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

Lame Ducks and Professors

Coming events cast their shadows before, and the 1944 election and the fourth term bedeviling politics is casting its baleful shadow over the nation's capital and diverting energies that should be concentrated on winning the war.

The long list of congressional lame ducks that the president has recently appointed to high office along with the fourth term appeals of New Dealers and the post-war planning dream show that the president is as busy as his opponents in congress playing politics.

The lame duck consolation appointments began with those of former democratic National Chairman Flynn to be minister to Australia and ambassador at large in the Pacific, of former Senator Josh Lee to the Civil Aeronautics board and of former Senator Prentiss Brown to be OPA administrator—none of whom had any experience fitting them for their new positions. Flynn was forced to retire but the others are on their jobs.

The later lame ducks named to high office are ex-Governor Alred of Texas to be federal judge—as reward for his unsuccessful candidacy against Senator O'Daniel in Texas; former Senator Schwartz of Wyoming to the Railway Labor board; former Senator Herring of Iowa to be chief deputy administrator of the OPA; former Representative Barnes of Illinois as one of the special assistants to the president and former Representative Houston of Kansas, to the National Labor Relations board.

All of them are purely political appointments of men unqualified (by training or experience) to duties closely related to conduct of the war and of course will concentrate instead on a fourth term and the perpetuation of the New Deal.

However, the lame ducks couldn't do worse than the college professors and economists they supplant, for at least they know how to mix with the people and are realistic enough to sense public opinion. The professors really belong on Gulliver's floating island of Laputa, for to them the people are simply 130 million guinea pigs on which to experiment with their economic and social theories.

Two Cures for Tax Defiance

News dispatches from various parts of the country tell of a rebellious undercurrent among war plant workers evidenced in a defiant refusal to fill out income tax returns or pay these taxes. In Cleveland some workers are reported to have said: "Let the government come and get me; I'm not going to file."

To the extent that the government is able to spot them such tax slackers will, of course, be prosecuted and punished as they should be. But this method does not make up the deficiency in war revenues caused by such evasion, particularly when there are many who will escape payment of taxes entirely through various subterfuges made possible under the present law.

It is difficult to understand the mental processes and disloyalty of these tax dodgers, who are receiving fat pay checks out of the very funds to which they refuse to contribute and which are the life blood of the war effort. But it is easy to block the loopholes through which they escape.

One method, effective in most cases, is to collect the tax at the source through payroll deductions. But the sure way is through a sales tax with property and income tax deductions to protect those in the lower salary brackets. The irresponsible transient worker, who is most apt to escape payment of income taxes, has to buy food, clothing and the other necessities of life. The hardships credited to the sales tax are largely fictional and for the most part would be erased by reductions in income taxes.

Some of these tax slackers probably reason that because of the scarcity of labor they are indispensable, and the government will forgive their transgressions with a slap on the wrist in order to keep them on their jobs. In this they are or should be mistaken, for the person who will shirk his responsibility in tax matters will also shirk on the job. There is only one place for traitors of this type and that is behind bars.

Drafting a Mutinous Army

Hitler is reported to have demanded from all his South-eastern European allies similar "total war efforts" equal to that of Germany. Demand notes, which are orders from him who must be obeyed, to those who wear the yoke of submission and slavery, have been sent since March 1, to Hungary, Croatia, Slovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria to contribute soldiers, workers and economic aid to the Nazi Reich, each nation according to its capacity.

Tens of thousands of the Balkan soldiers have already left their homes in the Russian graveyard and there is widespread mutiny over the drafting of more victims. There is the question whether these disgruntled men, forced to fight against their will against a people for whom they have little if any animosity, will save the day for Hitler, for they lack the will to fight another's battles from which they can profit nothing, not even spoils. Fighting to defend their own country, as the Russians are, they would be brave enough but why risk life in order to tighten the chains that bind them to a foreign tyrant? Probably in a showdown they will not and so German guns and gallows will take their disciplinary toll.

It is also problematical whether Hitler can succeed in his new terroristic effort to pauperize the German people as Stalin has the Russian by destroying the middle class along with the industrialists and regimenting all in the totalitarian serfdom for sacrifice in war. He has already gone a long way but never attempted to do what he is trying to now in his supreme effort of desperation. He is sowing dragon teeth at home.

