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MEMORIAL DAY

This is Memorial day, originally established by the Grand Army of the Republic to honor the Civil War dead and observed in all the northern states each year since.

Today Memorial day has a two-fold and closely related significance. It is the day to honor those who have fought and particularly those who have died in our nation's wars, of which there have been four since the one that prompted its establishment, one going on now. This is reason enough for a national holiday.

The people have by a custom that gains force year by year made this the occasion for honoring their own dead, irrespective of whether they fought in wars. One has only to visit any cemetery in the United States in the days preceding May 30 and he will see individuals and family groups with floral tributes for the graves of their loved ones. Work is also done at this suitable spring season on cemetery lots, so the nation's burial places present their greatest beauty of the entire year on this hallowed day. This has given Memorial day an added significance which was probably not foreseen by General John A. Logan and his G.A.R. comrades back in 1868, but which is entirely in keeping with the spirit in which the day was set aside.

Why do we honor our war dead? For their sacrifices of course, which helped pave the way to American national greatness. One need not argue that all our wars were necessary. Wiser statesmanship might at least have avoided some of them.

But once the die was cast and America was engaged in war the security of the nation depended entirely upon the valor with which it was defended. If it had not been defended with valor we would not occupy the place we do in the world today. And it's a proud place, regardless of what detractors at home and abroad may say.

Those who say that force never decides anything are completely unrealistic. It has and will continue to decide many vital matters, including which peoples remain free and which in chains. Ability and willingness to protect their rights have made some nations mighty, lack of it has doomed others to the ignoble role of international doormat. Those we honor today have played a noble role, irrespective of the role that may have been played by some of our politicians before the people were called to arms. And usually this too, has been honorable.

We always rejoice in the widespread observance of this great day of thanksgiving for the achievements and sacrifices of our forebears. It is one of our finest national traditions, whose observance makes us a better nation, with a stronger moral armament for the trials that are sure to continue to face us as we march bravely along history's danger beset highway.

RED OFFENSIVE IN KOREA

While leaders of the "big three" prepare to meet in Bermuda as a possible prelude to a peace conference with Russia, Red China launches its most furious offensive against the U.N. forces in Korea.

Fifteen thousand Chinese attacked on the west and central fronts, forcing American and Turkish troops to give up two outposts. Furious artillery bombardments were dished out by both sides and allied airmen joined in the battle.

Here is proof if any were needed, and it wasn't by realistic observers, of the complete falsity of Russia's vaunted "peace offensive." While the diplomats prepare for another of their "final" truce meetings Russia lets go with this attack to emphasize her attitude, which is anything but pacific.

The United States government and people are not disillusioned, for with few exceptions they recognized the Russian pretenses for what they were as soon as it became evident that the words were not matched by deeds.

But what of our supposed allies, Winston Churchill in particular, who have made unseemly haste to reach for a Russian hand that wasn't even proffered, arousing hopes they must have known would be blasted? And what can our western leaders do in Bermuda except engage in bitter recriminations?

'WORDS BUT BARREN SOUNDS'

Memorial Day

(From the Oration by Robert G. Ingersoll)

This day is sacred to our heroes dead. Upon their tombs we have lovingly laid the wealth of spring. This is a day for memory and tears. A mighty nation bends above its honored graves and pays to noble dust the tribute of its love.

Gratitude is the fairest flower that sheds its perfume in the heart. Today we tell the history of our country's life—recount the lofty deeds of vanished years—the toil and sufferings, the defeats and victories of heroic men—of men who made our nation great and free.

The flag for which the heroes fought, for which they died, is the symbol of all we are, of all we hope to be. It is the emblem of equal rights. It means free hands, free lips, self-government, and the sovereignty of the individual. It means that this continent has been dedicated to freedom. It means universal education—light for every mind, knowledge for every child. It means that the school house is the fortress of liberty. It means that "governments derive their just powers from the consent to be governed"; that each man is accountable to and for the Government; that responsibility goes hand in hand with liberty.

