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Call For Self Defense!

So close to home, the state of Idaho has suffered serious infantile paralysis epidemic, with the number of victims in 1947 nearing the 300 mark. Nurses and equipment have been rushed from Oregon to help cope with the situation and the very manner in which the polio attack has been met fully explains the need for wide support to the March of Dimes campaign, January 15-30.

More than 30 nurses volunteered from Oregon for emergency service in Idaho. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which gets its funds from annual national March of Dimes drives, pays the nurses' transportation, salary and maintenance.

Foundation funds, also, go for the purchase of a wide range of vital equipment such as iron lungs (resuscitators), hot packs (wool), pack washers and other necessary items. A certain amount of research work, also, is made possible through the March of Dimes.

In the scheme of American life, there are many demands of Charity. To ameliorate the suffering or discomforts of those less fortunate has become a need highly characteristic of national life.

The March of Dimes, however, does not in any way distinguish itself as Charity. It is a form of social insurance against dread epidemic and wide suffering.

Polio is a threat to all, regardless of rank, station or social standing. Wherever it originates, it is liable to spread quickly into an epidemic, against which no one in the community is safe.

Thus, hearty co-operation with the March of Dimes campaign is protection against the consequences of an extremely expensive disease which might wreck its crippling blight in anyone's home.

On the personal side, March of Dimes' help has meant life-saving aid to stricken polio victims. Treatment that could hardly be administered, in many cases, has returned many infantile paralysis victims to nominal health and social usefulness.

And, in the longer range view, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has been the focal point around which Society has organized the effective means of dealing with a dread disease which is as potent a danger to Society itself as it is to the individual concerned.

No one should believe this is a call for Charity.
It is, more truly, a call for self defense!

—W. K.

Time Is Running Out!

Time is running out.

Yes, Time is running out for thousands of unfortunates in Europe—and elsewhere—and unless the more fortunate of the Pacific Northwest awaken to their Christian responsibilities, Death will reap a grim harvest in its stalk through the Old World this Spring.

Hunger is a pitiable force. When you are its victim, it supercedes every other influence. It drives Mankind into desperate deeds. It undermines even the strongest of Civilization's ethics.

Plenty, on the other hand, oftentimes benumbs and atrophies. Realization of Hunger's agony too often meets but dull, uncomprehending response from those whom a bounteous supply of food has made unmindful.

For the Pacific Northwest, the deadline for the "Christmas Ship" has been set ahead until January 10—this Saturday.

The idea of this regional contribution to ease the misery of Europeans in the coming months is based on the same generous urge that made the Friendship Train such a glowing, cross-country success. Because the Pacific Northwest and Alaska were not included in its itinerary, a special drive has resulted in the scheduling of a Victory ship, by the U. S. Government to carry added foodstuffs—with the last sailing from Portland.

All communities of the state have been asked to participate in Oregon' share of the gift-burden. Ample notices, through this newspaper, lodges and other means, have indicated where collections are being made. The rest is up to every citizen of every community who is enjoying enough to eat.

The goal is simply food for the starving. Food without politics. Food without strings. Food from the generous hearts of the Pacific Northwest to the shrunken, empty bellies of the Old World.

Have you made your contribution of food—or money? You have until January 10.

And Time is running out;

—W. K.

● CUE BALL

THE ONE— THAT PICKS 'EM OFF

Weather is a definite threat to Tualatin sport fans' enjoyment of next Spring's track season. But Mike Metzler, at Beaverton high, declares that every means will be taken to outmaneuver the weepy efforts of one J. Pluvius.

Further work on the new athletic plant site at Beaverton has been set back because of the rain. And with track soon to demand the attention of the valley thinclads,—another travelling season would be more than Beaverton fans would like to bear.

Mike, however, declares that snow, rain, shine or fog the oval track will be used. If rain prevents the laying of traditional cinders the lads with the spiked shoes will have to run it on dirt. Maybe such a prospect isn't too keen, but it's been done before. And the important thing, as Mike sees it, is to bring back to the home town a little competition.

Fans of both Beaverton and Tigard High can readily admit that home games or meets are a necessary spur.

ANOTHER HUBBUB

The tumultuous shouting from Jersey Joe Walcott's disputed defeat by Joe Louis for the world's heavyweight championship has about died down, with arrangements going smoothly forward for a rematch in June. Now comes the next topic: Is Notre Dame or Michigan tops?

