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

Axis Advantages

The latest figures on the strength of military forces of the various nations, compiled from official data as of November 1, 1941, as published in the World Almanac, show the British empire has an estimated total of land and air forces of 4,000,000 men; Bulgaria has a total of active and trained men in the army of 540,000; Finland, 450,000 in the army; Germany, 9,000,000—all in active service; Hungary, an army of 1,300,000; Italy, of 4,563,000; Japan, of 3,217,500; Russia, 4,000,000 in the army with 13,000,000 trained reserves; the United States, an army of 1,704,282—the great bulk now recruits in training.

Neither Russia or the Axis powers give out army figures except for propaganda purposes. Italy has suffered heavy losses in her various campaigns but probably called up enough recruits to fill the ranks. Germany has also sustained heavy losses of her best trained troops, but also called out all to the colors she could summon, replacing farm and industrial workers with war prisoners. Japan, with a population of 73 millions, and all males trained from youth to military tactics, probably has proportionately as large an army as Germany, whose population is 80 millions. Russia, with a population of 192 millions, has unlimited potential manpower, though how many militarily trained, is a Soviet secret. The United States, with 131 millions, has fewer trained soldiers than any other great power.

The military power of any nation does not rest so much in size of armies as in trained manpower—those trained in the modern lethal mechanical weapons and in tactics of actual warfare. In these respects the Axis powers have a great advantage. They used the Spanish civil war to try out the new weapons and tactics and to develop them. Germany and Italy tried out blitz warfare with its dive bombers, pursuit planes and tanks first in Spain, before perfecting it for the rest of Europe. Russia also tried out her planes in Spain which have proved so effective against the Nazis. Further the Soviet used Finland also experimentally to get rid of her inefficient generals. The Nazi invasion made them veterans.

The peace-loving democratic nations have been at a great disadvantage for they had no training in modern warfare, little or none with the new weapons, and volunteers had to substitute for experienced veterans.

Too Big a Price to Pay

Speaking before the Salem Realty board yesterday State Senator Ronald Jones, manager of the Labish Celery Growers cooperative, warned that the evacuation of Japanese farmers from the rich Lake Labish area would be a serious blow to the celery and vegetable growing industry that has been built up there largely by the Japanese, whose leases call for 60 per cent celery in their crop production.

White farmers, he said, are reluctant to grow celery, preferring onions and other crops suited to the soil because their cultivation entails less work.

He expressed the hope that the Japanese may be permitted to remain where they are, asserting that at the outbreak of the war 75 per cent of them were loyal to this country but admitted that this percentage has been lessened by the attitude of suspicion and mistrust with which the whites view the yellow men.

In the very possible existence of even so small, or an even smaller percentage of potential fifth columnists and spies among the Labish Japanese, and in the impossibility of segregating all of the disloyal from the loyal lies the necessity for evacuating them all to a safer place of detention until the war is over for their physical safety as well as our own.

This war is very real, very horrible a very close to the Willamette valley, closer than many seem to realize. To tolerate even the possibility of subversive activities here by enemy sympathizers is to invite disaster for which the salvation of no amount of industry would compensate. As a race the Japs have earned the distrust that is visited upon them. That we must penalize ourselves to dull the fangs of their racial treachery is unfortunate but necessary.

Atlantic Patrol Inefficient

Continuation of the long list of vessels sunk by Axis submarines off the Atlantic coast—some of them within sight of land—and he heavy loss of life entailed, partly accounted for by the fact that many of the torpedoed ships are tankers, whose spilled oil either catches fire, making a flaming sea, or clings to survivors clogging them down, indicates that the navy is not doing a good job in its Atlantic patrol. Indeed, many ships report seldom seeing a patrol plane during the day.

The British have done a much better job, the average loss of life from torpedoed ships being only 42 per cent, far smaller than our own record. But of course the British have had more extended experience than our own patrol planes.

Another factor in British patrol success is that they have a much smaller area to patrol, but the main factor is that small coastwise vessels and fishing boats are in the North sea, all equipped with radio sending sets and act as eyes for the patrol fleet. But though American fishermen and other coast ships have volunteered to help patrol the coast, watch for U-boats and pick up survivors, they are not allowed to carry radio transmitters and cannot therefore report a submarine or enemy raider if sighted.

It is to be hoped that the shuffle in naval command will remedy this situation as well as greatly increase the air patrol fleet. Something must be done if we are going to have any sailors left as well as any tankers.

Evergreen

Aumsville Women Guest Willard Club; Truckload Oysters Hauled by Williams

Miss Olive Ottaway will spend some time at Aberdeen visiting with her sister, Mrs. Bliss Jones. The Willard Woman's club met Thursday with members of the Aumsville club as guests. Plans were made to entertain the Mar-

ion county club federation next month, when the two groups will be co-hostesses for the meeting.

