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EDITORIALS

DOLLARS AND MERCY

For the first time since the tragic days of the World War the American people are being asked to contribute to a Red Cross war relief fund. A minimum of \$10,000,000 is being sought throughout the country to alleviate the suffering of Europe's innocent victims of war.

As one of the few remaining nations enjoying peace and security in a world of chaos, the United States is in a position to extend a strong hand of sympathy. And if we are to cope with distress that grows hourly, this must be done both swiftly and generously. Each fresh movement of troops lengthens the shadow of terror, hunger, orphanhood and homelessness.

Fortunately, mercy is of a flexible nature. Unlike other forms of human expression it can be translated into effective action by dollars and cents. Those whose homes lie in the path of marching armies are in need of purchasable succor—the simple necessities of food, clothing and medical treatment.

The American Red Cross is the logical channel through which the people of this country should express their deep concern for the plight of women, children and aged in Europe's war zones. Through the prompt and efficient manner in which the Red Cross has met the great disasters made by man and nature, its emblem, at home we have seen its great army of volunteers working tirelessly at the scene of flood, tornado—meeting constantly the challenge of human want.

Already the American Red Cross has spent \$1,500,000 for the relief of Europe's suffering. In doing so, it has received \$800,000 in spontaneous contributions; the balance has been taken from its reserve funds. In addition, chapter volunteers have produced a half million articles of clothing and more than two million surgical dressings.

With the invasion of new countries, overwhelming needs are being reported daily. They are manifest reasons why a general appeal must be made to the nation. It is a challenge sympathetic Americans should answer promptly and generously.

THE RIGHTS OF MAN

The Walter-Logan bill, which is now up in the Congress, is about as important and necessary a piece of legislation as America's lawmakers have ever considered.

In the words of Mark Sullivan, the bill "goes to the heart of what is troubling the country and the world—the conflict between the rights of man, and the authority of government." And never in our long history was that conflict so bitter and intense.

The Walter-Logan bill is aimed specifically at the arbitrary exercise of vaguely defined authority by bureau and commissions. And many an American citizen has discovered what that exercise of power means.

We have established, principally in recent years, a great number of new bureaus for various purposes. The laws authorizing these bureaus have often purposely been made general, to the extent that even the proverbial Philadelphia lawyer can't discover where their powers begin and where they end. And the result has been that government officials have at times made themselves into prosecutor, judge and jury, all in one. Rules and regulations may be changed from day to day. Interpretations of the law may be revolutionized overnight. And the ordinary citizen, who cannot afford the time and money that years of litigation in the Federal courts demand, is helpless.

The Walter-Logan bill doesn't propose to limit the authority of government or weaken its functions in any way. It simply provides that when a board or bureau makes a decision which the litigant thinks wrong, he may have an immediate appeal to a judicial body. To quote Mr. Sullivan again, "That is the same as saying, and no more than saying, that every man shall be entitled to his day in court." And the late Senator Logan, when first introducing his bill, described it in these words: "The sole issue here presented to Congress is whether we shall have a government by man or a government by law."

We all know what government by men means—look abroad at Europe. The purpose of the Walter-Logan bill is to prevent that here. And no bill could have a more vital purpose.

GATE-CRASHERS ARE A NUISANCE—BUT!

The Southern dance-hall fire, in which about 200 Negroes died, the most horrible of deaths, is simply one more of those conflagrations which could have been prevented.

The fire, it is reported, was started deliberately by a drunken merry-maker. None save the criminal can be blamed for that. But, had a minimum of forethought been used, the hazards that make for a serious fire would not have existed.

The dance-hall was decorated with streamers of Spanish moss—a material which is practically explosive when dry. On top of that, all windows and entrances, save for the narrow front door, had been barred, in order to keep out possible gate crashers.

The inevitable result was that when the match touched the moss, hell broke loose. Flames shot to the ceiling. Vast pillars of black smoke billowed out. In a few seconds the dance-hall was an inferno. Dancers, blinded by smoke and choking from fumes, beat with pitiful futility against the barred windows and doors. A few escaped by the front entrance. The majority perished from suffocation and flame.

In this fire, the simplest, most obvious tenets of fire prevention and control were violated. Under no circumstances should inflammable materials be used for decorations—many a disastrous fire has started from that cause. Even worse is the practice of barring windows and exits. Gate-crashing may be an annoyance—but it's considerably less annoying than being cremated alive.

The country pities the victims of this fire. But let the country learn a lesson from their needless deaths. Think first—then you won't have to be vainly sorry afterwards.

Sid Thurston Writes Interestingly of Trip To Capitol City

The following interesting letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Thurston from their son Sidney Thurston, who is a clerk in the census bureau in Washington, D. C. Sidney graduated from the Central Point High School with the class of 1936, and his letter describes his trip to Washington:

Charlotte, N.C.
May 14, 1940

Hello Folks:
Yesterday, Monday, was surely interesting. I spent 10 hours in New

Orleans, during which time I saw the principal sights.

I first ate breakfast in an inexpensive cafeteria, where there were about 200 negro waiters (true) to see that no one was dissatisfied. I got a very good breakfast—in fact it was all I could eat—for 32 cents.

I then explored the Vieux Carre (pronounced Voo Carree) with my guide. I wouldn't have seen or understood a sixteenth as much if I hadn't had a guide. The Vieux Carre meaning The Block, or Square, is the old French section of town, though, strange as it may seem, Italians now make the larger part of its population. The Italians and the French were not able to get along with each other, so the French moved out of the old, crowded, sunk-in-the-ground quarters they had been living in and built new, better houses in a better residential section of the city. Now, practically all the stores in the Vieux Carre have Italian owners. Even the old French Market is run entirely by Italians.

