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FREEDOM

Elmer Davis of the Office of War Information has issued a release about the four freedoms. These "freedoms" are supposed to be the basis for the Atlantic charter between a couple of gentlemen named Churchill and Roosevelt.

There is certainly a conflict between the aims of the two sides fighting in this war. These aims are best explained through the history of the nations involved and not through the promises made by their leaders while the conflict is raging. England and the United States and China, in recent years, have had governments permitting individual citizens to develop to the extent of their abilities and ambitions—with certain limits, of course. Russia has not been noted as a place in which to expand one's personality; unless it was along the plan laid down by the chief.

The axis nations have—under present rulers—a reputation for effectually squelching personal ambitions of the citizenry. From history there could be but one choice for those who desired freedom as a basic rule in the anti-war world. (Incidentally, it would be interesting to know how many people in the world are really desirous of freedom.)

The four freedoms recently publicized by Mr. Davis are half important and half political, a pretty good average considering.

Freedom of speech is one of the tenets on which our American form of government is established. It is difficult to see how a republican type of government could operate without it.

Freedom of religion is of almost equal importance although it is doubtful if there could be freedom of religion without freedom of speech. Inasmuch as religion affects the thoughts and lives of the people greatly, it is important that religious belief be ungoverned by the political power of the state.

The other two of the well advertised quartette are politically designed to appeal to the ignorant.

Freedom from want is an ideal reached only by those who have achieved a nirvana on earth. America has been made great by those who wanted something and would work to get it. Had it been the function of the federal government to keep its citizens from want there would have been no progress. Men who want food work for it, till the soil, man the factories; men who want quicker transportation invent automobiles; men who want softer beds make pillows. When government takes from individuals their wants we will have entered the last stage of social decay. The idea could only appeal to those who had no ambition or who desired to live on the earnings of others.

Freedom from fear, when applied nationally, has some justification for being hoped for. Those who belong to a nation strong enough to always protect itself need fear no invasion. There has never been such a nation—for long. The United States had no fear a couple years ago. Now look at it. Absence of such fear is dangerous. History is full of the record of nations that had so little fear of enemies that they did not prepare to defend their borders. Realistically fear and pain are the two best guards of life, not only of individuals but of nations. It is probably a nice ideal to be free from fear, but it is often a fool's paradise.

There is no present chance of adding another freedom to the fearful four, but at least one more is necessary: that is the freedom to work. Right now there is a heavy tax on the right to work, a tax that is going to be upbuilding of a group of liege lords who have displayed as much avarice as any in history. While we are talking about freedoms it may be just as well to include these petty, Hitler's with other

enemies of freedom. In reality there is only one freedom. Definitions only serve to limit it. People living together must give up some of the freedom. The question is: how much freedom should we have to give up in order to establish an orderly state? The real liberal believes in the retention of as much freedom as possible for the individual. The modern totalitarian leader wants to take as much freedom as possible and make the people subservient to the state. At the present time, all over the world, the people are losing or giving up their freedom. They either lose it by force or give it up for false promises. Like an old saying, "you never miss the water 'til the well runs dry," it seems that we never miss our freedom until it is gone. Then we have to fight for it.

It is hard to tell whether the efforts to have a tax law passed to take money as it comes in instead of waiting until the next March to take it are engendered from sympathy for the taxpayer or fear that he won't have any money by next March.

Mohandus K. Gandhi, who used to be called Mahatma, shows almost unlimited faith in the finer feelings of the Japs. Otherwise he would not be so reckless in throwing India into revolt when the Japs are almost ready to move in. It may be that he prefers Japan to England as a master. There is some historical precedent for England giving independence to a colony; there is none for Japan.

The price on fresh tuna is set at nearly 20 cents per pound. What that makes the price in the can we don't know—and thank goodness, that's one thing we're not going to worry about.

Isolationism as a political impediment seems to have fallen down in early tests. Considering that a vast majority of the people were isolationists too, as long as it was possible, it's no wonder.

In Other Days

From the Observer Aug. 14, 1903
At the fire hose test Saturday night streams covered buildings on both sides of First street. A perpendicular stream played higher than the flour mill roof.