Recent guests at the Roy Williams home were Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Shatto of Monitor.

Ole Overlund spent several days at the Toledo home of his son Harold.

Roy Williams hauled a load of oysters from Marshfield to Portland recently. Williams has been in the long distance hauling business for many years.

Actions You Regret

By Beck



The Fireside Pulpit

By REV. E. S. HAMMOND

"That they all may be one." Jno. 17:21.

These words are a part of our Lord's prayer for His people the night before His crucifixion. There does not seem much prospect of our all coming into one big church. Apparently we shall never all agree upon doctrine, church government, ritual and ceremonies. But there is real approach to unity in such a document as we append, taken from the March issue of the Federal Council bulletin.

A declaration of fundamental religious beliefs held in common by Protestants, Catholics and Jews said to be the first statement of its kind in the nation's history, has been issued by the National Conference of Christians and Jews over the signatures of many of the nation's leading clergymen and laymen.

Following is the complete text of the declaration: "We, the undersigned individuals of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, viewing the present catastrophic results of Godlessness in the world and facing the fact that our country is at war, realize the necessity for stressing those spiritual truths which we hold in common. We therefore affirm the following fundamental religious beliefs. We believe these convictions are important to every religious person, and are the spiritual foundation of our national life.

"As Catholics, Jews and Protestants, we assert again our abiding loyalty to our respective religious convictions. We recognize differences in many important beliefs. The following statement is therefore not a profession of faith to be considered sufficient or complete by any of us, but an expression of certain basic convictions which we share.

"We believe in one God, Creator and Sustainer of the universe. Though we have varying views as to the nature and content of God's more direct revelation, we hold that He also manifests His being, power, wisdom and love through His works

Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Our joshing remark of last evening that Rev. George Swift would make a good coordinator for the ancient and honorable sport of chess seems to have struck pay dirt, just the same, and the Rev. George intends to start coordinating in earnest among any soldiers, sailors or marines who may find their way into these parts and to extend the open door to the Salem Chess club to same. It seems he's already been coordinating in Alaska as not long ago he received a request from our old friend Kenneth Dalton up there for some of the game record blanks handled by the club as the lads were organizing for chess against the long Alaskan nights. So any member of the service who likes to play chess and is within earshot or eyesight of the chess club premises on Chemeketa street here is invited to participate in the chess brawl there weekly. Or just peek into the phone book and call up the Rev. George H. Swift and he'll give you all the details. There was a time when kings and emperors taught their generals the master strategy of war by shoving pawns around on chess boards in times of peace. Chess might not be so good in modern warfare, but it's worth while.

One is impressed on reading editorial in foregoing paragraph with the extreme modesty of the editor writing same.

"It's a Small World"

Dave Turnidge, Sidney mint grower and agriculturist awhile back took a trip east on behalf of the mint growers. While the telling of the story is a little belated it's too good to pass up. He stopped in Chicago and while on a bus in that city sat next to a friendly chap with whom he struck up a conversation. And, as usual, the conversation drifted around to rubber and gas shortages and possibilities of cars being pushed out of the picture. "Out west where we live, we can take it," Dave told his new found acquaintance. "If the cars are run off the road we'll just start riding horseback and won't notice the change much." "Well, out where I live," said the new found acquaintance, "we expect to take to horseback, too. In fact some of the boys have formed a posse and are getting ready." At that Dave pricked up his ears and asked the new found acquaintance where he lived. "Salem, Oregon," was the reply. And sure 'nuf, he turned out to be Gene Finlay, fox farmer down Jefferson way, and that's how these two well known, almost neighbor farmers got acquainted.

"Again this week we are confronted in the dutiful dailies with that silly annual picture of Sheriff Burk and Manager Hamilton of the P.G.E. company, both grinning like morons, while Hamilton hands Burk a check for this year's P.G.E. company taxes. The caption under Spring has come, in case you hadn't noticed.

Kelly Says:

Forest Protection Vital to Northwest

Chance for Training In CCC Camps Seen

County Officials Rap Confusion at Capital

By John W. Kelly

Washington, March 21—While the office of civilian defense, with Harvard law professor Dean Landis in charge, is planning to organize 20,000,000 people into bowling teams, horseshoe pitchers, ping pong players, weight lifters (don't laugh), bag punchers and 54 other groups into one grand recreational, the people of the Pacific northwest are pointing out that what is most needed in that region is protection against forest fires. This is the real danger in the land of Douglas fir and pine. Demands have been and are still being made on Dean Landis to provide fire fighting apparatus. Allocation of pumps has been made by OCD on a census basis. The smallest city considered has been one of 10,000 population. From Vancouver, B. C., to the redwoods and in the pine country there are many well established communities which have less than 10,000 population. These towns are in the target area; they are nesting in the forests and could be swept out of existence by a forest fire. (Bandon, Ore., an example). Every county in the three states containing timber fears possible forest fires by sabotage or other origin and they have been making their wants known in the capital.

