

Legion Carnival On Schedule Of Kinzua Activities

By Elsa M. Leathers

The American Legion is planning a carnival for October 31 at Jeffmore hall. Two lovely pastel, all-wool blankets are on display at the store as door prizes. The evening is well planned with entertainment for both young and old.

The Women's club met at the hall Tuesday, and after the business meeting, refreshments were served in the confectionery.

Mrs. Al Harvey and small son returned from Portland Friday. She had been there for two weeks, taking treatments. Mrs. Harvey is compelled to move to a lower climate at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wright had to take their infant son to The Dalles Friday afternoon to a doctor. He is improved at this time.

A B Coleman left this week on a business trip to New York City. Mrs. Coleman is visiting relatives at Omak, Wash., while he is away.

Bill Bedsaul was able to return to his home here after spending several days at The Dalles hospital, where he was treated for a severe infection.

Morris Wilson and daughter Adelle of Mayville visited here on Thursday.

Mrs. Archie Gubser of Condon was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jobe, here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Halverson and son Arthur spent the week end in Portland visiting Mrs. Halverson's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Pierce and son Donnie left Friday, returning Tuesday, to visit at Lewiston, Idaho, with Mr. and Mrs. Vern Ray. The Rays are former



The driver of this car disregarded a plainly marked warning sign and crossed the tracks directly into the path of a passenger train. His machine was swept up like a leaf and raked over the tracks. The driver and two occupants were killed. Signs, lights and bells are placed at crossings for the protection of motorists. Yet 2,000 were killed last year, and 70,000 injured, because they did not trouble to stop, look both ways, and listen for the warning whistle.

Free Press And Free Speech Something Beyond Ken of Russian Ruling Class

The trouble between the United States and Russia appears to be a matter of misunderstanding of each other's aims and the method of obtaining them. It is difficult for the Dictatorial group that comprises the Kremlin to understand the workings of a free press and free speech and it is difficult for Americans to understand the workings of minds that can't accept these privileges.

A discussion of the great political battle claiming the attention of the most skilled diplomats of both countries is contained in an editorial release from the Industrial News Review. It is good reading and is passed on to our subscribers with the hope that it will aid in giving a better understanding of the issues that are blocking the way to peace in this troubled old world. The article follows:

There are those who believe that the diplomatic and ideological conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union began even before the shooting war with Germany ended. Whether or not this is true, the pledges of eternal friendship and cooperation between the victorious Allies turned hollow with unprecedented suddenness. For a long time, differences were discussed in the old, polite phrases of classic diplomacy. Now, however, all the sweetness and light have gone out of the controversy. In the last half-dozen weeks, the mailed fist has appeared, and the velvet glove has been thrown away.

An easy and accurate barometer of high Soviet policy is found in the Soviet press. Russia is served by a small number of newspapers of large circulation, and all of them, of course, reflect the views of the Kremlin the way the mirror reflects the sun—a point which was developed in detail by Eleanor Roosevelt at a recent U.N. meeting. The Soviet papers have been attacking the United States, its government and its officials. President Truman has been accused of having Hitler-like ambitions to enslave the world, and about the most courteous adjectives applied to him has been "tyrant." Secretary Marshall is customarily referred to as a "fascist imperialist." And the Administration does not hold a monopoly when it comes to Soviet attacks. John Foster Dulles, the Republican expert on foreign affairs, has also been given the full treatment. So, to varying degrees, have other Republicans, including Governor Dewey and Senators Taft and Vandenberg.

These attacks bear an alarming resemblance to those made on Germany shortly before Russia and the Third Reich went to war. Yet commentators still feel that Russia does not want a war at this time or in the near future. Many think that the press comment has the principal purpose of building loyalty and morale at home—of making the "common man" feel that his country is in danger and to thus convince him that any sacrifice is worth while as a defensive measure. There can be little doubt that the Kremlin will achieve this goal. It completely dominates every means of communication of ideas, and runs one of the most efficient propaganda machines on earth.

In the meantime, the lines between Russia and the West are being clearly drawn. Some years ago, it will be remembered, Stalin officially dissolved the old Communist International, whose avowed goal was to bring about worldwide socialism by any and all means. This gesture was attended by a great deal of fanfare, and was accepted in some circles as proof that Russia had decided that other countries could have the kind of government they wanted as she would have hers. Now the Communist International seems to have come back, though it wears a different name. So far as anyone can see, the new nine-nation Communist information bureau, which was recently established in Belgrade, is just a slightly camouflaged version of its predecessor. In a speech before the Boston chamber of Commerce, Attorney General Clark charged that the bureau's goal is the destruction of world democracy. Most others who have commented on it hold similar views.

