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"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

Shall Strikes Imperil Nation?

Borrowing from the thought of Lincoln, as expressed at Gettysburg more than three quarters of a century ago, it may now be said:

Eight score and five years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Then it was the crisis of a great civil war—now it is the crisis of totalitarian threat from without and labor strife within our own borders that is "testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure."

In these crucial days when the fate of our nation hangs in the balance, when millions of people in Europe already have been deprived of liberty of thought and action, and when the surviving remnants of democracy are fighting desperately for self preservation, a small minority in the United States is permitted to wreak havoc with the national program of industrial production of war materials, vital to defense and aid to Britain.

If Hitler were, at the moment, directing affairs of the United States in his own interests, he could ask no greater show of sympathy and co-operation than is now being evidenced by the numerous strikes in essential defense industries, the violence associated with the Bethlehem Steel and the International Harvester strikes, the internal dissension in the ranks of organized labor and the revelations of racketeering methods used in collecting exorbitant initiation fees and dues in connection with construction work on government projects.

If Nazi, Fascist and Communist hirelings were seeking a way to weaken this nation in its determined course to safeguard itself from aggression and also to give all possible aid to Britain and the other embattled democracies, they could pursue no more effective course than to foment the disunity being evidenced by strikes in defense industries, or in the production of materials necessary to the steady maximum output of these industries.

But it is not Hitler, Mussolini or Stalin who is directing the course of this nation—nor are Nazi, Fascist or Communist agents or sympathizers assumed to have a voice of authority in either of the antagonistic labor organizations.

It is President Franklin D. Roosevelt who is the executive head of this nation and also commander in chief of its military forces.

A recent statement by President Roosevelt bears repeating, for the emphasis it merits:

"The determination of America . . . must not be obstructed by unnecessary strikes by workers, by short-sighted management, or by deliberate sabotage. . . . Let me make it clear that the nation is calling for the sacrifice of some privileges but not for the sacrifice of fundamental rights. That kind of sacrifice is for the common national protection and welfare; for our defense against the most ruthless brutality in history; for the ultimate victory of a way of life now so violently menaced."

And President Roosevelt also said: "Wise labor leaders and wise business managers will realize how necessary it is to their own existence to make common sacrifices for this great common cause."

Germany has no labor unions. Russia has no labor unions. Italy has no labor unions. The privilege of groups to organize and bargain collectively, and the "right" to strike, are accorded only to people who are adjudged capable of self government and who evidence willingness to proceed, in orderly manner, to exercise their privileges and rights under the law.

The time is again at hand for every American, in whatever capacity he may serve, to at least temporarily put bickering, greed and self interest in the background and to once more become "dedicated to the great task that lies before us . . . and to highly resolve that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of

Our Churches

Trinity Episcopal Church

Dr. Claude E. Sayre, Vicar

Holy Communion 7 a. m. Please notice change of time.
Church school 9:30 a. m.
Sermon and Holy Communion 11 a. m. The choir has prepared special music for this occasion.
Holy Communion Wednesday 9:30 a. m.
Choir will meet Friday, 7:30 p. m.

Sunday is Easter and it is the day of joy and hope. This day we are reminded of life and the terror of the grave is forgotten. We look forward with the assurance that better and richer blessings are to come. Death does not end all, but is only the beginning of a more beautiful and fuller life. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

First Methodist Church

Dr. George W. Bruce, Minister

Sunday church school 9:45 a. m. Allen O. McGee, general superintendent.

Easter morning sermon 11 o'clock. "All Hail! His Easter Greeting." The choir will sing the anthem, "Easter Dawn," by Wilson, and Mrs. E. O. Smith will sing a solo, "We Shall Meet Beyond."

At 6 p. m. the young people will join in the Easter youth worship service at the Presbyterian church.

At 7:30 the combined choirs of six churches will give the Easter cantata, "Hail the Victor," by Alfred Wooler. This will be a union service at the Methodist church.

Neighborhood Church Congregational

Boulevard and Morton Streets
Clarence F. McCall, Minister

Church school 9:45 a. m., Mrs. Glenn Prescott, superintendent.
Regular worship service, 11 a. m. Subject of sermon, "How Wide is Easter?" Christening, baptism and communion.

First Presbyterian Church

James H. Edgar, Minister

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Worship service 11 a. m. Dr. John K. Howard, guest minister.
No evening services until further notice.

Water Prospects Highly Variable

Irrigation water prospects in Oregon which appeared generally favorable two months ago had become highly variable by the time final forecasts were made the first week in April, according to reports issued by R. A. Work, Medford, in charge of snow surveys and irrigation water forecasts for the Soil Conservation service and OSC experiment station.

Little or no snow was added to watersheds during February and March in most sections. While most soils on watersheds as well as in farming areas still are well soaked from heavy fall and early winter rains, irrigation water from stream flow and reservoir supplies will be critically short in some sections though fully ample in others.

Miss Betty Horne of Chiloquin spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Horne.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robertson visited in Grants Pass Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams of Medford were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Newby in Valley View. After dinner the group attended the musical program given by the young people's choir of the Methodist church.



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S-P 'Shasta' Has New Cafe-Lounge Car

Southern Pacific's "Shasta" overnight train between southern Oregon cities and San Francisco, has been improved by the addition of a new cafe-lounge car, according to A. S. Rosenbaum, district freight and passenger agent.

The new car, fresh from the shops, has separate compartments for both dining and lounging. It is completely air-conditioned and has been beautified with new interior color schemes and lighting arrangements. The lounge has deep-cushioned chairs and a radio.

Dean Pieper was a business visitor in Medford Monday.

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GUY W. HUNT

Funeral services were held in Salem this week for Guy W. Hunt who passed away at his home in Jacksonville Monday. Mr. Hunt was born in Illinois July 11, 1881. After a long residence in Salem, he and Mrs. Hunt moved to Jacksonville two years ago. Survivors are his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Jacob Weitzel of Ashland, three sisters and two brothers.



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