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### THE LAST WAR

By RUTH TAYLOR

Even in the midst of battles, men's minds are troubled by the thought—"Is this the last war?" Will the next generation have it to do over again? What can we do to put an end to the successive wars between the tyranny of autocrats and the self rule of democracy?

We established the American way of life by the War of Independence. We reaffirmed these principles by successive wars. But—if this is to be the last war we have not only to reaffirm it again, but to put it into practice in our own lives.

The other day I heard a speaker say: "No dictator usurps power. Power always passes by default." War always comes when democracy grows weak. First Greece then Rome. And now twice in the past generation we have had to fight for our lives.

We say we believe in the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution of the United States. But do we always remember that America is the proving ground

of what these principles may be made to mean—of the practical ideal of brotherhood. We have most of the national, racial and religious groups represented among our citizens. How we work out the every day living together of these groups is the test of how the world can work out cooperation, of whether or not this will be the last war.

Unless we can work together, within the confines of our own country, giving to all an equal opportunity to utilize their God-given talents, we are not true Americans. Unless we can afford to give all the chance to develop as individuals, inspired and not handicapped by their backgrounds national, racial or religious, we are unfaithful to our past heritage and we are preparing the ground for another war.

The first place in which to demonstrate our beliefs in the ideals of democracy is in our own lives. We must guard our own thoughts. We must set a seal upon our own lips. We must learn to seek the good—not the evil in our neighbor. We must try to understand him. Above all, we must judge him as a fellow American upon his own merits, not as a member of any group.

America is not any one class or religion or group. America is all of us—incorporated. If we would realize that we are all shareholders in democracy and that it is up to each of us individually to see that it works, we would give a demonstration of concerted action that would prove so completely the power of our way of life that subversive movements would fail by comparison.

It is up to us to decide whether this is the last war!

Figures just released by the National Tuberculosis Association on tuberculosis deaths and death rates in 1943 show that Utah had the lowest rate, 10.3 per 100,000 population. Oregon had the seventh lowest rate, 21.9 per 100,000. Between Utah and Oregon are: Nebraska, Iowa, Idaho, Wyoming and Kansas, all with death rates below 21 per 100,000 population.

Highest in the death rate from tuberculosis is Arizona with 125.9 per 100,000. In rank order the eight states showing the highest rate are Arizona, New Mexico, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Maryland, Colorado and Louisiana.

A slight decrease in the national death rate during 1943 is shown, according to the report. Deaths from the disease were 41.9 per 100,000 as compared to 43.1 in 1942. The total number of deaths in the United States for the year 1943 was 56,178 and 118,042 new cases of tuberculosis were reported.

In general there was an increase in the number of deaths from tuberculosis in the highly industrial states, particularly on the East Coast. This did not hold true for Oregon where 271 deaths were reported in 1943 as against 296 in 1942.

The figures released were assembled from reports received from the state health departments and are provisional but undoubtedly very nearly accurate for the continental United States. In releasing the figures, Dr. Kendall Emerson, managing director of the National Tuberculosis Association, says: "Despite the decrease in deaths in the country as a whole, the downward trend in tuberculosis has slowed up and

### WCTU Meets at the Home of Mrs. Carson

Mrs. O. F. Carson was hostess to the regular meeting of the WCTU at her home in Manzanita St. last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Mabel Russell Lowther presided over the meeting. Mr. Henry Daniels conducted the devotional service giving an encouraging message.

Mrs. Maud Marske reported that there are now 144 members in the local organization, 36 of which are honorary. During the recent campaign, 52 regular and 24 honorary members were added. It was voted to send \$10.00 to the children's Farm Home, which will make a total of \$100.00 sent this year.

The Rev. Earl I. Downing of the Church of Christ, Rev. Lindsay of the Full Gospel Temple and Mayor T. S. Wiley spoke briefly.

"Take My Life" and "Dedication" were sung by Mrs. Harold Monroe, Mrs. Wm. Weber, and Mrs. Lucille McKay.

Mrs. Delbert Loree, the lesson leader, was assisted in her presentation, by Mrs. Paul Byers, Mrs. O. F. Carson, Mrs. T. S. Wiley, and Mrs. Wm. Weber.

At the conclusion of the program delicious refreshments were served to the group by the hostess assisted by Miss Jean Carson.

### Cpl. George A. Mack Aircraft Electrician

An Air Service Command Station, "Somewhere in England"—Every time the belly of a Flying Fortress yawns open and a bomb whistles downward toward the Reich, soldiers in the Air Service Command share the "kick" with the boys who pulled the bomb releases.

