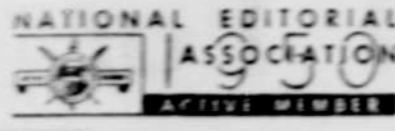


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FULL EMPLOYMENT AND WAR

The Korean "incident" is casting a long, dreary shadow over the peace of the world. It is not being easily resolved. The fury and determination of the aggressors seems based on carefully planned strategy. It will take longer than was first thought for the United Nations to resolve the situation.

Partial mobilization is already effected in the United States. With revival of the draft, the first sure steps toward some kind of wartime economy are taken. What will the future hold?

History offers a comparison with which to interpret the events that are come. But the circumstances of this degree of war are sharply different, for instance, than the days leading up to full participation in World War II.

For one thing, the United States is enjoying a high degree of employment at the present time. This is a goal many have long sought. For peacetime purposes, it is a development which encourages prosperity and thriving conditions of business. For war, it may be a major breaking point in the "prosperity" which previous war eras have made general.

By the fact that the unemployed are not standing in long lines drawing their jobless pay checks, the government will be forced to freeze jobs and wages, in the event of an all-out war effort. Gone will be the frantic, money-no-object, manpower recruiting for workers in industry.

The government, by actual necessity, will be prompted to decide vital industries. Workers will find it increasingly difficult to change jobs for better pay. Necessary jobs will have priority without question and the matter of individual choice will sink into oblivion.

Surely this will be an assault on a right long held inviolate. Freedom of choice will go by the boards, quite like many another freedom which will be junked to strengthen the equipping of a continent as an arsenal of war.

Those short-sighted and selfish enough to privately or publicly want war for the greedy gains they anticipate will probably awaken in the event of their wish compliance and find that the old dream is ended and the nightmare is on.

Full employment and war hardly harmonize.

FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENSE

With adoption throughout the state of mutual aid agreements between neighboring fire protection districts, Oregon is moving forward to a significant preparation in civil defense.

The idea of one fire company coming to the aid of another is an accepted custom of some standing. But it is advantageous to clarify this interchange and establish it on a definite, agreement basis.

No one knows, for sure, what the future offers, in these troubled times. Wishfully thinking that no disaster might strike us is a very shaky refuge against the encroaching dread of a serious war outbreak. Certainly, the consolidation of fire fighting equipment by regions is planning for the future, in the twin requirements of fire and civilian defense.

PARTNERS IN EFFORT

There are many tasks on a country newspaper which demand a sense of devotion not comparable to other less strenuous lines. The concept of public service, aimed at the community level news interest, requires a steady, unending effort.

Sometimes less recognized than they deserve are our colleagues and partners in the job of putting out the weekly news. They, our correspondents, have priceless contacts in their home neighborhoods in behalf of our publication. They represent one of the most significant departments of a complex venture.

There is, in the makeup of most news correspondents, a strong sense of community pride. You will find them always eager and obliging to spread word of group events and personal achievements along with their social notes. Whatever is good for their home neighborhoods usually finds its way into print, through their continuing observations.

The training correspondents receive in maintaining a schedule of weekly news writeups offers compensations that contribute a great deal. When constantly striving to improve writing style and spelling, for instance, they achieve a more fluid style in the best way—by writing and developing.

We think correspondents deserve appreciable commendation in their home neighborhoods. We heartily wish for them the respect and approval of their neighbors which they deserve, in just proportion to their selfless attention to events and happenings of their home areas.

And in spite of the own pressures that crowd upon us in a steady stream, we remark a particular, professional tie with these who are our partners in a weekly effort, week after week.

HOARDING THREATENS

The lady standing in line shifted impatiently, awaiting her turn at the counter. Her eyes flashed as if revealing an inner excitement. She nervously chewed her lower lip. Then came her chance with the salesgirl. "I'll take eight sacks of sugar", she said.

The girl's eyes wend involuntarily. Then she passed the order on and delivery was made. And what she might have thought was concerned with the greed of people so taken with their own selfish natures as to expose such naked hoarding.

The majority of us are well acquainted with the problems of rationing and remember, too, the flourish of the black market during World War II. There were long lines of men and women, carefully counting coupons and matching them with the necessary cash for items of food. Hardly anyone with that freshened memory wants a return of this circumstance.

Yet it is the grabbing off of items in panic buying which sets the wheels moving for a return to rationing. There is more than enough food available. If the public will play the game honestly, no one will be badly hurt.

Along with these fast-on-the-draw hoarders, there are many unscrupulous tradesmen who are quick to take advantage of human gullibility and greed. While it is too early to give too many examples of the full impact of these money-hungry opportunists, they will appear in force before long.

Already prices of various commodities are ballooning. Some merchants are doggedly trying to push back the upped price trend. What will result may be a disastrous influence on the already discounted value of the American dollar. Inflation is compounded of many causes. Its end result is frightening.

Likewise, jumping the gun by frenzied hoarding is encouraging an imbalance of normal trade conditions.

FARMERS BLAST "PLAN"

Perhaps they were too busy when the race was on for getting petition signers in behalf of the two contradictory plans for reapportionment of state legislators, as authorized by population growth. But whatever the reason, only now comes leaders of the Farmers Union to blast the "so-called balanced reapportionment legislative plan" which won a right for referendum vote by filing of required signatures.

An official pronouncement of the Union's headquarters labels the plan as "an attempt to deliver more political power into the hands of a few which will be in the interest of big business".

