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## German Gratitude

Sigrud Undset, the distinguished Norwegian author, a Nobel prize winner for literature, in a letter to the New York Times, regarding fraternization of American soldiers with the Germans, cites the experience of Scandinavian countries following the first world war and warns against Americans incurring the gratitude of Germans for favors extended.

Miss Undset recalls that thousands of homeless German children were taken to the Scandinavian countries, fed and nursed back to health and normal childhood. In the Netherlands the kind-hearted Dutch cared for more than ten thousand and they were not "little fiends" like some of the Nazi children; most of them were "sweet and affectionate." She continues:

"When they returned with the armies of occupation, a few refused to fight against the countries of their foster-parents. But most of them were perfectly willing to serve as guides to the soldiers who moved to take our fighting units from the rear, as interpreters at Gestapo questionings, in the management of industrial and business enterprises which were now to serve the German war effort. When their former foster-parents shut their doors to them, they felt hurt and cruelly misunderstood. They accused us of having betrayed them when we arose to defend our countries, for the kindness of the Norwegians and the Danes, the easy-going atmosphere of our schools, had made them expect we would accept our fate as conquered nations tranquilly."

When Hitler decided the Germans must put guns before butter, the Scandinavians were flooded with letters from their former German wards, lamenting their dire distress. So money was sent and "Liebesgaben," five pounds a month of butter, cheese and candy. Norwegians whose sons and daughters had studied in Germany sent to the families with whom they had lodged; authors, journalists, teachers, doctors, skilled workers sent to their German colleagues.

Thousands of parcels went to Germany every month. Thousands of German "Wandervoegel" (tourists) hiked with a rucksack and camera for luggage and ten marks (\$2.50)—all the money they were permitted to take out of Germany and expected to Scandinavians to feed, house and clothe them, which they did. The author adds:

"They made camera studies all over the country. They were probably every single soul of them. But they felt hurt and doubly-crossed when we, who had seemed so friendly, did not quietly accept our place in their New Order. Since they have a word for it in their language, I suppose the Germans have some ideas about gratitude, but they are so unlike the Anglo-Saxon or Scandinavian people's. So, a well-wisher of America can only say, may you never incur German gratitude."

## Germany's Program for the World

Swiss dispatches state that a group of Germans awaiting eventual repatriation in Berne, has revealed outlines of the German plans for economic empire and the systematic subjugation of the world—the "charter for conquered Europe." Some of the program is documented with photostats. The original draft was elaborated by Hitler in September, 1942, just before Stalingrad and has been kept up to date by a monthly review of specialists under Dr. Walter Funk, economic director.

The "charter" consigned to the scrap heap European culture, economy and morale. Schooling for the vanquished countries was to be halted after the fourth grade for girls and the sixth grade for boys. "Religion" was to be submitted to a "thorough overhaul, since historic examples have amply demonstrated its power of fomenting resistance."

A German state organization would have "rationed" European supplies throughout the world and the economics and industries of the "vanquished nations" were to have been rationalized along lines of an immense conveyor belt system, the factories being grouped regionally. The Germans themselves would serve only as overlords and the subjugated people as slaves.

War damages would be governed by the cost of conquest which was to be levied on each country proportionately. Each German soldier killed was to cost a capital payment of 25,000 marks indemnity to Germany and a like amount for his family. Wounded were to receive pro rata payment of a similar sum, the whole to be financed with "loans from Germany repayable only in raw materials, manufactured goods or agricultural produce."

It is to be hoped that the Allies will apply to the Germans some of the methods Germany originated for the rest of the world in settling the reparations problem. Sauce for the goose should be sauce for the gander.

## Out of Your Pocket

Scarcely four months after a similar proposal was rejected by the voters, the Salem Electric cooperative and its manager, Harry B. Reed, are back asking the people of Salem to underwrite a special low-cost electric rate for certain downtown business establishments by approving a special franchise which will permit the co-op to dispense electric power in a segregated area of 30 blocks in the business district.

If they succeed in thus subsidizing a power service for a group of hand-picked business clients, it will be up to the rest of the city, principally the domestic users of electricity, to make up the deficit which will accrue to the private utility serving the rest of the city. These 30 blocks, comprising the heart of its system where facilities are compact and customers can be served cheapest, represent the cream of the private company's business. It is the larger margin of profit there which enables the company to serve its residential patrons at nominal rates.

It does not necessarily follow that loss of this premium business will mean an immediate increase in residential rates, but the loss will certainly be reflected in the company's inability to continue its progressive reductions in its rates for home users of light and power. Salem Electric is not a publicly owned utility. It is a private enterprise, operated wholly for the benefit of the manager, its other employees and its members. If the city of Salem at some time in the future should decide to engage in the business of distributing and selling electricity, it would be compelled to buy out two competitors instead of one utility system if this franchise is approved.