Comparative study of each team's accomplishments might toss a few slugs onto the Michigan side of the scales, but the best suggestion to come out of

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the tempestuous talking is similar to the Walcott-Louis solution.

Why not have a rematch of these two gridiron behemoths? Let them meet on the field of battle, like two mighty hordes of gladiators, and set all doubts to rest!

In the name of sweet Charity, perhaps, here is a natural that football fans would swarm to with very little pre-game build-up. Then the second guessers and team partisans would have a chance to test judgments and blind faiths.

At least, it would be somewhat of a better game-prospect than the Rose Bowl fiasco.

BREWING A STORM?

Portland, meanwhile, is not without its own little storm center.

On the eve of January 1, starting the brave New Year with a brave presumption, Bobby Volk, Portland middleweight, put to test his belief that he was the logical Pacific Northwest middleweight champ. Unfortunately, his opponent, Jack "Ginger" Snapp, had a stubborn idea that he, to the contrary, was the best in the local fisticuffs parade.

It was a drawn out story. By the time the two lads got down to the point of settling the issue, everything but ring posts seemed to be flying in the fray.

Snapp was bounced a few times to the canvas and looked like a follower of the Rip Van Winkle school of athletics. . . until he took a couple quick, deep breaths and began turning the tide.

Fans know of the decision, with Snapp riding triumphant throughout the 15-round journey to cop the brand new middleweight belt.

Partisans of Volk, remembering the long strides he has taken in the last year, have raised somewhat of a clamor over the decision. Citing the trips that Snapp made to the canvas, Volk's followers assess the knockdowns of considerable more importance than two of the judges did.

Snapp's backers, after subsidizing their whoops and hurrahs of victory, deliciously acclaimed the judges' wisdom (2 out of 3, that is).

Except for partisans, however, there doesn't seem to be too much reason for frantic enthusiasms, one way or another.

Volk is a good main-event fighter. So is Snapp. But each has plenty to learn.

Volk, for instance, might well learn the importance of following up an advantage. In spite of the timely bell which might have saved Snapp from ignominious blackout there were many wide open invitations that Bobby didn't seem to recognize nor accept.

Snapp, on the other hand, showed cool and unruffled throughout the heartiest buffeting which came his way. Even when his eyes were sort of jelling over he carried himself quite well.

One of his handicaps it seemed, was the way his legs tangled up. His footwork could stand some concentrated improvement. Reports say Snapp may be headed for a pugilistic invasion of the brighter-purse pastures of the East. Seems good if the shiny-crowned champ is ready to step into the ring big time.

Yes—if he's ready.

LET IT SNOW AND SNOW!

With ski jumps and ski runs taking their share of the area's sport pages, riders of the slick sticks seem not at all downcast at the prospect of more snow on Mount Hood.

Whether in top bracket class or more or less of a dub ride—enow-and-fall-and-climb-out-of-the-snow banks category ski enthusiasts remark that a Sunday afternoon in the altitude of big snows does more to iron out the harried spirit than any other type of relaxation.

An interval on the sun-bathed slopes of Mt. Hood (yes, the sun does come out) is like transport into a new and wonderful world. The air is keenly fresh. Trees and brush are changed to new and intriguing patterns, by

the blanket of white stuff. And the lower altitude, prosaic living, is far, far behind!

With pre-season basketball just about wound up, Pacific Northwest colleges look forward to an interesting play. Both Oregon state schools have lopped bits of the limelight in their extra-schedule play but they haven't been alone.

Many of the smaller colleges, too, have risen to moments of glory—which all point to a bang-up year in the casaba tossing.

BACK TO THE GRIND

After a sojourn to the land where everything is bigger and better, "Tex" Salkeld, Portland fight matchmaker, blossoms back on the local sports circuit ready for new and bigger things.

Houston, Texas, has had the treat of Salkeld's brief sojourn, but pleasure can't go on forever.

And maybe, with the bulky Tex back in circulation, there might be some improvement over last fight's brand of fight announcing.

Tex will return by next fight, 'tis said, when Portland's Joey Clemo will tangle with an importation from the land of spices and Ghandi—India.

—W. K.

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