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Why a Separate Drive for Red Cross?

Every year at this time the question arises: Why does the American Red Cross hold its own separate campaign for membership and financial support?

It's a reasonable question to ask and the answer is just as reasonable. The Red Cross is unique among national welfare agencies. It derives its authority from congress and is responsible to congress for its acts.

These and other duties involve emergency operations, often on a large scale. So the Red Cross must be free to mobilize and expand its services to meet situations as they arise.

Therefore, experience has shown that the Red Cross can not delegate its fund-raising responsibility to another agency. Nor can it commit itself to an alliance which might hinder its freedom or capacity to meet its national and international responsibility.

What has been the experience in the past with joint fund drives? General Marshall noted these findings in a personal investigation:

"I found that the Red Cross has already had unsatisfactory experience with joint fund raising. Between World War I and World War II more than 400 chapters merged their fund appeals with other organizations.

"After several years of insufficient funds and curtailed services to the community, chapters found it necessary to withdraw from joint funds. One by one they re-established their own separate campaigns in order to survive."

The general's point is well taken—and backed by experience.

Much Bigger Than a \$64 Question

The landslide of fillings for office by the political contenders leaves the average voter snowed under. It will take him a while to work his way out of the mass of names and to make his selections.

Meanwhile, he is going to start wondering about other measures that will likely be on the May primary ballot. And that brings up the important, but touchy, matter of city, school and county proposals that will call for taxes.

The city has been specific about its needs for the year. The cost has been figured at \$857,363. That would cover sewage treatment, sewers, drainage, bridges and airport improvement.

The school board had previously revealed what it will cost to build enough schools to care for the youngsters who are already here. The figure was for a three-year period, although the next eight years were anticipated, too.

The call for more schools is like the call of the city for its improvements. The need is already here. It is not for some possibility in the future.

Then the county has its needs, too, for some tax money. The county wants to finish collecting enough funds for the courthouse. There is the health center, also, that is pushed as an immediate necessity.

The average voter in Salem will scratch his head in wonderment at all this. The next thing he wants to know is exactly how much the city, school and county needs will total when billed to him. That is not the \$64 question but the many million dollar question for May.

Something to Shout About
Los Angeles is trying to propagandize Oregon. The Los Angeles harbor commission is blanketing the area with pamphlets telling what a fancy port the largest city in the west has.

Beneath the ballyhoo is a remarkable story. The Los Angeles harbor is man-made. It was planned and built for shipping. It emerged from the mudflats. And it is actually 20 miles south of the city of Los Angeles itself.

In creating what the pamphlet convincingly insists is a first-class harbor, Los Angeles has proved that the citizens of a community with imagination and courage can build a better place. The limitations of the mudflats were overcome. The distance of 20 miles from the city proper was ignored. Despite handicaps and hardships, Los Angeles did build the harbor. And it's been only in the past 50 years.

Too often obstacles are man-made, the pamphlet would seem to say. That's not bad kind of propaganda.

Road Cited for Contempt of Court
Prineville, Ore., March 14 (AP)—Circuit Judge Ed Howell of John Day, Ore., has won himself a place in the hearts of central Oregon residents.

Howell was delayed in arriving here yesterday to open court when Circuit Judge Ralph Hamilton of Bend became suddenly ill. He said a "deplorable" stretch of road on state highway 28 near Mitchell had caused him to bog down temporarily and that he was promptly holding that particular route in contempt of court.

He said, however, the action would be dropped if the state highway department gets busy with some temporary paving and announced that he would support residents in their appeals to have the route put back in shape.

Quick Thinker Wins Out
Omaha, March 14 (AP)—A department store clerk told this story today:

A man and a woman spotted a pair of women's shoes at the same time. Each grabbed one shoe and tried to out-talk the other one.

Then the man pulled out his billfold and paid for the shoes. "I can't find the left shoe for this pair, but it's okay," he told the clerk. "My wife has lost her left leg so I'll pay the full price for one. Wrap it up."

Two hours later, the man came back and picked up the other shoe.

BY H. T. WEBSTER
Life's Darkest Moment



KRISS-KROSS
Salem Seems Empty This Week Without the Kids

Once again, it's state tournament week at Eugene. Many Salemites still vividly recall the many years that the colorful tournament was held in Salem...

