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THE CERTAIN ROAD TO WAR IS PAVED WITH PREJUDICE!

Although every American is certain he wants to keep out of Europe's war, he is more inclined to believe that responsibility of maintaining neutrality is only that of the administration and congress. He overlooks the obvious fact that it is his attitude—and the attitudes of other millions like him—that determines our participation in war.

For if he continues to heap coals of blame on Hitler alone then he will be taking the first step towards war; he will be building up in his mind a war aim—punishment of the "wrongdoer." He, and all Americans, should remember that the designation of one side or the other as the all-guilty belligerent automatically selects an enemy for this country. Once we are quite sure of our enemy, then the road to actual hostilities has been selected. We don't wage war without first developing a national hate, and unthinking hysteria concerning Germany and Russia at this time most certainly will furnish the hate.

It is hard to avoid emotion when reading of the plight of innocent neutrals like Finland and Poland, but the price of peace includes a determined emotional reserve.

The easy attitude is to call Hitler and Stalin a lot of uncouth, dirty names and regard German and Russian soldiers as merciless butchers. But that thought-habit is the same which caused the American people to demand entry into the last World war. We got into that fight during a wave of national hatred and it was not until long after the war that we realized there had been two sides to the argument.

Today, too, there are two sides to the European question, although most of us agree there is less blame on the side of the allies. But we should preserve our sense of fairness and emotional tolerance if we are to preserve peace for ourselves. It will be time enough to fan hatreds and curse enemies when they attack us; there's no sense in jumping the oceans with our emotions, because they might take us along.

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NOTHING IS MORE SUBVERSIVE THAN A DEMOCRACY OF CONVENIENCE!

Since Special Trial Examiner Dean M. Landis has made public his lengthy report exonerating Harry Bridges from charges that he is a communist, a baptism of fire has been heaped on the jurist's head by those who would rid the coast of the CIO leader by cossack methods, blood purge or any other undemocratic means at hand. And when Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins accepted Landis' report and dismissed a deportation warrant she had issued against Bridges, critics promptly transferred their abuse onto her feminine shoulders.

There are times, it seems, when justice and equal treatment are not wanted by so-called defenders of democracy. They would "preserve" our form of government by resorting to totalitarian tactics.

So we have the spectacle of Bridges' critics being less democratic in practice than is the CIO leader in this controversy. The situation is no defense for the labor leader, but it most certainly is a condemnation of his outspoken foes.

Democracy, like pudding, is proved by the eating of it. To call the hearing's verdict a "whitewashing" is to ignore the very things in which we profess to have entrusted with our destiny.

- W. M. Briggs made a business trip to Grants Pass Wednesday.
- Helen Sperling of Portland recently arrived to attend Southern Oregon College of Education.
- E. G. Davis was a business visitor in Portland this week.
- Mr. and Mrs. Evan Campbell attended the wrestling matches in Medford Monday.
- Clementine Schueller of Visalia, Calif., visited here recently at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Metz.
- Mr. and Mrs. Al Brower visited with relatives in Klamath Falls Sunday.
- Curtis Byrd of Dorris visited here with friends and relatives Tuesday.
- Mrs. T. S. Wiley and Genevieve Patterson are visiting with relatives in Corvallis for two weeks.
- Walt Ross underwent a major operation in the Community hospital Tuesday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lee of Yreka visited here with friends Sunday.

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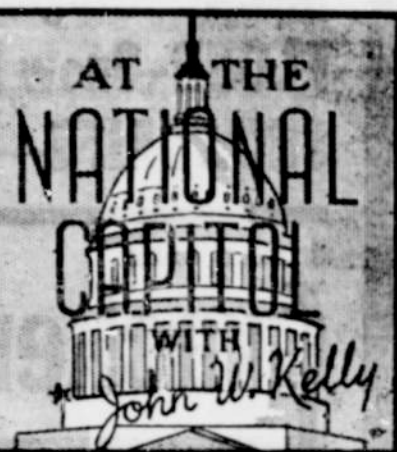


OREGON'S FIRST BRICK HOUSE BUILT BY GEORGE GAY, PIONEER, ELEVEN MILES NORTH OF SALEM.



PIONEERS.
LIVING IN THE ROGUE AND UMPQUA RIVER VALLEYS, MET AT JACKSONVILLE IN 1854 TO CONSIDER SEPARATION FROM OREGON TERRITORY. THEY PETITIONED CONGRESS BUT THE PLAN WAS DROPPED WHEN INTEREST DIED OUT.

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dent for river and harbor work and the corps will have to count pennies to barely get by. There is not enough money for them to undertake new projects, and they may not be able to repair the south jetty at the mouth of the Columbia. The program desired for Port Orford, Coos bay, Yaquina, Bay Ocean, the harbors on the southwest Washington coast, all are cramped.

The President also made deep cut in the estimate for flood control, which affects Walla Walla river, Columbia river, coastal streams and the Willamette valley project.

On the other hand, the President has made increases. The National Resources Planning board (of which his uncle, Frederic Delano, is chairman) is given \$1,600,000, an increase of \$312,000, and the office of government reports (which makes movies and furnishes government officials with radio facilities) receives \$1,055,000.