The flag is the emblem of a supreme will of a nation's power. Beneath its folds the weakest must be protected and the strongest must obey. It shields and canopies alike the loftiest mansion and the rudest hut. The flag was given to the air in the Revolution's darkest days. It represents the sufferings of the past, the glories yet to be, and, like the bow of heaven, it is the child of storm and sun. This day is sacred to the great heroic host who kept this flag above our heads, sacred to the living and the dead, sacred to the scarred and maimed, sacred to the wives who gave their husbands, to the mothers who gave their sons.

But what of those who fell? There is no language to express the debt we owe, the love we bear to all the dead who died for us. Words are but barren sounds. We can but stand beside their graves and in the hush and silence feel what speech has never told. They fought, they died, and for the first time since man has kept a record of events the heavens bent above and domed a land without a serf, a servant, or a slave.

SHALL THIS BE THEIR MEMORIAL?



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

British Wonder If This Is To Be the Last Coronation

By HAL BOYLE

London (AP) — Coronation chit-chat:

Many Americans have the idea next week's coronation may be the last in British Empire's history, and some English hold this view, too.

"The queen is young and will have a long reign, but will the throne survive after her?" one said. "After all times are changing, and we are changing with them."

This has been a century of war, privation and suffering for Britain's common people. And the contrast between their own pinched way of life and the pomp and pageantry of the royal family stirs some to grumble and question: "Is it worth the cost?"

Emrys Hughes, a Laborite Welshman, startled the house of commons last summer by proposing that the monarchy be ditched and Buckingham Palace turned into an apartment house. But the shocked conservatives went right ahead and voted the usual annual royal budget of \$1,336,000. They also refused a Laborite demand that the yearly allowance of the Duke of Edinburgh be chopped from \$112,000 down to \$28,000.

Hughes was so annoyed at the coronation festival he refused even to stay in town this week and look at the decorations. He stormed off to Scotland, saying he wouldn't return "until this jamboree is over." However, if he left an empty seat behind, no one has found it.

London is so crowded that they even have arranged for a floating hotel to care for visitors who can't find a bed ashore. It is the 10,123-ton Spanish liner, Monte Ulla, the largest vessel ever to enter London port.

But while many here may grumble at the high cost of maintaining the monarchy, there is little real evidence that Queen Elizabeth's son, fair-haired Prince Charlie, will grow up unemployed.

The crown is firm in the hearts of most British. You have only to walk around the bleak streets of London to see the signs. The great thoroughfares, of course, are formally decorated with flaring banners.

But in the back streets the working people have caught the coronation fever, too. Thousands of small homes have a portrait of the queen in the window and the legend "Long May She Reign."

In one block 40 families have put out 750 flags. They chipped in to raise about \$325 for the decorations. The average rent in these homes is about \$2.80 a week, the average wage earner in the area gets less than \$25 a week. "We're proud of our show," one said.

That spirit is typical. The coronation is unlike any American celebration. Each Englishman feels he has a part in it, whether his station in life is high or low. And most take a personal pride in the queen.

"Get rid of the royal family!" one pub owner said. "What would we have to take their place?"

"You Americans could use a family. It knits a people, doesn't it? And with all the money you Yanks have, you wouldn't have to stop at one. You could easily afford two royal families, couldn't you?"

Salem 37 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

May 30, 1916

Regular Memorial day services have been conducted by Sedwick post No. 10 at the soldiers monument in City View cemetery. Each member of the Grand Army of the Republic deposited his floral tribute in memory of the deceased members of his own company.

Col. John Mosby, 85, daring Confederate leader in the Civil War, died today at Garfield hospital.

Simplicity will mark the funeral tomorrow of James J. Hill, "Empire Builder" who died at his home in St. Paul, Minn., following an operation.

Rumor around the statehouse has it that fires which wrecked three buildings at the penitentiary flax plant were incendiary in origin. Names of two convicts have been linked with the blaze.

George Vick of Vick Brothers, Salem, was in Eugene making arrangements for opening a Ford agency there.

Dario Resta piloted a Peugeot racer to victory on Indianapolis speedway this afternoon. After 200 miles of speed he was averaging 85.79 miles an hour.

Rev. G. Schunke has resigned as pastor of the German Baptist church after serving 11 1/2 years.

Miss Inez Stege has been leading in the voting contest for Queen of the Cherry fair. Miss Estelle Wilson ran second.