Associations of lumbermen, forestry associations and individuals have urged upon OCD and other government agencies the necessity of providing fire protection. Congress specifically provided that the CCC in those states be continued to furnish protection against forest fires which might imperil reservoirs, utilities, transmission lines, etc. Congress took this action in January but complaints are made that the CCC camps are not being recruited; the boys can obtain higher wages in industry.

There are scores of CCC camps ideally located in the forest areas of the northwest. They are boarded up, abandoned. Suggestion is being made that these camps be used by the troops. Each camp is equipped for 200 men at least, and an infantry company will find excellent accommodations in these barracks. According to all the strategists, if there is an invasion by Japanese the attempt will be made in the Pacific northwest. This being the assumption, detaching companies of troops to CCC camps would be ideal training; the soldiers would be taught the tactics and methods necessary in fighting over the very ground they may have to defend sometime in the future. The high command has not given sanction to this practical method of defending the rough, hilly country of the forest sections.

Nor is the forestry service as keen as it could be, assert representatives from the northwest who have been here in the interest of fire protection. The foresters in the field are aware of the hazards, but some of the top hands in Washington, D. C., are unable to see that far west. Something may be accomplished to make the forest service more alert, however. One thing the service will do is to man the fire station lookouts a month earlier.

In certain regions several counties, heavily timbered, have organized mounted posses, but this practice is not yet general. Ranchers and others living in or adjacent to the forests have equipped themselves with horses and some ride 30 miles to participate in the training. In the forests there are many places that only a horse can go (inability to obtain tires eliminates autos, anyway) and the possesmen have drilled in carrying out injured people on stretchers carried by pack horses.

Incidentally, practically every possesman, regardless of his state, is an experienced hunter who is expert at shooting ducks on the wing and bringing down deer. These men can shoot the buttons off any Japanese paratrooper before he reaches the ground. By the way, paratrooping originated in the forests of the northwest; the forest

service was the first to drop fire fighters by chutes and then to drop equipment to them from airplanes—the same system that the Germans and Japanese use; the same methods the army is now using in training a couple of battalions.

The bureau of government requirements of war production board set up on its haunches when more than 400 representatives of county officials from 30 states spoke up in meeting. Asked to make suggestions and recommendations, the county officials said, first of all the government is a mess of confusion and lack of coordination, of jealousies and antagonisms. The meeting said it was opposed to strikes of any character for the duration and that some of the "social gains" must be suspended for the time being. Above all, they said there should be elimination of all costs that are not directly connected with war; that many agencies which serve a useful purpose in peacetime should now be throttled; nor were they satisfied with the way the government has handled subversive activities and insisted upon more courage, diligence and promptness in dealing with aliens and their offspring.

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Salem Sketches By Will Danch



"Someone ought to tell him to take a few lessons from Bert Hill's dogs. They'd never make that mistake!"

Allies Inspired by Policy of Aggression

By DeWitt Mackenzie (Wide World War Analyst)

General MacArthur's announcement that President Roosevelt has ordered him to prepare an offensive against Japan is calculated to emphasize that Washington is determined to implement its policy of initiative, which is giving the allies heavy inspiration at this critical juncture of the war.

Just to make sure no misunderstanding, we get an immediate echo from American Lieut. General Stilwell, commander of United States forces in China, Burma and India. Says the general: "The United States means business and we won't be satisfied until we see American and Chinese troops in Tokyo together."

On the whole the position in the southwest Pacific looks considerably more healthy. It's been tough to lose so much territory, but experience has shown that in view of the allies' unpreparedness they are better off now than they were in trying to hold such wide-spread positions with so few forces. With the appointment of MacArthur as commander in chief, and the establishment of a great base in Australia, we should be able to concentrate our effort favorably.

No Hasty Action
It's good to hear talk of offensive.

Then, too, one of Japan's great weaknesses lies in her many and extended lines of sea-communication between Japan proper and her new acquisitions. The allies will devote increasing attention to these lines, with both bombers and naval craft—a devastating form of attack which in itself would in time break Nippon if carried out with heavy force.

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Room and Board . . . By Gene Ahern



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In compliance with government regulations which require that gasoline shall not be sold more than 72 hours each week, our GASOLINE DEPARTMENT WILL OPERATE EACH WEEK DAY FROM 7 A. M. TO 7 P. M. AND WILL NOT OPERATE ON SUNDAYS.

NOTE!
All of our other departments and services will continue to be operated on a continuous 24 hour, night and day, seven days a week basis as heretofore.

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