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"With or without offense to friends or foes
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We'll Take His Word for It

Because his reasoning is sane and logical in the circumstances, the American people will sustain President Roosevelt in his request to Congress that it proclaim a fixed or indefinite period of national emergency, and that it authorize extension of the one-year service period for national guardsmen, selectees and reservists. In language like this he states a convincing case for his recommendation:

Today it is imperative that I should report to the Congress what the Congress undoubtedly knows: That the international situation is not less grave but is far more grave than it was a year ago.

It is so grave, in my opinion, and in the opinion of all who are conversant with the facts, that the army should be maintained in effective strength and without diminution of its effective numbers in a complete state of readiness. Small as it is in comparison with other armies, it should not suffer any form of disorganization or disintegration.

There will be those confirmed hecklers, ultra-pacifists and quislings who will challenge the president to amplify and prove his measurements of the gravity of the situation; who out of a sincere desire to inform themselves or to lead the executive into revealing the extent of his own confidential knowledge will demand that he "draw pictures" of the secret military information upon which he bases his request.

Whatever may be the minute details of the threat to American safety, the nation is thoroughly convinced that the threat is real and that it is serious—too serious to warrant even momentary thought of reducing our trained defense force by two-thirds of its effective force and three-fourths of its officer personnel.

The very emphasis which the president placed on the urgency of his request is indicative of his realization of the existence in Congress of formidable opposition. It is all very well for Congress to inquire into the need of legislative actions recommended by the executive, although somewhat outmoded in practice of late. But Congress will find public patience with obstruction tactics in handling defense matters delicate when it starts throwing political monkey wrenches into the preparedness machinery.

Public Parsimony

The state of Oregon's policy of parsimonious bargaining for its public employees, of paying as little as will suffice in a competitive market of job hunters, may operate without marked impairment of efficiency in normal or depression times, but its deficiencies are being vividly exposed by the demands and appeal of the defense program, which is steadily draining various departments of skilled and semi-skilled workmen and professionals. Even clerks and stenographers are being lured away by the attraction of higher pay in rapidly expanding private employment.

The drain on those departments employing engineers, draughtsmen, machinists, trained accountants, etc., has been most marked, many key men having been induced to give up steady jobs by the attraction of pay advances too tempting to be ignored.

The same situation applies to younger men doing routine work, for whom the materially higher pay for semi-skilled labor in shipyards and other defense industries is having an irresistible appeal.

Normal peace time private business is having the same problem to cope with but, being more flexible and more delicately responsive to fluctuating labor conditions, adapts itself to the change by adjusting its wage and salary rates to conform. The state must do the same or suffer the consequences of serious personnel disruption at a time when efficiency should be maintained at the highest possible level.

It is true that salary budgets for this biennium have already been pretty definitely fixed. But there is still room for adjustments within departments, offices and institutions that will lift many of those in the lowest paid brackets out of the starvation wage class and permit the payment of salaries commensurate with their skill to professionally trained employees. A little trimming of the pay of political chair warmers and so-called "executives" will provide the money.

They're Always With Us

Like the poor, perhaps largely because of them and their gullible grasping at every wild-cat panacea advanced to improve their social and economic lot, the politicians are always with us, ever alert to feather their own nests, ever watchful for an opportunity of climbing on whatever bandwagon is momentarily in popular favor. If such a vehicle be lacking they strive to manufacture one of their own.

All this ceaseless endeavor is to but a single end. That end is the personal political advancement of the politicians themselves.

They will not rest, nor grant respite to a surfeited, suffering public that prays at times for release from their conniving and for relief from their demagoguery. They are with us in time of peace and in time of peril. They seek to dissuade us from sane reasoning that discounts their glittering vagaries, and to distract us from the consideration of real issues that threaten to submerge them.

They are those who in face of a great emergency such as now confronts the nation play politics with the national welfare and security; leaders who refrain from espousing and advocating those steps clearly essential to national safety because they are offensive to powerful voter groups, who sidestep necessity for expediency.

