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"With or without offense to friends or foes
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The Future of WPA

Lt. Col. Brehon B. Somervell, who has been running the WPA for the last few years, is preparing to return to active military duty. He recommends that WPA executives and supervisors be put on a civil service basis. Convinced that work relief is here to stay he contends that all plans for the future should be made with this in mind, and that local financial participation in projects should be encouraged.

Col. Somervell believes that the best interests of labor, industry and the public demand the creation of a national advisory council. Through this body the views of all economic groups would find their way into the WPA administration.

On the other hand there is a movement among New Dealers in Washington for the abolition of the WPA and its replacement with a large-scale public works program for national defense, including military highways, etc. The proposal has the merit of a permanent constructive program, instead of make-shift jobs, but the costs would be excessive and the methods obsolete.

Any proposal to make the WPA a stabilized career occupation should be frowned upon, as should the idea of its federal control. A better plan is that such work when necessary to furnish employment should be under state and local control with the federal government cooperating in financing.

The WPA idea, like many New Deal ideas such as crop control, currency clipping, "ever normal granary," "bread and circuses," etc., has been given a trial many times in many countries since recorded history began, but never successfully. Demosthenes, 350 B.C., told the ancient Greeks:

Like the diet prescribed by the doctors, which neither restores the strength of the patient nor allows him to succumb, so these doles that you are now disbursing neither suffice to insure your safety, nor allow you to renounce them and try something else.

Human nature has not changed materially since and it is still a truism as Tolstol wrote "the more is given the less the people will work for themselves, and the less they work, the more their poverty will increase."

Labor Purges Pending

The public will watch with unusual interest the resolution before the American Federation of Labor convention in session at New Orleans to drive racketeers out of the unions and that before the Congress of Industrial Workers at Atlantic City to bar communists from holding union membership. Racketeers have been the curse of the AFL, as communists have been of the CIO and a purge of both would go far to increase public esteem as well as abate labor turmoil.

The fight on racketeers in the AFL is led by David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers, which has 100,000 members in the New York area. The executive council of the AFL in its annual report condemned gangsterism within the unions, but acknowledged that the general body lacked constitutional authority to deal with the problem as it arose in individual unions. Some of the unions are captained by notorious racketeers, some of whom have prison records. Many have amassed wealth and rule their organizations like czars.

The drive against the reds in the CIO is led by Sidney Hillman, vice president of the organization, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' union and national defense commissioner who has introduced a resolution condemning communism, fascism and nazism, and a proposal to amend the constitution to make members of any of the three isms ineligible to hold paid jobs in CIO offices.

Since the organization of the CIO five years ago there has been a steady infiltration of communists into the unions, many of whom are dominated by the reds. This has resulted in a militant campaign for a showdown with left wingers and clean-up of the organization, which has gained in momentum since national defense became a major problem.

Real Relief Benefits

Linn county's public welfare commission has by a vote of 6 to 1 decided to defer acceptance of proffered extension of the food stamp plan for the distribution of surplus farm products to that county until it sees how the scheme works out in other rural communities.

Here is one instance of how it sometimes works, as related by a Salem merchant who operates his grocery and meat market under the plan:

A suburban resident of the Salem community, who is on the relief rolls and therefore eligible to purchase food stamps, this year raised a litter of five pigs, with the thought in mind that this winter his family would enjoy pork along with the provender provided through the relief agency. Then, one day recently he visited stamp headquarters and found pork posted on the list of supplies purchasable with food stamps.

Returning home he loaded the pigs in the trailer of his car, carted them off to the slaughter house and sold them. That same day with his surplus commodity stamps he purchased pork chops for the family dinner.

He sold his pigs but had his pork at the expense of the agency that bought them. That's how the food stamp plan works—sometimes.

Buying Sunshine

The Sunshine division of the Salem police department, created to provide temporary aid for needy residents of the community until their cases can be investigated and certified by regular relief agencies, is in need of a small amount of cash with which to purchase meat, milk, bread and similar articles of emergency aid not included in its store of donated supplies.

Any person desiring to buy a ray of sunshine for some unfortunate man, woman or child can make the purchase for a dime, a quarter or a half dollar at police headquarters.