Such a soldier is Cpl. George A. Mack, whose present job is aircraft electrician. He is one of thousands teamed up with Royal Air Force men in this theatre with one thought in mind—that planes for the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces should be neither too little or too late.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mack of 475 Liberty Street, Ashland. Before entering the army, he was employed by the civil service in Spokane, Washington as an aircraft electrician.

### Special Deer Hunts Many Applications for

Applications for the special doe deer and cow elk tags are accumulating rapidly at the office of the Oregon State Game Commission as the deadline for the drawing approaches.

If by the end of the day's business on August 1, the applications on hand exceed the number of tags authorized for any particular area, a drawing will be held at 1:30 pm., August 2, at the Oregon State Game Commission office in Portland.

Tags authorized include 3000 for doe deer in the Grant-Baker area; 500 for antlerless elk in the Wenaha area in northeastern Oregon; 300 for doe deer and 200 for hunting licenses if licenses already refuge hunting area. Application may be made by forwarding information as to type of tag desired, name and address of applicant, and number and kind of New England states, the destruct has been purchased. It is not necessary to buy the hunting license, however, until the applicant is notified that he will be issued a tag. No fees should be remitted with any applications for doe deer and cow elk tags.

### State Guard Signup Urged by the Military

Eligible men in five states of the Ninth Service Command, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California and Utah—were urged today by Major General David McCoach, Jr. Commanding General, at his command headquarters at Fort Douglas, Utah, to join the State Guards of their respective

every precaution must be taken to prevent a rise.

"Every day the war continues brings a threat of this rise in tuberculosis Resistance to the disease is lowered under such wartime conditions as undue physical strain, long hours of work, inadequate diet, crowded housing and the unwise use of leisure time. We know that tuberculosis is raging with epidemic force in warring European countries today. It is deeply gratifying to find that no increase has occurred in this country so far, but we cannot expect a sustained decline unless all the resources of both official and voluntary health agencies are mobilized to combat the disease."

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states General McCoach paid high tribute to "the excellent work accomplished by State Guard units in dealing with disaster relief throughout the country during the past few weeks."

He recalled the vital assistance given by various State Guard units during recent forest fires in New England states, the destructive tornado in Pennsylvania and West Virginia and the circus fire in Connecticut.

"Local communities are looking more and more to the State Guard for assistance in time of emergency," General McCoach stated.

Age and physical qualifications vary for enrollment in active State Guard organizations. Interested persons should contact the Adjutant General of their particular state, who can be reached at the state capital.

Men honorably discharged from the Army are eligible for enrollment.

I was glimpsing through a book by a gent from up in St. Louis, and you know, that old "Show me" boy was brot up where the air was clear and clean. His thinkin' is keen, Says the 4 freedoms is okay far as it goes but it lim its freedom versus what we have been told. Like telling your off-shoot, he says, that he can play with his scooter and football and skates and horseshoes—you are slapping a 4-point limit on his play. That means his bicycle and baseball are taboo.

We didn't grow up and build the U. S. A. nation on a 4-point foundation. Anybody is free from want, and fear, and can talk to his heart's content, and worship as he chooses, even if locked in a jail-house—they don't starve you there, or scare you, or keep

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you quiet.

We would be a hot outfit if we ever got the idea that limited freedom was enough. How about what we do Saturday night, or freedom to fish when we choose to fish or 1000 other freedoms we

now have, including wearing a nightshirt versus pajamas or what?

Four Freedoms is a skimpy kind of a dish.

Yours with the low down, Jo Serra



## CAKE



## THE FOREST FIGHTS!

On the battlefronts of the world, forest products are backing our boys in the fight for freedom. From the beaches of Normandy to the shores of Saipan, wood is a number one critical war material. Landing barges, gun stocks, battleship decking, PT boats, airplanes and smokeless powder are just a few of the more than 1200 military uses of wood. Sixty billion board feet of lumber went into the war effort during the past three years and

this demand is steadily increasing as we press toward Victory. More than one-third of this wood comes from Pacific Northwest forests—a major part of it from Oregon, the greatest timber-growing state in America. Much comes from Jackson County! Our soil will keep on growing magnificent forests to serve the world—IF WE KEEP FIRE OUT! Foresters say this is liable to be a bad forest fire summer. These hot days, a dry east wind, and one spark, one match, or one cigarette can turn hundreds of acres of precious green forest into blackened ruin. Don't YOU be the careless one!



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