Three Links Club Guest Weddle Home

Stayton — The Three Links club was entertained at the home of Mrs. William Weddle Thursday evening by Mrs. Weddle and Mrs. Janet Harold, joint hosts. The evening was spent in

the usual social manner and later several Odd Fellows dropped in.

Mrs. Carmelita Mauer returned this week from a few days of diet and care at the Deaconess hospital in Salem.

Gerald Marking is home from his defense work in San Francisco for a few days' relaxation with friends and family.

Actions You Regret

By Beck

The Fireside Pulpit

By REV. E. S. HAMMOND

Whatsoever things are pure . . . think on these things. Phil. 4:8

Dr. J. G. DeHolland wrote an essay that he called, "The Canonization of the Vicious." In this essay he tells of the frequent attempts to glorify vicious, unworthy men and women, because of their genius, and their ability to do really great things. Such men as Lord Byron in literature, and Stanford White in architecture are examples.

Recently I have noticed the announcement of new biographies of Walt Whitman. Years ago I read this published statement from this author: "I have never married, but I have had six children! I have lived!" Others can quote from this man, can praise him, call him the "Good Gray Poet" if they want to, but not I. I prefer to quote from men I can respect!

Rudyard Kipling wrote a great hymn—

"Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget! Lest we forget!"

He also wrote that very popular song, "On the Road to Mandalay," which good people have applauded for a generation. Kipling is the grandson on the side of each parent of a noted English Methodist preacher. So he could not plead ignorance of moral standards. Yet in this song he certainly "forgot."

Suppose we look at this song, and read between the lines a little. It is a British soldier speaking of conditions "East of Suez." "Where there are no Ten Commandments,
And a man can raise a thirst!"
I can decent, respectable, let alone Christian people, look upon such conditions as ideal? Evidently this soldier does!

This British soldier meets a beautiful native girl in a temple. She is worshipping in sincerity, the best that she knows. He persuades her to become his mistress. Of course, Kipling does not say this, but this is glossed over for cultured western ears. In course of time the soldier leaves Mandalay. This is the usual way of things. The girl is not a wife, and naturally has no claim. There follows the invariable pathetic note—

"Come ye back, ye British soldier,
Come ye back to Mandalay!"

It is the age-long, heart-break cry of the wronged, deserted woman. Of course he does not go back.

Now, what becomes of her? The chances are almost certain that she ends up in one of the brothels of this garrison city. This is the sequel to his song which Kipling omits, but it was a sequel perfectly familiar to him as to all who ever lived "east of Suez."

Now, Kipling used his great genius, and the composer of the music was an able assistant, to glorify this sordid, brutal situation, and induce good people to applaud what they would not look at, nor listen to in plain English.

But we are told we want "realism." I have smelled a cesspool. It is realistic, but not fragrant. And even Kipling's sprinkling of rose water on this situation does not make it smell sweet to me.

No, I don't care to listen to "On the Road to Mandalay." I prefer to think of things that are "pure." Mandalay is now in Japanese hands. Maybe Kipling's poem helps us to understand why the British lost it.

Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Our senators, John Carson and Fred Lamport, are back in circulation around town again after having shed their togas which they wore so fittingly during the late lawmaking blitz. The clothes which they have been concealing beneath the togas for 59 days or so look none the worse from wear and will probably do until they are both forced by conditions to don cuffless trousers.

They tell us up at Astoria there's rain pretty near all winter but the reign of Astoria quit here yesterday as far as the rest of the state is concerned.

We happened into a restaurant early this a. m., where a bus driver was partaking of some coffee and doughnuts just after completing a run. It seems this particular bus driver is a philosopher and he was, at this juncture, philosophizing on married life. "This being married," he remarked to the rest of the customers in general, "is a 50-50 proposition. In my case it means fifty bucks to the wife and fifty cents to me." Gosh, holding out on her, eh?

Fate still keeps working her little ironies. Yesterday our friend Al Mundi, the police judge, socked us \$5 for letting our pooch run at large, remarking it would have a good moral effect on other guys who let their dogs run around. This, in itself, was enough to dull the day, but we walked out of Al's office into our own, only to find the following communication on our desk signed "Subscriber."

