis. She made progress against the disease and while in her bed accomplished many things that amazed her friends. Whether that ailment was the direct cause of her death is not known here.

Besides her parents she is survived by a brother, Allen, Junior.

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