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## Contrasts in Treatment of Japanese

Those who have been criticizing General MacArthur's "soft treatment" of the Japanese are pointing to the Australian and British method of handling the surrendered enemy garrisons in the recaptured Pacific islands, Malaya and Hong Kong as the ideal we should follow in the Nip homeland. Correspondents report concerning British occupation in Hong Kong:

"Here the Japanese know they have lost the war—and no nonsense about it. When British officers tell the Japanese to jump, they jump—and jumping Japanese troops and sailors in the colony were rounded up in the first few days of the occupation, disarmed, and put into concentration camps. Scattered rations were given them. When they complained, the British told them: 'This is just what you fed allied prisoners. If it was good enough for them, it's bloody well good enough for you!'"

The only time the Japanese are permitted by the British to come out of the concentration camps is to repair roads, put the airstrips back into service and clean up camp areas. British did not ask them to turn in their arms when they took control. They made them strip naked, then made sure that all weapons were confiscated.

There is of course a great difference between occupying and governing isolated recaptured garrisons of several thousand troops and occupying a country of 70,000,000 people. The success of MacArthur's occupation speaks for itself. Not an American life has been lost and two thirds of Japan's great home army has already been demobilized and the disarming of the balance will soon be an accomplished fact and that without bloodshed.

General MacArthur is gradually tightening control, war prisoners being rounded up for trial, munition plants destroyed and the punishment, just beginning, will be long and bitter, he states. The Japanese are not being treated brutally, but the surrender terms, no matter how harsh, are being rigidly enforced.

Japan is being treated in a civilized, humane way consistent with American traditions and to repeat the barbarism the Japanese practiced on the Allies would lower us to level of the conquered, create bitterness and strife and undo our objective of democratic reform of a nation destroyed by its own aggression.

## Snell Proves Mettle

Governor Earl Snell certainly did not endear himself politically with state CIO leaders and their PAC followers when he ordered the state police to intervene in a jurisdictional labor dispute at Klamath Falls to prevent threatened violence and disorder. But he did win a lot of compensating credit from impartial advocates of law and order. Although the governor acted at the request of the local sheriff, he could have dodged the demand for assistance until it was proven that the situation was beyond the power of the local officers to control. Suffice it to say, he didn't dodge.

The situation which he directed state troopers to assist in handling grew out of a strike of CIO operating employees of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company mill for a closed shop to squeeze out AFL machinists. The latter, serving as maintenance men, had been kept from work for several days by threats and implications of violence on the part of CIO pickets. Twice during the past week the machinists attempted to return to work but turned back before reaching the picket lines when advised by Sheriff Lloyd Low that he could not provide them with adequate protection.

By his action Governor Snell has served notice upon union leaders that he does not propose to have jurisdictional squabbles interrupt and interfere with the orderly processes of protection in Oregon during the period of reconversion, and that he will countenance no violence in connection with strikes.

The Klamath Falls incident provided the governor with a timely opportunity to clearly state his position as regards interference by striking unions with the constitutional right of individual citizens to work and earn a livelihood. That he did not grasp the opportunity to clarify his position for all time is regrettable, but this failure to do so does not permit of any misinterpretation of his attitude in the matter. Strikes and peaceful picketing have a recognized place in the settlement of legitimate labor differences. But jurisdictional quarrels between unions and violence which imposes upon the rights of the public, employer and innocent individuals does not. The people look to the governor and other public officials to prevent such abuses.

## Thrice Paid Bonuses

For reasons that are not readily apparent, considering the attitude of returning servicemen toward pampered war workers, the administration continues to court political favor of this element by further coddling them in shaping the unemployment compensation bill over which the senate is now battling. Typical of this legal bribery is the action of the upper house in defeating a motion to strike from the bill a section under which war workers who took jobs requiring them to leave their permanent homes will be paid up to \$200 to defray the expense of returning home or traveling to a new job.