A team of horses, hitched to a wood workers horse took sudden departure from the Mitchell & Foss shops Saturday, running up the hill west of town. They left the third horse on main street and after the span was caught and led back by a man on horseback John Foss, shattered the third horse and carried it home.

A. C. Huff of Paradise farm on John Day, was in Moro this week with a load of splendid garden truck. He has melons, cantelopes, corn, onions, cabbage and potatoes and will be here with another load today.

C. R. Belshoe met with a very painful accident Sunday evening as he was hitching up his buggy team, which may result in permanent injury to his ankle, caused by the kick of a horse.

From the Observer Aug. 15, 1913
L. E. Langford and J. T. Boothby each unloaded a wagon of fruit at the Moro Market Tuesday morning, fresh from Columbia river orchards.

Max Plumpe has sold his residence and acreage property in Moro View addition adjoining the property of W. H. Ragdale, to Earl Fields.

The Moro Garage has been incorporated with capital stock of \$2000 by W. H. Moore, H. R. Butler, H. R. Moore, H. A. Moore and W. C. Bryant.

Eugene, son of C. G. Silver, was thrown from his riding pony Friday evening, August 8th, into a barbed wire fence badly cutting and tearing his right forearm.

From the Observer, Aug. 17, 1923
The best yield of wheat for this season reported from the Kent district was harvested by Oscar Adams, the grain being 40 fold and averaging 18 sacks.

A little stranger, Margaret Helen by name, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams Friday morning with the information that that was her future home. At the time of arrival the little stranger weighed 8 pounds, but Walter says, "she'll grow."

C. J. Thompson and family left Thursday for their new home at Corvallis, where Orval, eldest of the children, will attend OAC next college term. The family's household goods were transported to their new location by means of an auto truck which made a special trip to this city for that purpose.

Samuel Hill globe trotter and good roads enthusiast, spoke in favor of a bridge across the Columbia at Maryhill, as a connecting link between Washington and Oregon in Goldendale Tuesday.

Kelly's Column

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In the government printing office (the largest in the world) the proofs have been taken for a universal rationing book. When these books have been distributed Leon Henderson can, overnight, announce rationing of any article and it will come with such suddenness that no one will be able to rush to the stores and stock up. The book will have pages of various colors and all Henderson will have to do is to announce rationing of something and designate the green, or blue or red page. Such is the machinery being set up for the rationing that is to come. One book will serve for the rationing of any article, even for clothing.

There was so much confusion and criticism over the sugar rationing that this will not be repeated once the books are in the hands of the customers.

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available for civilian use has been curtailed.

Take care of stove pipe because indications are that it will be scarce this winter. The W.P.B. plumbing and heating branch lists the following suggestions on how to protect old stove pipe properly. Thoroughly clean the pipe inside and out with steel wool or sandpaper; apply asbestos furnace cement (available at a few cents at hardware stores or from heating contractors) to all small holes and scratches; remove lengths containing large holes and replace only these lengths with new pipe; and carefully apply a good heat resisting paint.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Tractors and motors will never wholly replace the Army Mule as a factor in the mobile units of our army. The Army Mule is a tradition and the "mule skinner" is a breed unto himself. Army Mules are used by the Field Artillery and the Cavalry in areas where the terrain is rough and tractors cannot operate.

Pack trains in mountainous sectors are often necessary and here the mule, slow but sure-footed, plays an important role. Our Army buys thousands of mules paying from \$175 to \$190 for each. The mule eats less, carries more, and some declare is smarter than the horse. Your purchase of War Bonds and Stamps helps pay for these Army Mules. Invest at least ten percent of your income in War Bonds every pay day.

U. S. Treasury Department
INSTRUCTORS
The Instructors Unit of the U. S. Citizens Defense Corps, has been established in an administrative order issued by James M. Landis, Director of the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense.

The insignia for Instructors consists of an inverted equilateral triangle, centered above which is a falling bomb, to the left of which is a chemical retort, and to the right of which is a flame in red, within a white triangle in a circular field of blue. The insignia may be used generally but not on arm bands or brassards.

