

"So Help Me God"

Ray L. Dudley, publisher of the Oil Weekly, Houston, Texas, has lost two of his three sons in this war.

Below is what he wrote in the October 9, 1944, issue. Read every word. You will never forget it:

I stood in the blazing sun at Ellington Field, in Texas, last Monday and watched the cadets file by, fine manly chaps, watched them come into the hall in which they were to receive their wings as commissioned officers in the United States Army Air Forces. My third and last boy, a lad of 19, was among them.

Two years ago his mother and I had seen a similar group file into the chapel at Ellington to receive their wings, and our second boy was among them. Today he and his elder brother, who had chosen Navy Air,

are memories, precious memories. It is true, but boys to be spoken of in hushed tones as boys who would have made good citizens, two boys whose memories will never be dimmed in the eyes of their father and mother. They, with thousands of others, have made the supreme sacrifice for America as they knew it and loved it.

Then Monday we heard again the prospective officers take the oath necessary to their commissions: "I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign or domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter: So Help Me God."

For a moment my thoughts drifted from the son whose burned body lies somewhere in France and from the other son who lies in native soil. . . . Our forefathers who wrote the Constitution knew that they were giving to future generations a document so precious that it would be worth the loss of American lives to preserve . . . and they knew that there would arise enemies to it, domestic as well as foreign.

Then my mind went back to a time nearly three years ago, when my first two boys volunteered, and the pledge I made them then:

"To the best of my meagre ability I shall do all I can to defend against foes at home the institutions you boys have enlisted to uphold . . . and I shall do that without fear of sacrifice if it costs me everything I have, including my life, so help me God."

It was not necessary that I pledge them my fullest efforts to help prosecute the war . . . they could have expected no less of me as an American and a father.

The casualty lists over the country name thousands of parents whose boys have been lost and whose sons are as precious to them as mine were to me. I claim no distinction as the parent of boys who have died in the service. I can only claim to be among those to whom this war is

a deadly serious thing, and I wish my claim to be listed among those who resent with every atom of their being, the efforts which are being made by the Hillmans, the Browners, the Murrays and others, including our President, to nullify the sacrifices of thousands of American boys.

As I heard the oath to defend the Constitution repeated by the young men at Ellington, I could not but remember the remarks which have been made about it by Americans of foreign birth who would seek to destroy it . . . "a scrap of paper . . . an outmoded document . . . a bill of property rights rather than a bill of human rights." And these are the men who are asking that we trust our country to them.

The situation under which the Communist Front in America is trying to wield control over our country through the capture of one of our great political parties, is so preposterous as to be almost incredible. But make no mistake—the threat is a real issue. That a Russian-born radical, with all of the class hate of his native land should aspire to control this country is so fantastic that many cannot believe it. But it is true.

That he and his fellows have openly boasted that their organization, the CIO, is raising millions as a war chest to help keep Roosevelt in power, indicates a blatant confidence in their victory. That this money should be extracted from hundreds of thousands of members whose membership was forced on them, is a disgrace. That they get away with it is a shameful tribute to the close association they have with our Department of Justice.

Who was it who climbed the stairs, hat in hand, to Hillman's suite in a Chicago hotel to learn the wishes of the boss as to who would be Democratic candidate for the vice presidency? It was our United States Department of Justice head—the man sworn to uphold our laws (including the Smith-Conally act which makes it a felony for a labor party, or a corporation, to contribute to a political party). Yes, it was Attorney General Biddle, and the man who was the person who later was named by Hillman as the Democratic vice pres-

idential nominee, Harry Truman.

With Hillman and Browder and their ilk as arrogant as they are now, what will their attitude be if they succeed in re-electing Franklin D. Roosevelt? Where will their power end? What will happen to the rights guaranteed under our Constitution? If our interests should ultimately clash with those of Russia at what point will these men make up their minds as to where their first loyalty shall lie? If England's interest should clash with those of Russia, will our country's armed forces be thrown against a nation whose kinship to us derives from a common parenthood?

This is a long way from the ceremony at Ellington last Monday. The field has widened until the lives of a large group of fine boys seem but a drop in a great ocean.

But it is not a long way from the pledge I made my boys.

Sen. Cordon Gets Things Done



People all over the state of Oregon have expressed their approval of the

way United States Senator Guy Cordon has been getting things done during his short eight months in the United States Senate.

One of his outstanding contributions to the people of Oregon since being senator that they like is his ability to get a more liberal and practical operation of war-time regulations.

Senator Cordon was able to do this as he is a member of the following important Senate committees: Commerce, Irrigation, Reclamation, Indian Affairs, Post Offices and Post roads, and Library.

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At The Feet Of Sidney Hillman

Among New Dealer high priests who secretly visited the unholy unholy, the secret chamber of political power and dictation of the New Deal, Sidney Hillman, at the fourth term national convention at Chicago were, vice presidential nominee Harry S. Truman, Vice President Henry Wallace, Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan, Attorney General Francis Biddle, Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, Samuel Roseman, who accompanied Roosevelt on his recent Hawaii-Alaska cruise, Senators Joseph Guffey and Claude Pepper.

Senator Harley M. Kilgore, West Virginia, while addressing the CIO convention in Portland, referred to Governor Dewey as a "straw man." This would make interesting reading for the Tammanyites, the grafters, the labor racketeers of New York. Especially would those sent to jail for their corruption be surprised.

The Capital Press of Salem announces that paper will be for sale cheap if Dewey is elected. If the people of Salem believe this, it will assure Dewey a whale of a majority in the capital city.

The people of Oregon respond to the words of Governor Bricker spoken in Portland: "I want someone who will look after America's interests when he sits down with Churchill and Stalin; I have not felt that America's interests have been well protected in past conferences."

The old nag we are warned not to swap in mid stream is making no effort to get across. He just looks back up stream and whinnies about issues of '39, not knowing anything has happened since. His vision is back of "horse and buggy days." The national slogan "swap or sink" is daily gaining more significance.

Willis Mahoney says Willkie was the only good republican. He probably would not have admitted that while Mr. Willkie was alive. Willis has been away from his adopted state so long he is all but forgotten. His opinions were never taken seriously here.

—By Gordon J. Taylor, of Molalla, Oregon

Motor Vehicle Registration A Little Higher Than A Year Ago

Motor vehicle registration in Oregon continues to show a slight increase over the figures for the year 1943, Secretary of State Bob Farrell announces in reporting September registration statistics.

There were 413,039 vehicles registered in the state at the end of September, an increase of 2,801 over the registration for the same month a year ago.

Of the total, 328,679 vehicles were private passenger cars. This type of vehicle showed a slight decrease from last September when there were 329,196 private passenger cars on the highways and streets of Oregon.

Buses continued to show an increase, with 1,176 reported this September, compared to 1,118 a year ago. Trucks also showed an increase with 45,063 vehicles registered now compared to 42,834 a year ago. This is an increase of about five per cent, the largest increase shown by any type of vehicle.

Motor vehicle registration fees for the first nine months of the year amounted to \$3,438,883.37, compared to \$3,338,987.88 a year ago.

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With the biggest battles of the Pacific still ahead, the West must take a still more active part in the war. You are needed here, in Australia perhaps, or elsewhere behind battlefronts, to give our men the needed attention.

The care and rehabilitation of the sick and wounded is a woman's noblest work. Get into it if you can. If you are between the ages of 20 and 50 and have no children under 14, or other dependents, call the nearest U. S. Army recruiting station, No. 10 Post Office Bldg., Eugene, Oregon.

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