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EDITORIALS

FIFTH COLUMN

The vivid term "Fifth Column," has an ominous significance these days. It first came into use during the Spanish civil war, when an insurgent general announced that he had four columns of soldiers driving toward Madrid—and a Fifth Column, consisting of spies, saboteurs and other enemies of the Spanish Republic, within the city. And since then, we have seen Fifth Columns operating with almost demonic efficiency and success in other parts of the world. The Nazis have developed the Fifth Column technique to an extraordinarily high level—to a very large extent, the collapse of Norway, Holland, Poland, and Belgium was due to the activities of Nazi sympathizers and purchased terrorists within those besieged nations. Somber rumors of Fifth Column work have even come from France—as witness the recent wholesale dismissal of 15 or 20 French generals who had, according to Premier Reynaud, made inexcusable and impossible-to-understand blunders. And in the British Isles, the authorities have gone to unprecedented ends to ferret out and arrest any and all persons who might be expected to aid a German invasion.

That the high officials of the United States are tremendously worried by the specter of Fifth Column activity here, goes without saying. The President has mentioned it in a speech, and it is widely believed that his suggestion that he be empowered to call out the National Guard in peace-time was based on a fear that some such step might soon

Milk Important to Oregon

Few people realize the importance of the milk industry to the future prosperity of Oregon. With changing times and the growth of cities and towns, the family cow could no longer be depended upon to supply the needs of our people and the producing, processing and delivery of fresh milk has become real "big business".

According to a report of the state agricultural department there were in 1939 248,000 cows and heifers over two years of age in the state, producing the enormous figure of 1,364,999,000 pounds of milk during the year and bringing to the farmers of Oregon approximately twenty million dollars!

That's real dough in any man's language!

This sum is half again greater than the income from wheat harvested and marketed; nearly twice the cash

become necessary to put down Fifth Columnists at home. At the moment, the potential U.S. Fifth Column consists of avowed Hitlerites—the bulk of whom are organized in the German-America bands and similar societies—and, to a lesser extent, the Communists, who have been running around in circles attempting to justify Lenin's denunciation of imperialism and conquest with Stalin's Communist-Nazi pact and the Russian invasion of Finland.

The expected Fifth Column technique in this country is simple and rational. In the words of the President, the Fifth Columnists would attempt to "create confusion of counsel, public indecision, political paralysis and, eventually, a state of panic." In other words, the purpose would be to prevent the attainment of anything resembling national unity. Group would be set against group, class against class, jealousy and hate would be fomented. It is apparent that a start has already been made to this end by alien groups. And, according to Dies Committee evidence, it is a fact that both the Moscow and Berlin governments have paid Fifth Column agents actively at work here.

After the policy of confusion would come actual sabotage and terrorism. And there is a widely held fear that we may see this before long, as the armament program swings into high gear. Finally, once the country was thoroughly disorganized, minority groups would attempt to take over

return from sheep, lambs and wool; more than twice the value of eggs and poultry.

In our own country the production of milk and milk products is an important industry. Last year there were over 11,500 milk cows over two years of age in this county. And the herds here are of exceptionally high standard. Our dairies are clean and sanitary and our processing plants are thoroughly modern. One of the aims of the agricultural department of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is increased land under irrigation to provide pastures for more and larger herds.

Every citizen can help with this program for more cash for Jackson county farmers—greater payrolls for our processing plants—by using plenty of milk and dairy products in their daily menus. Check up on the sources of all milk products you buy and be sure they are HOME PRODUCED.

the government.

We are now embarked on a war against the Fifth Column. The Government has moved cautiously, but it is moving. Registration and observation of aliens is likely to come soon—the proposal that the Department of Justice be given control of the Immigration Service shows the way the wind is blowing. And far more severe measures are envisioned.

There is an obvious danger in all this—and a danger that is exceedingly hard to avoid. That danger is that anti-Fifth Column work may become a hysterical witch-hunt. People would exploit personal grudges by unjustly denouncing others to the authorities—vigilante groups, operating outside the law but supported by enraged public opinion, would come into being. The experience of the last war should be recalled, when we went to ridiculous lengths in prosecuting people of German and Austrian heritage whose patriotism was unqualified. Responsible government officials say that every effort will be given to protecting the innocent as well as apprehending the guilty—and that is one tough job.

BACK TO EARTH

The United States seems to be turning away from all kinds of "isms" and back to the fundamental theory of our government, namely, a free people and individual opportunity—a government to protect, not to compete with its own citizens in business.

