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Poor Arrangement

It is difficult to understand the insistence of Capitol Post No. 9, American Legion, in reserving for its own use each Monday evening the facilities of its building which are under lease to the USO as a recreation center for servicemen, particularly when for the first time since the center was opened nearly three years ago there is a demand for the center on that night of the week. Surely the Legion could make temporary arrangements to meet elsewhere for the short period of time the building will be needed to accommodate the servicemen from Camp Adair.

The Legion has done a complete about face in its attitude toward leasing its quarters since the proposal to establish a USO club was first broached here three years ago. Then they actively campaigned for the selection of their quarters for the recreation center, and left no stone unturned to secure approval of their undeveloped and mortgage laden clubhouse as the USO center.

During those three years the Legion has collected nearly \$7000 in rent from the government and the USO. It has also benefited to the extent of approximately \$11,000 expended in remodeling and improving their property. From October, 1942, to April, 1943, they collected a monthly rental of \$200 from the FSA. From April, 1943, that \$200 was supplemented by \$40 a month from the USO until November, 1944, when Camp Adair closed down and the center went on a restricted use bases. From then until June of this year the local USO council paid \$60 a month for limited use of the building and in June the rent was again raised to \$100 a month. Under the lease just signed USO will pay the Legion \$250 a month for use of the building with Monday nights reserved for the Legion's use. The Legion further retains full time use of one room for office purposes.

Under this arrangement servicemen from Camp Adair and elsewhere who happen to be in town Monday nights will have to forego use of the center and will have to be content with such makeshift accommodations as can be provided at the Y.M.C.A. But the mortgage has been lifted from the "old homestead" and there is no promise that Uncle Sam will play Santa Claus in the distribution of additional improvements or that he will move the USO elsewhere, so the Legion is riding high.

Unrest in Defeated Japan

Tokyo radio broadcasts report that beaten Japan is on the verge of an internal upheaval and fear of a public outburst is voiced in appeals to the people for maintenance of "peace and order." Other broadcasts warn that the "hot-headed" militarists might take direct action because of distaste for alien occupation and resentment. However we are assured that the greater part of the military will "strictly obey" the emperor's appeal for strict discipline in the armed forces. The great industrialists, intent on the rehabilitation of their plants advocate co-operation with the enemy for a long range rebuilding of the empire along lines acceptable to the conquerors.

The fact that Japanese armies in China and Manchuria and on the scattered islands are surrendering, although those in Singapore, Indo-China, Thailand and Burma are still defiant, indicate that the fear of uprising is confined to the home islands among forces which the Tokyo reports say "remain intact without any actual defeat on the field of battle and their morale unimpaired."

News of the surrender came as a great shock to the Japanese people, for outside of the bombing of cities and industries, which did not seriously lower their morale any more than it did that of the Germans, they had experienced few of the horrors of war and been kept in complete ignorance of their defeats on land, sea and air, and fed only the propaganda of victory. It took actual invasion to destroy Germany and force surrender and Japan never experienced it.

If there is an uprising in Japan it will be due largely to long suppression of news and the substitution of inspired propaganda since long before Pearl Harbor. In fact suppression of the free press in all the Axis countries contributed largely to the wars of aggression backed by misled and deluded people. The Japanese people, led by a living god, thought defeat impossible as Japan fulfilled their divine mission of world conquest. Whether the bitterness of disillusionment and of national collapse will sow the seeds of another war by inspiring an unconquerable hatred of the conqueror among the Nipponese, depends upon the wisdom, firmness and fairness of their treatment by the foreigners.

The Clash in China

Chiang Kai-Shek has again dispatched an urgent message to the Chinese communist leader, Gen. Mao Tze-Tung, at Yenan, asking him to reconsider his refusal to attend a conference at Chungking to avert a civil war, and formulate China's national policies. The Reds are trying to force the Japanese to surrender to them instead of the National government forces, and take over the territory now held by the Japanese.

Chinese Reds are counting on assistance from Russia, though none has been received for years and it is doubtful if it will be forthcoming, for Russia is working with the Allies and is desirous of harmony and the Allies are backing Chiang.

