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EDITORIALS

TWO FRONTS

The United States must fight on two fronts.

First, there is the military front. American soldiers, sailors and airmen are fighting and dying in the Pacific. They are living up to the highest traditions of this nation's military history. They must be given the finest battle equipment in the world, and they must be given it in lavish quantity. All the resources of this nation, human and material alike, must be used to that end.

Second, there is the home front. We have said, time and again, that we are fighting to defend and perpetuate freedom. That is true. But the defense of freedom at home, as on the war front, demands more than lip service. It demands straight thinking from all. It demands a people who will look squarely at the facts, no matter how unpleasant they may be. It demands the kind of national toughness that knows precisely what we are fighting for, and that will permit nothing to stand in the way of victory on the home front no less than the military front.

We will, of necessity, demand and accept a large measure of economic dictatorship during the war. Whether that dictatorship ends when the war ends, will depend upon the resolution and the understanding of the American people. The people will decide which way the scales are tipped.

The free enterprise system is at stake in this war. Upon the maintenance of free enterprise all the other freedoms—freedom of press, freedom of religion—hinge and depend. Anything which weakens and emasculates free enterprise is the enemy of the nation. We cannot have an ever-expanding bureaucracy and have efficiency. We cannot allow non-defense spending to go on unchecked and expect to avoid economic collapse. We cannot punish industry and expect it to be able to do its utmost.

There is nothing dramatic about these statements. They are simply honest truths. The winning of this war—and the winning of the peace that follows—will depend on how well the American people understand them.

There has never been such unity as this country has at present. Every American stands solidly behind the President in the pledge to wage war until international gangsterism is destroyed. The spirit of the nation is one of grim, uncompromising determination. But let all remember that the home front is as vital to war and to the perpetuation of our way of life as the battlefield. There will be subversive influences on both fronts. Only an awakened, aware people can prevent their depredations.

We fight for freedom, then. And we must fight for it all the way—fight for it here in America, no less than in the broad reaches of the oceans and the lands beyond.

FREEDOM IS AN AMERICAN WORD

What are these freedoms that we Americans are determined to defend at all cost, against any aggressor?

Little things, mostly—all the little things we do and want to keep on doing. Freedom is our right to speak our mind. It's reading what we want; going to church—any church—or not going to church, as our choice may be. It's working for whom we want, on the terms we want. It's spending or saving; putting savings into a small business and seeing it grow; running that business as we want. It's all the friendly little "howdy's" said along life's pathway, to whom we please and as we please without kowtowing to any one.

These and a hundred and one

STRIKES FOR FREEDOM



things of daily individual choice make up the precious quality of personal liberty—the liberty that all loyal Americans today refuse to yield.

Story of African Rubber Plantation

(This letter was written by Mrs. J. J. Swain from Liberia, Africa to her mother, Mrs. E. E. Scott of this city. Mrs. Swain was the former Miss Mildred Berger.)

(Continued from Last Week)

In spite of this long story of my cook I must tell you something about our devoted Meyer again. Yesterday I was in the kitchen looking things over before a new cook would take over and Meyer was at his ironing table so he wanted to talk with me. He asked if we were coming back to Liberia. When I said I didn't know then he said, "Missey, I don't think I can work for another missey again, if you no come back then better I go for my home in Grand Bassa then sometime I will work for the garage or the factory but to work for new missey, then I can't do that, Missey." I explained that he could find a good missey and would be plenty happy. He said, "No, Missey, my heart it will hurt me too much. If God will bless me and when you and Boss will go home, and if God let me live till you will come back someday then you will say Meyer can work for you again." I told him that when we went home we would tell him if we might be many moons because I'm sure after a few moons have passed he will find someone else he likes just as well. So he said, "Missey, if I be for my home or if sometime I be for the garage or factory and I will hear people same my missey will come back then one time (just then) I will go sit down and wait, wait, wait for you when you will come, then you will say Meyer can work for you again." Then he said, "When you will go, Missey, for myself I will be sick, my heart it will hurt. If God bless me sometime you will take me with you or you can send for me and I can work for you till I will die." I really felt sorry for the poor fellow. We have a year yet to go and he is beginning to worry about our leaving. Such devotion as rarely found anywhere I believe, don't you? Unfortunately Meyer was at camp the afternoon we took the snaps of Johnny and Adam so don't have a picture of him. I will take one of him soon and will send home so you can see what he looks like. He has a deep bass voice and occasionally sings one of two lines of a song he learned in a Mission when he was a small boy. Well so much for the Boys just now anyway.

You may be reading bits of news items from Liberia from now on occasionally. The United Press has appointed Mrs. Jamieson out here to send them news items. Did you read an account of the tragedy at Marshall when Bea and Bob and Vandermeer were lost. It appeared in some of the

papers at home and we received wires from various people concerning it. When Boom came in last night on the Cathlamet he hadn't heard about it so surely felt badly when he was told. Vandermeer is dutch also and was Boom's closest friend out here. He spent the entire evening with us. We were surely glad to have him. We gabbled and gabbled and he was so disappointed that he couldn't go to the states on his vacation. I told him that you were looking forward to seeing him and then he was upset for true. He says he is still coming to the States eventually and wants to take out citizenship papers for he plans on making that his home. It was nice talking to him. Surely wish he could have gone to see you. Must close this as the evening is completely gone and it is very late. So to bed. I'll get one or two letters off to you on the Humhaw in four or five days and give you the rest of the dope.