Shorn of all its altruistic camouflage this provision amounts to the payment of a third bonus to thousands of workers in war industries and constitutes further economic discrimination against other civilians and the men and women who served in the armed forces. The first bonus was paid when literally hundreds of thousands of these favored workers were offered and paid transportation to their war jobs. The second was contained in the premium wages and outrageous overtime they were paid on their jobs, which should have enabled them to lay aside ample money on which to return to their homes. This third bonus is so unexpected that it comes as a surprise to even the most optimistic of its beneficiaries.

Previous to rewarding these workers with a third bonus the senate had rejected a proposal to pay a minimum unemployment benefit of \$25 a week and had directed that the employment service be turned back to the individual states. But this was done because the demands of their constituents whom they will have to face at the polls next year were louder in their ears than the pleas of administration leaders.

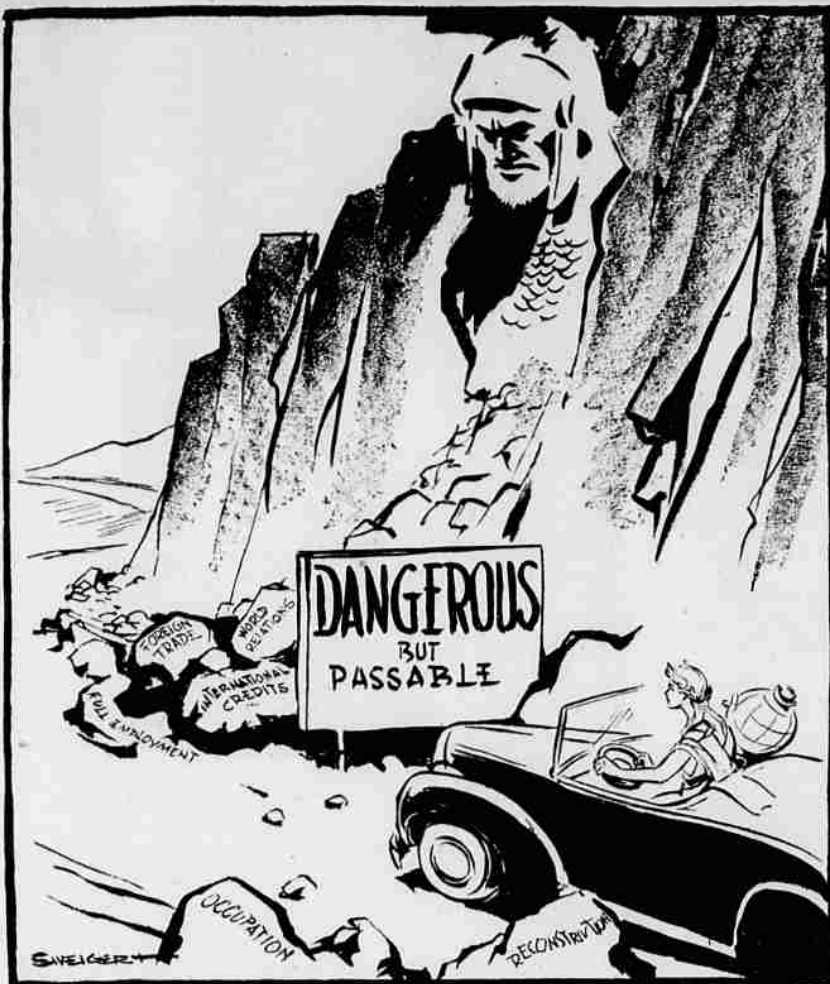
## Race Clinic Wants Negro Nurses Trained

Portland, Sept. 21 (AP)—A recommendation that all hospitals with nurses' training here admit negro student nurses was on record today from a one-day race relations clinic sponsored by the Portland Council of Churches.

The clinic also urged Port-

landers to patronize restaurants "which do not discriminate against serving negroes and other minority groups." An investigation was requested into a policy preventing permanent federal housing from accommodating negroes.