Canby Club Guest
Aurora—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bradt
were recent hosts in their home,
honoring the Canby "500" club.
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and Mrs. H. H. Eccles, Mr. and Mrs.
George C. Hillyer, Mrs. Harry Blair,
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Vinyard and Mr.
and Mrs. Clarence Eid.
Jahore is discouraging the drink-
ing of foreign alcoholic beverages.



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Thanksgiving day turned off bright and fair as many people will probably have noticed by the time this appears on the street. This gave ample opportunity to drain Sweetland Slough at the rear of Eaton hall on Willamette campus leaving its nice sandy bottom bare to the elements this afternoon for the boys to roll around in. Mr. Howard Maple, who directed the draining of the slough, advised us this a.m. that the slough bottom, now converted into a football field, is in excellent condition for any eventualities this p.m.

Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

Camouflage
San Diego—The sheep quartered aboard the Greek freighter Aghia Thalassini, tied up here because of the war, looked longingly at the green pastures ashore and began bleating.

Dog Gone, Cash Going
Omaha, Neb.—Police Lieutenant Louis Worm is trying to retrieve his retriever (who disappeared while retrieving a bird) but the expense is getting to be more than he can bear.

Who Cares?
Green Bay, Wis.—Robert King reported to police the theft of equipment from his motorboat. Police asked for the name of the boat.
"Who Cares," said King.
"Well, we do, come on now—" the desk sergeant replied.
"Why that's the name—'Who Cares.'"

Klamath Indian Sought for Murder
Klamath Falls, Ore., Nov. 20 (U.P.)—Sheriff's deputies today sought Joe Kirk, Klamath Indian charged with first degree murder in the slaying of Leonard Johns, 35, another Klamath Indian.

Lodge Holds Conference
Dayton—Nearly 80 members of the Yamhill county Three Link association attended the quarterly conference held Monday evening at the Dayton Odd Fellows hall. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be at Yamhill.

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Kelly Says:

Cash and Carry Repeal Pressured

Propaganda Agents Busy in Washington

Senator Johnson Must Defend Act

By John W. Kelly

Washington, Nov. 21—Groundwork is being laid to pressure congress early next year to repeal the "cash and carry" neutrality act; purpose being to let the British have war supplies "on the cuff" and ship the material in American freighters conveyed by warships of the United States navy. In short, the plan on which senators and representatives of Oregon and Washington will have to vote one way or the other means casting aside any pretense of neutrality.

Woods Full of Agents

British propaganda agents (the woods are full of them) and certain officials in the administration are working to have congress repeal the Johnson act. This prohibits credits being extended to countries which have not paid their world war No. 1 debts to the United States. British are saying they will soon run out of cash to purchase munitions and that if they are to continue as the first line of defense for the United States they must be given supplies on tick, or else they will have nothing with which to fight off the Germans.

Ships Are Ships

Decreasing merchant tonnage is becoming grave and is cutting down the transportation of supplies to the British Isles. The cash and carry law prohibits American flag ships from carrying munitions (and that includes everything from a can of salmon to TNT), which is another argument for repealing the so-called neutrality act. So anxious are the British to acquire ships that they are not choosy—they are to purchase 13 tubs built in the first World War, from the United States maritime commission, "as is and where is"—laid-up ships which the commission refused to dispose of when a delegation of shippers from Oregon and Washington appealed for them about a year ago.

Don't Stay FAT and Unattractive

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Church Women Meet

Falls City—The Women's Missionary society held its November meeting at the Christian church with Mrs. Pauline Goode in charge of the business. Devotional were led by Mrs. Pauline Goode and Mrs. Letterman had charge of the program. Mrs. Ward's group served refreshments.

Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer

To the Editor: Your editorial saying the people were too lazy to investigate the measures to be voted in general election.

How about your publishing of the man killed at the Salem air port being the first man killed there?

Bodiker a druggist from Stayton was killed soon after taking off from the old airport which was where the present gun club is now located the time 1928.

Regarding 3rd term of state secretary & treasury and president of the U. S. we were not voting for or against a 3rd term.

We had two men to vote for one a Wall street utility man or a new deal man.

If the people had a chance to vote on 3rd term of president they would vote same as they did for state of Oregon.

If you think you can tell me how to vote well you Just Go Climb a Tree.

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