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LEADERSHIP NEEDED

In a courageous declaration, ex-President Herbert Hoover urges the United States to withdraw from its overseas commitments and build its strength at home for an inevitable conflict with Russia. There are many, having listened to the statement, who acclaim with rising enthusiasm this concept of national strategy. The wishfulness of isolationism is raised to new intensity at the idea of drawing our strength back to positions closer home.

In many ways, the logic of Mr. Hoover has its talking points. But, mainly, it reflects the philosophy of an old man who is not aware of Today.

To consider the Atlantic and Pacific oceans as our boundaries, to bring to an end our rapidly developing recognition of international responsibilities, to abandon probable allies of the future is to make a declaration of self-sufficiency which lacks reality. It is too late, now, to avoid foreign entanglements.

As a nation, we took our first step of internationalism when we took Porto Rico and the Philippines under our wing, as a result of the Spanish-American war. From then, our foreign trade and overseas investments assumed growing importance and the American business outlook became part of the nationwide pattern.

American money, establishing beachheads in most of the nations of the world, brought along the American flag. And with this went a national interest which must be defended by arms and men in the civilization-old scramble for power.

By most reports of Korea, the United Nations went out on a limb in a false flush of victory. And the United States, comprising the main bulk of the Korea forces, suffered heavy materiel and personnel losses, to say nothing of "face" or prestige.

On the heels of that reverse, many people have examined the Korean action with heightening criticism. And it was an act of courage for a former president to put into words the growing convictions of so many.

Courage, however, does not qualify Hoover's proposition as necessarily advisable. While he boldly defied—as he invited—argument, his position seems faulty and backward-looking.

Hoover's motives in speaking out tell his concern for the national interest and perhaps his conviction that the country is in need of leadership for the climactic days ahead. Nor is he alone in that preoccupation.

But the leadership that is needed must be of a caliber to meet situations of the present with concepts of the present, and not with those of another century.

NEW YEAR PROPHECIES

New Year's Day is a time of taking stock, making resolutions for the coming year and taking long glances at what the future might portend.

We all look for signs of assurance in the days ahead, hoping to be able to guide our lives around events which seem likely. This longing to look ahead, meanwhile, has encouraged a full-time profession of prophets,

many of whom reach their heights for New Year's Day.

The predictions of these professionals are well advertised and most all of them keep a running score of everything said the year before, in order to boast, percentage-wise, of accuracy. Yet, in spite of their claims, these soothsayers' prognostications cannot be accepted too religiously.

Certainly, the prophets themselves are aware of this. A large part of their prophecies are carefully hedged against eventualities. And many "special", "exclusive" or otherwise sweeping statements are merely facts that most anyone might recognize. This somewhat deflates the second sight of the prophets but, eventually, helps bolster the percentage-wise score for the next occasion.

One advantage of these prognosticators, however, is that they do explore fields related to the future and offer the observations from an analytical background of what might portend.

It is well to have a grain of salt handy, in the evaluation of all New Year prophecies.

VETERANS WILL SERVE AGAIN

No one should question the patriotism of ex-servicemen who are veterans of World War II. Surely there are none but who would answer a call to duty if the national interest required it. But in all fairness, it should be recognized that in the five year interval between the end of one war and the latest outbreak of hostilities, many changes have occurred with them.

While some might suggest that the training and skills of war-making which veterans have mastered should not be wasted in a national emergency, such mobilization wouldn't prove quite as easy as the mere saying.

War is, basically, young man's business. While many phases of the military do not require too grueling a routine, the possibility always awaits that every man in uniform must be equipped and qualified for the most strenuous duty. And so, the addition of five years to older veterans is one handicap which discounts their automatic use.

The skills of warfare, too, are not of a continuing nature. Many who shucked their uniforms after the peace of 1945 have busied themselves in new fields and developed other vocational interests. Returning them to the military "groove" might require more than a refresher course.

In their personal lives, too, numerous veterans have started to raise families, since their discharge. To return them to uniform under anything less than an actual, imminent invasion would tend to disrupt a large part of the nation.

War is for youth, one of the curses of civilization. It becomes a duty of citizenship and one of the hazards of maturity. Youth is, for sure, the first wave of our defenses and sallies forth to keep the tides of war from engulfing the homeland.

But at home, even if not actively serving in uniform, veterans of all wars are a great national reserve. In whatever way and against whatever developments, veterans will serve again when the need arises.

War Touches Our Hearts:

The tides of war reached into the community and touched many hearts, by calling to the colors young folk who had lived in our community.