The Marshall plan for the rehabilitation of Europe has done a great deal to make the issues—and the extent of the cleavage between the United States and the Soviet Union—clear. Apparently, there isn't a single, solitary provision in this plan that Russia will accept. She opposes it both in principle and in the most unimportant details. And that, too, has its logic. If the Western powers, led by the U. S., were successful in saving Europe from starvation this winter and managed to make a good start toward putting European industry on a productive basis, the result might be a fatal blow to Soviet prestige and ambition. It is an historical fact that Communism has flowered most lux-

uriantly in countries where want, privation and despair were widespread. The amount of calories a people get to eat seems to determine, in inverse ratio, their susceptibility to dictatorship of the Soviet variety.

Whether or not the Soviet Union will be able to make the Marshall plan—or any other plan decided upon by the Western powers—ineffective, remains to be seen. It is possible that it will be. The extent of her diplomatic and ideological achievements in the past year do not seem to be fully recognized by the bulk of the people in this country. The frontiers of Soviet influence have pushed inexorably forward. And that, from the Russian point of view, is just as good as if her actual geographical frontiers similarly advanced. There is little real difference between a Soviet satellite, such as Hungary, and a Soviet province, such as the Ukraine. The Russian "advisers" in "independent" capitals pull the strings and the local puppets dance. Soviet ace-in-the-hole is the Russian army, which is reported to be still at wartime strength.

It has often been pointed out that, should war come, there is nothing to prevent Russia from over-running Europe in a matter of days. The other occupation forces in Europe consist largely of military police and service and administrative troops, and combat divisions are conspicuous by their absence. But, to repeat, the hope remains that Russian policy is to stop short of war—to get everything possible without resorting to force of arms. That may be proven, one way or another, before too long.

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ARMED GROUND FORCES OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES TO PREP SCHOOL GRADS

High school graduates who can qualify for enlistment in the Army Ground Forces will find attractive opportunities for career service in the infantry, artillery, or armored cavalry through a combination of leadership training and the army's new preselected school plan. Captain Geo. R. Smith, commanding Pendleton Army and Air Force Recruiting station, said here today.

Captain Smith explained that all army ground forces recruits who show potential leadership ability and average or superior intelligence are given an opportunity to qualify for a six-week potential leaders' course, which prepares them for responsibilities of noncommissioned officers and for officer candidate training.

Although soldiers are enrolled for this leadership training program only after having demonstrated their potentialities during a period of basic military training, Captain Smith said the preselected school plan makes it possible for qualified men to choose their own army specialist training course even before they enlist.

Two elderly Australians eyed with frank suspicion the CB emblem on the sleeve of the hard-bitten man in U. S. Navy dress as the Seabee relaxed in a train

bound for Melbourne during the war.

"Aren't you supposed to be back in camp?" one finally blurted out.

"No, I've got a pass," the Navy construction worker answered. "I'm an American Seabee," he added as an after-thought. "Beg pardon," said the Australian. "Down here, old man, 'CB' means 'confined to barracks.'"

"You can tell that the father of a good-sized family designed that job," purred the senior surgeon of a native hospital as he viewed the 60 baby cribs just delivered by the Seabees stationed on that Pacific island during the war.

The craftsman, it later developed, was a 20-year-old Seabee carpenter who didn't even have a girl friend!



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

"Take Pen in Hand"

This column has been running for so long that its readers, in towns like ours all over the country, are beginning to "take pen in hand" and write us what they think.

Some of them take me over the coals for what I say—like the column I ran on planting alfalfa. Others write, "I liked your column yesterday, but..." All of them have different points of view.

From where I sit, that's the way it should be. Everybody's entitled to an opinion—and it's those very differences, and friendly criticism,

that make for tolerance and better understanding—whether it's ideas on planting alfalfa or choosing between beer and cider.

The more folks air their differences right out in public, with a neighborly respect for the other person's liberties and point of view, the closer we are to the American principle of individual freedom—whether it's in a choice of crops or beverages.

Joe Marsh



THE BIGGEST MOUNTAIN IN THE WORLD

... is Mount Everest, towering 29,140 feet in the Himalayas of Southern Asia. Many attempts have been made to scale the peak, and many lives have been lost on Everest's icy slopes, but the last 1,000 feet have never been climbed. A few years ago specially constructed photo-planes flew over the summit.

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