Unofficial reports state that Soviet Russia has agreed to "soft pedal" the Chinese communist issue in return for considerable territorial concessions in north China. These are believed to involve Chinese concessions as follows:

1. Chinese have agreed to a free port for the Russians at Port Arthur.
2. China is ceding to Russia the strategic Tanu Tavu area on the border of Outer Mongolia and Siberia, and giving the Soviets a free hand in Outer Mongolia.
3. Considerable concessions have been made in the long disputed Sian lang area where the central government recently replaced the pro-Soviet governor with a diehard Chiang Kai-Shek follower.
4. China agrees to a Soviet sphere of influence in Korea.

This would permit China to retain Inner Mongolia and obtain control of Manchuria, necessary for China to become an industrial power, and avoid breaching the Cairo declaration and incurring Anglo-American displeasure.

There is little similarity between Chinese communism and Russian communism as developed under Stalin the realist.

Japs Report Death Of Hsiao Chu-Hsuan

The Japanese Domei agency today reported that Gen. Hsiao Chu-Hsuan, 53, former war minister of the Japanese puppet government at Nanking, died yesterday morning.

Gen. Hsiao's death followed by two days that the Chen Chun, president of the Examination Yuan of the Nanking puppet government, whose passing was reported yesterday by Domei. In neither case was the cause of death disclosed.

Mexico's most important commercial and industrial laws are now available in English.



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

A local business man was telling us yesterday he had three applicants for jobs. One from a draftsman and the other two from welders just let out at an aircraft plant. This is about as many as he had during the war. Each of the applicants said they were willing to do any kind of

work if they could get a job. Maybe coming events still cast their shadows before.

Fred Shay, the well known ice man, is urging us to start a campaign for restoration of good old fashioned time the way it existed before this daylight savings blight fell on the country. While we're a long way from where it is decided whether folks will get up and go to bed like normal human beings or be shunted around into all kinds of odd habits, we side with Fred. It seems to us that Fred, the ice man, is in a good position to throw cold water on the daylight savings idea himself.

Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

Dog Days

St. Louis, Mo.—Dog-Catcher Norman Blum swerved his truck in the nick of time to avoid an accident yesterday, then: The truck jumped the curb, flattened 16 feet of fence and overturned. His brother, Claude, riding with him, was hospitalized; the truck was damaged to the extent of \$200, and all 11 of the impounded dogs he had been carrying escaped in the confusion.

Warriors Defeat Oakland Twice

Fort Lewis, Aug. 21 (AP)—The Fort Lewis Warriors baseball team won their 29th and 30th straight victories, tromping Oakland's Pacific coast nine 11-3, and the Los Angeles Angels, 5-3, yesterday in afternoon and evening encounters.

The Warriors made five runs in the first inning of the afternoon Oakland game, aided by a homer by Gale Bishop, former Washington State college star. In the second game, though the going was a bit harder, the Warriors drew first blood in the second with three runs, the Angels tied it in the third, but the Soldiers came in with one each in the fifth and sixth.

Sorboe Promises T Program, WSC

Spokane, Aug. 21 (AP)—Coach Phil Sorboe, who will fill Orin E. Hollingbery's shoes as football mentor at Washington State college, yesterday promised the T-formation would be part of the W.S.C. strategy this fall.

"I can't promise how many games we'll win this fall, but you'll see something new in football," said the former W.S.C. grid star.

Regarding the T-formation: "Even the nation's great power coaches, men like Bernie Bierman of Minnesota, are swinging over to it. They like its versatility and the fact it can cover all types of offenses."

Washington State begins its season against University of Idaho at Moscow September 29.

Portland, Aug. 21 (AP)—Two of Portland district OPA executives have resigned to return to private business.

George I. Curry will return to the Electrical Distribution company, and Ed H. Shea returns to the Royal Spring Canyon Standard Utah Mines sales offices here.

ter sent to general delivery—and while you're here finish serving that 30-day sentence.