Duties of the Instructors in the U. S. Citizens Defense Corps shall consist of giving courses of training and instruction to units of the Defense Corps, as prescribed from time to time by orders or instructions of the Director. Appointment as instructors shall be restricted to eligible persons who have registered for training and have satisfactorily completed prescribed and approved courses of training or instructions, by the Local Defense Council, on the basis of ability to perform prescribed duties, by the legally authorized appointive authority of any State or community subject to any further rules, regulations, or orders, issued by the Director.

Instructors who are graduates of War Department Civilian Protection Schools may wear the prescribed insignia encircled by a wreath of laurel.

Tough in the Air—and on the Ground



Aviation cadets at Randolph Field, Texas, famed "West Point of the Air," charge over an embankment with rifles and fixed bayonets in a phase of extended order drill. Along with their flying training, these future fighters and bomber pilots are going to be tough and ready to defend themselves on the ground as well as above it.

Bothwell's Have Baby Girl As Second Heir

Word was received here Saturday of the arrival of a baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bothwell at The Dalles hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and will be named Betty Lee. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling were business visitors in The Dalles one day last week.

Mrs. John Koepeke was a visitor Sunday at the William Jeffries home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mrs. Herman Schilling and son of Grass Valley were visitors here Sunday.

Miss Doris Stiles of Moro was a Kent visitor Sunday.

Tom Miller of California was a visitor here in Kent for a few days, last week. He visited for a night with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Helyer and with old friends before returning home Thursday.

County Agent LeRoy Wright of Moro was here two days this week.

Jeanne Wallace of Klondike was home Sunday to spend the day visiting her parents and sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace, Marie and Robert.

Dewey Adams was a visitor in Kent Monday.

Richard Stakely was in Wasco one day last week.

Mrs. George Barnett was at the home of Mrs. James Mathes last

Thursday. Mrs. George McKay was in The Dalles Friday. She went down on the stage to receive medical examination and was told she had influenza and yellow jaundice. Mrs. Polly Smith is now staying at the Kent hotel. Mrs. Lester Wilson and daughter Karen and Mary vonBorstel were in The Dalles Tuesday.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78.O.E.S. Moro, Oregon

Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting members invited

Marie Hoskinson, W. M. Pauline Douma, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us.

Derwin Van Gilder, W. M. C. V. Belknap, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge, No. 118 Moro, Oregon

Meets 2d & 4th Tuesdays in each month. Visiting members welcome.

Lucille May, N. G. Florence Johnston, Sec.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F. Moro, Oregon

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I. O. O. F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Paul May, N. G. Percy Thompson, Sec.

ONE BUCK... BUY WAR BONDS

OVER THE TOP FOR VICTORY WITH UNITED STATES WAR BONDS-STAMPS

Norway Lend-Lease

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The type pictured here is the "can" and "elephant nose" mask and costs about \$9.25 each. The headgear is transparent, made of material resembling cellophane and does not cloud with the breath. You can buy two of these gas masks with the purchase of an \$18.75 War Bond. We need thousands of them. Don't fail to give at least ten percent of your income every pay day for War Bonds. Buy them at your bank or postoffice, regularly.

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CHEER UP and enjoy the whiskey that "CHEERFUL AS ITS NAME" OLD SUNNY BROOK BRAND KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY. Make yourself a cool drink with this grand, genial bourbon. Savor its mellowness and fine old-time flavor! You'll cheer up—instantly! Oregon's fastest selling whiskey. 90.4 Proof National Distillers Prod. Corp., N. Y.

Going Somewhere WE'RE IN A WAR; a fact that is being brought home to us in many ways. No longer can we enjoy all the privileges to which we have become accustomed. Johnny can't use the car. Mother can't bake so many cakes. Place the blame squarely where it belongs—in Berlin. The shadow that has darkened so much of the world could lengthen still farther; could blot out freedom of speech, press and worship; yes, and might to travel when and where we choose. What are we doing about it? Ask any Union Pacific man. He and thousands of other American railroad workers are exerting every effort to stop that creeping shadow; transporting armament and munitions as fast as our factories can turn them out... transporting troops in ever-increasing numbers. It's a job that must be done so we Americans may always be free to go wherever we please, unquestioned and without fear. UNION PACIFIC For information concerning passenger and freight transportation, consult local representative. The Progressive UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD The Strategic Middle Route