They are those who turn their backs upon unpleasant realities of fact, and champion a philosophy fabricated to fit popular fancy.

They are the office holders who prostitute their patriotic efforts for political dividends; office seekers who obstruct constructive action to attract personal attention. They are the ones who magnify their own importance and the ones who minimize the contributions of others.

They think politics, talk politics, eat politics and dream politics. For it is by politics they live, come what may to the country and to the rest of us.

Shields Are Home

Jefferson—Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shields, publishers of the Jefferson Review, returned home Wednesday evening from a vacation trip to their home towns in Kansas and Iowa where they visited relatives and old friends. They also visited

friends in Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Shields said they experienced cool weather a good portion of their stay, the warmest day in Iowa the thermometer reached 96. The crops looked fine in the middle west, east to their home towns in Kansas and Iowa where they visited relatives and old friends. They also visited

Fun On The Farm

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

The biggest scrap of the year is promised this week—scrap aluminum. Not only is this a chance to fulfill a sacred duty but also to get rid of a lot of junk you'll find you didn't want after all and is just cluttering up the place.

Traffic lights cut up, or rather cut out, at State and Liberty streets this a. m., and it was fun watching the customers playing tag in their cars at the intersection like a lot

Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

Cleaned Out

Indianapolis — Charles McPerrin, driving a truck loaded with \$250 worth of cantaloupes, tomatoes and peaches, stopped for a traffic light.

A gang of men and boys jumped on and began to carry away the cantaloupes, he told police. He chased them.

When he got back, he was short more than the cantaloupes. "The truck and everything in it had been stolen."

Port Matilda, Pa. — Take it from the girls of this small community, Uncle Sam's soldiers have learned a lesson about "yoo-hooing."

Greeting 30 truckloads of soldiers passing through here with a chorus of "yoo-hoo," the girls got only smiles in reply.

Success

Dallas, Tex. — If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try. E. J. C. Siddon of Chanute field, Ill., planned a visit home in April. His money was stolen. The next time his captain vetoed his leave, then rescinded the veto two days after Siddon spent all his money. On the third attempt Siddon detoured to the hospital for a seven-week stay, result of an automobile accident.

He made it the fourth time — after the crew held up the train long enough for him to buy a ticket.

Good Samaritans

Wichita, Kas. — Help came from an unexpected direction to two automobile accident victims.

Harry Reiter, flight instructor, saw the collision, landed in a pasture and released a woman from the wreckage. While his student, Jerry Cochran, took her and her nephew to the hospital, Reiter flew to the airport, called state police and made the hospital arrangements.

Brooks Ladies Aid Busy With Quilts

Brooks—The Ladies Aid met in the church Tuesday afternoon to quilt. At the close of the session Mrs. Clyde Harris and Mrs. John Dunlavy served refreshments to Mrs. William Schaefer, Mrs. Jennie Gilbert, Mrs. Charles Watts, Mrs. Harry Bosch, Mrs. Willie Vinyard, Mrs. Mary Ashbaugh, Mrs. Harry Singletary, Mrs. M. F. Day and the hostesses, Mrs. Clyde Harris and Mrs. John Dunlavy. An all-day meeting will be held in the church Tuesday, with a covered dish luncheon.

Shirley Smith Honor Guest on Birthday

St. Paul, Minn. — Shirley Smith and Mrs. Henry Raymond were hostesses at a birthday party at Pat's Acres Thursday honoring Mrs. Smith's daughter, Shirley, on the occasion of her fourteenth birthday. The day was spent in swimming and picnicking. Those invited for the party were the Misses Shirley Smith, the honored guest, Delores Patricia, Nancy and Margaret Smith, Phyllis and Kathleen Wolfe, Luella and Delores Raymond, Nadine Raymond, Ardella Clark, Mary Lou Monrore and Patricia Brown of Broadacre.

