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EDITORIALS

"WE CHOOSE HUMAN FREEDOM"

To many Americans, the most important sentence in the President's recent Proclamation of an Unlimited National Emergency, was this: "I call upon all the loyal citizens engaged in production for defense to give precedence to the needs of the nation to the end that a system of government that makes private enterprise possible may survive."

That, coming from the Chief Executive who has been given powers as great as any ever held by his predecessors in office, is heartening. For it is the private enterprise system that maintains and strengthens and vitalizes democracy. It is the private enterprise system which is the basis of social, economic and political liberty. And it is the private enterprise system which the dictators, wherever they hold power, have destroyed.

Today the private enterprise system is being called upon to give us and the embattled democracies overseas the tools of war and defense. We are determined to build for ourselves a military and naval establishment which will make it impossible for any power or any conceivable combination of powers to invade and conquer us. But, unfortunately, all of our possible enemies do not lie without our borders. Some of the most effective enemies of the private enterprise system—the democratic system—are operating within. And some of them hold important positions in government itself.

How else can the ruthless political drive against the electric industry be described except as an attack on private enterprise—an attack which has state socialism as its clear-cut goal? Or the equally aggressive drive to place all natural resources under bureaucratic, political domination? Or the constant attacks against business on all fronts—attacks whose obvious purpose is to destroy the confidence of the American people in the system which has made this nation free and rich and great?

No one claims that private enterprise is perfect. Perfection is not of this world. But any honest man knows and will admit that the faults of private enterprise can be corrected, through the orderly, democratic process of lawful regulation. And any honest man knows and will admit that the overwhelming proportion of businesses in this country have responded wholeheartedly to the requests of government for maximum

DOWN THROUGH THE AGES



cooperation in the name of national defense and security. This is especially true of the natural resource industries—coal, power, oil, metals—which are the very root of the defense effort.

In the speech to the nation which the President made on the same day he signed the Proclamation, he said this: "We choose human freedom—which is the Christian ideal." Freedom involves many things—and one thing it involves is the right of men to engage as private, free citizens, in legitimate business, without persecution from their government. It involves, in short, the preservation of the private enterprise system. Socialism—whether it goes under the name of Nazism, Fascism, Communism or anything else—means slavery and degradation for the people. Look abroad if you doubt this. And then fight every attack on freedom at home.

Story of African Rubber Plantation

(Continued from Last Week)

Anyway, about our servants. We took George and Johnny with us when we went to work Tuesday morning, as I had to get some money from the office to give them to go to their Christmas shopping. Geo. and Jno. got off at the Central Office with me and I told them to wait in the reception room for me. George said, in a small, small voice, could they go where Missey went and see where Missey worked because all the boys had told them that Missey be plenty fine worker and be plenty smart so they want to see where she work so they can tell boys they have been where Missey was. Oh, dear, what could I do. I went up to my office and in about a half hour sent for them.

They came sneaking up the stairs with eyes as big as saucers and came into the office. They stood there and looked around the place and grinned and grinned and said "It be fine too much, Missey." I started the dictaphone and put the headset to their ears and they laughed and giggled and couldn't figure it out. We never get tired of doing things for them for they are so tickled, even if they do forget all about it afterwards just like a kid would. I gave them their money, 6 shillings for each of the four boys, (\$1.20 U.S. money) and they were off to get a canoe and go across the river to the Sirian stores and buy their suits. They got the material and took it to the tailor (native man) and their suits will be ready Sunday. That's all they talk about now. They asked me if I had any initials or printed names of Massa's so they could sew them on their shirts. The end result is that each boy is adopting Joe's name, George will have on his shirt "George Joe Swain", Jno. will have "Jonney Joe Swain", then there will be "Meyer Joe Swain" and Peter Joe Swain. Gee, there are certainly going to be a lot of little Swains around this house it seems. They explained to us that now when they go to camp all the other boys will see their suits which will all four be exactly alike and will have the same Massa's name on them and everyone will know that the four of them work for the same white man and that "be

fine too much." They are very proud of their employment if they like the white people for which they work and they grab at every opportunity to display their position to the other natives. Peter, the small boy in rating, is especially glad for now he will wear the same kind of clothes as the big men, George and Jonney, and when he has "pula" (quell) with other natives he can call on the other boys to settle it because everyone can tell by looking at him that he belongs in the same bunch as they do and works for the same boss. Oh, dear, what a complicated business this sometimes is and how funny too. At Christmas time we will also give them packages of nuts and things and probably a small "dash" in money.

Did I tell you about the Leopard Society which is a strange cult of natives who come down from the jungles at Christmas time and capture native boys and torture them to death, then cut their heart out. The man who does the actual cutting is thus assured that he will go to heaven. How is that for heathenism? The boys are very careful how they go out at night and usually go in bunches because of this.

Last Sunday night at the club we met a Father (someone) who has a mission out here in Saniquelli, Hinterland, about 175 miles in the back country. He came down via hammock all the way and will stay on the Plantation until after the holidays. He is staying with Father Coleman who has a Mission just across the river. We are invited over to see him and are surely going to take advantage of the invitation. You see, out here, Catholics and Priests must have a broader outlook on life for after all they are dealing with uncivilized and partially civilized peoples all the time and it is most difficult to teach them the Catholic ritual and such. They also make all people welcome who come to the Mission and invite you, no matter what your belief, to share in their worship. Father Coleman is the one who comes to the Plantation each Sunday and holds services at the Small Club where the library is.

(To Be Continued)

Mrs. Pearl Stewart of Portland visited Sunday and Monday forenoon at the Bill Ferguson home. After visiting her brother in Medford Mrs. Stewart returned home.

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Birthday Dinner Held At Leonard Home

A birthday dinner was served Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Foney Leonard as a sort of family celebration with Mrs. Paulina Lee of Davis Creek, California and the family of her son, Dr. Robert E. Lee of Ashland, as guests. Mr. and Mrs. Don Ashpole were unable to come on account of rushing business. There were 4 birthdays in the group for the month: Betty Ashpole, Dr. and Mrs. Lee, and Mrs. Leonard. Mrs. Paulina Lee is sister to Mrs. Leonard. It being the birthday of Mrs. Leonard, lovely gifts were presented her then. The day passed happily with reminiscing an "old Modoc" days.

E. H. Edgerton has recently purchased the Medford Garage at 121 North Bartlett street, Medford. Mr. Edgerton has had 19 years' experience in the automobile business.

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOREN FOWLER, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, Administratrix of the estate of the above named decedent, and all persons having claims

against said estate are hereby notified to present same, duly verified as provided by law, to the undersigned at the office of G. W. Neilson, Attorney, in the Court House, at Medford, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice. All persons owing said estate are directed to make payment to said administratrix.

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AMELIA FOWLER
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