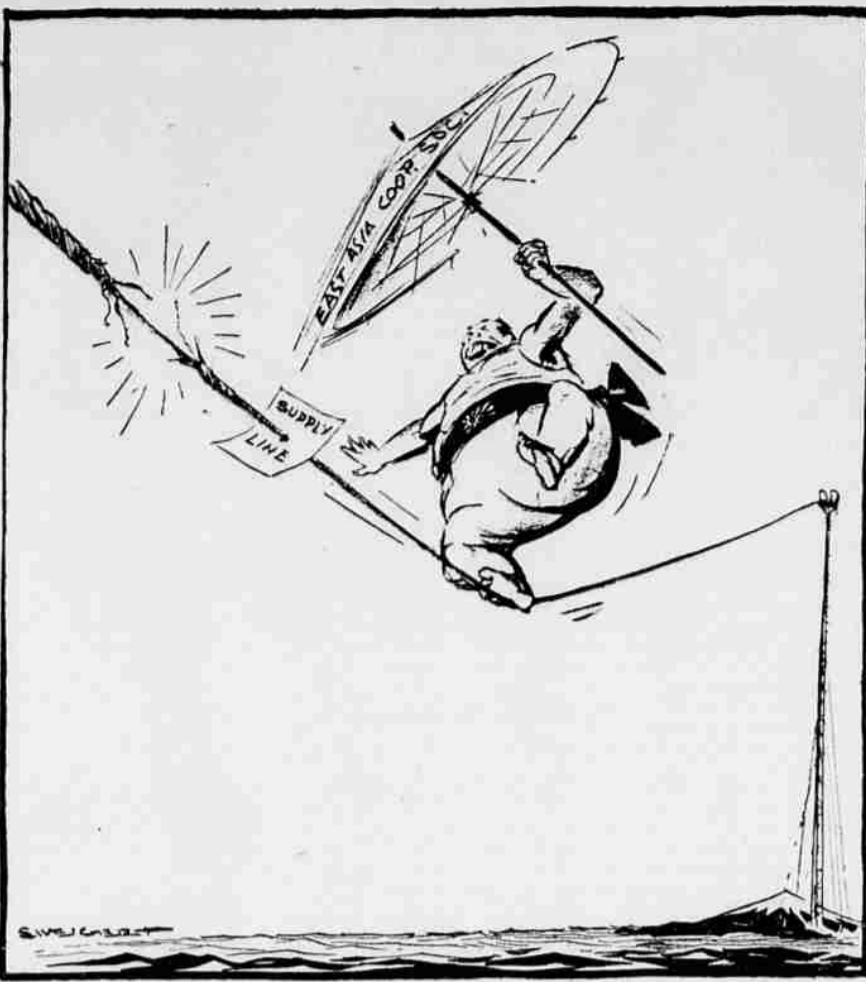
The prudent citizen will vote 503 X No at the special election Friday, June 22.

## Transfer of House Units Not Protested

Portland, June 13 (AP)—The Portland housing authority said yesterday it has agreed not to protest transfer of up to 1,200 dwelling units from Vanport, Ore., to Bremerton, Wash., in the next six months, with the reservation that complaints may be entered during the six months period should conditions change so as to make the units necessary at Vanport.

Harry Freeman, Portland housing authority executive director, said no dates had been set for transfer of any of the units.

Silverton—Mrs. Marion MacNeill Girard of Albany returned to her home from a four-day visit in Silverton at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. William MacNeill.



## The War Today

An interpretative analysis of war developments by a famous Associated Press war correspondent.

By J. M. Roberts, Jr. (Associated Press War Analyst)  
Japanese propagandists have been threatening their people with an imminent American invasion although they know that we are not yet set for climactic action.

They intend to use the next few months to prepare in every way which our bombers will permit. They make much of forming a civilian defense army (like Germany's, which only got in the way of regular troops when the showdown came). But they say nothing of the two or three classes of men in reserve and in war plants that now face active duty.

With the end of the Okinawa campaign and the arrival of the monsoons in southeast Asia, we probably are entering a period of great preparation rather than great deeds. The possibility (and it is only a possibility) of some action to help the Chinese on the mainland coast was discussed in this column recently. Continued activity in the Indies is likely, but the capture of Java probably depends largely on the speed of the Borneo campaign and whether or not Java can be invaded before the forces required will be needed for the Tokyo job.

The Japanese have important forces—some say 250,000 men—in Malaya, Indo-China and Thailand. The British can be expected to continue and enlarge their Burma campaign in this direction, with the possibility of some help from the Chinese to the northeast. But any major action there between now and September will be hampered by the rains.