Such a blast should make headlines, of course. But it would be more productive of results to have made this blast when it would have counted—during campaigns to get signatures.

And the energy used in criticizing the measure which will be on the ballot might so nobly have been better expended in organizing a successful signature campaign for the other plan.

Certainly, some reapportionment of the legislature is long overdue.

FUNDS FOR THE FAIR

There's going to be a county fair at Hillsboro again, this year. But it will depend upon the people and organizations as to just how successful the affair will prove.

By latest dispatch from the county fair board, the fact is inferred that this annual celebration needs more than token backing and support. Money must be taken in beforehand to enable the preparation of buildings to house exhibits. The public is urged to express a vote of confidence in the fair idea by purchase of season-admission buttons now being offered.

We, as a nation, have a tradition of county fairs. As an annual exhibit, these functions show off the agricultural splendors of the land, offer a competitive show-room for homemakers' skills and contribute to wider knowledge of neighbors and activities in the regions close to home.

Its educational features are painless but long-range. Cancellation of this yearly event would be a loss of distinct proportions. Without support, however, the fair board will not be able to offer a spectacle which justifies the situation.

Many things go into such a presentation. And funds for the fair are of high importance.

A FLY'S POINT OF VIEW

From many sides there comes to us the proposition that a hunk of cotton, about the size of a powder puff, will keep away all flies if it is pinned or fastened to a screen door.

This modern world, with its atomic divisions, its technological advances and its strange predictions, has its confusing aspects.

Perhaps the unbelievable mystery (presuming the gadget works, would be more understandable if we had the fly's point of view!

ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

EVENTS AS CHRONICLED BY OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN SURROUNDING NORTHWEST COMMUNITIES

UNEMPLOYED BY FIRE

Gresham suffered a hard blow in a pre-July Fourth blaze which hit a large sawmill to the degree of \$100,000.

The OUTLOOK points out that fifty workers are idled as a result of the fire.

Owner of the mill indicates that he will rebuild his damaged property. Suspicions are being investigated that carelessly tossed fireworks may have started the blaze which swept through the wooden building.

WHEN STOP MEANS STOP

In Philomath was a recent illustration pointing up that "stop" means STOP!

According to the Benton County REVIEW, the chief of police put the halt on a motorist and his wife on a charge of violating the basic rule.

When the driver objected to being picked up and refused to post \$15 bail or return to the village pokie, the officer reached into the car to turn off the switch.

The driver and his wife both grabbed the officer's arm. The chief then started to return to his own car, after telling them to wait.

But the driver started to speed away whereupon the chief took a trusty aim at the fleeing car's tire.

The bullet went wild, pierced the rear of the car and seal, entering the driver's body near the pelvis. This finally proved to the driver he'd better stop, which he did.

The wounded man was taken to the Medical Center where it was learned he had suffered a punctured colon and bladder.

At a meeting of the city council, the chief of police was granted a few days' leave.

OPERATION BUDWORM

LaGrande notes a mounting toll in Operation Budworm, with planes and pilots listed as casualties.

Told in the EASTERN OREGON REVIEW, the accidents have been associated with spraying of timberlands for control of the spruce

budworm. Investigations are being held to decide whether or not to cancel the spraying program in light of the disastrous turn of events.

Some seven planes and six pilots are listed as victims in crashes in the Blue Mountain area.

"STINKING WILLIE"

The growing box on "Stinking Willie" extended to Lebanon, noting the advancing battle-lines against a noxious enemy to cattle and grazing lands.

The EXPRESS gives news of a recommended 1/4 mill levy to finance a compulsory control program in the county against tansy ragwort. The matter would be submitted to voter's approval in November, by plans taking shape.

More than 20 separate properties have been found to be infested with the "Stinking Willie" ragwort, in various degrees of infestation.

MASS PRAYER MEETING

McMinnville is the center of a mass prayer meeting which is described as "extraordinary in scope and purpose".

All ministers of the county, according to the TELEPHONE REGISTER, are cooperating in the call for a report on the gospel crusade for the Northwest, when the famed Billy Graham campaign for souls will hold forth at Portland, July 23.

The Yamhill event is county-wide, interdenominational and calling together ministers and laymen in a call for soul revival and universal peace.

CHERRY OPTIMISM TOLD

Hood River is aglow with optimism over the current cherry crop.

Fieldmen, through the NEWS, report the crop quality is "apparently good".

A trickle of cannery and briner cherries moved into local plants to begin the avalanche of the pending season. Market prices continue good through a slight drop was occasioned by heavy arrivals at the markets and because of the fruit condition. Heaviest harvest will be from June 14 to 20.

EASY ON THE WATER BUD

Willamina is only asking its residents to take it easy on the irrigating water.

The TIMES relates that the local water situation is quite well in hand and if users respect the proper days for watering and irrigating, no great trouble is expected.

A lowering in the level of the river bed, which caused a shortage in the city reservoir, has been remedied with a small, temporary dam.

GRASS CUTTING REQUEST

In Vernonia, the city marshal is courteous about it. But he yet insists on the cutting of tall grass and weeds in parking areas fronting property and growing adjacent to buildings.

The EAGLE carries the request but adds that unless the job is voluntarily done the city itself will undertake to do the job, levying a charge for the work on property concerned.

The move is pointed as eliminating a considerable fire hazard.

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