

Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Not long ago, I heard an Englishman use the phrase "the wake of the battle" to describe the period of confusion and misery that exists in any area or in any country after the shooting stops. Apparently most of the world is now in what might be called "the wake of the battle." Not only are we having plenty of trouble at home, but the collapse of the Council of Foreign Ministers in London indicates that the problem of winning the peace is not proceeding very smoothly.

Members of Congress are aware of the complexities of the present home front problem. Congress, however, finds itself in a curious, in-between situation. The end of the emergency has not yet been declared. Hence, the war powers of the President are still in force. In other words, the domestic affairs of the country are still being operated on a war-time basis even though the war has ended. Meanwhile, there is great public demand to have normal peace-time conditions restored and war-time controls removed. If Congress were to act immediately in response to this demand, its action logically would be the declaration of the end of the emergency, which would automatically end executive powers. We must realize, however, that to throw off all brakes right at this time might easily have disastrous results. It will be recalled that the serious inflation of the first World War period came after the war was over and was followed by a sharp depression. It is almost a certainty that inflation would take place rapidly right now if controls were taken off.

The problem inevitably, therefore, is President Truman's to deal with,

at least for the next few months. He has all the power needed to do what is necessary, but right at this time more than ever before, the President needs the cooperation of the people for the good of the country.

The capital city has done honor to several returning heroes, but no demonstration heretofore was equal to that in honor of Admiral Nimitz. It is estimated that nearly a million people lined the streets and gathered at the Washington Monument grounds to see the parade and hear the welcoming ceremonies.

Admiral Nimitz is a white-haired man with a kindly face. He is rather small in stature, but has a bearing of authority. Admiral Nimitz is a typical American family man, who has risen to the very top of his chosen profession, and will take his place in history as one of this nation's great naval heroes.

The speed of Army demobilization has, up to now, exceeded original schedules. I understand that revised estimates are being made. According to reliable information, men will be discharged from the Army at the rate of one million a month during the first months of 1946. The reported objective is to have all Army personnel discharged and home by June 1st.

The Navy demobilization program is not moving quite so rapidly. A speed-up of this program is being worked out and will probably become effective in November, with a downward revision of points. It is planned also to speed up the rate at which officers are released. The Navy plans also to be down to a peace-time level before June 1st.

Original Purchasers Still Hold Large Percentage of Bond Issues

Purchasers of E, F and G bonds still hold 83.2 per cent of the totals sold, according to figures released by the War Finance Committee. E, F

and G bonds were first issued on May 1, 1941. Since that date, through September 30, 1945, a total of \$51,895,000,000 have been sold. Redemptions through September 30, 1945, totaled \$8,718,000,000 or 16.8 per cent of the amount issued leaving 83.2 per cent still in the hands of the original investors.

U. S. savings bonds generally known as "Baby Bonds" series A, B, C, and D were first issued March 1, 1935. They were withdrawn from sale on April 30, 1941, after a total of \$4,518,000,000 had been sold. Redemptions through September 30, 1945, totaled \$984,000,000 or 21.12 per cent of amount issued.

James L. Blanton Made Staff Sergeant At Fort Ord

James L. Blanton writes from Fort Ord, Calif., that he has been made a Staff Sergeant. He adds: "I am still here at Fort Ord, and the way the point system is now, I probably will not get back into civilian life until the first of the year. I will sure be glad for that time to come for I feel I have had enough Army life. The weather is nice down here but we always have that thick bank of fog in the morning but that is nothing unusual around here."

Cigarette Lighters, nice line of Ladies' Lapel Pins, and Identification Bracelets. See them at Schroeder's Jewelry Store.

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Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LENEVE

We have received a very interesting letter from "Pete" (Harold) Gould and are mighty grateful for this old friend's remarks concerning our welfare. Pete is stationed at present on Mindanao Island. He inquires as to how we would like to cast a fly in a stream of clear, cold water and haul forth trout two feet long. Such is the fishing on Mindanao. He states that it is as he imagines Oregon was in 1875. They grow corn there 12 feet high and wheat five feet. The richest land sells for ten pesos or about \$10.00 in our money for a hundred acres. Pete claims that the island is truly a sportsman's paradise.

The Japs are giving up here by the hundreds, or were at the time Pete wrote and he tells of truck loads of "the fat, grinning" going by daily.

Pete expects to be home next Spring and we are looking forward with keen anticipation to his arrival and to be able to list to the tales he unfolds.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Russell Morgan spent several days recently at Ilabe. Russell is the district attorney of Washington county and one of the best friends of the common sportsman ever to hold public office. He came to their aid not long ago when the state police made a wholesale raid on the clam diggers along the Tillamook beaches. We were extended an invitation to accompany him and his good wife on their recent trip in quest of steelheads and it was with deepest regret that we were forced to decline the invitation on account of ill health. We sincerely trust that the Morgans had a most enjoyable outing.

