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NO WORLD GOVERNMENT

Something peculiar has occurred in this Oregon legislature. Something often goes, but nothing just like this.

In 1949 both houses of the legislature passed a memorial giving support and comfort to the United Nations and world government. A memorial is about as useless a bit of writing as can be found in official circles. By passing a memorial a legislature merely asks congress to look over the matter. It is a way of informing the congress how the state legislature feels and often there is little attention given to the content of the memorial.

But the patriotic groups discovered the memorial and have spent a lot of time and money trying to get another memorial passed which would rescind the support given in 1949. In a way it is asking the 1951 legislature to take back something the 1949 legislature did as the membership is different and the times are different which add to the confusion.

The house passed the second memorial after long debate and the senate wrestled with the problem for hours, sent it back to committee so all the wise words could be repeated before another gallery.

For the minority who looked with jaundiced eye on the idea back in 1949 it is a rather pleasurable period; they are finding that the thinking of the legislature is catching up with them. For those who are debating in favor of world government it is a fine opportunity to expound on the values of international cooperation, the brotherhood of man and such Sunday morning ideas. For the newspaper reader it must be evidence of the fallibility of state legislators who are spending so much time talking about something of infinitesimal importance when there is a solid

block of hard work to occupy the minds of the lawmakers.

RIGHT IN FRONT OF US

Probably everyone knows it without having co-ordinated it in his mind. The development of Oregon for the next ten years should come in this very area, the mid-Columbia area from The Dalles to Pendleton, section to get the greatest change in the 22nd legislative district.

Within the time mentioned The Dalles dam should be built which will produce 980,000 kilowatts, next comes John Day dam just below the mouth of the John Day river which will produce 1,275,000 kilowatts. Together with the McNary dam which will produce 980,000 kilowatts within three years this small area will have more electrical power than any comparable area in the United States. This is to say nothing of Bonneville which is close.

In addition it is planned to irrigate thousands of acres in northern Umatilla and Morrow counties with a project also possible for Shutter flat in Gilliam county and some additional irrigation near The Dalles. The new area will add much to the productivity of Oregon soils for the land is as good as that near Ontario which has done very well.

There will be barge transportation along the river, railroads are on each side of the Columbia; sites for industry are ample and should not be excessive in price. There is room for huge plants and room for housing of employees.

It will be necessary for this area to be so organized that its future will not be handicapped because of burdensome tax or highway regulation or laws and so organized that it can prevent or help prevent the removal of too much power to other sites. Certainly it must not allow the waters of the Columbia to be taken away.

The immensity of the changes that should come to this section of the state bear long thought. Morrow county may have 30,000 residents in ten years or less. Gilliam, already a center for federal activity may have half as many. Sherman will probably grow less although development will increase its size as well.

It may be that old timers won't like it. They may, as old timers usually do, resent the influx of new people. Yet there is no way to keep them from coming. They will spoil the fishing—what there is left—will upset the old and accustomed way of life, will bring new social and political pressures along with economic development.

It may be that we can find a use for wheat in manufacture if there are more people and more power. There may be mining de-

velopments and surely there will be room for industry in this rapidly growing northwest which should make things to ship to the Orient—since it now appears we are not going to abandon the Orient to Russia.

SPELLERS

The Salem Statesman is running stories and pictures of school children who win spelling contests about the central Willamette valley. Really they get more publicity than basketball players and it is individual instead of team publicity.

Now perhaps such action on the part of newspapers could settle some of the criticism that comes to schools because of athletics. A teacher over in Tillamook county has been promoting spelling contests for some time and he takes his smart young students around the county to spell against those of other schools.

Those old enough to remember the excitement of spelling contests on Friday afternoons will recall that there can be suspense and interest in such things. When the girl from Podunk spells "platypus" can the boy from Centerville spell "gnu"? Habit could make the situation as exciting as a half back breaking off tackle.

It wouldn't cost as much although it would be better training for adulthood. In these modern times there is less need for physical perfection for which our school program trains youth and more need for mental perfection which is stressed only in class rooms—if at all.

Letters to the Editor

North Bonneville, Wn.
February 13, 1951
To the Editor of the Sherman County Journal:

I read in last week's Journal where Sam Brock, telling of the 1894 flood, stated that Rufus was first called Grants. Just to keep the record straight, I would like to correct that statement.

