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Those who would trade freedom for security are deserving of neither.

THE ROAD TO SERFDOM

The book review in the current Reader's Digest is about a little book "The Road to Serfdom"

in which a man born in Austria sets forth his ideas about dictatorships and democracies.

He has been in a position to watch such things.

The excerpts in the magazine restate many of the things that observers of American politics have been saying for some time.

They are very apparent to everyone who reads history or studies governments.

For instance: no one ever starts out to create a dictatorship by saying so.

Probably they do not even think of doing that.

But the search for power always ends in dictatorship.

It is the "planners", those who want to plan the lives of other people as well as their own who are dangerous to a nation.

When they get in power they eventually come to rule everyone in order to make their plans work out.

The author recalls the use of the word "liberal" which is the proper name for one who believes in greater rights for the individual.

Anyone who restricts the rights of the people is not a liberal. Restricting people is an old trick.

Kings did it for generations. Then came the revolutions of the latter 18th century out of which came the America we love.

We may retain the rights our ancestors won then, or may slip back into the subservience of serfdom.

It is up to us. Present tendency is toward serfdom.

ONE INDEPENDENT LEFT

If one reads the pages in the back of the papers he might have discovered that all is not well with the American delegation that is to represent this nation at the San Francisco parley.

It appears that Senator Vandenberg is upset because the president has already agreed to some of the things the conference was to be about.

He has an old fashioned and American notion again as being a rubber stamp.

We had not counted on Vandenberg cutting much of a figure in the conference and had thought that Harold Stassen might produce some ideas.

Nothing, of course, could be expected of Tom Connolly or Sol Bloom, who have been wrapped up in the president's coat tails a long time.

Secretary of State, Stettinius, is another of our too numerous do-gooders who insists on feeding the people of the world and rationing the Americans.

Probably nothing will come from Vandenberg's protest as a majority of the delegation will approve what has already been done.

That may be the purpose of the San Francisco meeting: to make public and to validate the secret meeting of the three Gods at Yalta.

DEBT DEDUCTION

At the recent session of the legislature there was a proposal to change the constitution so as to permit state operation of slot machines and other gambling devices.

Legislators in general were fearful of the public reaction to such a move although the state already taxes liquor and obtains revenue from dog races.

Evidence was produced to show that nearly every club in the state has paid off its debt and raised large sums for treasuries from slot machines.

They are to be found in every club room. They have been discovered to determine what takes in thousands of dollars.

Tax minded legislators say that this is a form of possible state, county and municipal revenue that should not be overlooked. That sounds reasonable when it is considered that liquor and race gambling are being better controlled through state supervision than when drastically banned.

A change in the state constitution is not a necessity in some cases. For instance, a city might obtain a service license, employ a man to mix drinks and open a service club. If desired slot machines could be installed and the city expense or debt materially reduced or taken entirely off the taxpayers shoulders.

Those who played could pay—and would gladly. In some cases such a club might become a desirable meeting place and a means of keeping social contacts in the trading area so that business would remain at home.

If the income was sufficient many improvements might be made to the city. Feasibility of such procedure would depend on the need for payment of public debt, the desire for a community social center and the willingness of citizens to aid. The plan is practical and workable although generally such incomes go to private persons or private clubs.

BYRNES

James F. Byrnes has at last resigned from his government post and is probably going back to private life. That is too bad. He has been a faithful servant of the administration and to a slightly lesser degree to the people.

He has been legislator, judge and bureaucrat in the executive department. Senators and congressmen, who knew Byrnes say he was dependable and able in the senate. He gave up a life time position on the supreme bench to lend his peculiar abilities to the administration in time of war.

He was turned down for the vice-presidency last July and his decision to retire apparently comes from the dis-appointment of that time. Byrnes never bore the reputation of being one of the theoretical new dealers. Rather, he has been one of the practical administrators who kept the social minded theorists from wreaking greater destruction on the country.

There are not enough capable men from in government and the loss of one of the best is an occasion for sorrow on the part of Americans who are trying to prevent the nation from becoming Europeanized.