Before the opening of the deer season there were more bucks in evidence than at any time for many years. They were glimpsed along the main highways and market roads and the woods appeared to be full of them. But when the season opened, it was the same old story—the bucks had disappeared. There were fewer bagged the first week of the season in Coos county than in many previous years. But the death toll of humans mounted rapidly. Four dead the first week as a result of careless hunters. What can men be thinking of who murder (yep, that's the name for it), their fellowman by mistaking a hunter for a deer? But it seems that they will never learn, for each year sees more "murders" committed in the woods. It is going to take a real drastic law and one really enforced to curb this wanton slaying each season. A death sentence, or a life term in prison, should be applied to such cases. Perhaps those reckless ones would think twice before firing at moving brush or at some object which they thought was a deer if they knew that such a penalty faced them if the object turned out to be a man.

There is no excuse on earth for the killing of hunters by mistaking them for deer. But we have dwelt upon this many times in the past and, perhaps with our ire aroused by more reckless killings, we will dwell upon it in the future, for it is a pet peeve of ours, one that grows stronger with each reckless killing.

Getting back to Pete Gould: Pete is very indignant at the opening of the elk season here in Coos county. He states that he would like to see the elk preserved to the extent that the kids of the coming generation would be able to see one outside a zoo. He advocated, as does the writer, the cleaning up of the present game commission. And we know that Pete and myself are not the only ones who would like to see a shake-up occur in the game commission. A brand new commission, we are satisfied couldn't be any worse than the present one and most any sort of appointment to the commission would better it a lot.

Wild huckleberries were ripe in August this season, the blue berries were practically all gone by the first of October, the time they usually start to ripen, maple trees put on their golden colors in late July and for the first time in our life as a hunter, we witnessed the sight of a buck with a swollen neck in the month of September, which means that some bucks were rutting (running) at that early stage of the season. Each and every sign of Mother Nature points to an early fall and, according to tradition the way the caterpillar is "clothed" it is going to be a tough winter. This sport wears a heavy "fur" coat at all seasons. 'Tis said that when the "fur" is real heavy on the neck of the caterpillar that the forepart of the winter will prove to be cold. If the "fur" is heavy on the rear end it will be a cold winter during the later months. If he is adorned all over with a heavy and uniform coat, it will be a tough winter throughout. The only manner in which the head end of a caterpillar may be dis-

Help A Returning Vet Get Started On Road To Farm Ownership

You Can Help

All of us want to do everything we can to help our returning veterans make their readjustment to civilian life. We owe them a debt we can never fully repay. Several thousand servicemen from this state came from our farms. Most of them want to get back on a farm. Right now there are many veterans looking for good farms for sale at a reasonable price or for rent over a reasonable period of years.

You can help a veteran on the road to successful farm ownership as a practical and lasting expression of your appreciation.

Find a Farm

If you are a farmer planning to retire, or a non-resident farm owner, you can agree to sell your farm to a veteran at a price based on an impartial earning capacity appraisal by three local farmers who make up the County Farm Security Administration committee.

You can agree to lease your farm on a share or cash-rent basis for three to five years to a qualified veteran.

Everyone who has information about or knows of a family-type farm for sale at a reasonable price or for lease over a period of years can help, too.

Here is How

If you are willing to sell or lease your farm to a veteran on a basis that will insure success or know of a farm:

Get in touch with the County Farm Security Administration office at Coquille, Oregon, or write to the Farm Security Administration, Portland, Oregon, giving full details about your farm.

The local supervisors will place you in touch with one or several qualified veterans, and you will have free choice in selecting the qualified veteran you wish to honor.

If you agree to sell your farm to a veteran on the basis of the County FSA committee appraisal, such an appraisal will be made free of charge at your request. An appraisal does not obligate you to sell at the appraised price.

If you know of a suitable farm, report such information to a veteran looking for a farm or to the County FSA office for referral to a qualified veteran.

Veteran Gets Start

Every veteran with sufficient experience, who can secure a three to five year lease or share agreement on a good farm is eligible for an operating loan up to \$2,500 from Farm Security, or can use the GI loan guarantee for a commercial loan to finance necessary livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and household goods. This will enable the veteran to acquire the operating goods necessary for farm and later make him eligible for an ownership loan.

Additional information and help for veterans or farm owners who wish to help veterans become established can be secured through the County Veterans' Advisory committee and County Agents of the Extension Service.

No Better Way

There is no better way for you to create an opportunity for a farm veteran to realize our national tradition of family farm ownership in a practical way.

You will at the same time be helping fight a serious farm land inflation that caused thousands of farm foreclosures following World War I. If you are a retiring farmer or non-resident land owner, talk it over with your family. You may wish to do this as a memorial to a boy who gave his life on the battlefield so that we might continue to enjoy democracy and opportunity.

Ensign Louis Gilbert Was In The Okinawa Operations

Ensign Carl Louis Gilbert, Jr., 21, U.S.N.R., of Coquille, son of Carl Gilbert of this city, served with Composite Squadron 99, operation from the escort aircraft, U.S.S. Hoggatt Bay, in the occupation of northern Honshu and Hokkaido. The carrier conducted patrols in the Philippines, supported the occupation of Okinawa, and carried out assault against enemy installations in the Sakishima group. During the Okinawa operations the squadron flew 1,327 individual sorties.

tinguished from the tail end is to catch him on the move. They never back up. Well, we shall see just what sort of a prophet the caterpillar turns out to be this season. Hope he is wrong.

Be seen' you all next week. Until then—good shootin' to you all!

Don't take chances on something just as good!

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