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Babson Discusses President Truman

Babson Park, April 27—The death of President Roosevelt means more than the loss of a personal friend or even a great President. It means the end of one era and the beginning of a new era. It may mean a 50% return to such American conservatism as prevailed before the election of President Roosevelt. Certainly, it means a return to a democratic form of government in contrast to the domination of a great personality.

War Outlook

The War will continue to be prosecuted with utmost intensity. President Truman will not interfere with the commanding generals and admirals. It is probable that Secretaries Stimson and Forrestal will continue in the Cabinet until peace finally comes. Mr. Roosevelt's death, however, does throw greater responsibility upon Mr. Churchill.

Peace Prospects

President Truman is reported to be more open-minded than his predecessor in connection with the peace terms. He has insisted upon "unconditional surrender" for Germany, but to my knowledge he has not demanded this for Japan. Certainly, the Administration will not be as friendly, economically, to Russia. It is also probable that the small nations have lost a good friend in the death of President Roosevelt.

Tax Reductions

President Truman is noted for his economical traits. Instead of being the only son in a wealthy home, he was born a poor boy. Some of my friends in Washington refer to him as a "second Calvin Coolidge." This means that taxes will be reduced sooner than they otherwise would be and that the National Debt will be kept down to lower proportions. The country will be less generous with foreign nations.

New Deal

Many articles have appeared recently headed "The New Deal is Dead." I do not believe these statements. The common people of the world are "on the march." Franklin Roosevelt did not make conditions; but rather, existing conditions made him. It is, however, fair to assume that the New Deal will go into the ice-box for a few years, while its ardent friends will be in the doghouse. This doubtless means renewed courage to businessmen with higher stock prices.

Appointments

Since President Roosevelt took control of our Government, boards and Commissions have, to a large extent, taken the place of Congressional Acts. Some of these—such as the War Labor Board and the Securities and Exchange Commission—have tremendous power. But this power can be controlled 100% by the President through his appointments. This means that the policy of our government toward labor, management and capital can completely be reversed by the character of the appointments which President Truman may make.

Military Training

There will be no radical form of military training; the Army's program is out of the window. If later some glorified "CCC" is needed to help the employment situation, President Truman may consent to something of the kind. At this point I must admit that there is one real unfortunate factor in the situation; namely, that for some time our country will be without leadership. Whether President Truman will develop into a strong man, or whether some other man will gradually assume leadership cannot now be forecast.

A Lesson to Learn

I feel deeply the loss of Franklin Roosevelt. I knew him personally and during World War I—I worked with him intimately. The way he rose from a bed of affliction to become the one man upon whom the en-

tire world depended is almost unparalleled in history. It sobers us up, however, to ask whether we should again depend upon any one man, however wonderful he may be? Is not this a good time to re-read the Thirty-first Chapter of Isaiah and cease depending so much upon men, or ships, or armies, or money? Here are the verses to which I refer: "Woe to you children, saith the Lord, That take counsel, but not of me; And that make a league, but not of my Spirit; That set but to go down into Egypt for help; And trust in chariots, because they are many; And in horsemen, because they are very strong; But unto the Holy One of Israel they look not, Neither seek the Lord! Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; And their horses flesh, and not Spirit; Wherefore both he that helpeth shall stumble, And he that is helped shall fall."

June 10 Selected for OSC Commencement Day

Commencement and baccalaureate services at Oregon State College will be concentrated on one day, Sunday, June 10, with Alumni day preceding it, as usual on Saturday.

In normal times baccalaureate is held Sunday with commencement Monday morning, but the streamlined procedure is to be followed this year in view of wartime travel conditions and the relatively small prospective graduating class of approximately 200. Final examinations for all students except seniors will be held after commencement, with the term ending June 15.

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For each individual who has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces, the design will be placed on the flag in lieu of the blue star. When two or more individuals are represented, the design of the discharged veteran will replace the star or stars nearest the fly end of the flag. Organizations may use one symbol and the number of members below it in Arabic numerals, as with the blue or gold stars.

The design will be gold in color, like its counterpart, the lapel button, for honorable service, and will consist of a dexter eagle displayed perched within a ring, the dexter wing of the eagle behind the ring, the sinister wing in front of the ring. To make the symbol stand out from the white background of the flag, the design will be edged in blue. The new provision is made by the Secretary of War, who is authorized by Public Law 750, 77th Congress, to approve the design of the service flag and lapel button for honorable service and to issue regulations concerning their use and display.