Sept. 25th—Believe it or not—and will wonders never cease—the S.S. Kekar pulled in ahead of schedule and arrived night before last, the 23rd, and that evening we received two letters from you. The next night when more mail had come up we received four more. I have never been so thrilled in all my life. We surely received a flock of mail but I was more than anxious to get it after all these weeks without a scratch. I won't attempt to answer all our questions tonight or comment on all the things I want to so will just hit the high spots. Joe and Art Lotz are out hunting and Marguerite Lotz is up practicing on Mrs. Farley's piano, two houses away. Shortly Marguerite will come back here to wait for Art and then I must quit so better get my licks in now. The Farleys, and Lotzs were here for dinner tonight and just left. Also I am expecting Mr. and Mrs. Helm to spend the night as they are leaving on the S.S. West Humhaw tomorrow morning at 9 A.M. and have closed their house so I invited them to move into the other bedroom for tonight. They are out now bidding their friends goodbye, now. Want to get at least a note off to you on the Humhaw anyway.

Emergency Precautions For Traffic Told

A list of emergency traffic precautions, approved by national safety authorities, was released today by Earl Snell, secretary of state, in the hope of averting traffic accidents as a result of the present war emergency.

Warning Oregon citizens that several fatalities already had occurred in the state as a result of reduced lighting, Snell urged the observance of these rules:

1: Pedestrians who walk after dark should wear or carry something white to increase their visibility to drivers. In some cities, certain lights are being left dark due to air-raid precautions and the increased areas

of darkness require additional care on the part of drivers and pedestrians alike. Women are advised to carry a white scarf or shawl, men are advised to display a white handkerchief or carry a folded newspaper.

2: Children should be encouraged to keep indoors after dark wherever possible. If necessary for them to go out, they should wear white raincoats or carry lighted flashlights. Bicycles should not be ridden after dark unless absolutely necessary in which case adequate front and rear lights should be displayed.

3: Drivers should observe closely special speed limits and other special traffic regulations established for the emergency. They should be familiar with local ordinances dealing with blackout conditions. Such ordinances specify that only authorized vehicles may travel during actual blackouts. All other vehicles must be stopped and the lights turned off.

4: At intersections, drivers and pedestrians should keep alert at all times. Traffic lights will show small crosses of light, as will flasher lights. Watch closely so as not to miss the lights.

5: Pedestrians should be doubly careful not to jaywalk after dark. Reduced visibility increases the hazard of this dangerous practice.

6: Pedestrians on highways in rural areas should display a lighted flashlight at night. They should walk only on the left, facing approach traffic.

New Type Bread Made by Fluhrer's

Fluhrer Bakeries, bakers of Fluhrer's Bread, announced today the production of a new breakfast food to be manufactured in Medford. It will be called "Breakfast Bread". "Tailored for toasts", this new bread is packed with extra vitamins and natural minerals to give added early-morning energy for meeting the increasing demands of normal life as well as of the national defense effort.

In announcing production of this new breakfast food, Fluhrer's state that the idea of a breakfast food in the form of bread is new on the Coast but that it had been accepted in the East and Middle West with much enthusiasm. Since bread is one of the most economical of foods, its renewed emphasis as an ideal 'break-

fast food' is very timely, now, when everyone is saving pennies for Defense Stamps.

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According to its sponsors, the new loaf will be recognizable by the rooster on its wrapper, selected as a most suitable trademark because a happy rooster represents a happy morning, a happy morning means a happy breakfast, and a happy breakfast means something good and economical like "Breakfast Bread".

Fluhrer's "Breakfast Bread" will be on sale at all leading grocers and restaurants in Southern Oregon and Northern California beginning Monday, January 12th.

Howard District

By Mrs. Ella H. Leonard

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Neeley have rented their place, furnished, for a year to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Yreka. They will leave at once for southern California for the benefit of Mrs. Neeley's health.

"Daddy" Beach is quite seriously ill with an eye ailment. He was in a hospital in Medford a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Yantiss' daughter Verna and granddaughters, Margaret and Katherine, drove up from Berkeley a few days before Christmas. Verna returned in time to spend Christmas with her husband who is working in the shipyards at Vallejo. Katherine went back last Sunday to continue her study in high school where she is a senior. Margaret is to visit here among her friends until the first of February, when she will go back to enter a hospital for nurses' training.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE
STATE OF OREGON FOR
JACKSON COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of LOUIS ASHER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has filed his Final Report and Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed the 31st day of January, 1942, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., in the County Court room, in the Courthouse, in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and the settlement thereof.

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ALBERT A. ASHER
Administrator of the Estate of Louis Asher, Deceased.
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