Kelly Says:

Northwest Yards To Build New Ships

Labor Agitators Quiet To Protect Russia

Solons Browbeaten By CIO Lobbyists

By John W. Kelly

Washington, July 21.—When and if (it will be when) Congress appropriates \$1,698,000,000 for the maritime commission with which to build an additional 566 ships some of the new boats will be allocated to the Columbia river and to Puget sound. The commission will use \$350,000,000 of the money to provide 48 additional ways and reconstruction yards. House of representatives will railroad the legislation and the senate will lose no time in completing it. Object of asking this sum at this time, when several hundred ships are on order and will not begin to slide into the water before November or December, is to place the commission in position to issue new contracts to keep existing yards busy until 1943, when the last of the additional vessels are expected to be completed. This gigantic appropriation could wait until next January, but the president is anxious to rush the ship program.

At the moment there are several prospective shipyards on the Columbia having filed application for consideration. Out of the 566 ships one or more new yards may be accommodated. The additional vessels will be of various types but the commission will prefer its own "C" freighters, which are high glass cargo carriers. The ugly ducklings under contract to the Oregon Shipbuilding company, Portland, are disliked for they are 1-knot boats and little better than barges, with Scotch boilers and reciprocating engines—all very old fashioned.

Protected by Contract

The contract contains a clause that yards building these boats will cease on instructions from the commission, and the yard be paid for the work. The reason is that if the war ends suddenly no one will want the ugly ducklings and they will be so much waste. A 10-knot freighter is helpless against a submarine. An effort was made to equip them with turbines and use engines from old railroad locomotives, but there was no way to provide the necessary gears, so the Scotch boiler and reciprocating engine must serve. Some 30 or 40 engines have been let to an Oregon ironworks.

The 566 additional steamers will cause a drain on mills furnishing steel plate (steel is already on priority) and with the naval program the shortage of steel is expected to increase despite expansion by some mills. In this situation, the commission may change its views about all-steel ships and decide on having a few wood boats. Senators from Oregon and Washington have argued repeatedly that wood ships should be given a chance; they cost less and serve as well as cargo carriers. Wood ships were turned out by the score in the first world war in Portland, St. Helens, Astoria, Coos Bay, Vancouver and Tillamook. By next year the commission may be prepared to make a few concessions to the Pacific northwest.

Reversal Amazing

One month ago the house of representatives was prepared to vote

for the most drastic anti-labor curbs. Conservative members advised waiting; that the time was not right. A few days ago the house rejected any restraint on labor or strikes during the emergency, but gave the president the right to take over any plant where the employer was in disagreement with labor. It was the most remarkable reversal in the history of the house and the reason was CIO lobbyists, who in bands of three invaded offices of house members and threatened to prevent their reelection next year if they supported the restrictions on labor. There were 200 CIO lobbyists, from Harry Bridges up and down, mobilized in the national capital to browbeat Congress.

Of course, there was another reason: strikes have practically disappeared since the communists became anxious for the United States to send lend-lease material to Russia and no longer charge Britain with conducting an "imperialist war". The White House, too, opposed any restraint, but CIO did not fail to denounce President Roosevelt for calling out the troops at Inglewood, Calif. Calling troops is, in the opinion of labor, the most anti-labor act an official can do and they have not forgotten the Inglewood affair.

Votes Next Year

The measure, shorn of anti-strike provisions, could not have passed without the help of 94 republicans. These and 149 democrats saved the day. There was politics in the action of the republicans. They have been building up a liberal record (from the labor viewpoint) while the most energetic demands for curbing labor came from southern democrats, normally new dealers. In the opinion of republicans (94 of them, 45 others voted for restraint) standing with labor leaders will bring votes for them next year. Publicity department of CIO is so elated that it has compiled a list of votes cast, showing who sided with and who ("foes of labor and false to their promises") were against them. With a single exception, every representative from Oregon, Washington and Idaho went down the line for the CIO lobby.

