

Permanent Peace Plan By A Soldier

One of the strongest pleas ever written for world-wide permanent peace is that contained in a letter which H. E. Ransford, Jr., a captain of Anti-Aircraft Artillery, wrote from his station in the South Pacific to his former employee, W. N. Matthews, of St. Louis. It was written in July and is as follows:

A great number of us down here are afraid to the core of our hearts that we will be let down in the peace.

Our enemies are beginning to have dissension in their ranks and Japan has already changed governments. Germany may follow soon. Then watch the cry go up from them for a "conditional surrender." You and I know what they will say; they've done it before, but do the people of America know and are they prepared for it.

Their plea—both Japan and Germany—"We are a peace loving people, we love America, we love democracy, we want to trade with you, we have no more thought of war. We are a poor innocent people who have been misled by unscrupulous leaders. We have shown our good faith by overthrowing those leaders. Let us have peace on our terms." What they will not say is "Let us salvage enough out of this year and give us 25 years to rearm and prepare again and then we'll fight your sons and maybe beat them the next time."

Mr. Matthews, America must not be soft again and permit such propaganda to sway them. It isn't just the leaders of those countries who are guilty, the people of those countries are just as guilty. The people permitted those leaders to take power and applauded those leaders when they were winning for them.

Those nations wanted war, forced war on us when we wanted peace, they picked the day when the war would start. It is now our turn to pick the day when the war will end. Break them to their knees, make them beg and plead for peace as we did. Make them get so much war when they don't want it that they will always remember that war is hell. They must have no say in the peace, they must not pick their time for peace, they must long for peace so badly that peace at any price will be a bargain to them.

Surely America won't forget so soon, the treatment of American prisoners on Bataan, the Doolittle Flyers, the concentration camps, the Gestapo, the SS, the black shirts. Surely America won't forget the Jew baiting, the Hitler and Tojo lies, the use of Chinese as bayonet targets, the bombing of missions, the murder of priests. Surely they won't forget the attack on Poland, Czechoslovakia, Manchuria, Pearl Harbor, Wake, Guam. How can they forget the bombing of London, the use of the promiscuous robot bomb.

Mr. Matthews, it is the people of those countries, that spit on the Jews, trained the children to hate and murder and lie. The people of those countries killed the Doolittle Flyers. The people did it, they were a party to it all, they are guilty and must not go unpunished.

If America gives in to anything but unconditional surrender, completely and wholly on our terms, all this fighting will have been in vain. Nothing will have been accomplished. The men who have died in these steaming jungles, in Africa, in Italy, in France, or New Georgia, New Guinea, Bougainville, Buin, Saipan and all the rest of these God-forsaken holes, will have died in vain, and my son and their sons will have to do it all over again.

Down here, we fear the American good nature, and we have reason to fear it. Look at Italy. The first of the Fascist nations, the ones who had the castor oil purges, the ones who attacked poor helpless Ethiopia, who stabbed France in the back. Italy that used tanks against men with spears, who described bombing men as something esthetic, who said when the bomb fell among a group of men that "it looked like a great beautiful flower unfolding." Have we treated these people as ones who fought against us; as ones who killed our soldiers and bombed our ships? Have we treated them as an enemy who made planes and bombs and bullets instead of ice boxes, radios and cars? No! We have fed and clothed these people, freed them of typhus, "liberated" instead of "captured" Rome. We have treated them as a "poor innocent people" instead of the blood red guilty ones they are. How better than we treated Italy, an enemy, can we treat the Greeks and the Poles and the Czechs who are our allies?

When our enemies ask for Peace on any terms, but unconditional surrender, we must turn a deaf ear, advance a little farther into their country, blast another one of their cities. They soon then, will be grateful for an unconditional sur-

render. Why if the war ends within the next six months, Japan will have never felt the war at all!

Our generation is willing that a few more of us shall die, that we stay away from our loved ones a few more months, to spend a few more hundred billion dollars now, and not have to see our sons going off to do once again a job that we were too weak to finish.

One mighty good solution would be to let the Chinese people into Japan, the Russians and Poles into Germany and then close our eyes and turn off our radios. The Chinaman whose baby was bayoneted or wife raped won't forget. The Russians and Poles whose home was ravaged, whose fathers were shot as hostages won't forget.

Now what can be done to keep America hard? Every man who believes in the future, and hates war must talk continually to people to remind them for what we are fighting. Letters must be written to papers, Congress, the President, to commentators, to editors. If the people of America really want an unconditional surrender from our enemies they can get it! But they must want it badly enough and hard enough and they must not be allowed to forget the character of the people we fight.

