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WHO ASKED LINDBERGH, ANYWAY?

Although most folks who heard Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's radio address last Friday on American neutrality will agree with his words—for who could wish to lose two million men as he warns we might?—there was a widespread curiosity as to just why the Colonel is breaking his most graceful silence.

Lindbergh's last public utterances concerned air-mail contracts which the government canceled a half dozen years ago and from that time on the Lone Eagle has lost popularity. His flight to England, although understandable, was resented as a slap at the United States and was so interpreted by the rest of the world. Now, with a crisis at hand, Lindbergh's nationwide broadcast has aroused a consequent speculation as to his reasons for dipping in his oar at this time.

As far as The Miner can determine, there was no public demand for Lindbergh's views on the subject of America's attitude toward the war. His departure from this country in bitterness and resentment and his ultimate return just a hop ahead of hostilities in Europe are not particularly savory qualifications for a self-starting authority.

Lindbergh removed his family to the British Isles for "safekeeping" but with the entire European population buying gas masks, digging bombproof shelters and evacuating cities, his disowned homeland looked pretty welcome to the prodigal Lindy.

Lindbergh's uninvited talk smacks of the ambitious beginnings of a political career. The safest bet in the world is to tell people what they want to hear at a time of national emotional strain and it looks like Charles A. is helping himself to popularity profiteering while the people are ripe for it.

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PAT-ME-ON-THE-BACK BOB!

Our indigo-blooded contemporary Bob Ruhl of the Medford Mail Tribune is busy patting himself on the back again for having "called the turn" in world affairs. That Bob should hit the nail on the head occasionally is most obvious. With a scattered load like his, he can't miss forever.

RWR's chameleon-like editorial column is about as static in logic as it is in dateline.

Not that it matters much to anybody, or to this department, but just for the nuisance value of the situation we'd like to recall Editor Ruhl's greatest piece of public service:

It was back in 1932 when everyone in the land—including Bob—was losing his shirt. With men hungry and desperate, Ruhl steadfastly defended Candidate Hoover even to the point of grooming a straw vote to uphold the M-T's infallibility. With the election but a day off Ruhl had the stupid arrogance to insist that Hoover would win in a walk against an unknown Roosevelt!

That was one time Bob missed the band wagon.

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HITLER IS AN HISTORIC MAN!

Resent the fact as we will, it must be admitted that Adolph Hitler is as cunning and adroit a man as present-day history can conjure. At this early moment in the second general European war Hitler is not at an appreciable disadvantage. Gains made have been his, not Germany's enemies.

Already the cost to the world of great militarists is becoming apparent. Der Fuehrer may be a murderous beast, but he's a canny one regardless of what we choose to call him.

That England and France have a most capable opponent they are beginning to learn. As to the ultimate outcome of hostilities, Americans will be unanimous in wishfully believing that the allies shall triumph.

As to who is without sin in the present fighting, indications are that none could qualify for throwing the first stone. It will be well for the United States to

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The best way for us to keep out of a fight is to be ready to win one if it is forced upon us.

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IT WILL BE HARD TO KEEP OUR HANDS OFF!

Although one frequently hears disparaging remarks concerning America's remaining neutral to the effect that "the bankers and munitions makers won't let us stay out," The Miner sincerely believes big-money boys will have as little to do with our aloofness or entry into war as will this country weekly.

The road to war does not lead through bankers' doors and munitions plant cash registers in a democracy. The people themselves will clear the path and press us into the conflict if the time comes when we become a belligerent.

The road markings will be subtle but overwhelming. First we will become devout Hitler-haters, then biased interpreters of "justice." Then it will not be long before genuinely neutral statements will be resented as vicious, subversive espionage.

When that time comes—and it will take a super-human effort on the part of the administration to prevent such a surge of emotion—then nothing can stop the American people from flinging their souls, their resources and their future into the battle. Our greatest hope lies in a short European war.

If we are to remain neutral while the old world fights, then we must think more on the good things at home and less on the bad things abroad.

What Other Editors Are Saying!

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

As nations go, the United States undeniably is the most tolerant country in the world. In normal times we permit communists and other radicals to shout for the overthrow of American democracy—and accord them both the courtesy of free speech and the civility of police protection. But even tolerance has a limit of endurance. President Roosevelt found it necessary the other day to issue this statement:

"I do hereby give notice that all nationals of the United States, and others who may claim the protection of this government, who may misconduct themselves in the premises, will do so at their peril, and that they can in no way obtain any protection from the government of the United States against the consequences of their misconduct!"

Those ringing words should reach throughout California, where at this very time the spearhead of the American communist movement is seeking to smash the American economic system by fighting tooth and nail for the so-called 30-Thursday proposition. Communist leaders are for the scheme, as they frankly admit, because they know it is "abortive and unworkable." They are willing to help delude a million trusting old people into voting their own ruin—in order that the flood of fantastic "funny money" warrants will destroy real pensions, wreck business, increase unemployment and bankrupt the state government.