The Voice of Experience

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)

Enjoy yourself while you are young. After you pass the meridian of youth you will be kept so bus picking seeds out of your teeth that you won't be able to participate in any of the good times.

People who have been throwing away their ration stamps should hesitate. Maybe they should keep them as souvenirs to give to their grandchildren. They might get to use them in the next war.

An Echo From Up-River

(Independence Enterprise)

Sips for Supper of the Capital Journal must be taking his vacation, at least his column has been missing from the paper this week. A rest is good at times for anyone, even readers.

We bet in foregoing paragraph the editor of the Enterprise is trying to say something mean.

Since the speed limit has been lifted for cars a lot of the boys now can drive the same way they have been but without fear of getting arrested.

Solidarity of Big Three Tested by Eastern Situation

By DeWitt Mackenzie

(A.P. Foreign Affairs Analyst)

The shadow of that most dreaded of all conflicts—civil war—is striking across China and, if we accept Tokyo reports, Japan also is hearing internal rumblings which grow out of her surrender to the allies. Thus we see political dissension tearing at the focal points of the far eastern theater, just as it did in Europe with the collapse of the Axis. The difference of these two extremes of the eastern hemisphere is that the explosions in the Orient easily may be more violent, although there still are the makings of strife in more than one of Europe's trouble-spots.

Specifically: the dangerous feud between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's Chungking government and the great body of northern Chinese communists is reported to have burst into flame in one spot, when Chinese forces clashed with Chinese communist troops in Shansi province. Meantime from Tokyo came a stream of broadcasts carrying the implication of internal unrest. The Japanese government even informed MacArthur that it would be necessary for the present to keep

armed Jap forces both in Japan and on the continent to maintain order.

Those are the facts, but they don't warrant us in jumping to sweeping conclusions. Developments alone will tell the story.

Severe Test Possible

The point which we can stress legitimately is that relations among the Big Three—Russia, Britain and America—may be put to the acid test by these political difficulties in the Orient and in Europe. That's of far greater importance to the peace of the world than is a civil war, or half a dozen of them. We can't repeat too often that international peace depends on unity of the Big Three.

This trio doesn't always see eye to eye in the matter of handling the political problems. That's natural and nothing to worry about unduly—so long as the disagreements are kept well in hand. However, let's recognize at once that some of the crises both in Europe and in the Orient are potentially explosive.

We have an example in Russia's sphere of influence in the Balkans. Last Saturday, U. S. Secretary of State Byrnes notified the Bulgarian government that the United States considered it didn't fully represent the people of Bulgaria. Yesterday British Foreign Secretary Bevin told the house of commons that Britain won't recognize the government of Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary at present because they "do not in our view represent the majority of the people, and the impression we get from recent developments is that one kind of totalitarianism is being replaced by another." Bevin didn't mention communism specifically, but the implication was there.

That is only one phase of the situation in which the whole eastern hemisphere is swinging "left." This poses two blunt questions: Can we expect Russia not to look with approval at this swing? By the same token, can we expect Britain and America always to look with approval at extreme tendencies?

I think the answer to both these questions is in the negative.



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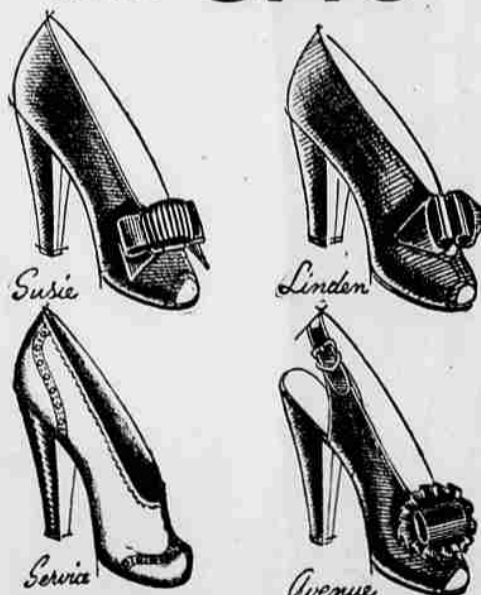
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