"Have read your column for the past 15 years and really get quite a kick out of your writings. If you want to do a real service to this burg, advise that you start riding which ever department it is that has control over the cat and dog inhabitants. You read in the paper that they are going to do something about this nuisance but they never seem to go at it. They are so numerous that they scratch out our lawns, ruin our shrubbery, and trample out our victory gardens, to say nothing of chasing our cars, barking at and nipping old people on the heels as they wobble along our sidewalks. These dogs should be tied up, killed, or enlisted in the army—cats the same."

Now this "Subscriber" aforesaid comes in and tells us that we should be riding whatever department has control of the dog situation just after said department has been riding us to the tune of five bucks. He also says they never do anything about it—and now he tells us!

It seems due to our reprinting of a bit of a letter from Pvt. Jimmy Nicholson telling how he's boosting Oregon to his New York buddies back in a New Jersey army camp, the chamber of commerce is inquiring about Jimmy's address. Maybe he's going to get decorated with the chamber of commerce distinguished service medal and get an autographed picture of Clay Cochrane to hang up in his barracks.

To replace Japanese oak and Australian hardwoods, now unobtainable because of the war, New Zealand is developing its tawa and other native hardwoods.

Kelly Says

Predictions of Riot Possibly Overdrawn

Government Publishes Roosevelt Boost Book

Idaho Legislature Would Suspend AAA

—By John W. Kelly—

Washington, March 13—Take it for what it is worth, but members of congress are bobbing up and predicting that within 12 months there will be food riots in the United States. Probably an exaggeration, but the people will have to pull in their belts regardless. It is advocated by some of the economists that the federal government buy practically all of the canned food this year, and what the army does not need distribute the balance to the foreign nations. Upon each can it is suggested that there be in super-large letters "U.S.A." This would be to advertise Uncle Sam and notify the hungry people of Europe where food is coming from. For glamor, there might be a picture of the president on the label, if office of war information is carried out.

May Eliminate Brands

The north west housewife makes her purchases on faith in the brand of the canner. She knows the brands of the better canneries; knows that she is not taking a chance. The housewife pays no attention to the grade, for she is satisfied that if the goods are put up under a brand she is familiar with she need not bother about the grade. Canners, too, are proud of their brands; they have been building them up for many years; have advertised them extensively in the press. The brand is the reputation of the canner and he is careful about it. Now there is steady pressure being applied to do away with brands and to pack by grade, with every can carrying the initials of "U.S.A."

Part of the over-all dream is the idea of sending young American girls to England to teach the British housewife how to prepare the U.S.A. canned foods in the American style. These dieticians are under contemplation for the Lehman organization on relief and rehabilitation of Europe. In justification of a U.S.A. brand, in preference to a canner's brand, it is asserted that a soldier is not interested in brands and that a hungry person in Europe would not know one brand from another but the psychology of U.S.A. would create a feeling of gratitude.

Who Pays for It?

Office of war information is heading deeper and deeper into trouble and Elmer Davis (he left an \$80,000 job) in charge is not displaying the good judgment he was presumed to have.

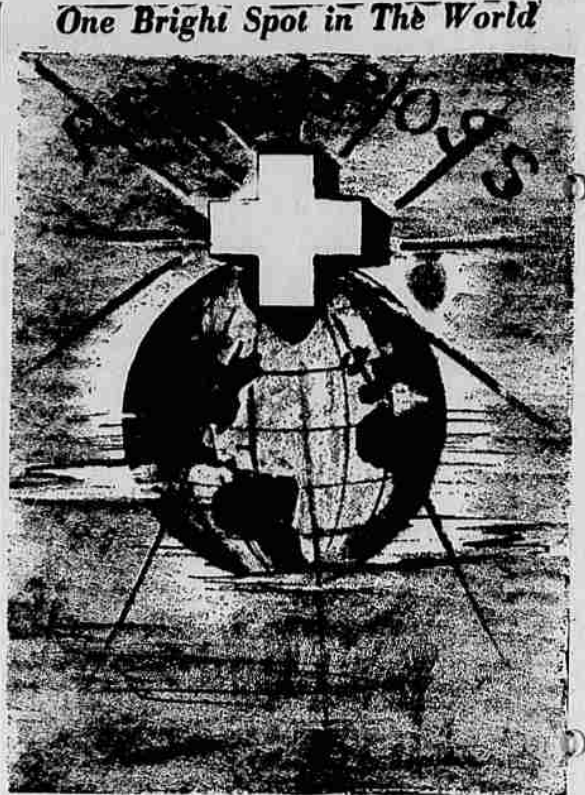
"Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States" is a 16-page boost for Mr. Roosevelt without one word of war information. In excess of 400,000 copies have been printed in a dozen foreign languages and 300-plus copies have been distributed in the United States. Mr. Davis says the job cost about \$13,000. No man in the world is better known than F.D.R., and distributing 400,000 booklets to tell Chinese, Arabs, Russians, etc., something about him is a clear waste of money—and no money was ever set aside by congress for this purpose. It was printed by the United States government.