INTERESTING, BUT NOT OREGON

(Albany Democrat-Herald)

Holiday magazine published a beautiful set of Oregon pictures in connection with its current issue. The article itself, unfortunately, did not measure up. It was interesting reading but constituted a highly distorted picture of life in this region. The author, H. L. Davir, is a clever writer, no doubt of that; but his peculiar slants and angles produce a general picture that is not Oregon, and never has been. It seems to have been a mistake to select the author of that smart but unrepresentative novel, "Honey in the Horn," to do the Oregon job. It called for more than just writing skill and demanded more objectivity than Davir is willing to give to anything. Probably the majority of the readers will enjoy the article, but what they find out about Oregon will have to come from the pictures, and there is nothing in the one-sided view of Oregon life he gives to arouse much curiosity about the state.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Democratic Senators Argue on Morse Issue

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington — Democratic senators have shown remarkable teamwork since January, but they split wide open this week over a republican—Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon. Tempers flared backstage as democrats debated whether they should vote to restore previous committee seats to the man who had done his best to help them out in the last election and who, as a result, is now being punished by the republicans.

The issue has been seething among the democrats for some time. It began several weeks ago when a majority of senate democrats met privately in the office of Sen. Clinton Anderson of New Mexico and decided to make a fight to restore the committee appointments which the republicans had taken from Morse. To this end Sen. Lister Hill of Alabama was delegated to discuss the matter with Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson.

Johnson, however, was in Texas and Hill didn't see him. So the matter finally came up in the democratic steering committee Monday, at which time Sen. Herbert H. Lehman of New York, Paul H. Douglas of Illinois, Henry M. Jackson of Washington, and Anderson appeared before the committee and urged that Morse be given back his old seats on the armed services and labor committees.

"There is no reason," pleaded Anderson, "that Democrats should help the Republicans discipline Morse."

"Morse will be chief speaker at the Jackson-Jefferson day dinner for the Democratic party in Oregon," urged Douglas. "The Democrats should be the last people to turn against him."

"Monroe Sweetland, Democratic National Committeeman from Oregon, is here in town right now urging that he get Democratic support," argued Jackson of Washington.

NEELY'S ELOQUENCE
Most eloquent plea was made by Elder Statesman Matt Neely, who has been in congress or governor of West Virginia for about 40 years.

"Back in the 64th or 65th congress," Neely reminded his Democratic colleagues, "it came to the election of a speaker, and bilnd Senator Svhall, then a Republican congressman from Minnesota, deserted Speaker Joe Cannon, walked down the center of the aisle and made a speech for Champ Clark. His vote let the Democrats organize the house of representatives for Woodrow Wilson."

"I would like to remind you," continued Neely, "that the next senate could easily result in a tie vote in which the senator from Oregon might determine who organizes the senate."

"Today the Republicans are determined to punish this man despite our constitution which guarantees the right to vote our convictions without punishment. It's just plain common sense that the Democrats support Wayne Morse."

But after those closed-door arguments, Senator "Lying Down" Johnson made an appeal to the steering committee to stand back of him. He explained that he had made a deal with Senator Taft on committee assignments and he de-

manded Democratic support for that deal.

DEMOCRATIC SPLIT

Sen. A. Willis Robertson of Virginia supported Johnson—though for purely personal reasons. He was afraid he would lose his seat on the appropriations committee if Morse was given back his committee assignments. Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee also said that if Morse got his committees back, he, Gore, would insist on going on the appropriations committee.

In the end, Democrats voted 16 to 23 against the independent senator from Oregon. Among his opponents were such friends as Sens. Stuart Symington of Missouri, John O. Pastore of Rhode Island, John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, and Mike Mansfield of Montana. Symington called Morse to tell him what a fine job he had done on the armed services committee.

"But," he added, "Lyndon has made this a matter of party loyalty."

"Thus," ironically concluded Anderson of New Mexico, "we democrats help the republicans to discipline one of their party who befriended us, while the Democrats who deserted our party take the lead in helping the Republicans."

NOTE—Johnson, who led the move against Morse, took only a tepid part in the Stevenson campaign in Texas last year, while Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia, who also helped the fight against Morse, went to Venezuela last fall, refused to make a speech for Stevenson.