Restaurants and owners will long remember those flocks of kids at tournament time...

Two housewives, waiting their turn at an Independence grocery store, were overheard discussing the last depression.

A card received by one of our newsroom colleagues announces the birth of four boys and four girls. The receiver of the card thought he had stumbled onto something more sensational than the Budd sextuplets of the Steve Roper comic strip.

Elmer D. Cook, Polk county justice of the peace, writes his signature with just one, unbroken line...

Melbourne, Australia, March 14 (AP)—When his truck caught fire on the highway, the driver put in a rush call to the fire departments of two nearby towns to bring fire extinguishers.

The firemen put out the blaze and then inspected the goods the truck was hauling. They found a load of 400 fire extinguishers.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN
America and Australia Agree On All-out Effort Against Reds

It's of more than passing interest that the U. S. secretary of state and the Australian minister of external affairs—laboring a world apart—should simultaneously call for concerted and intensified effort by democracy to meet the challenge of Russian communism.

These statements apparently are coincidental, yet both recognize the fundamental fact that Moscow is out for world domination. In effect they are a warning to folks who continue to dally with the thought that the cold war can be halted at this juncture by compromise.

There isn't anything which can halt communism, except something that is better and stronger than communism.

Mr. Spender then made a statement in time might prove far-reaching results in the relationship between Australia and America. He declared that Australia's aim is "to build up with the United States something that the same relationship as exists within the British Commonwealth."

The Australian minister called attention to the fact that the center of gravity of world affairs now lies in the Pacific and Asia areas. That is a true bill. The weight of the cold war has shifted from Europe to the Far East, and the outcome of the conflict will be decided in that great theatre.

So, judging from the statements of the two foreign ministers, America and Australia are thinking along similar lines in the matter of the conflict with communism. That is, the time has arrived for a "total" effort on the part of the democracies.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND
New B-36 Could Fly to Moscow And Return at Speed of Sound

Washington—The air force is now designing a supersonic B-36 that will be able to accomplish what hitherto was considered the impossible—a nonstop flight to Russia and back at the speed of sound.

What this new bomber means, however, is that the air force will now be able to make hit-and-run attacks again Russia at tremendous speed from home bases in the United States.

The plan, still on the drawing boards, is to streamline the present B-36 by giving it swept-back wings and a turbo-prop engine.

Present trouble with supersonic jet planes is that their range is limited. However, the propeller-powered B-36 now has a range of 10,000 miles, and addition of the new supersonic propeller will give it a speed faster than sound.

McCarthy's Witch Backfires
Last year, likable young Senator Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin asked some friends for advice on what he could do to ensure his re-election in 1953.

One friend urged that he push the St. Lawrence seaway which would benefit the Great Lakes and bring new business to Wisconsin. It was also urged that he work for closer industrial cooperation between neighboring Canada and the Great Lakes states.

Today the man who urged this latter advice, Father Edmund A. Walsh of Georgetown university, is not happy at the outcome; while republican leaders are getting unhappier by the minute at the antics of the junior senator from Wisconsin.

In the first place, McCarthy's witch hunt for communists inside the state department has disrupted our entire foreign service at a time when our foreign relations are more delicately balanced than ever.

Second, politically-minded republicans hitherto could make broad charges about communists in the state department and get away with it. But now the harm-scarem senator from Wisconsin has reduced it all to cold figures.

Finally some of the republican senators who really know the situation in his state are afraid the democrats will raise the cry of: "Look who's talking!"

For Joe McCarthy had some troubles back home which don't bear too much inspection including an income tax argument and a move for his disbarment.

His tax troubles occurred in 1943, when the state of Wisconsin claimed he failed to disclose an income of \$42,000. Joe explained that he had made some money speculating in stocks while he was out of the United States and not a citizen of Wisconsin; therefore, he didn't have to pay a state income tax.

Joe also managed to compromise his tax troubles with the federal government.

One year later, 1944, Joe ran against GOP Senator Alex Wiley in the primaries and received a total contribution of \$18,000 from his father, his brother and his brother-in-law. Wiley defeated him. But when the campaign smoke was over, it was discovered that McCarthy's father didn't have enough income to file a tax return himself.