No one can blame the old folks who have been persuaded by false argument that such a Utopian fallacy is feasible. But surely they should take warning before they make common cause with communists whose whole political thesis is American economic failure. Democrats and republicans alike will agree it is well that the President has spoken so emphatically at this time. And it will be well for California schemes which it seems this state's peculiar lot

to have intermittently thrust upon it.—Siskiyou News (Yreka).

POOH TO RADIO!

The radio station will be built at Grants Pass, according to announcement from there, and it is a good thing. It will keep the local radio from convincing Medford advertisers that everyone in G-P sits avidly beside a radio listening to stupid programs, and writing down all the advertising.—Medford News.

THAT'S THE REASON!

Smigly-Rydz has been called the "strong man of Poland," which serves as a good way out for those whose pronouncing technique cannot quite cope with that name.—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

HOW PRINTING BEGAN

The idea of printing from type, it is said, was suggested to the mind of Gutenberg's contemporary, Faust, by seeing the footprints of a horse in the soft mud of a road over which he was strolling.—Graphic Arts Monthly.

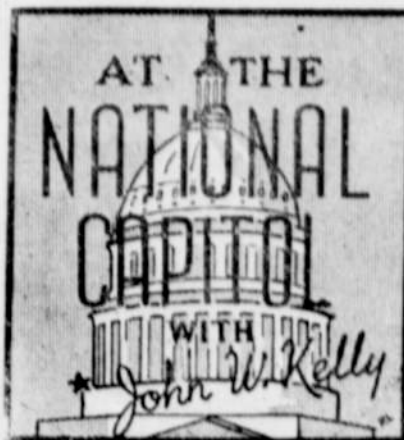
DON'T BE ANNOYED!

"Mr. Whosit is busy now! Will you wait and I'll take your name in?" So you wait, while a man whose time is worth about a third of your own keeps you waiting while he probably twiddles his

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special session of congress. It represents, roughly, about \$2 for every adult in the nation.

Administration officials have decided that the 12,000 CCC enrollees in Oregon and 7600 in Washington will not be given military training. Proposals have been made by various members of congress that such training be included in the camp life of the enrollees, but the administration will attempt to prevent enactment of any legislation having such object in view. Starting Oct. 1, there will be CCC camps in 26 Washington counties, 25 Oregon counties, until April 1.

What the war will do to the prune crop is, for the present, unknown, but it will be something. In 1938 England imported from America 43.3 million pounds of dried prunes. A few days ago the British issued an order placing all stocks of dried fruit in the hands of the foods defense department. Indicated prune crop for Oregon is 157,100 tons; Washington 36,200

thumbs. He knows you are waiting, but how can he impress you with his importance so much as he can by having you wait outside for from 10 minutes to an hour.

Sure, there are busy men who must transact business in an orderly manner and have time out to dictate letters and various other matters. But the old gag about "Mr. Whosit is dictating letters now" in a business that probably gets out a dozen or so letters a month is hugely funny, only at times it proves annoying where only a couple of minutes are needed and you are kept waiting a quarter of an hour while Mr. Whosit properly impresses you with his importance. Bigger business executives are not easily disturbed and generally can take a couple of minutes out right in the middle of a letter and still not break their thread of thought.

So when you are in some joint and a girl very elaborately asks you "Who shall I tell Mr. Whosit is calling?" don't be too much impressed or even annoyed. Mr. Whosit probably needs the build-up.—Roseburg Chieftain.

IT WENT TO COLLEGE?

Well, sir, college boys who were swallowing goldfish have been eclipsed by whatever it was that swallowed the German luxury liner Bremen.—Medford News.

tons. The Oregon and Washington crops are far greater than in 1938, so much greater that the FSCC has just been authorized to buy surplus dried prunes in Oregon, Washington and California under a program designed to improve marketing conditions for growers. On account of market conditions last year Oregon wasted, by not picking, 22,200 tons; Washington 3900 tons and California 60,000 tons, a total of 90,100 tons of food.

No hit with the administration was the radio appeal of Charles A. Lindbergh urging retention of the mandatory arms embargo, although Lindy is not the popular idol he was a few years ago (talk of running him for president after he flew the Atlantic). Lindbergh's father was a member of congress just before America entered the war. He printed a book opposing Uncle Sam sending troops overseas, resulting in his defeat for reelection, and the government seized his books and destroyed them. Lindy is following in his father's footsteps on this issue.

England has been making inquiries for heavy timbers, such as supplied by Pacific northwest mills to mines, to be used in construction of bomb-proof hideouts. One British vessel with a cargo of Douglas fir, sailing from British Columbia, already has been sunk by a U-boat.

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