FARM PROBLEM

The attempt now being made by the several farmer organizations of Oregon and eastern Washington to agree on a farm program to be suggested to the federal government is one that will do much good whether such a program ever finds agreement or is ever adopted by the government. It will be successful if the combined group learns of the wide disagreement that prevails not only among the different groups but between individual farmers from separate sections of the nation as well as state.

The very fact that farmers disagree indicates the breadth of the nation and the varied systems of agricultural production in this country. It may be assumed that each group of farmers will endeavor to make a program that will redound to its best advantage financially. That is to be expected.

Wheat growers have been a fortunate spot recently. Although the price of their product has not reached parity as figured by the Department of Agriculture, the wheat growers have made such startling reductions in the production cost of wheat that profits have been very satisfactory, especially in the factory production areas where a great deal of the wheat is grown.

The cotton farmer is faced with a loss of export that means ruin to him, the dairy farmer has had to struggle against rising feed costs and price restrictions, even the stockman has had his troubles with rationing. Wheat growers have been more fortunate than most and even they have had restrictions put upon them that are onerous.

It is likely that the only way the agricultural situation will be settled will be for the government to let the farmer alone for awhile. It may not be possible for a permanent policy but no other way than free competition has been discovered to determine what crops are in demand and who can

best produce them.

The AAA policy has reduced the acreage of cotton. It has brought forth more competition for wheat growers because production costs have dropped and profits are high on wheat and the market is guaranteed. We now have some 60,000,000 hogs whereas we had over a 100,000,000 a few years ago. We need pork and so do our allies but we will not produce it with feed costs and OPA both against the producer. We need more milk and dairymen are going out of business. We have 80,000,000 beef cattle—a high figure—and restrictions make us short of beef.

There is no sense in the AAA program. Certainly another one is needed. Because of known disagreement among farmers and groups of farmers the smart boys in the agricultural department will be able to write the kind of a program they want, just as they did before.

A southern, senator writing in the Country Gentleman recently said that there was little wrong with the cotton situation that a dose of free trade would not cure. Perhaps the same thing would settle many other farm problems as well. If there was no favoritism given by the government to any economic group it would be a safe bet that the wheat farmer of this area could take care of himself mightily well.

Kelly's Column

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mittee protested the chartering of government cargo ships to private speculators while federal agencies were unable to obtain a boat.

Setting up a government school for the training of diplomats is proposed in a bill now being considered in the house. Boys between 21 and 25 years old with at least three years of college would be admitted after examination tests and they would be instructed in all matters essential to a successful career in the diplomatic service. Representative Curtis of Nebraska, author of the bill, argued that specially trained diplomats, freed from partisan political influence, would be a factor in formulating a foreign policy which would be continuous through successive administrations and that such continuity will be necessary if the United States is to retain its present high position in world affairs.

At an outlay of \$46,913.08 for expenses the senate committee to investigate non-essential government expenses has effected direct savings amounting to \$2,457,623,668, according to a report read by the chairman, Senator Byrd. The report also claims credit for having been instrumental in affecting indirect savings of approximately \$600,000.

In Other Days

From the Observer, April 6, 1906 Mrs Ida Strong Wolford presented her husband with a fine boy on the 27th. Another Nasby.

A 9 lb. girl gladdened the home of Mr and Mrs Claude Thompson at Monkland last week.

At the city election Monday 95 votes were cast. S. S. Hayes, Adolph Heydt were elected to the council. A tie vote between W. H. Ragsdale and O. A. Ramsey, gave the latter the place. Mr Wallen was elected treasurer.

A fire in Moro this week would have wound the city up for all time. No water. How's the horse? From the Observer, April 7 1916.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh America and her "Underground"

We were sitting around after chores the other night talking about the progress of the war. Chad Davis was saying how, in spite of Germany's defeat, there was still the German underground to cope with. "I don't worry about them," says Sober Hoskins. "So long as we got our own underground in working order."

What do you mean—our underground? says Chad. And Sober points out to the fields. "There it is," he says, "under that soil lies the most important

MAKE UP AMERICA! Does Russia Aim To Dominate Europe?