U. S. Hunter Replies To Lans In Rhyme

C. E. Mullins, U. S. hunter, who so emphatically disagrees with the Sentinel's "Out-of-Doors Stuff" editor, Lans Leneve, about Old Bruin, whether he is a sheep-killer or not, is the author of a poetical reply which he addressed Lans, and which appeared in last week's Myrtle Point Herald. The rhyming contribution, you can hardly call it a poem, was as follows:

LENEVE AND THE STOCK-KILLING BEAR

My dear Leneve, oh, that you were here,
With farmer Lund and me—
Here lies the facts, and damn well clear.

That even you could see.
Your old friend, the lumbering one,
Of which you'd make a "pet"—
And up above in the morning sun
Are circling the birds of jet,
And down below Mr. Lund has found
A mess to make him swear—
Two purebred ewes mauled to the ground.

By your old friend, the bear,
There's wool and guts, leg bones and feet,
For flies and birds and bruins;
Where yesterday was prize wool and meat—
Look what your friend is doin'!

It's very easy for guys like you
To rave and snort and sweat and stew—
To stay at home in a big plush chair
And dig at me and cuss and swear
And cry out loud that only you
Understand the bear and what he'll do.

Forty odd years you've been sitting there,
Forty odd years in the same old chair—
Forty odd years with the same old pen,
Picking scabs and yelling "sin,"
Wake up, Lans—and for the sheep's sake; hush—
Get on your calks, and take to the brush—
Come on along and go with me,
I'll show you things GREENHORNS can't see.

I'll let you talk with the man who owns
The place that's covered with wool and bones—
I'll let you shake hands with your friend, the bear,
And hope to hell your hand stays there!

But you won't come—this well I know,
You'd rather sit home and cry—
And take the Editor's damn good dough,
But if he can stand it, so can I.

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Increased Benefits For Bank Employees

Members of the staff of the First National Bank of Portland which includes the Coquille branch, were told this week of new and additional benefits available to them to provide for contingencies of sickness, disability and hospitalization. Also announced to the employees of the First National this week by President E. B. MacNaughton were three new options for their benefit in the First National's present Retirement Plan.

Under the Sickness and Disability plan of the First National, according to MacNaughton, the employees of the Bank will receive sick benefits starting with one week's full salary for those having three months but less than one year's service and increasing for each year of service up to ten years. Upon completion of ten years' service the employee will be eligible to receive a full year's sick leave with salary payments made up of 12 weeks full pay and 40 weeks half pay. Group Life Insurance benefits provide for monthly payments for total and permanent disability.

The group hospitalization and surgical benefits plan for First National employees is a voluntary arrangement participated in by the employe and the bank. The new provisions are being introduced in this group plan. First, a provision for surgical and hospitalization benefits for family dependents, and secondly, the underwriting by the Bank of one-half the premium for this insurance for all employees who avail themselves of the protection. Benefits include hospital cost of \$5 per day up to a maximum of 70 days plus surgical, medical and diagnostic X-Ray costs.

New provisions being added to the Retirement Plan include one in which the First National now makes it possible for an employee who does not reach retirement age in the employment of the bank to purchase with his premium deposits and the premium deposits made by the bank in his behalf, a paid up annuity at age 65.

Another new provision added to the Retirement Plan makes it possible for an employee who wishes to retire before the age of 65 when Federal Social Security payments start to obtain an increased retirement payment from the Bank's pension fund until his social security payments begin.

Third new provision added to the Bank's Retirement Plan is a clause under which all employees who found it necessary to withdraw from the pension plan when entering military service may resume participation at the same rate which they enjoyed when withdrawing from the plan.

Pedestrians Must Be Careful As Well As Auto Drivers

Pedestrian deaths amounted to 36 per cent of the Oregon traffic toll for the month of July when 22 persons were killed, eight of whom were pedestrians, according to an announcement from the safety division of the secretary of state's office.

Of the eight pedestrians killed, five, or 62 per cent were engaged in unsafe walking practices at the time they were struck. These unsafe actions included jaywalking, stepping into the street from between parked vehicles and crossing highways without looking for approaching vehicles.

"Pedestrian protection is both a rural and urban problem," according to the safety division. "In rural areas, persons who walk on the right side of the highway, with traffic, are in danger of being struck by cars coming from their rear. In the country, the rule is, walk on the left, facing approaching traffic. Then, step off the paved portion of the road when cars approach."

"Now that school is under way, it is important that school children understand and practice safe walking rules while proceeding along rural highways. They should walk on the left and walk in single file. When crossing rural highways, be sure no cars are approaching near enough to constitute a hazard."

The safety division warned that children playing in the streets constitute a serious traffic hazard, especially during the hours of darkness in the evening. Many accidents have resulted from this dangerous practice. Wherever possible, children should play in playgrounds or on vacant lots.

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