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

YOU HAVE TO BE VERY HOPEFUL AND TRUSTING

No American citizen unless so filled with hope for world peace that he is willing to grasp at any straw, can take heart over the proceedings so far between the allied nations.

In this week when agents of Joe Stalin, emissaries of Great Britain, delegates from the United States and representatives of smaller nations are meeting in San Francisco for the announced purpose of achieving an organization to make and retain peace the omens are not hopeful except for the most sanguine.

A reading of the actual results of previous conferences leads to the conclusion—at this date—that the United States has been played for a sucker again and that its expenditure of men and money and materials will again result in continuation of European power politics, which, whether rightly or wrongly, we have been talking against.

We are going to have to either (1) get into the game and play power politics ourselves, which means educating some diplomats, or (2) quit fooling around with the big boys who coddle us along until we have been used for their purposes and then drop our idealistic ideas with barely a thank you.

The Atlantic charter was our first statement of policy and it was in the American tradition for the most part. Except for items 5 and 6, which were apparently put in for American political consumption it sounds much like Wilson's fourteen points. It was later discovered, after nearly all nations had subscribed to it, that it was a mere series of notes. It did say that there would be no territorial aggrandisement, that peoples would be allowed to establish their own type of government, that there would be freedom of the seas, that nations would be given access to trade and raw materials.

Since then Russia has practically taken most of Poland, several slices of Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and established herself pretty well in all the Balkan states to say nothing of scaring the daylight out of Turkey about the Dardanelles. If Russia goes to war against Japan no one expects her to allow Manchuria to remain Japanese or even Chinese.

France has laid claim to the Saar, England has made preliminary plans to take over Sicily, we have talked about giving China Formosa and Okinawa. All of which indicates that the Atlantic charter is of no more importance than the scraps of paper on which it was written.

Far from living up to the original idea that each nation would be given the right to establish its own kind of government, we have endeavored to force democracy on them. For instance we said about Italy "It is essential that the Italian government should be made more democratic by the introduction of representatives of those sections of the Italian people who have always opposed Fascism." and "Democratic organs of local government shall be created." All this may be a good idea from our point of view, but it isn't letting Italy make up its own mind.

Reading the actual product of the famous meetings of the self styled big three leaves one with the feeling that they were called to exalt the political prestige at home of Roosevelt and Churchill. This may explain Stalin's lack of interest in such goings on. Al-

most nothing was done that was put on paper or that has had any effect so far. Roosevelt said of the Teheran conference "No political arrangements were made, and none was attempted."

Also nothing was decided at Yalta, at least nothing that is final, for the wording of the official report is as indefinite as a politician's promise. Perhaps it is just that.

There is hope, however, from the plan started at Dumbarton Oaks. It proposes an organization of nations to keep the peace. The big nations will run the thing—the nations that are now big. It is not so much a league of nations as it is a means of keeping power in the hands of the present victors. It may result in getting this nation into the European power politics program that has been going on for over 1000 years. That may not be so bad. We either have to get in or stay out and we have not had an administrator with brains enough to keep us out for thirty years.

Taking a part in Europe's political quarrels undoubtedly means that we will become closer to Europe economically. Interventionists now say that we cannot isolate ourselves politically or militarily from Europe. It naturally follows that we cannot isolate ourselves economically from Europe. That means smaller wages, smaller profits for farmers and business men, less food, less of the bountiful things that America has had because it was economically isolated.

It may be that some agreement will hold the little nations of the world from fighting. No one seriously presumes that anything can be done about the big nations. Russia has taken over eastern Europe. Soon England will be as scared of Russia as she ever was of Germany, for England has always strived to maintain a balance of power. Now there is no two nations of power on the continent to balance off. Next we will be told of the dangers of communism. And, again, we will go forth to battle and kill another generation of our youth to destroy an ideology we do not understand and that does not concern us as take territory we do not want.

BUREAUCRATIC HUNGER

The OPA, in another of its efforts to appease the public, has raised the subsidy to be paid packers. It is thus hoped that more meat will be available. Stockmen will be hard to convince that larger profits for packers will increase the supply of meat.

As usual the government is attacking the food situation from the wrong angle. Reason for the shortage of beef is that the price of feed is too high for anyone to feed out cattle, so they are shipped at feeder weight and the public loses 300 to 100 pounds per animal. In the meantime wheat and corn spoil because it cannot be moved from the farm. (you usually dying out anyway.)

say it, it can't be printed) The reason there is so little pork is that the government asked farmers to reduce the supply. They did. In Sherman county we cut down 85 percent from 1943. Again farmers feel there is a surplus, if not a larger, profit in selling grain than in feeding it to hogs. There is no mutton because there is no one to herd the sheep.

If the government does as thorough a job of muddling up the international situation as it has the domestic food situation we will be fighting another war in six months.

CIGARETTE TAX

Both the teachers and the parents through their official organizations have endorsed the cigarette tax that will be on the special election ballot June 22. At one time there was doubt as to whether the ones most interested in schools would take the money or not.

It may seem peculiar that there should have been such doubt. It is true that nearly all of our taxes are placed against things that are called virtuous. If a man be thrifty and save his money we levy a tax on his income and the property he buys. We tax industry. The man who works the hardest, saves the most, accumulates the best, pays the largest tax.

There are few taxes raised from the things that more puritanical call sinful. In Oregon we tax liquor to feed grandpa. We tax pinball machines (just a little) for the general fund and now, the voters being willing, we will tax cigarettes for Johnnies education.