Democratic national committeemen from Idaho, Washington and Oregon were conspicuous by their absence when a delegation (rest of the far west well represented) dropped in at the White House and discussed "drafting." Mr. Roosevelt for a fourth term. Office of war information publications, a few democratic senators sounding off, the palace guard, the appointment of congressmen repudiated by their constituents to important jobs—are all signs of the fourth term campaign. But the republicans have not at this time developed a personality who can struggle with Mr. Roosevelt to 1944. Mr. Wilkie is not popular with a majority of the leaders of his party and his attempt to "read out of the party" dozens of republicans in the 1942 election was a flop.

New Garbage Container

Federal housing authority has finally obtained a garbage container that has no galvanized metal—just Douglas fir from the far Pacific northwest. The container has a 25-gallon capacity, with weather-proof paint on the exterior and acid-resisting paint on the inside. The container can handle wet or dry garbage and has a cover that also makes it dog-proof. If every FHA dwelling is provided with the Douglas fir container there will be demand for hundreds of thousands. Inventor of the device is Dr. George A. Soper, authority on public sanitation.

Memorial from the legislature of Idaho has been received by congress recommending suspension of the Triple A administration.



THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

The war is entering a critical phase in which air-power bids fair to play a part far exceeding in importance anything that has gone before. Looking back at such frightful aerial sieges as that of Britain it's hard to believe that the skies could unleash greater death and destruction. Yet we are on the verge of vast developments. The air navies are rushing towards bombing operations which will be unprecedented in violence and size. At least the allied forces are headed that way.

The Luftwaffe is keeping remarkably quiet, as explained in yesterday's column, but it will be surprising if Hitler isn't able to fling a great fleet into the air when he feels that his crisis is at hand.

Air Importance

The reason for this increase in air importance lies in the fact, of course, that American and British industries finally have produced sufficient aerial striking power so that the Luftwaffe at last has a giant competitive. And that power now is pyramiding.

The most conclusive evidence of the turn of events lies in the terrific bombing offensive being conducted against western Europe and Germany by the Anglo-American forces based in Britain. As explained by British Air Secretary Sinclair in the House of Commons a couple of days ago, the royal air force alone has wrecked 2,000 German war factories, cut Nazi steel production by 1,250,000 tons annually, and driven a million or more Germans from shattered homes. This doesn't include the devastation wrought by the American force.

Increased Intensity

We may expect this bombing to increase in intensity, for it is the forerunner of the eagerly awaited invasion of France by the allies.

Hitler's chief industries, bases and communications must be crippled. It would be massacre to try to put an army ashore from the English channel without this preparation and without providing an absolute umbrella of warplane protection for the landing.

Destruction by air is far cheaper in allied lives and equipment than destruction by our armies. A squadron of bombers can wipe out in a few hours what it might take an army months to destroy.

Sir Commodore H. N. Thornton, British air attaché in Washington, says super 1,000 plane raids on western Europe and Germany will be increased "when we get the planes." That's the story.

Month-Ends to Bring Heaviest Buying

Portland, March 13 (AP)—Point rationing bids fair to change shopping habits from heavy week-end to heavy month-end buying, Portland grocers opined today.

Housewives, they say, have shown a tendency to save up their points in the hope that they will be worth more later—in a word, they gamble on possible point price regulations.

They also say that there are overlapping periods at the month-end. A, B and C points which are valid now expire on April 7 but the points for the next period become valid on March 25. This means that during the last week in March shoppers will have just twice as many points to spend as during any other week if they save their present points for late buying.

Hazel Green Club Makes Food Study

Hazel Green—The upper room health club has been making a study of food and its important job of building the body. Each member made a health book illustrated with magazine pictures.