Principal speaker at the clinic was Dr. George E. Haynes, New York, for 20 years director of the race relations department of the Federal Council of Churches.



## Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

As 7:30 approached this a. m., the time set aside by the Los Angeles prophet for the end of the world to be consummated, the fatal moment found all of the downtown restaurants that happened to be open, crowded with people shoving grub into themselves just as though it was their last meal and they wanted to be blown over to the other side well prepared against any eventualities. However, nothing more happened than the customary calamity of having to pay the check for what they had eaten and then getting off to work. It was quite a disappointment all around. Probably the guy who did the guessing got hold of a last year's calendar by mistake and was jostled off the beam. Maybe he'll do better next time. However, the end of the world is the only holiday that Art Bahm and Harry McWhorter forgot to get on their current calendar in red letters.

We hear quite a bit of rejoicing around that it's possible now to go ahead and get a new house built without any government restrictions. So anyone who has the money can now get a \$1500 house for \$10,000 if he feels like it.

## Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

### Tables Turned

Albuquerque, N. M.—Rather than try himself in police court, Judge E. C. Gober forfeited five dollars.

The turn about case occurred when Gober, rushing to preside at police court, parked his red truck in the alley.

Moments later the mayor followed by the city manager started for their homes to find their way barred by the truck. A policeman was called and Gober forfeited his bond thus escaping trying himself.

### Women's Ingenuity

Hollywood—New ideas for the entertainment of returning servicemen are becoming a habit with the fairer sex.

The latest ingenious bit has been added to the list by Dinah Shore.

Dinah announces that when the next shipload of veterans arrives from overseas, she and a guitar player aboard a blimp will hover just above deck and welcome them home with song and music.

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### Problem in Mathematics

(Random Lengths) Soldiers who wish to be a hero Number practically zero; Those who wish to be civilians Number way up in the millions.

He was an elderly gentleman, reposing slightly at an angle on a cane, standing on a downtown street corner evidently waiting for a bus. A rather chunky young woman came tripping along, attired in shorts. The elderly gentleman watched her as she passed and followed her with his eyes, his lip curled slightly in disdain. A minute or two later along came a woman who weighed about 195 pounds, but she was in slacks. The old man's eyes also followed her until she turned a corner. As he looked back to see if the bus was coming he remarked to the world in general, "Holy cow, there oughta be another flood!"

### Revamping the Trousseau

(Exchange) "The bride is to be resurfaced with brick, laid herringbone style on a bed of sand with concrete mixture in the joints."

Sports commentators on the radio are beginning to make predictions about coming football results just like they used to before the war and the predictions still continue to be good things not to bet any money on.

Next thing we know football pools will begin bobbing up surreptitiously in odd places and the sucker race will be on once more.

### Increase Sharp In Traffic Deaths

Portland, Sept. 21 (AP)—This city's traffic deaths increased 68 percent during the first eight months of 1945 compared with the same period last year, the traffic safety commission said today.

Traffic accidents climbed 13 percent. August, Month when gas rationing ended, showed a 34 percent rise in accidents over last year.

## Points Off Low Beef Grades

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—The three lowest grades of beef will be sold without ration points on October 1, food officials said today.

These grades, known as canner, cutter and utility, are used principally in canned and processed meats, hamburger, sausage and boiling meat. They make up about 20 percent of the beef supply.

Pork, lamb and three top grades of beef—commercial, good and choice—will continue to require ration points. The three top grades of beef are the source of most steaks, roasts and other popular table cuts.

The low grades of beef will remain technically on the rationing list, although their ration values will be reduced to zero. This makes it much simpler from an administrative standpoint, officials explained, to restore them to ration control should it become necessary.

Action on the three lowest grades of beef, they said, reflected an increasing supply of beef, particularly of the lower grades. Marketings of cattle from western and southwestern pasture and range areas are increasing sharply to follow the normal fall marketing pattern.