First Punch Wins For Billy Welch

Spokane, July 21.—The advantage that goes with dealing out the first punch worked in behalf of quiet, blond Billy Welch of Houston, Tex., Saturday and he won the 20th annual National Public Links golf championship as a result.

Welch defeated lanky Jack Kerns of Denver, 6 and 5, in the scheduled 36-hole final of the working man's tourney, mainly because he could win more holes on his pet nine at Indian Canyon course — the outgoing nine — than Kerns could on his pet preserve, the incoming nine.

USO Solicitation Campaign Closed

Dallas — Jack Eakin, secretary-treasurer of the drive for USO funds in Polk county, turned over a check to state headquarters Thursday for \$1347.31 to mark the end of the solicitation campaign in the county. Substantial contributions, with the assigned quotas exceeded in every case but one, were received from all districts and the grand total is in excess of the court quota to the extent of \$547.31.

Only 39,568 persons from other countries arrived in New Zealand last year.

Salem Sketches By Will Danch



GOOD TASTE TODAY

By Emily Post

Unhappily, I must say that questions about strained step-relationships are not unusual. One on my desk this morning describes the problem of a prospective bride who does not live with her mother because she and her stepfather do not get on. Her letter explains further: Since mother's marriage several years ago I have been living in town and working.

When I can, I spend my spare time with an aunt — a sister of my deceased father. This aunt wants to give a dinner just for nearest relatives, at which my engagements will be announced. I don't really want my stepfather to come, and I doubt very much if he would come even if I did. But what about my mother? Surely she doesn't have to stay away because he probably will?

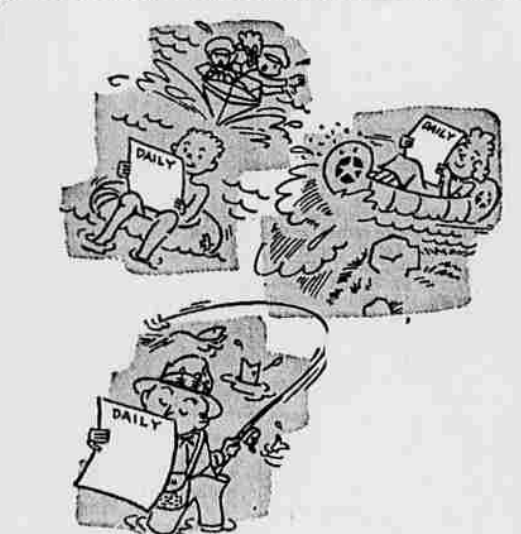
The answer to this, it seems to me, has been answered by yourself. You say you "doubt if he would come." If this is true then why not at least ask your mother if he would like to come? If she can feel that you have tentatively at least included him it may make her happier and also make it easier for her to come to the party and leave him at home.

If she thanks you for asking him, and tells you that, for whatever reason she chooses to give, he won't be able to accept, then everything will be perfect as it is. But if she says he will come, then you may perhaps have to tell her what she undoubtedly already knows that you don't think his coming will be a happy thing for either him or you, and that you hope she will be willing to come alone.

Opening the Front Door
Dear Mrs. Post: When opening a front door to someone who has

run, which of us is expected to speak first?
Answer: When a maid or butler opens the door, a stranger announces his errand or asks if the person he (or she) has come to see is at home. When a member of the family opens the door to a friend she probably greets the visitor first, but there is scarcely a rule as to which most quickly speaks.
A Father to Receive Wedding Guests
Dear Mrs. Post: Who should take my mother's place at the wedding reception? My own mother is not living. Can my father receive the guests at the door, and if he does, would the groom's mother stand next to him as she usually does when the bride's mother is there to receive? What about the groom's father in a case like this?

Answer: Your father should receive the guests and the groom's mother and father both receive him. Or it would be equally proper for your father to receive alone and for the groom's father and mother to stand somewhere else by themselves. If they are strangers, however, it would be best to have them standing next to your father so that he can introduce people to them.



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