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The Low Down From Hickory Grove

You know the average citizen is not news. You gotta shoot or poison your wife, or somebody—or walk a tight wire over Niagara—or get yourself on some Bureau—or pop-off and promise better and bigger security with less sweat, etc., to make page one. But if you wanted to pick up your pencil and go down on Main Street and have a poll on your own account, it would not show us up as loony as we look, sometimes. I am talking about the average citizen who goes ahead and tends to his own affairs and makes this country what it is—the folks who build the jeeps and make the 6 shooters and grind the cornmeal, etc., and don't brag and blow about it, but maybe should. If the average citizen ever should get organized, they would go to town. Where there is one windy gent living by his wits and bluster and promises, there are 100 average citizens. They could call the outfit the "Average Citizens, Inc."—for short, the ACI. You don't get to first base unless it is an alpha-bet. And when the ACI got up steam and goin' it would clear up the picture—like puttin' kerosene on a swamp.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

Must Keep Delivery Record

The farmer who needs gasoline to operate a tractor, or other piece of farm machinery or equipment, may apply this season as last, to his local OPA board, for his off-highway ration.

He estimates the amount of gasoline he will need for the next six months, and the board issues him the approved amounts in two installments of "E" and "R" coupons. The first installment amounts to 70 percent of the total. The remaining 30 percent is issued if and when it is needed.

This year farmers, and other users of off-highway gasoline, will be asked to keep a delivery record, on which the supplier will enter all purchases made with "E" and "R" coupons. Beginning May first the delivery record form will be issued by the boards to non-highway users with their ration coupons.

Helping Sonny!

A woman in a cigarette line told the woman in front of her, "I don't want them for myself. I've given up smoking so my son in the eighth grade can get enough cigarettes."

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Ball powder is made by a chemical process and is untouched by human hands from the moment raw materials are fed into stills until the completed ball powder globules are pumped out of huge water-filled sorting vats to be dried under infra-red lights.

Regarded by ammunition makers as one of the few major scientific achievements in the field of explosives since the Chinese invented gun powder, ball powder was invented here on the banks of the Mississippi river in the laboratories of the Western Cartridge company.

Safe and Fast.

Ball powder is not only safe to make, but is being made ten times faster than smokeless powder made by conventional processes. The average manufacturing time for ball powder has been cut down from 376 hours to 40 hours. Recently a batch of raw cotton was nitrated for ball powder at nine o'clock in the morning, and at three o'clock that afternoon cartridges loaded with the powder were fired on the testing range of Western Cartridge company. It was the fastest production of smokeless powder in history, Western workers believe.

Where ordinary smokeless powder is made by pressing nitrocellulose through dies and chopping the slender spaghetti-like rods into the proper sizes, ball powder is manufactured chemically under water. The nitrocellulose is first reduced to a liquid by the addition of ethyl acetate, a chemical used in the making of women's nail polish.

Method Is Simple.

Because it is lighter than water, the liquid nitrocellulose rises to the top of the still. By whipping the mixture, it breaks into a multitude of tiny globules—the pellets of ball powder. The greater the speed of stirring, the smaller the balls become. A chemical is added to prevent the balls from reuniting. After the balls are dried they are ready for loading into ammunition.

Although 40 chemists are kept busy checking every stage of production, actual manufacture is so simple that few critical materials have been used in building the ball powder-making equipment. Local boiler-makers constructed the stills and steamfitters put together the pipe used to convey the product from one tank to another.

Sympathy from Belgium

A wife of a prominent Astoria clothier, has just received a letter from relatives at Kieldrecht, near Antwerp, Belgium, the first received since the war started.

The letter told of the hardships which they had suffered under the Nazi leadership and expressed hope that she had not suffered under similar conditions at the hands of the Japanese.

Peterson Heads S. P. Passenger Traffic Forces



CLAUDE E. PETERSON
Newly appointed vice president of system passenger traffic for the Southern Pacific railroad.

Appointment of Claude E. Peterson as vice president in charge of system passenger traffic for Southern Pacific has just been announced by A. T. Mercer, president of the railroad.

Peterson started railroad work as a junior clerk for Southern Pacific and advanced through various positions to become chief statistician in the passenger department. Later he became assistant to the vice president of the system passenger traffic. Widely known in transportation circles, Peterson is one of the youngest high-ranking railroad executives in the United States.

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Our objective should be to create an economic framework within which a minimum of government intervention would occur.—Dr. A. F. Hinrichs, U. S. Dept. of Labor.

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"Judge, remember that place up in the mountains where we went trout fishing last year?"
"I sure do, George. We had a great time up there, didn't we?"
"I'll never forget it. But this will interest you, Judge. I heard just yesterday that the revenue men raided a big still right near there. Guess that's where all that high-priced moonshine we heard about has been coming from."
"Wouldn't be a bit surprised. I saw in the paper the other day where the Government has raided thousands of such stills during the past year."

"Sounds sort of reminiscent, doesn't it, Judge?"
"Exactly and it's not hard to figure out. As soon as the distillers stopped making whiskey and devoted their entire facilities to the production of industrial alcohol for the Government... the racketeers muscled in again."
"I hate to think of how that might have spread, Judge, if the Government hadn't found it possible, without interfering with our war effort in any way, to permit a short resumption of legal whiskey production recently."

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