

VFW AUXILIARY "PEACE WITH HONOR FOR AMERICA" CONTEST

When the panel of judges studied Beaverton high school students' essays in the VFW auxiliary contest, on the subject of "Peace with Honor for America," the task of selection was difficult. Paul Chohan was finally adjudged the contestant whose entry would be submitted in a statewide elimination. Statewide winners will compete to determine a national winner.

Because of the high quality of essays, the newspaper staff decided to publish them, so that readers could appreciate the thinking of the young generation.

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We are Americans. It is our duty to defend our nation and the Constitution, which has catapulted our nation into world leadership in economic, political, and social affairs and has given us our freedom of living and our high standards, consistent with those set down in the Bill of Rights. We owe this duty not only to ourselves but to the rest of the world and the people who will inhabit the earth in the future.

The major threats to our civilization are Communism and the atomic bomb. The danger of the atomic bomb rests in its possible use for our destruction by Communist adherents. The atomic bomb is not all-powerful as some would have us believe, but it is an extremely destructive weapon.

The effects of radiation of this bomb and its more powerful offspring, the hydrogen bomb, have been greatly over rated. Competent scientists tell us that radiation would not be fatal to those far enough away not to be affected by the blast itself. Further research, however, may discover ways to increase the area of radiation by the use of prevailing winds or other means.

Communism is much more dangerous than the atomic bomb. In the true sense of the word the Russian government, the chief advocate of this so-called Communism, is farther removed from Communism, than our own government. The manner in which the Russian people are oppressed by a small minority is appalling.

This rule by force consists of terror, of slave labor camps, and the secret police, and promises to the Russian people of all the better things in life while they have only the barest necessities, while the government gets the fruit of the people's labor.

The Communist theory of Lenin and Stalin calls for the complete mastery of the world by Communism. We must keep this menace within bounds before it become so strong that free peoples everywhere are engulfed in the tide of aggression of a handful of scheming men in Moscow called the Politburo.

With the rest of the world either underdeveloped or crippled by the Second World War, the responsibility of saving the world lies solely on the shoulders of the American people and their leaders.

Some theorists say that this can not be accomplished without another war, but another shooting war might mean the annihilation of mankind on this planet or at best a decimation of the present 2,250,000,000 inhabitants.

The atomic and hydrogen bombs, capable of being delivered by long range planes, biological warfare, and other new and deadly weapons would give the people in the homelands of the belligerents less chance of survival perhaps than the men in the front lines.

Peaceful negotiations with the Soviet Union have ended in dismal failure. Russia has failed to make any major efforts toward peace and has thwarted all proposals made by other countries. In the United Nations' Assembly Russia has caused stalemate after stalemate with her veto power and has demonstrated that peace through arbitration is impossible.

With an armed conflict and peaceful negotiation ruled out, the only alternative is a continuation of the cold war. The amount of money spent would be considerable, but not prohibitive if rigid economy of the national budget were practiced. We must check Russian authority within its present boundaries and keep Communism from making new gains.

The fields of conflict may be divided into four major areas—Europe, the Near East, Asia, and the rest of the world. In Europe Communism has met with stiff resistance, and its advance is at a standstill. The Marshall Plan, which has been aiding the recovery of European countries, must be continued until that recovery is complete.

Russia has made absolutely no gains in Europe since the war. The countries under her occupation since the war were beyond hope when she occupied them. Throughout all the countries of the Atlantic Pact membership in the Communist movement has been falling. Communism has been stopped in Europe and democracy is on the offensive.

Iran and Turkey, both receiving aid from the United States, serve as bulwarks against Communism in the Near East. The main prize

in this area is oil. At present the United States and Great Britain have the inside track in this respect, but relations with the Arabian countries should be handled delicately, such as the present situation in Palestine.

The state of affairs in Asia is a reversal of that in Europe. Communism, riding on the wave of nationalism in Asia, is in the midst of a sweeping attack. China has fallen and Indo-China may be next. The policy here should be to secure and retain the confidence of the republics of Indonesia, Burma, Moslem and Hindu India, and the monarchies of Siam and Japan. We must aid these countries economically in their fight against Communism. The outcome in Asia is yet to be decided; in fact, it is in the critical stage now.

South America, North America, Africa, and Australia have not suffered appreciably, but even now there are reports of the training of Communist agents for more acute agitation in these areas.

If we can keep Russia within her present spheres of influence and we ourselves still remain strong, we shall have won the cold war and prevented the USSR from achieving a position from which it would be advantageous to start another war. More than this we shall have won the peace.

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As I looked at the title of the essay I was to write, the meaning was far away until I took each letter and tried to find words that gave the title a meaning.

The first letter is P; it stands for peace, and purity, plenty, perfection, power, and privilege. It is our privilege to help prepare for posterity and peace of mind and a peace of purpose in life. The Prince of Peace set an example for all of us, "Love your neighbor."

The next word is with; with is an action word and begins with W. W is work, win, wonder, wisdom, want and wonderful. We of this generation are proud of America. We are being taught the ways of life in our homes, schools, and churches. We are more than willing to work and work hard for a peaceful world. We do not want to go to war with some other nation to obtain this peace; we want every nation to solve its problems and then be united in peace forever.

Honor is the third word. The letter H brought many words to mind, such as, health, happiness, hope, home, holy, and honor. Happy, healthy homes and families are the start to bring peace with honor.

The next letter is F. It stands for fortitude, future, fit, fair and freedom. The future is coming. What will it be like? Well, we are striving for a peaceful, healthy, winning nation. Yes, we have a goal and we will reach it. Even if we do not live to see it, our children and the future generations will reap from the deeds we have sown.

The last word is America. It was easy to think of words that began with A and those that described America—able, ambitious, active. Yes, America has these qualities and will be able to accomplish what she is striving for—peace. To help us to attain this goal the Prince of Peace gave us ten rules by which to live and let live. Yet almost two thousand years later we are searching for a way to peace with honor. Why do we not give those ten rules, called the Ten Commandments, a fair trial and see if they will not help us to accomplish this difficult task of peace.

These rules are found in the Bible, the book of Exodus, Chapter 20, verses 1-18.

1. Thou shalt not have any other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not take the Lord thy God in vain.
3. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
4. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

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CLUB ASSESSMENT INSTEAD OF FALL BAZAAR TO RAISE FUNDS

By Gladys Hesterlee

HAZELDALE—The ladies of the Hazeldale Happy Hour club met for their evening meeting at the home of Mrs. C. R. Little on June 29. Sixteen members were present.

Plans were made for the club picnic July 23, at the Sellwood park. All are to be there at 11 a. m. The club will furnish ice cream, coolade and coffee; picnickers bring their food.

The ladies voted that each member was to contribute two dollars to the club treasurer. This money must be earned by the ladies themselves and turned in at the October meeting along with a report on how the money was earned. This will take the place of a fall bazaar.

The next meeting will be a night meeting also, at the home of Mrs. Abe Wallace, July 13. After the meeting the ladies helped Mrs. Sylvia Salee celebrate

her 81st birthday and presented her with a sewing basket filled with gifts.

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