When the railroad was completed in 1883, a station was located about two and a half miles west of the present town of Rufus, and was named Grants. It was named for Bill Grant, a prominent sheep man who started a store at that place.

The first agent at Grants was a man named Cooper, who also had a lumber yard. When the railroad was first built the engines burned wood. Curt Tom's father had the job of keeping the racks filled, and wooded up the engines.

Scott and McCoy soon took over the Grant store and C. R. Bone had a drug store and a livery stable. Mrs. McDonald had a hotel called The Callonia.

Before the flood of '94, the Portland Milling and Distilling Company had a big plant there, which partly washed away and was rebuilt.

Rufus, which was started several years after Grants, was named after Rufus C. Wallis, a pioneer of Chamberlain Flat, across the Columbia river.

I could give more details but will not at this time. I will add for my Sherman county friends that I am slowly recovering from a bad attack taken last October.

As ever,
Jay Price

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To The Editor:

For the third time in a short period of years, we are facing a challenge by an organization whose sole purpose is to destroy civilization. History tells us 21 nations took their places as leaders, only to fall by their own selfish standards, and restrictions imposed upon their neighboring countries.

Many feeble attempts have been made by some nations to regain their former standings, yet not one made the grade.

To meet this challenge, will take courage, there will be suffering and privation. Millions of dollars and thousands of lives will be sacrificed. It will be strictly up to you and me to join the crusade, follow the footsteps of those who are willing to make the supreme sacrifice, in order that we may uphold the principles set forth in the high ideals and standards by which we live.

Hundreds of our boys are forcefully fighting a cold war thousands of miles from the homes they so loved and cherished; a cruel war they do not understand.

The only reward many will receive will be thousands of rows of white crosses placed in snow-covered cruel lands, to mark their last resting place, soon to be forgotten.

Sometime during March you will be invited to join the American Red Cross, the only humanitarian organization in a position to reach every civilized country in the world. The Red Cross flag is the Swiss flag with colors inverted.

It waves proudly over every military hospital in the 62 civilized countries of the world. The slight of this great symbolic emblem is the answer to the prayers

of millions of starving people. We still believe this is God's country. It is His wish that we dwell in unison as individuals and nations.

As one great statesman wrote, "United we stand, divided we fall."

Let us choose the former lest we be the 22nd country to fall, leaving our future generations bound out to slavery. We are still our "brother's keeper." Peace happiness and security will prevail when we love one another.

C. A. Tom,
County Judge

ARMY TANK PRODUCTION ASSIGNED TO CHRYSLER

DETROIT—Production of tank engines by Chrysler Corporation has been assigned to its Chrysler division and preparations for tank engine manufacturing in New Orleans are underway, it was announced today by David A. Wallace, division president.

The U. S. Army has obtained the large Michaud plant which was built on the outskirts of New Orleans during World War II, and it has assigned this plant to the Chrysler division for tank engine production, contemplated

to amount to \$100,000,000. A work force of several hundred men will be required at the Michaud plant during the make-ready period, and about 3,000 persons will be employed as production gets underway, with this number eventually rising to about 5,000.

It is expected that New Orleans will be able to supply 90 per cent of the required workers.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Sometimes Good Intentions Aren't Enough

That fire at the Griffin place didn't do much damage last week, but Volunteer Chief Murphy was pretty angry about it. Spoke to some of us over dinner and a bottle of beer.

"Griffin's farm is a good mile from town," he said. "And by the time we'd dodged all the people on the highway who were going to watch, we hadn't a minute to waste."

"Then blamed if those sight-seers hadn't parked cars right in Griffin's driveway and there was a mob of people milling around the house—just gawking. Joe, tell folks a fire's no sideshow. Ask 'em to think of the other fellow!"

From where I sit, some of us need to be reminded occasionally that even though our intentions are good we may be unfairly interfering. Whether it's blocking the right-of-way of fire equipment or criticizing a person's right to enjoy a temperate glass of beer now and then—the American Way is to give way, and give the other fellow his fair "share of the road!"

Joe Marsh

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To a young man who wishes to stand on his own two feet

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