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Timely Topics

By E. T. Moore

An interesting press dispatch of the human interest type comes from a city in the Middle West. The Department of the Treasury sent an income tax refund check to a widow, who was earning her living at a mental task and had two boys in the Service. She returned the small check with the request that the United States use the money where it would be of advantage in the war, saying that she did not have need of it and wanted to do what she could to back up the boys at the front.

At first thought, this would appear to be one of the humorous Americanisms with which we regale ourselves from time to time. But, in thinking this over, one cannot but be inspired by the simple patriotism of this splendid woman who placed love of country above self-interest. It is comforting to know that there are many such people in the Nation today, for they are the very cornerstone of our basic National life, and the entire structure of our body politic must rest upon such a firm foundation.

While the Government has succeeded to a large degree in making good its promise that there would be no profiteering from this war, it has not entirely prevented inflationary wages and undue compensation for much of the civilian war work, and also Federal jobs connected with the prosecution of the war. In spite of the prevailing high wages in war industries, the small loan businesses in most of the large cities have greatly increased and the apparent need for ready cash by thousands of war workers is not only disconcerting but positively alarming. There is certain to be a period of unemployment at the war's end, and it has been hoped that the vast majority of war workers would have sufficient savings laid by to avoid the necessity for public assistance when the pay check ceases. The evidence is strong that a very large group of improvident people are found in every large center having concentrated war industries, and some distress appears inevitable with the cutting off of war contracts.

For such people, the example of this elderly lady who not only gave her sons to the service of the country, but even the small remittance from income tax overpayment, as well, should be pondered over carefully. What possible moral justification would any well-paid war worker have for asking assistance in the post-war in contrast with the patriotic action of this woman. Our post-war plans will not be carried out successfully unless every citizen in every walk of life will do his or her part. We, who have remained at home, have a solemn duty to perform to preserve the institutions left in our care and to make it possible for the returned service men to again take up their lives where they left off. Those who are not coming back have given their lives to make possible the good things that we have the privilege of enjoying. It will be well to pause and reorient our lives to the new future. It is inconceivable that any good American can do other than his very best to live up to the standards that these gallant lads have silently set for us. In doing so, we shall maintain our leadership among other Nations and shall make America a much better place in which to live.

As the smaller nations of Europe are liberated from the Nazi yoke, each appears to be a political battleground between the forces of centralized government and those of democratic government. The Communist and radical socialist elements have attempted in each instance to seize the reins of government while things were in a chaotic state. It is under these conditions that communism, state socialism, and fascism best flourish through action by a well-disciplined, integrated, militant minority to enslave a disorganized, lethargic, discouraged majority. This struggle between the radicals seeking control by strong-arm tactics while they may and the

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Sentinel of Friday, November 7, 1924)

The flood in the Coquille valley the past week is not unprecedented by any means, but is the first time for six years that the water has been as high on the city dock and street leading to it as it was last Sunday. Nine years ago there was also a higher flood, but the biggest was during the winter of 1889-90 when the water was eight or ten feet higher than it was this week—but it was later in the season. And still further back—in 1822—A. J. Sherwood says the oldest residents used to tell of a flood that exceeded anything he has seen in the Coquille valley during his residence here.

Calvin Coolidge and Chas. G. Dawes were elected at the national elections Tuesday by an astounding landslide—that is, the electors who will choose the president were successful in every state, except Wisconsin and possibly North Dakota, which is in doubt, outside the solid south. Coolidge even made inroads in that democratic block of states for he carried Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri and West Virginia. The electoral vote is divided: Coolidge 374; John W. Davis 139; LaFollette 13, he having carried his home state of Wisconsin.

A rock fill of the Coos Bay Lumber Co. railroad on Salmon creek gave away last Friday morning and allowed the engine to go into the creek. Four men were drowned: W. C. Woodring, Archie Boone, Floyd Rice and Chas. Lambert.

conservative groups who wish to restore government to the people themselves is taking place in every liberated country in Europe. No stable government will be possible in any of those nations until this struggle is resolved.

