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Dauchau - And Us

By Ruth Taylor

Dachau has fallen! Like the Bastille its fall is more than the mere wiping out of a prison where men were confined without recourse to law, without trial, without opportunity for defense. It is the downfall of the return to barbarism, of the ideology that man can establish a lasting empire on the bodies of other men.

Dachau was not only Germany's disgrace, the canker at its heart. It was the disgrace of civilization. Those who ignored its horrors, who asked the age old question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" were branded by the curse of Cain.

I put in no claim to prophecy. For those who would see, the handwriting was already plain

upon the wall. But in May 1941 I wrote in this column: "Each infringement of minority 'rights' is really an infringement of majority 'right'. Any attack upon the rights of a minority whittles away the rights of all." and in September 1941 I followed it with "We were blind to the intentions of Hitler because we couldn't see any justification for aggression. We were ignorant of the German viewpoint that their needs and aspirations were a sacred charge to come before those of any other nation—that if they wanted anything, they had the right to take it, regardless of the owner's claim."

In the concentration camps of Germany were gathered the thinkers of Germany—ministers, priests, rabbis, doctors, lawyers, workers and employers—all who dared lift their voices against the gang rule which was National Socialism, that domination by terror by a small group of murderers and thieves. The incarcerations, the tortures were not mere crimes against the individual but crimes against all humanity.

In October 1942 I wrote what I now repeat. "The Nazi way of life is the way of death for all those who believe in the sanctity of the individual, in the rights of man and in the Christian doctrine of equality of all men before God."

Unless all religions are safe, no religion is safe. Unless all men are free, no man is free. Men liv-

ing in fear — anywhere in the world—mean that no man's home is safe from fear.

At Dachau our troops have set free those prisoners who still live. The lesson of the cruelties practiced by the Nazis has been impressed on the German people who have had to dig the graves for the murdered. But all of this will be in vain unless we ourselves take heed of our lesson—that a Dachau anywhere is our responsibility. Unless we build a world of united nations where all men, regardless of race, creed or color, may stand unafraid as self-respecting individuals, free to work, to live, to learn, to worship—the great price that has been paid will have been in vain. We must see to it that this foul thing that has been, can never be again.

College Has Many Courses For The Summer Students

Southern Oregon College of Education, June 1—President Walter Redford, announcing opening of summer school at the Southern Oregon College of Education, stated that a program is planned to meet the needs of 1945 teachers, as determined from observation and reports from teachers in the field.

A workshop of five and a half weeks will be held at the Lincoln Training School, to include work through the first six grades. The workshop is so designed that teaching may each work out his own project or problem, aided by the Lincoln School faculty. Work rooms equipped with art, music and construction material will be open at all times, and newly adopted textbooks will be on display for daily use. Students wishing to try out techniques in social studies and skill-subjects in primary grades will be able to work with groups of children with the aid of trained directors.

In addition to work in the Training School, the college is offering the usual full schedule for those working toward a degree.

Students register Monday, June 11, and classes begin Tuesday June 12. Already students are arriving for consultation and housing. Dr. Redford states, and prospects are excellent for a full summer school according to the interest manifested.

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Much Interest in Vacation School

The first two days of the Daily Vacation Bible School at the Methodist Church were very successful, with a large registration and growing interest. There are three departments, beginners, primaries and Juniors. Each department is carrying out a course of Bible study with special emphasis on the great truths of the Book. Also in each department there are periods given over to hand-work, such as weaving, drawing, cutting, wood-work. Singing and memory work is receiving much attention to the delight of the pupils.

The general superintendent is Miss Grace Lytle. The superintendent of the beginners, Mrs. Frank Van Dyke. The primary department is under the supervision of Mrs. Ed Nelson, and Mrs. Phoebe Pickens is superintendent of the Juniors and Intermediates. In each department there are several associate workers, Mrs. G. W. Bruce, Mrs. Robert Lytle, Mrs. W. H. Stevens, Mrs. Merle Gilbert, Mrs. Leudtki, Mrs. Ralph McBride, Mrs. Eric Weren, Mrs. John Billings, Mrs. Allen McGee, Cora Mason, Assisting intermediates Joanne Briscoe and Jeanette Keeney.

The school opens at 9 o'clock each morning and closes at 11:30. While regularity of attendance is advisable, it is not yet too late for pupils to enter the school. The school will continue through two weeks closing on Friday June 15th. Children who are not attending Daily Vacation Bible School elsewhere are invited to attend here.

Spring Fire Losses Small KOG Report

Salem, June 5—Giving full credit to Oregon citizens for splendid cooperation in preventing forest fires and an assist to Jupiter Pluvius for providing rain at the right moment, State Forester N. S. Rogers said the state had just finished its best spring fire season in years. Only 772 acres were destroyed in spring fern fires this year to May 11, Rogers reported, as against 1804 last spring and 25,000 in 1943 for the same period.

"Much of the credit for this remarkably low fire loss belongs to the hundreds of Oregon citizens who actively sponsor Keep Oregon Green fire-prevention work in every county in the state," Forester Rogers acknowledged. "Keep Oregon Green officials have, by a well-conceived educational program sold the citizens of Oregon on preventing fires, and thus save our great timber resources from wasteful destruction."

Douglas and Lincoln counties reported no spring fires this year, according to the Rogers report. Western Oregon counties reported 476 acres burned and east of the mountains 296 acres went up in fire. There were but 34 man-caused fires this spring and 17 of these were classed as incendiary, one started from railroads, 3 from loggers, 7 from slash and debris blazes, one from campfires, and smokers were responsible for four.

Navy Will Take Over Camp White Hospital August 1

Officials representing the Navy and Camp White officials and other army officials were in conference at Camp White the past week end, relative to the navy taking over the hospital there, the public relations department of the camp announced Saturday. Col. John R. Young, camp com-

mander, presided over the conference.

According to the announcement, the hospital will be on a joint-user basis, making it available to both army and navy personnel. The facility has been designated as a general hospital, and as such, it is presumed that the entire capacity of 1750 beds will be available for use. The hospital was built as a permanent structure and is declared by army men to be one of the finest in the country.

First word of the transfer came from Senator Harry Ellsworth on May 10, stating that the transfer had been approved by the War Departments. Details of the transfer were to be worked out later.

Representatives of the various service branches attending the conference were Col. L. R. Moore (MC), in charge of the hospitals of the 9th Service Command; Lt. Col. C. R. Fleming, representing the commanding general of the 9th Service Command, and acting as coordinator of the conference; Capt. R. L. Nattkemper (MC), of the 13th Naval District headquarters in Seattle, and representing the navy; and Maj. R. B. Daugherty CE., of San Francisco, representing the division engineers.

Faulty Brakes on 13 Percent of Autos

Inadequate brakes were found in only 13 per cent of the private passenger cars checked by police officers in Oregon during the first five weeks of the nationwide brake emphasis program, according to a report made by Chief Harry M. Niles, of Portland state coordinator for the program. The program ran from April 15 to June 1 and all traffic law enforcement officers in Oregon participated.

With all but the final week's reports listed, police officers had checked 7,196 private cars, most-

ly during routine traffic enforcement activities. Of this number, 966 were found with inadequate brakes.

Chief Niles said the Oregon showing was one of the best in the nation. In some states, the number of inadequate brakes has been as high as 30 per cent of the cars checked.

The brake program was sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police in the interests of accident prevention and vehicle conservation. Chief Niles headed the program in Oregon with the safety division of the office of the secretary of state acting as field agent for the campaign.

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