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EDITORIALS

PEOPLE WANT DEFENSE, NOT WAR

A financial authority recently made this significant observation: "Let us be on guard against the building of a war hysteria. Let us keep it clearly in mind that what we are talking about is defense and not going to war. This is the time for clear thinking rather than emotional thinking."

The standard polls indicate that while the American people are almost unanimously in favor of adequate preparedness, they are also overwhelmingly opposed to belligerent participation in the European slaughter.

Industry does not want war because, if for no higher reason, it knows from its experience in the last World War that it results in ruinous taxation and depression. It will do all in its power to avoid war—even while it does all in its power to make our defenses so strong that all aggressors will hesitate at bringing war to us.

GREATEST ISSUE LIVING VOTERS EVER FACED

The two great political parties of the United States have made their choice of presidential candidates.

Only Mr. Roosevelt can speak with full authority in defense of New Deal activities and purposes. And only Mr. Willkie, among the opposition, has brought to bear on the New Deal, criticism which has been uniformly pointed, intelligent, soundly reasoned, and based on philosophical rather than partisan principles.

There can be no question but what the New Deal has vastly broadened the powers of government over the people—over individuals and industries alike. That is the New Deal's basic philosophy—a centralized government in Washington, exerting its influence over almost every phase of life. It is exactly this which Mr. Willkie opposes—a Jeffersonian tradition. It is his thesis that the State is basically the enemy of individual freedom, and that the least possible government is the best possible government for the governed.

Next November the people will determine whether or not the trend of the last eight years, with government grown great and powerful and costly beyond all peace-time precedent, is to continue—or whether we are to return to the tradition of liberal, localized government and self-rule as envisioned by the founders of the nation. This is undoubtedly the greatest issue that most living voters have ever had to decide upon.

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

Last Friday night marked the end of the softball season when Wooden Box walloped Medco to win the American league championship and Bear Creek shaded out Copeo in a pitching duel between Raymond Singler of Copeo and Bean of Bear Creek, for the National league championship. The winning of Wooden Box over Medco was a well-earned victory after having seen Medco show their heels to all the others in the first two rounds. Hi, old man English, how's you feelin'.

As I had predicted that Bear Creek would cop the flag a few weeks ago, their victory over Copeo came as no surprise to me, since they acquired Bean from Fluhler's team. One of the most surprising things of the season is that Fluhler's let go Bean when he is a much more finished pitcher than Maru and Applegate of Fluhler's. Of course Maru and Applegate will hesitate at bringing war to us.

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plegate can show more speed than Bean on pitching but when it came to control Bean has more class than either two of the Fluhler's. Say what's the matter with you, Ray Long, letting go Bean. I believe with fine outfielders and infielders Bean would have shown plenty stuff against either Wooden Box or Medco.

There is some rumor that the softball association is going to drop out the class B teams entirely and pay more attention to the class A teams. I have never heard of such a crazy thing as that. It will kill softball faster than anything else. I have a proposition that I think will work to good advantage for all.

I think that next summer we will probably have twelve or more teams. Let all the teams play out the first round or (unless the season starts early next year) the second round. When the end of the second round rolls around, then form two leagues from the entire list of teams with four top teams forming class A and the rest to form class B. I believe that way a much stronger class A league could be formed instead of having a twilight series which does not indicate the true strength of all the teams. And most important of all—don't listen to the baseball officials about closing down Wednesday night for them to show their stuff on baseball. The Craters aren't so hot this year and it is my belief that since they released Hoffard from the managership, the downfall started. And yet there are more close to the Craters than has been shown for several years.

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Mrs. Webber is improving from a fall, she had a couple of weeks ago when she fell from the effect of high blood pressure and cut the back of her neck badly.

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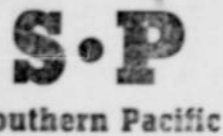
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