This contention between the two ages-old ideologies of government is reflected in the current maneuverings by Russia and Britain on the diplomatic field and in the Balkans. Russia, the champion of communism and of the theory that man belongs to the state, contends with Britain, the champion of democracy and theory that the state belongs to man, for dominance in European politics. We can expect this struggle to be carried to the peace table when Uncle Sam will undoubtedly cast the deciding vote. This will place a heavy responsibility on our peace representatives who must decide each issue on its own merits and with careful consideration for the peculiar circumstances prevailing in the subject nation.

Both Britain and United States are now experiencing this self-same struggle between the two theories of government. In Britain, a war-weary people are showing signs of relinquishing a goodly portion of their fiercely defended independence in return for a greater degree of paternalism in government. But the Crown very wisely regards the move as temporary and will restore full freedom of independent action as quickly as possible. There has been no revision of basic principles nor retreat from democratic government, only a pause to re-organize.

In the United States, there was a definite trend away from government by the people and toward government by the paternalistic state during the decade from 1932 to 1942. Since the latter date when the political complexion of the Congress was changed by the voters, this trend has been halted and a gradual inclination back towards local government has been started. The people gave paternalistic government a good try and found much of it they did not like. Shortly after the outbreak of the war, they decided that the New Deal was obsolete and totally unsuited to the building up of the industrial power needed to defeat the Axis enemies. They voiced this decision by sending many New Deal opponents to the Congress. The trend towards state socialism was thus halted and full war production made possible. Note that the retirement of the New Deal was not partisan in character but was accomplished by the united efforts of opponents recruited from both major parties. It was a movement actuated by motives of patriotism and good hard common sense. That it produced the desired results is evidenced by the spectacular success of our arms backed by the almost incredible industrial productive power to turn out the tools of war.

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In Coos county there were very few contests. Senator Chas. Hall, Judge Kendall, Dal King and S. P. Peirce for representatives, J. E. Beddingfield for district attorney, Matt Klockars for county commissioner, T. M. Dimnick for treasurer, J. P. Beyers for assessor, C. E. Mulkey and Phil J. Keizer for coroner, were elected without opposition. Other winners were: E. P. Ellingsen for sheriff, Robt. R. Watson for county clerk and E. H. Kern for county surveyor.

R. B. Knife, who a short time ago purchased of O. C. Sanford and Dr. Jas. Richmond the old Academy building in the north part of town, has been remodeling that structure and is going to have a very comfortable apartment house when his plans are completed.

The proposition to form a union high school district from the River-ton, Parkersburg and Randolph districts was nearly unanimous last Monday.

The city election last Tuesday resulted in the election of E. E. Johnson as mayor, J. S. Lawrence as city recorder, and Geo. H. Chaney, C. C. Farr and E. G. Opperman as councilmen.

Completely surprising their friends, who had not anticipated that the event would occur so soon, Ambrose Chapin and Miss Marguerite Hiler were married at ten o'clock last Saturday night by Rev. J. S. Penix at the Methodist parsonage.



Washington, D. C., Nov. 5.—Again OPA is the object of attack, this time by the sheeps of the west who blame the restoring of the finer grades of lamb to rationing last July for the continued downward trend of prices for their market offerings. However, the probability is that decline is more due to heavy selling brought about by the dark outlook for next year's wool prices. The forced selling is said to have resulted in the decimation of American flocks by ten per cent and the end is not yet in sight. Reason for the gloomy prospect facing woolgrowers is the enormous stock of wool on hand and the absence of any program calculated to sustain prices after the war.

The entire domestic wool clip was bought by Commodity Credit Corporation at prices averaging 15 cents a pound higher than the foreign market, but there is as yet nothing to indicate what will be done with the 1945 clip, and the accumulated stocks are so great that woolgrowers fear the worst. The wool stockpile held by CCC and commercial users as of the present is in excess of 400,000,000 pounds, scoured basis, and there is in addition an indeterminate quantity held by Defense Supplies Corporation and the British wool board, still stored in this country. A large part of the wool stocks held by Defense Supplies Corporation was imported at a time when war needs were assumed to be greater than they later proved to be and an attempt has been made to unload by the holding of auction sales but with results that have not been particularly encouraging.