James Burnham, author of "The Machiavellian Defenses of Freedom" and "The Managerial Revolution"

MR. BURNHAM OPENS: Russia's denunciation of all plans for an independent European federation, her continuing peace with Japan, her conservation of puppet regimes for Poland, Yugoslavia, Germany, and others of the Balkan nations, her resistance to military strategy based on assistance through the Balkans, her revision of her Communist program, her refusal to insist on a free political hand—all these and other facts show that she hopes to dominate not only Eastern Europe but Europe as a whole. Whether she will succeed depends upon the relative strength of the great powers at the end of a war; the clarity and consistency of the Russian policy; the ability of the European peoples to find within themselves a new strength and vision. If Russia does succeed in dominating Europe, the consequences will be the following: (1) Because of the operation of the Russian state monopoly of foreign trade with such vast empire as its base, international economic conflict will rise to a new height. (2) The peoples of Europe will, directly or in effect, become subjected to Stalin's totalitarian internal regime, which in no essential respect differs from Hitler's. Do-stant efforts at revolt, terror and counter-terror, would be a virtual certainty. (3) The international balance of power would be so over-weighted that a significant victory would be only a question of time. (4) The "freedom" of which is spoken in practice by Stalin—would become the bitterest joke of modern history.

MR. CULBERTSON CHALLENGES: Apart from the obvious exaggerations of Mr. Burnham's Bill of Indictment there is no question Russia's policy has assumed expansionist coloration. The heavy wine of continuous victories has had its effect. But to consider Russia is seeking to dominate Europe is quite a leap. Russia is not the only power seeking expansionist settlement of postwar problems. There are grounds to assume Russia and Britain have agreed (tacitly or explicitly) on the division of Europe into two zones of influence. The inevitable result—a squeeze play on the U.S.—resumption of the ever-recurring, ever-disastrous march of the power politicians.

MR. BURNHAM REPLIES: A workable solution of "the European question" is the only chance for world peace in the generation ahead. The old system of many small independent nations has collapsed. Domination of Europe by a single great power—Stalin's Russia as plainly as Hitler's Germany—would only make probable a war still more gigantic than this one. The only alternative is a free and genuinely independent Federated Europe. The great weakness and the great crime of United States foreign policy is its failure to understand this fact, and its consequent inability to offer the European peoples any perspective whatever.

Apples for sale, different varieties, at 60c and 75 c per box. V. E. Clark, Hood River, Oregon. Dr. C. L. Poley is having a porch built onto his residence, replacing the one on the front and continuing around the south and east to the kitchen. In the rear it will be built 2-story, the upper to be a sleeping porch. L. Barnum has traded the old family residence and acreage to Art Dix Phillips in exchange for his hotel property next to the new garage.

Arrangements for the annual DeMoss Fourth of July celebration are again under way. Otto Peetz secretary of the Pioneer's Association, has mailed requests to members to remit the yearly dues of \$1. From the Observer, April 9, 1945 Vernon Shipley, injured recently in a motorcycle accident near his home west of Grass Valley, is reported to be recovering nicely from the effects of his accident, but that he has no recollection of how he received them.

Peters and Ginn are the first to report being finished with spring plowing in the Moro vicinity. Since they have housed their outfit several others have also reported as having finished.

That is a natural question: There are a number of answers, any one of which may be the one that fits the case. It's possible your neighbor on the next street ordered service sooner than you did... has been waiting longer. Or the neighbor who applied later but got service sooner may be one whose responsibilities for defense, public health, welfare and safety require it.

Or there may be more wire capacity available on his street. Until the telephone factories are able to turn from war production, there will continue to be shortages of certain facilities here on the home front. We are doing our level best to meet the essential requirements of our country and community. Your co-operation and understanding are appreciated.

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NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as administrator of the Estate of Clyde E. Crates, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 11th day of April, 1945, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the court room of said Court, in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

Blaine C. Miller, Administrator. T. Lester Johnson, Attorney at law, Moro, Oregon. First publication March 9, 1945 Last publication, April 6, 1945.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final Account and Report as administratrix of the Estate of Bart Burrell, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 11th day of April, 1945, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the court room of said Court, in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

Leota Burrell, Administratrix. T. Lester Johnson, Attorney at law, Moro, Oregon. First publication March 9, 1945 Last publication, April 6, 1945.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of J. L. Davis, also known as Lester Davis, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix and Executor, respectively, of the last will and testament of J. L. Davis, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: March 23, 1945. Emma Davis Luther W. Davis Geo. G. Updegraff, Attorney for Executrix and Executor.