The four best books were selected and one of these will be put in the schools as war scrapbook. The students whose books were chosen are Arlyce Klampe, Neoma Phillips, Patty Zahare and Marilyn Rasmussen.

Six Hazel Green students were chosen to take a nutrition test. They were Neoma Phillips, Wilmer Lowery, Caroline Wahleser, Ernest Wood, Audrey Sprague and Marilyn Rasmussen.

These people will keep a record of everything they eat for a week. A sample of blood was taken at the beginning of the week to see how much iron and vitamin C the body contained. Another test will be taken at the end of the week to see if the iron and vitamin C has increased or decreased.

Ewauna to Vote on Bargaining Issue

Portland, March 13 (AP)—A national labor relations board order for a collective bargaining election at the Ewauna Box company mill at Klamath Falls was received here today.

The order, signed by Chairman Harry A. Mills of the NLRB, was dated March 10 and ordered the election not later than 30 days from that date.

The CIO International Woodworkers of America, local 6-12, and the Klamath Basin District Council, Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union, AFL, each claim substantial membership at the plant.

Action Asked on Minor Girl Delinquents

Chief of Police Frank A. Minto and other city officials are urged in a letter from the Junior Chamber of Commerce to take steps to curb increasing delinquency among minor girls of the city. The Junior chamber, asked by Mayor I. M. Doughton and Chairman Dan J. Fry of the police committee, of the city council, for suggestions brought the following from that organization:

1. Exercise a reasonable enforcement of the existing curfew, especially as it affects minor girls.
2. Employ a capable matron or matrons to handle minor girls who are taken into police custody after the curfew. It is the personality of the matron who handles the girls that is the key in correcting wayward girls and stopping those who are on the way to becoming delinquent. Great care should be exercised in choosing the matron. Experience is essential. Personality is paramount.
3. Expense will be involved in following this suggestion, but the services rendered by a capable woman in preventing juvenile delinquency will repay the cost many times.
4. The JCC is preparing a pamphlet explaining the problem that faces Salem and giving a concrete figure of the volume of delinquency Salem now has. These pamphlets could be given to the parents of minor girls who are taken into police custody after curfew.
5. These pamphlets will be distributed to different organizations throughout the city of Salem by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.
6. We trust that some action will be taken to curb the girl delinquency in Salem.
7. The letter is signed by Ronald P. Crossland, president; George W. Davis, secretary; Frank Crawford, treasurer; Ralph Steele, first vice-president, and James Pike, second vice-president of the organization.
8. Copies were sent to Mayor I. M. Doughton, Daniel J. Fry, L. F. Le Garie, Albert H. Gile, Tom Armstrong, Alfred Mundy, city recorder, Frank A. Minto, chief of police, and Mrs. F. M. Lobdell.

Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

Anti-Climax

Oroville, Calif. — Just as the motion picture reached a climax power failure stopped the projection machine, leaving theatre patrons wondering whether the hero returned to his wife or slipped away with the other woman in his life.

The customers became impatient.

Finally theatre manager Walter E. Tooley, in a loud voice, explained that the hero returned to his wife.

Then everybody went home.

Ration-Less

Los Angeles — Earl Harvey visited the detective bureau, reported the theft of his No. 2 ration book and departed.

The officers know he'll be back.

He left his No. 1 ration book on their counter.

Out of Season

Los Angeles — These burglars weren't season conscious.

They broke into a clothing store and, unmindful of the warm weather approaching, stole 40 fur coats.

Official Gardens

Boise, Idaho — Gov. C. A. Boltoisen has faith in the ability of statehouse employees—as vegetable producers.

The 300 statehouse workers, he said, will add gardening to their duties, farming a victory plot near the Idaho prison.

The governor challenged county commissioners throughout the state to organize projects among their staffs and compete against the capitol employees.

Stove Dealers Call Meeting

Portland, March 13 (AP)—Dealers, distributors and jobbers of new coal and oil heating stoves will attend a meeting here Monday to discuss recent rationing orders, Clark C. Van Vleet, OPA district rationing officer, said today.

tion until after the war. Salaries of officers of the AAA in that state for the fiscal year 1942 amounted to \$181,576. The Idaho legislature declares the agency has outlived its usefulness. However, memorials by state legislatures receive slight attention in congress.