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EDITORIALS

"OUT TO LUNCH"

France perished still observing a government enforced "two hour noon hour." Her people were "out to lunch" socially, economically, politically and militarily when the Germans marched in. This is the only possible conclusion to be drawn from news reports, and in them lies an eternal warning for America.

France carried "social reform" to the point of national decay. Politically we have been following a parallel path. We too have been chasing rainbows of unreasoned reform surrounded by burgeoning bureaucracy, skyrocketing debt, and crumbling initiative.

The world owes no one a living. The impact of realism, not Hitler, destroyed France. There is no security except that attained by constant labor. This is not theory. It is a basic law which will ultimately decide our future individually and as a nation, as it did that of France.

For long years we have acted on the belief that by arbitrarily shortening hours of work, penalizing ambition and profit, and curtailing productive enterprise we could, somehow, someday, lose ourselves in the distant blue haze of collective security. We have been gyrating in a vicious, futile circle, labor against capital, politician against business man, community against community, with professional "reformers" standing in the center of the circle like circus ringmasters cracking the whip of discontent. Witness the sitdown strikes, the provocative, business-

baiting extremist generalizing on scattered abuses by industry, the pathetic picture of thousands of communities and millions of individuals vying for "free" public money—each striving to get a share of the loot. Meanwhile the voters have had a curiously detached feeling toward annual government deficits running into billions of dollars.

These are the things that destroy nations, and make rich pasturage for fifth columnists. They destroyed France. If we go back to work now, a nation of free men under a system of free enterprise, they will not destroy us—we will not be caught "out to lunch."

MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK

The American people, fully awake to the menace to our institutions, are willing to make any conceivable economic sacrifice in the name of liberty and security. But that doesn't mean that the American people are going to be satisfied with mere bills appropriating money and raising taxes. They are going to make sure that tax money spent produces results—that bureaucratic red tape is cut—waste reduced—delay avoided.

It is one thing to appropriate billions. It is another thing to translate those billions into airplanes and artillery and fighting ships. Any run-of-the-mill politician can vote to spend taxes—but it will be a dark day for this country if politics is permitted to dominate the actual job of making our needed weapons. The wisest industrial and economic statesmanship is vital. Speed, efficiency and economy are the essentials.

This is the time to make democracy work. America's capacity to produce is limitless—the American genius for achievement has proven itself too often in other crises to be doubted for a single second now. And that genius must be freed of the political shackles that have been welded onto it in recent years.

One Vacancy to Be Filled at Academy

The First Congressional District of Oregon will have one vacancy at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland in 1941 and Congressman James W. Mott is anxious that all ambitious young men in his District have an opportunity to try for this coveted appointment.

At the request of Congress Mott the Civil Service Commission on Saturday, October 5, 1940 will hold a preliminary qualifying examination

to determine the eligible candidates in the First Oregon District.

Any young unmarried man, not less than sixteen years of age nor more than twenty years of age on April 1, 1941, may compete.

In order to make the required arrangements it is necessary that applicants notify Congressman James W. Mott, 1532 House Office Building, Washington, D. C., not later than September 1, 1940 of their desire to participate in the examination.

My Soldier Boy

Yes, he's a Soldier Boy but he's my Boy still;
No one can change that, nothing ever will.

And I'm proud to say "He's my Son" For already many's the battle he's won.
For he's tall, he's straight and he's clean.

The very best that manhood could mean.
He answered the call his country gave.

To do his part that liberty's flag still may wave.
And to Uncle Sam he's just a spoke in the wheel of power.

That will help keep peace in this land of ours.
But to God he's another precious soul.

A sheep that must not wander from the fold.
To his mother he's just a little boy.
A little boy who fills her life with joy.

So to Uncle Sam we ask that he would
Be good to him and help him keep his manhood.

To God, a Mother's earnest prayer
Guard him, Guide him, and help him bear

His ever care
—B. O.W.

'41 License Plates Follow New Design

When Oregon automobile owners receive their 1941 license plates, they will find them entirely different than any plates heretofore used in this state, it was revealed by the secretary of state recently.

The figures on the 1941 plates will

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be of a new design, more legible and more attractive, it was said. In these plates, the word "Oregon" will appear between the figures "19" and "41" at the bottom of the plate, which is a new idea in design.

The color scheme will be white numerals and letters on a dark green background.

While the Oregon plate colors will be the same as in Washington, it is thought that there will be no confusion as the Washington plate varies considerably in appearance. In the state to the north, the state name and date will appear above the numerals

while in Oregon it will be below. In addition, the Washington plates will bear an alphabetical prefix to the numerals and their plates will be larger than those of this state.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Root and children of Grants Pass spent Sunday at Diamond and Crater Lake. Little Bobby Root, who has been visiting his grandparents for a week returned home with his parents.

Mrs. Horace Root of Wolf Creek is in the Community Hospital, following an emergency operation performed Friday evening.

Mr. Chet Hale of Phoenix and his mother Mrs. Clarence Hale of Grand Forks, No. Dakota were callers on Thursday at the Edw. Jones and J. H. Territt homes.

NOTICE

The annual Iowa picnic will be held in the upper picnic grounds in Lithia Park at Ashland, August 11. Bring well filled gaskets and table service. Coffee and cream furnished.

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