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## First Problem of 1949

One of the most alarming prospects in the new year is one which will personally touch practically every person in the United States. As shocking as this much publicized "cold war" between Russia and the United States is, even more tangible are the strains and burdens which it imposes upon the people, remote though they might sometimes feel in all the uproar and fury that attends the struggle of these two international behemoths.

Few, indeed, who can peer into the future and, with any degree of confidence, dependably prophesy what is in store. And there are few indeed who, surveying the long range policies of the federal government, can unequivocally evaluate its correctness.

Yet, without sitting in judgement on policy, many of us can fully realize what the "cold war" struggle is costing us, in terms of taxes and abandoned national tradition.

The tax picture is unyielding. According to budget estimates of President Truman for the fiscal year to begin next July 1, a total bill for all phases of government will approximate \$42 billion. Over half of this figure will go directly or indirectly to the prosecution of our foreign policy.

Military expenditures will amount to some \$13,500,000,000. Added to that over one billion for occupation of Japan and Germany, other than military, and more than \$6,500,000,000 for the recovery and relief programs we are prosecuting in Greece, Turkey, China and Europe.

It must be remembered, of course, that these figures are given out as we step across the threshold of a new year and before we have actually come to grips with the events that await us. To those who are aware of the already sizeable burden borne by U. S. taxpayers, the hope for relief is wraithy and mostly an illusion.

Beyond the financial drain—that aspect which people recognize foremost above all others—this international tug of war is having an unhappy effect upon the traditional way of life. High taxes and soaring costs of living have happened before. But the role of an international power has already begun to change the complexion of domestic life.

In the matter of a conscript army, which is growing into a widespread organism requiring upkeep and a continual flow of selective service inductees, the premise that a citizen of the United States is free to choose his life is somewhat shattered. Everyone between the ages of 18 and 25 is liable to army service, as a sort of military reserve force against developments of the future.

What will happen, should the military forces reach full strength at the time of diplomatic crisis, is questionable. But with military leaders setting patterns of strategy against a probable impasse, with numerical strength to back up developments in armament invention and improvement, with tempers spilling because of a feeling of strength and belligerency, War and all its terrifying aftermaths would seem inevitable.

Against this picture, there would be little attraction in blinding ourselves to the realities that a "cold war" is raging across the globe. Much as Americans would like to fully embrace Peace, few indeed would ask an adversary to trample us.

If the world stands to ever learn a lesson; if the desires of the common man for peaceful prosperity is to be realized; if scientific, cultural and humanitarian progress is to lead us into an era of the good things of Life, this "cold war" must be resolved.

Beyond everything else, this is the first problem of 1949.

## ELSEWHERE IN OREGON They Worry Not

Events As Chronicled by Our Contemporaries in Northwest Communities

### NEW LAW SCHOOL VOTE

Citizens of Gresham voted, on January 4, under the liberalized provisions of the law on a \$472,000 school district issue.

Pointing out that all registered voters who can read and write would be qualified to vote, the OUTLOOK related that by the balloting in November's general election, "ownership of property is no longer requisite to elector qualification."

The special bond issue of \$472 thousand was directed to the purchase and improvement of a new building site and for subsequent construction and furnishing of a new building.

Plans envisioned 12 class rooms, an auditorium-gymnasium, library, health room, manual training-homes economics department and office.

Voters were being asked, in effect, to add an approximate 12 mill levy to present taxes of the district. Excluding this amount, city of Gresham's millage for the year 56.2 mills plus another special levy of 12 mills approved earlier in the fall for certain civic improvements.

According to superintendent of the grade school, enrollment there has nearly doubled in the last ten years, from 360 to over 625. Next year's enrollment is expected to approach 700.

### ABATTOIR OPENS HOUSE

Completion of the Oregon Livestock Cooperative abattoir construction project progressed to such a point, by January 5, that open house of its nearly completed meat packing plant at Clackamas was held. Oregon City rejoiced at the news.

The first livestock cooperative slaughterhouse in Oregon, relates the BANNER COURIER, has already cost \$150,000 and expansions being discussed are expected to increase this amount considerably.

Memberships in the organization are held in Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas, Yamhill, Marion and Columbia counties as well as in Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington.

Cold weather has held up completion of floor slabs in the slaughter house but contractor's crews moved onto other jobs, such as building stockyards, chutes, truck platforms and canopies as well as completing the office building interior and installing windows.

At the outset, about 12 employees will be required but a much larger force is anticipated as the production gets underway. Directors have decided to include a \$25,000 kitchen and sharp freeze department to planned facilities. At first included and then deleted from plans, the department was finally added, to provide sausage making, bacon and ham preparation and meat-smoking facilities as well as setting up a holding room for unacceptable meat carcasses that failed to pass federal inspection.

Transportation of livestock to the plant will be by truck or by railroad and indications point to an ample supply of animals for processing.

### TRADITION OF SEASON

One tradition of the Christmas season brought about a novel twist, in St. Helens.

A school teacher, relates the SENTINEL MIST, hung a twig of mistletoe in the room and sought to broaden the students' knowledge by explaining that anyone caught beneath the branch was subject to an osculation.

It went off, per tradition, a number of times with youngsters rushing up to bestow a smacker on the teacher whenever she chanced to linger beneath the mistletoe.

Then the school superintendent came into the room. Unwittingly, he stepped beneath the mistletoe branch and was promptly rewarded with a kiss, somewhat to the amazement of the administrator.

### A NEW YEAR'S START

If Forest Grove is looking for a civic resolution with which to make a brave new start of 1949, its fire chief can be depended upon for advisory assistance.

As reported by the NEWS TIMES, the fire chief feels that the time is ripe for a full revision of the building code, with strict conformity to the provisions by the city government a well-rewarding must.

For illustration as to what he is talking about, the top fire fighter of the town cites the town's recent fire that destroyed two markets and for a while threatened the entire business section.

In this instance, lack of a fire wall prevented the confinement of the blaze to one establishment and was directly responsible for the estimated \$100 to \$150 thousand dollar damage.

### HOME ON FURLOUGH

Robert Whitworth, graduate of Beaverton High who is in the U. S. Navy Training Service spent a ten day furlough visit with his grandmother, Inez Whitworth and aunt, Lillian Evans.

Ronald Whitworth, their grandson and nephew respectively, who has been stationed in Alaska, is being discharged from service and they are awaiting his arrival home.

THE SECRET — They worry not for they cast all their cares upon Christ who cares for them. And Christ is IMMANUEL, which means GOD WITH US. Mt. 1:23. Being Almighty, He is able to carry all our cares. He created the sun, moon, stars, the universe and all things — BIBLE. And Christ knows our cares, for on a day He took human birth and as the Son of Man, He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

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YOUR PART—Believe in your heart of hearts that Christ died for you and He gives you new birth into eternal life. Now being born again, grow up out of Christian babyhood. At every turn, cast all your care and worry upon Him, for He careth for you. And in it all He stays closer than a brother—this Christ who is Immanuel—God with us to Save—Keep—Satisfy.

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