Knowing, then, that the Japanese people will be unable to see the massing of allied millions about them, the enemy propagandists are trying to make it appear that General Buckner and his 10th army will stride directly from the smoking battlefields of Okinawa to the main islands. His failure to do so will be portrayed as a great victory for the Japanese navy and air force; the people will be too frightened to grumble over a ration situation which obviously is becoming serious; politicians will rest more securely in their jobs (although after Okinawa's fall it is likely this will apply more to Suzuki's successor); and some progress will be made on a Japanese "volksturm" which won't be armed entirely with sharpened

## Kaiser Payroll Tax Paid Too Late

Attorney General George Neuner ruled today that the state industrial accident commission acted properly in refusing to credit a contribution made by the Kaiser Company, Inc., Portland, under the experience rating law.

The contribution was the company's payroll tax for last November. It was due December 15, but was not paid until Jan. 16, 1945.

The company claimed that this contribution should have been credited as having been paid last year to give the company a better experience rating for this year, and thus a lower tax rate for this year. Neuner ruled, however, that the contribution could not be credited for last year.

Peter Arno, who has become famous as a satirical artist, never studied art.

## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

If these sorta cold mornings keep up maybe the American Legion can add some interesting features at its Fourth of July celebration scheduled for Marion Square, such as fer instance, maybe a ski slide and the boys and girls at the carnival maybe will be able to throw snowballs at the darkey's head instead of the proverbial baseballs.

Word comes from Germany that the non-fraternization order handed out to keep the soldiers from chumming up with the Germans isn't being observed very well, especially the edict against the boy meets girl type of fraternization. O well, boys will be boys, as has been always known, whether they are at home or abroad. But it also

seems to be the case that girls will be girls, whether German or American. If the American army has some wolves on the prowl in the Rhineland it's a safe bet that there are also some wolverines on the prowl.

While indications point to there being a short diet in this country in some respects during the coming summer, how about the Japanese Diet. It simply gave up altogether and now there isn't any.

The cells for the new women's and children's ward at the county jail are being installed and a steel drill has been working over there today to put the steel cell blocks in place. Members of our FT & BA can juggle up a few memories if they want to by standing outside and listening to the drill. It sounds just like the one that works in a hollow tooth.

When Every Man Was His Own Juke Box (50 Yrs. Ago in The Dalles Chronicle)

"In the cabin and on the promenade deck the young people had gathered into groups and the customary old-time songs were sung. It doesn't matter much when everybody is in a good humor, how old the songs are or how badly they are sung."

Rumors about Camp Adair are now flying around as thick and fast as the rumors about when the war would end were flying around three months ago. Most folks are willing enough that none of them come true if this part of the war ends even before they have a chance to come true.

## Bishop Dagwell Progressing Well

Portland, June 13 (AP)—Rt. Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, Episcopal bishop of Oregon, was reported "doing well" in a Portland hospital today after major surgery. He was expected to be confined several weeks.

## Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

### Bare Facts

Seattle—The customers knew there wasn't any use asking butcher Tony Travelli for meat.

Tony ran clear out of supplies so he just mounted the skeleton of a lamb in his showcase and prospective patrons chuckled and passed on.

### Education

Roswell, N. M.—"We didn't know," six boys told Sheriff Pat O'Neill when they were caught shooting rabbits by auto headlights.

"All right," the sheriff told them, "I'll let you go if you each write a 1000-word essay and read it in English class next fall on the subject, 'The New Mexico law on firearms.'"

### Snake Lime

Milwaukee—One bus driver didn't have any difficulty in getting passengers to "step to the rear of the bus."

The passengers made a bee line for the rear and right out the back exit when a small boy permitted a half dozen harmless garter snakes to escape from their shoebox container.

### Authoritative

Omaha, Neb.—Claude C. Cornwall, Omaha's new war relocation authority officer, says his most difficult job in the coming months will be to find homes for additional Japanese-American families expected to move into the area.

Cornwall is an authority on house hunting. He hasn't been able to find a place for his own family.

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## No Strike, Says Phil Brady

Portland, Ore., June 13 (AP)—Reports of a general strike vote to be taken over Oregon by teamsters, chauffeurs, warehousemen and helpers union locals in sympathy with a Coos Bay local's demand for wage increases from three truck lines operating in that area, were termed "without foundation" today by Phil Brady, Portland president of the AFL Joint Council of Drivers, No. 37.

"There's not going to be any strike," Brady declared. "We're not going to violate the pledge we gave the great Franklin Roosevelt. That goes for Coos Bay and the whole state of Oregon."

"No request from local 689 of Coos Bay was made to this office for strike action," Brady continued, "and none will be given."

He explained that a strike sanction could only be voted by the joint council made up of seven members, including officers and executive committee members from each of the state's 22 locals.

Portland, Ore., June 13 (AP)—A woman leaped to her death from the Vista bridge on Portland's west side hills Tuesday after first throwing her dog ahead of her. She was identified tentatively as Marie Shanahan Laughlin, 34.

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