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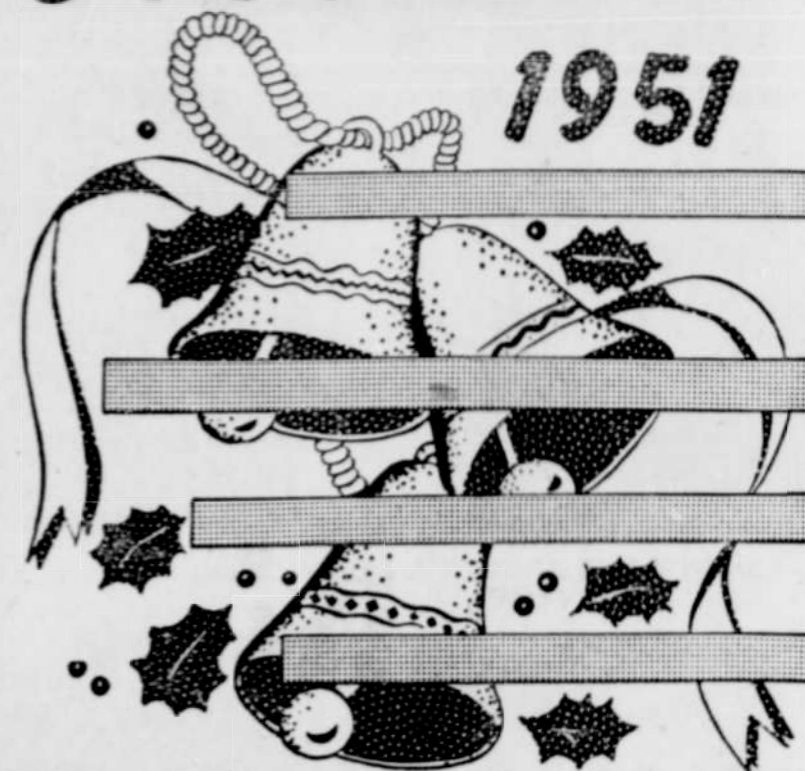
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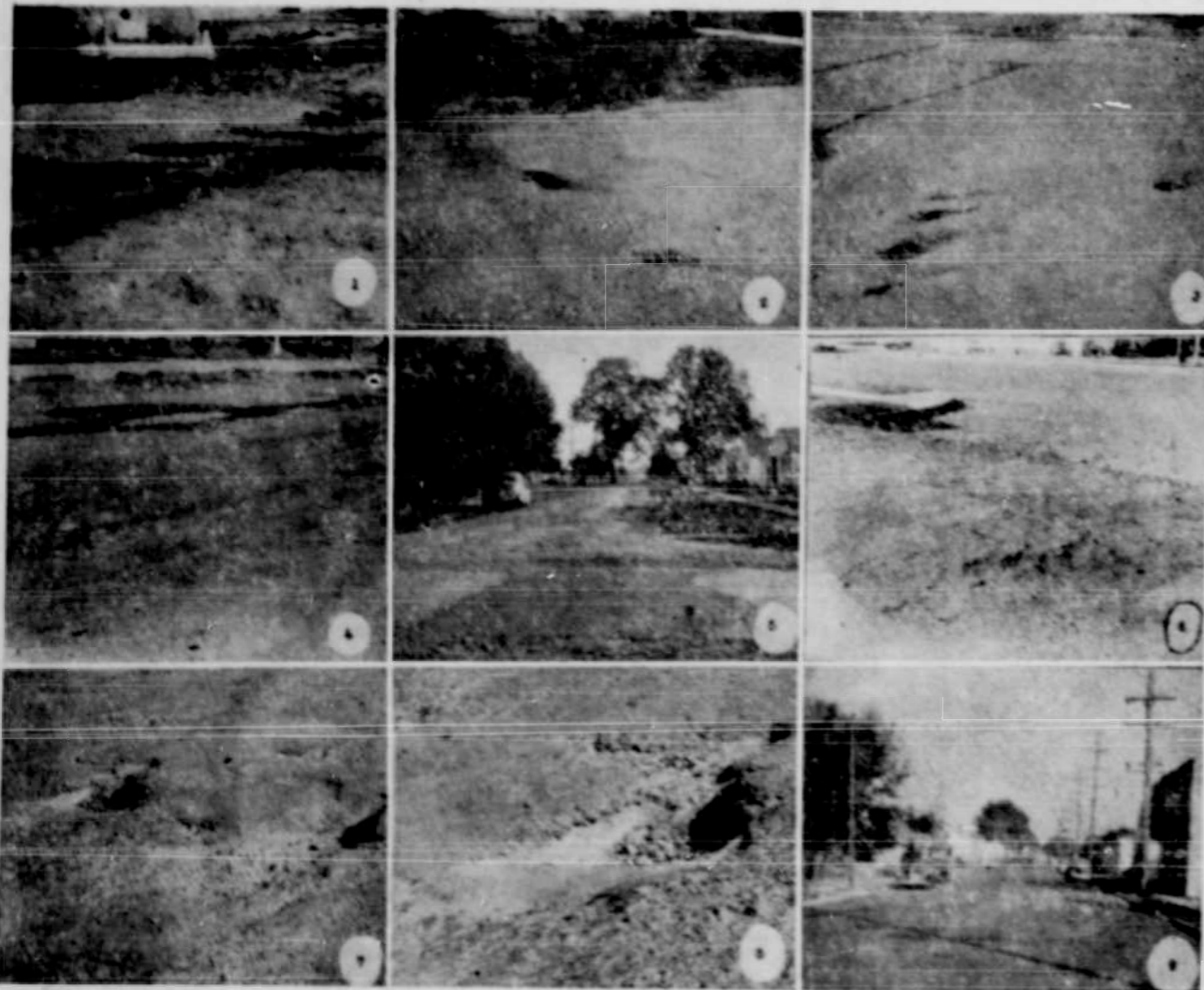
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SURVEYING A COMPLETED SEWER system, the city of Beaverton looked around and began taking stock of its streets.

The picture proved not pleasant. All were found to be badly in need of repair. Some were surprised to learn that other parts of the city had actually worse streets than they traveled each day.

But the important thing was a realization that the situation could be improved... though obviously it would take a "lot of doing."

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