To quote the President, "Private industry will have the responsibility of providing the best, speediest and most efficient mass production of which it is capable."

There can be no question of the desire of American industry to cooperate to the limit of its ability with our government to attain unprecedented heights of efficiency and service to the end that America may swifly be provided with the best defense system in the world. And there should be no question of the willingness of our public servants, from the Executive down, to cooperate with private enterprise in order to guarantee the successful completion of that gigantic task.

It has taken a world calamity to reawaken our people to the vital role which private enterprise plays in our national life.

The men, the machines, the resources, and the technique which private enterprise has developed, are our first line of defense. The great industries of America made possible the highest peacetime standards of living for all—and out of these industries, staffed with free men working under a free enterprise system, must come our weapons of defense.

The time when we could afford socialistic experiments to the destruction of private enterprise—if we ever could afford them—has passed. The national defense is the first and foremost duty of the Federal government in its determination to perpetuate the American way of life.

We must get back to the fundamentals of democracy if we are to survive as a free and secure people where government is the servant, not the master of its citizens.

SAVE AS WELL AS SPEND

The present Federal debt limit of \$45,000,000,000 will undoubtedly be raised to around \$50,000,000,000 in order to make it possible to provide new capital for the national defense program, as the current peace debt is virtually at the legal limit.

The cost of an adequate defense structure will reach incredible totals. In addition to raising the debt limit and taxes, it is certainly the duty of public officials of both parties to reduce government expenditures for other, less essential purposes—even at the expense of pet political projects that have swallowed billions of the nation's wealth.

There is an inseparable relationship between national defense and national fiscal solvency. Each increase in taxes or debt must inevitably result in a steady lowering of a nation's resources. It is as important to learn to save as it is to spend when national emergencies demand it.

The defense program must be pushed with all speed. Similar speed should be shown in paring every nickel possible from the ordinary Federal budget in order to release every available dollar of regular government income for legitimate defense needs. Every conceivable economy should at once be effected so that increases in taxes and debt may be held to the absolute minimum.

A sound fiscal policy is one of the most vital factors in a national defense program.

H.E.C. to Meet Wednesday Afternoon

The Home Economics Club of the Central Point Grange will meet Wednesday afternoon June 26 at the home of Mrs. Julia Elliott. It was voted at the last meeting to discontinue the covered dish luncheons during the summer months. Refreshments will be served by the June committee.

Francis Hamilton has charge of the program.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON, School District No. 6

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the school district bond election hereby called to be held at the auditorium of the present High School Building in and for school district No. 6, of Jackson county, Oregon, Tuesday, the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1940, between the hours of 2 o'clock p. m. and 7 o'clock p. m., there will be submitted to the legal voters thereof the question of contracting a bonded indebtedness in the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of providing funds with which to erect, equip, and furnish a school building; a gymnasium in and for said school district, and for authorization of cancellation of the \$3,000.00 bond issue voted September 7, 1938.

The vote to be by ballot upon which shall be the words "Bonds—Yes" and "Bonds—No"; and the voter shall place a cross (X) between the word "Bonds" and the word "Yes" or between the word "Bonds" and the word "No" which indicates his choice.

The polls for the reception of the ballots cast for or against the contraction of said indebtedness will, on said day and date and at the place aforesaid, be opened at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m. and remain open until the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. of the same day, when the same will be closed.

By order of the district school board of school district No. 6 of Jackson county, Oregon, made this 8th day of June, A. D. 1940.

ARNOLD BOHNERT
Per Harold Head
Chairman of School District No. 6, Jackson County, Ore.

ATTEST:
HAROLD HEAD
Clerk of School District, No. 6, Jackson County, Oregon.
52—June 13, 20

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON

Olive I. Deane, Plaintiff,
vs.
William S. Deane, Defendant.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You are hereby required to appear in the above entitled Court and cause and there answer the complaint on file against you within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, to-wit: for a decree of this Court dissolving the marriage contract of plaintiff and defendant and granting to the plaintiff an absolute divorce and the custody of the minor child, Thomas Gordon Deane, and for such other and further relief as to the Court seems just and equitable.

This summons is published in accordance with an order made and entered in the above entitled Court and cause on June 6, 1940, which prescribes that this summons be published once a week for four successive and consecutive weeks.

The date of the first publication of this summons is June 6, 1940.

Kenneth G. Denman
Attorney for Plaintiff.
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