There has been no indication when the rationing of the other meats may be terminated. Officials have said that this will be determined largely by overseas commercial and relief requirements.

### Statehood Predicted By Alaska Delegate

Portland, Sept. 21 (AP)—E. L. Bartlett, Alaska's delegate in congress, predicted here the territory would attain statehood within the next few years.

He stopped here briefly with a congressional delegation en route to study Alaskan post-war problems.

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## Mac Kenzie's Column

By DeWitt Mackenzie

The big five council of foreign ministers in London seems to be moving with determination (though with due caution) for a closer inspection of the several crises in the Balkans—those small but troublesome states which comprise the political atomic bomb of Europe.

The matter of immediate importance is to clear the way for the framing of peace treaties with the axis satellites—Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania. In the interest of accuracy it should be said that Hungary technically isn't one of the Balkans, but it's a Danubian country and so is generally included.

The situation is difficult and it is delicate, for it presents a sharp clash of views between the Anglo-American allies and the Russians. Indeed it's so delicate that allied statesmen have hesitated to give things their true names and have dealt rather in euphemisms. The further the conference of the big five ministers proceeds, however the more openly the matter is being handled.

### Russia in Background

The background of the whole picture is the emergence of Russia as dominant power of the eastern hemisphere.

Since the Balkans represent one of the red hot spots it's well for us to get clearly in mind what is involved. To take the lid off the kettle, the position is that the new governments of Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria are strongly communistic, which represents a heavy swing to the left. England and the United States refuse to recognize these regimes, on the ground that they don't represent the people as a whole. Washington and London want fresh elections held under conditions which will guarantee representative governments.

Russia, on the other hand, maintains that the present governments do speak for all the people. Moscow is well satisfied with them—an attitude which is easy to understand, since the Soviet government would indeed display an odd tendency if it went about ousting other communistic regimes.

Naturally, this situation has given rise to debate in diplomatic circles whether these red governments of Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania were in effect installed by Moscow—whether Russia is taking unilateral action in the Balkans. The Soviet answer is that it favors these governments and that they are truly democratic. No compromise seen. Anyway there's no compromise in sight among the big three. Uncle Sam and John Bull both insist that peace treaties

shouldn't be signed with the present governments.

And what is likely to be the outcome? Well, I don't think it matters a hill of small potatoes to the final picture what happens to the present governments of Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary. Russia already has established herself as the dominant power of the Balkans, barring Greece and Turkey, where her influence will be strongly felt though they probably will continue to lean towards England.

Now of course acceptance of this viewpoint doesn't mean that America and Britain shouldn't stand fast by their principles and insist on elections in these satellite countries. My point is that no matter how you add it up—whether you have new elections or whether you don't—you will get the same answer, which is that the Balkans already have been incorporated in Moscow's sphere of influence. That's not so surprising when you stop to think that before the war the Balkans (down as far as Greece and Turkey) were in Germany's zone of domination.

## Neuner Rules Against Wallace Challenge

No state law can be declared unconstitutional because of the composition of the legislature, because the legislators themselves judge election and qualifications of members, Attorney General George Neuner has informed Sen. Lew Wallace of Multnomah county.

Because Multnomah did not have as many legislators as the constitution allows, Wallace had questioned the legality of such a body's action. Neuner replied that if Multnomah county had more legislators, other districts would have less, because the constitution limits the total number of legislators.

The law must set up machinery to take a census every 10 years to make a constitutional provision for such a census, starting with the year 1865, effective, Neuner also explained to Wallace.

## 536 Added to U. S. War Casualties

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—U. S. war casualties have reached 1,071,266, or 536 more than a week ago.

Comparative army figures in the latest count are: killed, 205,569 and 205,045; wounded 571,698 and 571,608; missing 24,131 and 25,082; prisoners, 120,988 and 120,657.

Navy figures: killed 54,068 and 53,809; wounded 80,236 and 79,752; missing, 11,197 and 11,262; prisoners, 3379 and 3005.

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