A new telephone line has been built within the city limits of Moro by the company to accommodate those living in Hayes addition. The new line at present is built as far as the Edgar Miller property now owned by F. D. Platt.

Ted Barnum wrecked the Avery Martin car last Saturday when returning from the fair grounds for a load of passengers for the ball game. Barnum was trying to pass the Lusk car and struck soft dirt when he turned off the main track.

GRASS VALLEY THEATRE

THIS WEEK SATURDAY — SUNDAY

7 - 8

BATHING BEAUTY

WITH Red Skelton Harry James and Orchestra

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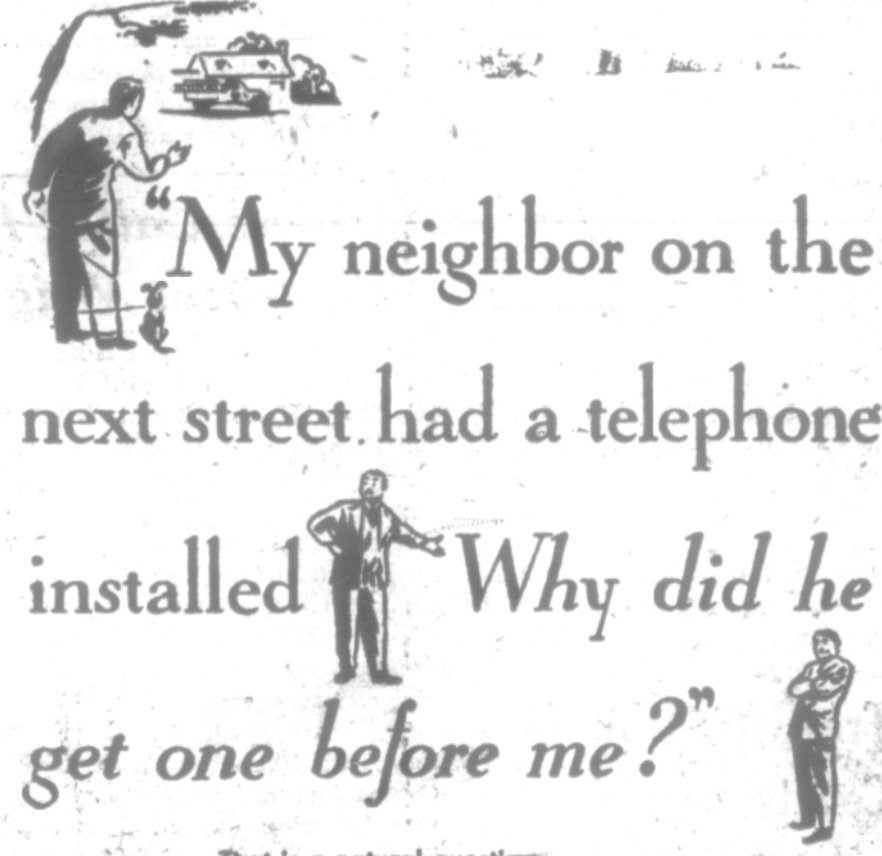
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And The Angels Sing

Starring DOROTHY LAMOUR FRED MacMURRAY BETTY HUTTON DIANA LYNN

Grass Valley Theatre—Phone 101 DOORS OPEN AT 7:15 P. M. SHOW STARTS AT 8:00 P. M. ADMISSION ADULTS 40c.; CHILDREN 20c. MATINEE SUNDAYS, 2:00 P. M.

Serve Tasty Soup on Wintery Days! Speaking of winter, nippy days for many families means a piping hot bowl of soup for lunch or dinner. Most housewives lean toward the hearty variety, such as fish chowder, chile, bean or pea soups. Whole and split peas are plentiful now and we all know what grand soups they make. Ever tried lentils or black beans? If you haven't, there's a pleasant surprise in store for you. They make luscious soups that your family is bound to appreciate.



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