Some relief will come, of course, when all restrictions are removed from clothing manufacturers and the recent decision not to buy any more of the Argentina clip, but it cannot be hoped that the domestic demand will be sufficient materially to reduce the surplus. There will also be some relief through purchases made by UNRRA, but the really big home market will not come until their is general demobilization of American troops with its consequent demand for civilian clothing. All these outlets combined, however, will not be sufficient to take up the surplus, what with the spring clip coming on, and it is this situation which has persuaded wool growers that it is the part of wisdom to reduce their flocks.

It would surprise no one here in the national capital to hear that Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell is to be given command of all American troops in that area when the allies land on Chinese soil for the final attack on the Japanese. This tough commander who fought so hard in the China-

Thanksgiving Sunday Reminder

The following communication has been sent to all church pastors, radio stations and newspapers in Oregon by Jessie M. Honeyman, president of the Oregon Roadside Defense Council, which was organized some years ago to try and help preserve Oregon's scenery. It is especially appropriate for consideration at Thanksgiving time for the beauties of Oregon are something we all can be devoutly thankful for:

The sole purpose of the Oregon Roadside Defense Council has been to save Oregon's scenery. Its marvelous beauty has so thrilled our souls that we believe every citizen of Oregon should treasure this great possession.

"For beauty is harmony. It is the Burma-India sector did not see eye to eye with the policies of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and this really is the background of the clash being withdrawn and brought back for a White House conference with the commander-in-chief.

It was General Stilwell's idea that the generalissimo should permit fuller cooperation with the Chinese so-called communist army. That army (which was furnished with supplies by Stalin before there was a break between Stalin and Hitler) is reportedly well trained, but Chiang Kai-shek objected to using more than a portion of these troops, and the "red" army had no respect for certain of Chiang's native high command, the members of which are notoriously reactionary.

Chiang Kai-shek it is reported, did not wish to give the "red" army too much prominence for fear that the first thing he knew he would be "out on his ear." Chiang Kai-shek is not a popular hero with all the fighting Chinese and his idea of a democracy is not in harmony with the American conception. It is common knowledge, also, that when the Burma road was being used to bring in supplies certain Chinese racketeers stole tons of American-furnished supplies and sold them for their personal profit. Chiang Kai-shek was unable to curb this practice.

One reason why it is believed General Stilwell will play an important role when Americans land in China is that he is more familiar with that country, its people and their customs than any other army commander. "Vinegar Joe" speaks Chinese, although what particular dialect is not stated; but whether it is Cantonese or some other, Chiang Kai-shek understood him, for the generalissimo knows no English although his wife was educated in the United States and is a real orator. The impression in Washington has been that Madame Chiang Kai-shek is the brains for the generalissimo. She is now in a New York hospital, having undergone a major operation, where she has an entire floor in the building which is guarded from the possibility of intrusion. If anything should happen to Madame Chiang Kai-shek China will lose its greatest asset in this war so far as amicable relations with the other allies is concerned.

outward expression of the inner ideal. It can find its portrait in flower or in the mountain. It can find its voice in a song or the crash of the waterfall.

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"These are ours to possess and enjoy."

Should they not inspire us to publicly render our thanks and adoration to the great Creator?

The Oregon Council pleads with you to make November 19, 1944, Thanksgiving Sunday. The service in your church to be one of thanksgiving and adoration to the great Creator. It is the responsibility of

every citizen to share in the preservation of this beauty, much of which has already been despoiled by the hand of man.

"Thou art, Oh God! the light and life Of all this wondrous world to see. Its glow by day, its smile by night Are but reflections caught from Thee;

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Jessie M. Honeyman.

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"It certainly does, Judge. Particularly the last paragraph. Would you mind reading that again?"
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