Bandit Gets Sympathetic
Detroit, March 14 (AP)—The young bandit who held up Gus Lakas' little grocery store Sunday night found just \$3 in the cash register.

He took the money out, then handed a dollar bill back to Lakas.

"You're about as poor as I am," the youth said, and fled.

BY CARL ANDERSON
Henry



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER
Love Rates as Big Problem To Dwindling List of Kings

New York (AP)—Come, fellow peasants, let us sit upon the ground and tell sad tales of the plight of kings.

The common man used to believe he bore most of the world's woes, but it turns out kings have their troubles, too.

In the last century people worried because there were too many kings on thrones—and not enough in poker hands.

Today unemployment is the plague of monarchs. In olden times kings were bounced off their thrones because (1) they went mad, (2) they cut off too many heads, (3) a stronger relative wanted the job, (4) they lost a war, or (5) folks just got tired of paying them too much in taxes.

Now, however, kings seem to lose their ermine and scepter over love—love, that wonderful four-letter word.

They gave up their power, their prestige, their dominions—but, by cracky, the kings have showed a stubborn streak when it came to love. They have insisted on exercising the right that princes have always had in fairy tales, and commoners have had in real life: the right to go with the gal they like.

King Carol, for instance, said, "To heck with Romania—I'll take Madame Lupescu."

Before he had even sat on the throne of England long enough to get it warm, Edward VIII gave it up for Mrs. Simpson, "the woman I love."

And widower King Leopold felt he couldn't help it if Belgium was overrun by invaders, and went right ahead and married a commoner.

Now Leopold has won a referendum showing a majority of Belgium's voters want him returned to his home country and throne.

One thing you have to say about these monarchs: They have all stuck by the girl of their choice. And all the world loves a steadfast lover, crowned or crownless. Certainly all wives do.

That is why the latest jobless monarch, young chief Seretse Khama of Bechuanaland, has much public sympathy.

The Oxford-educated chief, an involuntary exile in London, is pining for his absent bride, pretty Ruth Williams, a former typist, who is holding the fort for him back home in darkest Africa.

Seretse rules 100,000 Bamangwatos, the largest tribe in Bechuanaland, a 275,000-square-mile chunk of "the unknown continent."

With a gallantry rare even in civilized lands, his tribal council has forgiven the young chief for marrying a white foreigner with no blue blood in her veins. They want him back.

But Britain's labor government, which relinquished India, the brightest jewel in the imperial crown, says, "No, Seretse, you stay in England and be a nice ex-chief." There are dark whispers as to why. There are hints that South Africa wants to take over Bechuanaland, and that a chief with an Oxford accent might stand in the way.

So far the best offer the labor government has made to Seretse is a guarantee of about \$3,750 a year if he will play ball.

Offhand, it looks like Seretse could do better on Broadway and Hollywood.

I'll bet Rodgers and Hammerstein could assure him of at least \$100,000 for a comic opera based on his life story—youth love versus the empire. He could pick up another \$100,000 or so from a film on the same subject.

Free Kiss Not in Price of Meal
Tokyo, March 14 (AP)—Miss Kaeko Takahashi, 28, a waitress in a Tokyo restaurant, let a diner know in no uncertain terms today that the price of a meal did not include a free kiss.

When he tried to embrace her, she bit his lip. The diner, vexed that his advances were spurned, smashed chairs and threw ash trays.

Miss Takahashi called police. They did not search very long before finding and arresting a man with a bleeding lip. No man can humiliate me just because I am a waitress," said Miss Takahashi.

says Harry James, Betty Grable's spouse.

But Eddie Cantor, one of the town's champion fathers, sticks up for his side of the family.

"Why is it so many mothers say to papa, 'you take those kids in hand—I haven't been able to do anything with them all day?'" He chuckled. He added that he plans to revive the tune, "What's the Matter with Father? He's All Right."

The town's champion mother, Maureen O'Sullivan, who has six with on the same side.

"I wouldn't be a father for anything," she said.

"You're so proud of them," Humphrey Bogart said, "that you leave everything up to your wife."

"Even later on when he starts asking all those questions, I'll say, 'ask your mother, son!'"

Robert Ryan admitted his wife does "all the hard work" raising their kids.