The old houses in the Vieux Carre are built of cypress, which will not rot, and, except for the need of paint, are as good as when built. All the old residences, many of which are now converted into stores, have front porches, beginning at the second story. Each story is surrounded by an iron grill, which was brought from Spain about 150 years ago.

We inspected the spot where the Louisiana Purchase took place, and which now has been turned into a small city park, with a statue of Jackson in the center, and is called Jackson Park.

We visited St. Louis Cathedral, which, if I remember rightly, is the oldest in the United States. It has room for 1000 people on the main floor, and room for as many more slaves in the balcony.

New Orleans has over 30 cemeteries, and nobody is buried beneath the ground, or cremated. Every family has its plot of burial ground, and on this plot it has just as expensive a tomb or mausoleum as it can afford. There is something about the atmosphere in New Orleans which causes dead bodies to turn completely to dust within one year—so, after a year has passed, the relatives empty the contents of the coffin and place them in a little box beside the tomb, leaving room for someone else in the tomb.

One cemetery is patronized extensively by rich persons, and, because of its size, over 200 acres, and because it has been divided into streets and avenues, it is called, "The City of the Dead." The majority of these tombs cost thousands of dollars apiece, and are of all different types and designs. One woman had a tomb built for her with a pot of fire on either side of the entrance. This tomb was supposed to symbolize that she had been waiting to be admitted through the gates of hell.

We inspected a United Fruit Steamer which was unloading bananas from South America. They gave us some of the ripe ones, which had ripened since last Saturday, and which they could not ship. These bananas have a different taste from those that have been in cold storage.

I went through Huey Long's home, which has been preserved according to the colored woman in charge, exactly like Mrs. Long had it.

I had the idea that Louisiana people would feel some resentment toward Huey Long, but those I mentioned the subject to, don't. They say that he just gave the people something for their money, whereas others had taken their money and given nothing in return. He does leave some beautiful and useful memorials. For instance, there is the 20 story charity hospital, and the Tuberculosis Hospital, also free, and the 4 and 1/2 mile Huey P. Long automobile and railroad bridge across the Mississippi.

The state of Louisiana charges an exorbitant automobile license fee—68 cents for each unit of horse power. The least expensive license will be about \$20.

90% of the streets of New Orleans have one way traffic. For that reason, drivers park on both sides of the streets, and pedestrians are in danger, unless they are very quick footed. I don't remember seeing the citizens of Louisiana paying any attention to traffic lights or giving any signals when they start to turn corners.

In New Orleans, boys and girls from the area of fifth graders up are not allowed to be seen together within the city limits. They are made to go to different schools.

Did you know why Canal Street and Basin Street and others got their names? They are built over canals used for a drainage system.

One thing I didn't like about New Orleans was the heat. I practically burned up. White people here, with-

Hi-WAYS TO HEALTH

by ADA R. MAYNE
OREGON DAIRY COUNCIL

THE SUMMER ROUND-UP

For the mothers of young children who will be entering school in the fall, it is not too early to look forward to that event and to start now in putting these children in the best possible physical condition. For only with good physical condition are children ready to take advantage of all that the school experience has to offer. The months before starting school the child is eager for new experiences and this offers an excellent opportunity to develop an understanding of the importance of a healthful way of living.

The first step, of course, is a thorough physical examination. No wise motorist would start on a long trip without a thorough inspection of his car. The little child deserves at least that much forethought before starting his trip thru schools. A careful examination by a doctor and dentist may reveal defects which should be corrected, and will point the way to a health-building summer. Even the child who seems well should be examined for often it is difficult to recognize physical defects in their beginning.

After the examination the job of carrying out the recommendation of the doctor and the dentist is yours as a parent. Follow this advice as closely as possible for to do so may prevent illness of a serious nature and

out a trace of colored blood, become very dark colored.

I was scheduled to leave New Orleans at 10:15 P.M. last night, Monday, but, instead, I took the 6:30 train and am waiting here in Charlotte, N.C. for the first mentioned train to arrive here, as it will get me to Washington, D.C. at 7:05 A.M. as the one I started on would have.

The drawl these people use confuse me. A Virginia woman asked me on the train if I had a watch, and it sounded just as though she were asking me if I had a wife. I am suspicious of her accent. It seems just too much to be true. Mom, she is about your age, but oh, the difference in her manner of speech.

I never thought I should see so many Negroes as I have in the last two days.

Sincerely,
Sid.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones, accompanied by Mrs. Clara Farra, motored to Grants Pass Sunday, where Mrs. Farra visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lydia Dean, and the Jones' visited at the Middleton home and also visited Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. Elide and little son Stuart Ayma at the hospital. Mrs. Elide and Stuart expect to return to their home Monday.

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loss of school time later on.

Did the doctor say your child's nutrition should be improved? eBar in mind that only a well-nourished child has the vigor necessary for a successful school year. Three well-balanced meals each day from now thru the summer will help to build health step by step. They will provide parents with the opportunity to develop in the child the habit of eating and liking nourishing foods. The same program of nutritious meals should then be followed throughout the school year.

It is best to plan your meals according to a pattern which should include liberal quantities of the protective foods—milk, fruits, vegetables and eggs—because these foods supply the essentials for growth and health. One cup of milk to drink at each meal and the remainder of the quart in cooked foods is the first step in this pattern. Then add desirable amounts of fruits and vegetables (some served raw), eggs, meat, whole grain cereals, and a dependable source of vitamin D, and you can be pretty sure that the child's food needs have been met.

Fortunately the importance of checking up on the child before he enters school has been given attention by such organizations as Council of Parents and Teachers in their Summer-Round-Up program, and by health units everywhere.

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