We see no moral connotations about it whatever. Certainly it is much better than placing the entire burden of school taxes on property which means that property owners pay up or go out of business. Not too long ago many of them went out of business. If cigarette smokers do not want to pay the tax they can quit and evade it, which is more than the property owner can do without bankruptcy.

Many attempts to legislate against race prejudice were made last winter when many of the states had their law makers in session. Most of them failed but some, notably in New York, passed. Such laws will probably turn out to be a mistake. A man who finds that he must hire a Negro or a member of some other race or religion he does not like, or one who finds that he must work alongside of such persons, will be filled with a great deal less tolerance than if permitted to evade such contact. The Negroes were working as much as their easy going temperament desired, the Jews were getting along all right in this country. Laws of this kind merely serve to bring to the fore prejudices of the citizenry when these prejudices were gradually dying out anyway.

In Other Days

From the Observer, April 30, 1926

Mrs. C. L. Ireland entertained last Friday in honor of Miss Margaret Foss, whose marriage to Lawrence Edward Kaseberg is announced to occur the evening of Saturday, May 1st.

Fire in the film room of the Grass Valley theatre last Sunday badly damaged the operating machine and destroyed several reels of film.

Fred Blau was a business visitor in Moro Thursday morning from Wasco. He reports crop conditions in north Sherman county as exceptionally good for this time of year.

The state highway oiling crew are now moving to Wasco and will soon be at work placing oil on the Sherman highway north of that city to Biggs junction.

From the Observer, April 28, 1916

Mrs. O. A. Ramsey and Mrs. W. C. Bryant, representing the M. E. Sunday school, and Mrs. Carrie Jackson and Mrs. G. B. Bourhill, representing the Presbyterian Sunday school are delegates this week from Moro at the state Sunday school convention in The Dalles.

N. W. Thompson has bought one of the inside lots that formed the Blue Barn corral and will build a corrugated iron structure with a concrete foundation, to be an implement shed when the Moro Hardware & Implement Co. moves into the new concrete building to be built where formerly stood the Phillips building.

Men have been busy the last week tearing down the old Blue Barn, a Sherman county landmark for the past 25-years. The building was sold to L. W. Ross for old lumber and he, in turn, will sell the most of it to other people.

From the Observer, April 27, 1904

Sherman Huff has a new 11-lb boy at his house, born on the 19th. L. Barnum has purchased the Ginn block from J. O. Elrod.

The score on baseball games in this county last Sunday were 4 to 9 in favor of Moro vs Wasco, on Moro diamond, and 16 to 0 in favor of Grass Valley vs Antelope on Grass Valley diamond. An impromptu celebration of the 10th wedding anniversary of Dr. George T. Parr brought a jolly crowd of friends together at the hospitable home of the host and hostess in Moro Saturday evening.

We hope that someplace on the walls at San Francisco there is inscribed the words, "ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE OF LIBERTY" so that peoples will not again forget.

GEORGE G. UPDEGRAFF Attorney At Law Moro and Wasco

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"Judge, remember that place up in the mountains where we went trout fishing last year?"
"I sure do, George. We had a great time up there, didn't we?"
"I'll never forget it. But this will interest you, Judge. I heard just yesterday that the revenue men raided a big still right near there. Guess that's where all that high-priced moonshine we heard about has been coming from."
"Wouldn't be a bit surprised. I saw in the paper the other day where the Government has raided thousands of such stills during the past year."
"Sounds sort of reminiscent, doesn't it, Judge?"
"Exactly and it's not hard to figure out. As soon as the distillers stopped making whiskey and devoted their entire facilities to the production of industrial alcohol for the Government... the racketeers muscled in again."
"I hate to think of how that might have spread, Judge, if the Government hadn't found it possible, without interfering with our war effort in any way, to permit a short resumption of legal whiskey production recently."

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Highway Plans

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ed States beyond the initial three-year period until these needs are satisfied.

Included in the three-year plan are the secondary roads in and near Sherman county Fulton canyon, state secondary \$54,000, Sherrars Bridge state secondary, \$122,000; Wasco-Heppner, state secondary \$252,000, this probably means some work on Cottonwood at this end of the road; Shaniko-Fossil, state secondary, \$60,000.

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Want Ads

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Washington Column

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output will be decreased because requirements for the war in Europe will have terminated. Immediately upon announcement that Germany has been subjected to agramme will be sent to prime and subcontractors to either close shop or reduce their output. Plants producing for lend-lease however, are expected to continue such jobs (tanks, jeeps, etc.) as are still in the shop and these will be utilized in the Pacific theater. Then will come reconversion and the production of civilian goods providing war production board releases the materials.

An amendment to the securities and exchange commission law passed in the senate and previously concurred in by the house permits the issuance and sale of securities up to \$300,000 by any business

concern which wishes to adopt this method of financing its operations without first having obtained commission approval. The purpose is to facilitate the development and growth of so-called small business. It is equally obvious that state blue sky laws must be compiled with and that the undertaking must in all respects be legitimate and not violative of established business practices. The only effect of the amendment is to exempt such financing from supervision by the securities and exchange commission.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

NOTICE: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House, Moro, Oregon on the second Monday in May that being the 14th day of May, 1945, to publicly examine the Assessment rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed (appearance is by petition). All petitions must be in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the board within the first week it is by law required to be in session.

Charles A. Ruggles County Assessor



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