

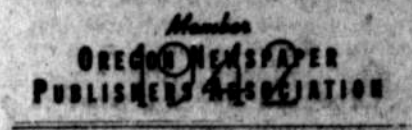
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WAKE UP, AMERICA—IT'S LATE!

The nation needs to awaken to the full gravity of the peril that confronts it.

It needs to appreciate how badly we have been defeated in three months of war.

It needs to understand that it is possible for the United Nations and the United States to lose this war and suffer the fate of France—and that this possibility may become a probability if the present tide does not change.

It needs to realize that there is grave chance of the Japanese pushing through India and the Germans driving through the Near East, to join their armies and resources in an almost unbeatable combination.

It needs to get away, once and for all, from the comforting feeling that while we may lose at the start we are bound to win in the end.

Only when fully aware of existing perils will the United States do its utmost. Pray God that awareness will not come too late as it did in France!

Production Director Donald Nelson appeals for vastly increased industrial output on a 24-hour, seven-day basis—168 hours a week. Maximum production, in short.

Can we get it?

Not on the present basis—not under the psychology of recent years.

Not until we quit thinking in terms of less work for more money.

Not while there is greater concern about overtime pay than overtime production.

Not while farmer politicians are more interested in higher prices than raising more essentials.

Not while Government bureaucrats created to meet a depression emergency that is ended—continue trying to grab for themselves money needed for armaments.

Not while an army of Federal press agents clamors to promote and perpetuate activities that have no present need or value.

Not while congressmen try to put over useless canals and river schemes and take up the time of defense officials clamoring for factories and contracts as if war were a great gravy train.

Not while WPA, despite a shortage of labor, seeks to carry on projects which it doesn't have the men to perform or the need for performing.

Not while CCC and NYA stretch greedy hands for funds to pamper young men who ought to be in the armed forces or the war plants.

Not while strikes hamper war production, despite a solemn promise that they would stop.

Not while the life-and-death need for uninterrupted production is used as a weapon to put over the closed shop.

Not while double time is demanded for Sunday work which is only part of a 40-hour week.

Not while a man can't be employed on an Army project or in a war project until he pays \$20 to \$50 or more to a labor union.

Not while criminal gangs control employment and allocation of men to work on the Normandie and the other ships along New York's vast waterfront.

Not while fifth columnists are pampered and enemy aliens move freely in defense areas.

Not while the grim job of preparing our home communities against air raids and sabotage is gummed up with a lot of high-faluting, boondoggling, social service activity.

Not while pressure blocs clamor for bigger benefits, bounties and pensions.

We will not get maximum production, in short, unless, first we fully realize our awful peril and second, get over the gimmes of recent years.

Gimme shorter hours, gimme higher wages, gimme bigger profits, gimme more overtime, gimme less work, gimme more pensions, gimme greater pay raises, gimme more appreciation and patronage, gimme plants for my congressional district, gimme fees and dues to work for Uncle Sam, gimme ham 'n' eggs, gimme share-the-wealth, gimme \$30 every Thursday.

France had the gimmes, too—had them till the Germans were close to Paris. Then everybody went fran-

atically to work—too late. France has no gimmes today—except gimme food for my baby, gimme a place to lay my head, gimme death. Will the United States wake up too late?

[This editorial appeared in the Scripps-Howard daily newspapers throughout the United States. It was written by Edward T. Leitch, brilliant, two-fisted editor of the "Pittsburgh (Pa.) Press," and mirrors the sentiments of many Americans who hold the future of their country to their hearts.]

## Fragments of Fact and Fancy

The present war has taught us geography as no grade school teacher ever succeeded in doing. Not only have we followed events from Trondheim to Kufyahev in Europe and watched with apprehension shifting fortunes at Tobruk and Dakar in Africa but we now know that the island of Timor was once under dual ownership, one half held by the Dutch and the other half by Portugal.

We can also name important exports from far-away lands for example tin from Malay and rubber from Java.

Current events at present necessitate the study of Australia and New Zealand, the letter of which we are surprised to learn is not one island but two—North Island and South Island, with Cook Strait separating them. While we had known convicts formed the first white settlements in Australia, what has been accomplished in the short 154 years since them is astonishing.

Our soldier boys who are now departing for these down under territories will experience a year with no summer for March is crop harvesting time there and it is to be hoped this 1942 A. E. F. will return victorious before next Christmas, which comes in the summer time below the equator.

Reading recently that graphite was one of the important minerals exported from Madagascar, we thought of all the lead pencils we had chewed on as a youngster and realized that most school kids would soon die of lead poisoning if pencils really contained lead instead of graphite.

Germany has found one problem she cannot solve and that is how to prevent inhabitants of occupied territories from listening to English news broadcasts. When "London Calling" comes on the air, for fifteen minutes the consumption of electricity reaches a high peak as the radios are tuned in but there is no way of telling from just where the sudden pull for power comes nor who is guilty of listening to forbidden broadcasts.

The sufferings of the innocent in the barbarism of this world-wide war gave rise to thoughts which resulted in the following verses:

I am the Polish child of shrunken form,  
With sightless eyes and fleshless skin on bone.

The Germans took my food and left me starved.  
Too weak to walk death claimed me as her own.

Hear me, when I cry to thee, oh Lord!  
I am the Chinese maid so gently reared,  
I gladly felt the vicious sabre thrust  
That ripped me open, freed by death, for I  
Had known the Nipponese rapacious lust.