Robert Fechner, who was director of the CCC from its inception until his death a few days ago, has a record that was unique. Of all the scores of men connected with ad-

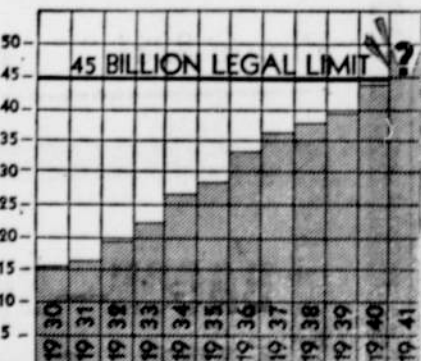
ministrative positions during the new deal, Fechner was the only one who remained at the head of his agency throughout the years. And there has been less criticism of CCC than any other emergency bureau. The boys under Director Fechner performed services worth millions of dollars in all parts of the Pacific northwest, on the coast, in forests, mountains, ranges, parks, and they have been of great assistance in lowering the cost of reclamation projects in both Oregon and Washington.

Rapid completion of Grand Coulee dam is forcing the bureau of fisheries to rush plans for handling salmon which cannot climb the dam, as they do at Bonneville. The reclamation bureau is building hatcheries at Wenatchee on the Entiat, Methow and Okanogan rivers and these will be transferred to the bureau of fisheries for operation. The fisheries bureau trapped 50,000 mature Columbia river salmon at Rock Island dam last fall and transported them by trucks to hatcheries, some of the salmon having a 150-mile ride in the tanks.

The President slashed appropriations deeply to give more money for national defense, but so many communities are affected that there is growing inquiry as to the necessity for more than two billion dollars being assigned to this purpose. It is believed congress will restore many of the cuts.

- Mrs. Aubrey Miles and Mrs. Helen Porter were Medford visitors Tuesday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Dave McKinney of Lincoln visited here last week-end.
- Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Patterson of Jacksonville were visiting with Ashland friends over the week-end.

Congress Faces These Problems



DEBT LIMIT:
Must be raised, or new taxes must be levied.

AGRICULTURE:
Soil conservation, not crop control, is new plan.



DEFENSE:
Seek 500 million boost; now costs 1,760 million.



COMMERCE:
G. O. P. will seek to block renewal of trade act.

ALL EYES focused on Washington this month when the second session of the 76th congress launched into what most senators and representatives hope will be a short term. Reason: It's a campaign year!

What Other Editors Are Saying!

BUSINESS BOOM FORECAST

After 10 drab years of depression and recession, most of us undoubtedly are inclined to look with a certain amount of skepticism on forecasts of returning prosperity. But despite all this, there is undisputed optimism in the air at the start of 1940—a new spirit of confidence in business circles—which indicates that both California and the nation finally may be on the road back to solvency.

From W. Fink Mitchell, Sacramento investment expert, whose incredibly accurate forecasts of recent years have identified him as "the Babson of the west," comes a definite promise of better days ahead. Mitchell, who gave forewarning of the recession when others still were asserting "recovery is here," and who has been pessimistic to a fault when pessimism seemed justified, now boldly predicts a business boom in the offing.

"Our financial and business indexes," reports Mitchell, "are promising the full dinner pail to business and labor. How fully this promise is realized depends to a large degree upon the extent to which government interferes with business during 1940. However, the business and financial world is looking forward to a presidential election year with faith, hope and charity—faith that 1940 will bring peace on the labor front, and that democracy's profit system will survive; hope that the closing days of the new deal will bring a real and permanent breathing spell for business, and charity for the ill-advised experiments of the past.

"England, France, Germany, Russia, Japan, China and many other countries are no longer competing with us in world trade. And it is obvious that America will become the foodstore, clothing shop and major manufacturing source for a world at war. Rising prices are inevitable, bringing to our farm centers the first real prosperity in several years. This will undoubtedly assist in awakening the financial world from its long period of lethargy—and 1940 should be profitable for American labor, American business and American finance."

That message, in light of the fact that Mitchell is noted for his caution and conservatism, carries the ring of real assurance. And there are other signs and portents which seem to confirm it. Here's to 1940!—Slaskiyou News (Yreka).

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By virtue of an execution in foreclosure duly issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, in and for the county of Jackson, to me directed and dated on the 20th day of December, 1939, in a certain action therein, wherein Jackson

County Federal Savings and Loan Association, a corporation, as plaintiff, recovered judgment against W. T. Parsons and Martha M. Parsons, the defendant, for the sum of \$1,344.34, plus \$24.11 interest, plus interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum on \$1,344.34 from the 18th day of May, 1939, plus \$130.00 for plaintiff's attorneys fees, plus \$5.00 expended by plaintiff for continuation of abstract of title, plus \$43.36 taxes paid by plaintiff to protect its security, plus interest on said judgment at the rate of seven per cent per annum until paid, with costs and disbursements taxed at \$27.05, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the clerk's office of said court in said county on the 18th day of December, 1939.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the terms of the said execution, I will on the 20th day of January, 1940, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., at the front door of the court house in the city of Medford, in Jackson county, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, to satisfy said judgment, together with the costs of this sale, subject to redemption as provided by law, all of the right, title and interest that the defendants in said suit, Idelbert Hughes, a single man; Edwin P. Hughes, a single man; W. T. Parsons, husband and wife, had on the 12th day of April, 1938, or now have in and to the following described property, situate of Oregon, to-wit:

Lot fourteen (14) in block two (2), in Laurelhurst addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, as numbered, designated and described on the official plat thereof, now of record.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1939.

SYD I. BROWN
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon
By HOWARD GAULT, Deputy.

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