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE FRIENDSHIP

While Senator McCarthy and the isolationists are blasting our old allies in Europe, a large segment of the American

people are working harder than ever at people-to-people friendship. Here are some of them: The Cleveland Heights, Ohio, public school choir will embark on a European tour with broadcasts from various European capitals over the Voice of America . . . today the "tour of Somerville" bicycle race starts in New Jersey featuring bicycle teams from Japan, Mexico and other countries as one way to cement closer relations . . . Kiwanis International brings senior high school students from various European countries and gives them one year of study in the USA. Kiwanis clubs all over the country have joined in this, treat the youngsters as if they were their own. In Gainesville, Ga., Kiwanians gave their youngster a new evening gown and expenses for a week-end date at Annapolis . . . Students of Chico State college, California, brought seven foreign students to Chico through a UNESCO committee, gave them tuition, books, maintenance for one whole year . . . The Junior Chamber of Commerce holds its eighth congress in San Francisco next month, where delegates of 40 nations will discuss mutual problems, seek avenues for universal understanding . . . The Century Association of the 100th Infantry division is raising money to help the battered town of Bitche in Lorraine, France, where they fought during the war . . . In contrast, congress last year cut the U. S. appropriation for the United Nations International Children's Emergency fund from \$16,000,000 to \$8,000,000 and this year Rep. John Taber (R., N.Y.), proposes to cut it out altogether—despite the fact that it helped support 25,000,000 children last year.

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THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

Spiritual Reserves Must Be Replenished or Wither

BY REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

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A young man once told me that although his father was about as perfect as any man could be, he did not attend any church. He used his father as the reason for his non-church attendance.

A little questioning however, brought out the fact that this young man's father went to Sunday School and to church regularly as a boy and as a young man. He lived in an environment of church-going people and was blessed with deeply religious parents. In fact the young man's father was so steeped in religion that he became the good man of whom his son was so justly proud.

The son is doing pretty well at present because he is feeding spiritually from the reserves built up through several generations of God-fearing people. But unless someone does something about it, the reservoir eventually will go dry.

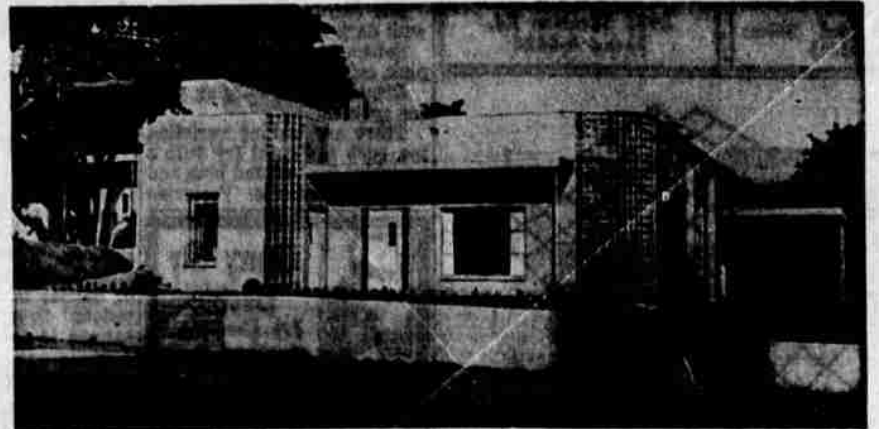
Are we in the next few generations going to exhaust our spiritual reserves like we have been endangering our timber stands and fertile soil? It has been found imperative that we must put back what we take off

to insure these supplies for future generations. It is interesting to hear men who never go to church express such great concern about God-less Russia. They do not seem to realize that if all men were like themselves, this country could become God-less too.

We are now more or less engaged in war against an anti-religious regime. We are fighting with bombs and human lives while so many men at home are drawing upon what a hundred generations have built up in spiritual force, not realizing that great reserves of spiritual power in the future will be at least as necessary to the establishment of the hoped for universal peace as Maginot lines, bursting bombs, and the blood of our young men.

MT. ANGEL GIRLS

Mt. Angel—The Mount Angel senior Girl's Softball club will hold a tryout and practice at the St. Mary's school grounds Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. The league season opens June 9. Walter Stuekel will have charge of the club.



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