Hear me, when I cry to thee, oh Lord!  
I am the Frenchman shot at early dawn  
Because some dared a patriot to be.  
As hostage, tortured for another's deed,  
A Nazi bullet liquidated me.

Hear me, when I cry to thee, oh Lord!  
I am the seaman of a hundred ships,  
Torpedoed without warning by the Hun.  
Through blazing oil I sank beneath the waves;  
All gasping, burning, freezing deaths in one.

Hear me, when I cry to thee, oh Lord!  
We are United Nations fighting men,  
Ten million strong; we are Canadian,  
American and English, Scotch and Dutch,  
The Chinese, Russian and Australian.  
Give of thine avenging strength, oh Lord!

A new world's record for blast furnace production was established recently at one large steel company. The furnace produced 41,782 net tons of pig iron in a single month, breaking a previous record of 41,701 tons.

Non-stop transatlantic air service between the United States and Ireland is scheduled to begin in the spring.

# TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, March 24, 1922)

The Sentinel mentioned last week that the prospects were very favorable for the location of a shingle mill at the O. K. creamery site this spring. A deal had been arranged with C. T. Skeels for that acre tract and only the question of river frontage and boom privileges was delaying the closing up of the transaction.

Vern C. Gorst, of North Bend, was unanimously elected president of the Coos County Good Roads Association at the meeting here Wednesday evening. C. W. Parker was elected secretary. J. E. Norton was later chosen by the executive committee of the Commercial Club as Coquille's representative in the association.

Mrs. L. A. Lawhorn, who had been ill of flu followed by pneumonia, died at her home at McKinley at nine o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Miller are rejoicing over the birth of an 8½ pound son, who arrived at the hospital at North Bend last evening.



Washington, D. C., March 25—Another \$500,000 airport projects have been approved for Oregon. Of this sum the Clatsop airport receives more than half; the allotment for this airport which is near Astoria, is \$280,528. Another approved project of size is the new airport at North Bend. For this allotment is \$199,386 to be used in clearing, grubbing, installing culverts, tide gates, catch basins, grading, surfacing, extending runways etc. For the Medford airport \$13,479 is allowed for paving runways. There is to be development of the airport at Salem and the airfield for The Dalles, which is located on the Washington bank of the Columbia. These and the many other airfields which CAA is constructing in the state are not only for the duration but part of a planned program to carry on into the distant future. It is recognition of the importance airplanes will play in the life of Oregon. Incidentally, CAA is preparing to train 75,000 civilian fliers with the understanding that when they are competent their services will be available to the federal government.

According to a decision of the supreme court, members of the teamsters' union are not violating the law when they demand that a farmer pay them for taking a truck into a city. If anyone not a member of the teamsters' union tried it he would be guilty of violating the anti-racketeering law. The senate committee on judiciary has started hearings on amendment to the law, submitted by Senator Holman which would prevent any more decisions such as the one just rendered. The amendment is attracting national attention because of the importance of the principle involved, the prominence of the teamsters' union and the attention being given by the trust-busting division of the department of justice. The union is well known in Oregon where it operated with goon squads several years ago until several leaders were indicted and sent to prison.

After almost one year of delay Metals Reserve corporation has finally financed a development of zinc properties in the Santiam country, Marion county. This is not the complete development originally submitted as it included a refinery to be built somewhere in the vicinity of Portland. The smelter is in abeyance. However, the enterprise has been allowed sufficient funds to open up the zinc deposits and concentrate them. The concentrates will be sent to Anaconda, Mont. Until there was a shakeup in OPM and WBP took over, the zinc section of OPM discouraged all mineral development in Oregon with a view to preventing the establishment of competition for the big mining corporation.

The change in attitude applies to chrome. Earl H. Nixon, of the Oregon bureau of mines has succeeded in having Metals Reserve Corp. interest itself in the deposits of chrome in southern Oregon, eastern Oregon and northern California. The former requirements were such that no producer could afford to attempt to sell chrome to the government. It is said there are about 5,000 miners in the territory who are interested in

chrome and under the new arrangement and the price effective April 1 there is a chance for them to make money.

Farm tractors were given priority on rubber tires but now WPB has issued an order abolishing rubber tires and the manufacturers of tractors are told to make them with steel wheels. There is not enough rubber available, says WPB to make a golf ball. Advice going out to farmers from the national capital is that they should become more dogpensive and use the same farm machinery, moving it from place to place after the fashion of a threshing crew.

On the suggestion of a mint grower in Columbia county, Leon Henderson, price administrator, has set his staff to making a study of the peppermint oil situation. The Oregon suggestion was that \$7.50 a pound would be a fair price. Henderson's men reported that it is too late to fix the price on oil from the 1941 crop as it is already in the hands of dealers or consumers. The staff will consider fixing a price on this year's crop. Mint is grown in a dozen dif-

ferent sections of Oregon and is a specialty crop.

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The Community Sale, managed by J. L. Smith, at Myrtle Point last Saturday was a success, a large number of articles and about 20 head of stock changing hands.

In a good clean and fast game at the high school gym here last Friday night the Coquille Independents won from the Marshfield Independents at basketball by a score of 28 to 22. The Coquille team was composed of John Stanley, Walter Oerding, Raymond Archibald, William Oerding and Charles Oerding.

Henry Ford is said to pay the largest income tax of any man in the United States, \$27,000,000, which indicates a net income in the neighborhood of sixty million dollars.

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