

EDITORIAL



Survival Under Atomic Attack

Now that the battle of the ballots is over there is time and inclination to consider the phases of everyday life, both normal and abnormal. All the time the parties and candidates were "shootin' the breeze" in recent weeks a killing war was going on and preparations for more war have been going on in various parts of the globe. At the same time the Office of Civilian Defense has been working on measures to provide safety for civilians in case of bombing, more especially with relation to the atomic bomb which in case of an all-out war will be the weapon most to be feared by the civilian population. Small towns might not be subjected to atomic bombing but it is the desire of the Civil Defense Office that all the people be advised of the dangers and how to meet them.

In a pamphlet just released by the Civil Defense Office, "Survival Under Atomic Attack," it is pointed out that "You can live through an atom bomb raid and you won't have to have a Geiger counter, protective clothing, or special training in order to do it. The secrets of survival are: Know the bomb's true dangers. Know the steps you can take to escape them.

To begin with, the article goes on to say, you must realize that atom splitting is just another way of causing an explosion. While an atom bomb holds more death destruction than man has ever before wrapped in a single package, its total power is definitely limited. Not even hydrogen bombs could blow the earth apart or kill us all by mysterious radiation.

Because the power of all bombs is limited, your chances of living through an atomic attack are much better than you may have thought. In the city of Hiroshima, slightly over half the people who were a mile from the atomic explosion are still alive. At Nagasaki, almost 70 percent of the people who were a mile from the atomic explosion lived to tell their experiences. Today thousands of survivors of these two atomic attacks live in new houses built right where their old ones once stood. The war may have changed their way of life, but they are not riddled with cancer. Their children are normal. Those who were temporarily unable to have children because of the radiation now are having children again.

What are your chances? If a modern A-bomb exploded without warning in the air over your home town tonight, your calculated chances of living through the raid would run something like this:

Should you happen to be one of the unlucky people right under the bomb, there is practically no hope of living through it. In fact, anywhere within one-half mile of the center of the explosion, your chances of escaping are about one out of ten.

On the other hand, and this is the important point, from one-half to one mile away, you have a 50-50 chance.

From one to one and one-half miles out, the odds that you will be killed are only 15 in 100.

And at points from one and one-half to two miles away, deaths drop all the way down to two or three out of each 100.

Beyond two miles, the explosion will cause practically no deaths at all.

Naturally, your chances of being injured are far greater than your chances of being killed. But even injury by radioactivity does not mean that you will be left a cripple, or doomed to die an early death. Your chances of making a complete recovery are much the same as for everyday accidents. These estimates hold good for modern atomic bombs exploded without warning.

This much of the pamphlet is given to arouse interest of our readers. Copies of the pamphlet may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at the cost of ten cents per copy.

A Successful Season

Heppner could have lost the game to Hermiston on Armistice Day without affecting the school's league standing, but it would have been a heartbreak to the team since several of the squad were playing their last high school game. To Coach Hal Whitbeck it was a fitting climax to a successful season, his first as Heppner coach, for his average was high—six out of eight games played, losing only one league game. The Heppner boys showed improvement with each succeeding game, their determination growing with their training. This was recognized by those who followed them through the season, especially after the humiliating trouncing they took at the hands of Echo. Right then they made up their minds to be a football team and not let such a score be run up against them again. They went on to beat all comers until they faced Moro, and there, as the score indicates, it could have been another victory with the right break.

The game with Hermiston proved that a good B-team is as good as a good A-team. The only difference as a usual thing is the number and size of reserves in which the larger school has a decided advantage. But reserves or the preponderance of them are not always effective against a determined smaller squad, as the Armistice Day football crowd in Heppner can well testify.

We doff our tile to Coach Hal Whitbeck and his 1950 Mustang football squad.

The man who beats W. W. Bechdolt and Sons for the title of "Conservation Man of the Year" will have to be good and no doubt about it. And even if they don't win the Oregonian trophy, the Bechdolt's will have the satisfaction of a job well done. May the pattern set by them be followed by many other farmers of Morrow county. Their many friends throughout the county are "pulling" for them to bring home the trophy and wish them unbounded success in the future.

The American Way

ACADEMIC FEARDOM
By DR. ALFRED P. HAAKE

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Among our cherished institutions is "academic freedom." It is basic to that fearless winnowing and sifting of truth by which men come to know the laws that govern life. But, like other forms of "liberty" it can easily become "license" and be used as a cover under which freedom itself is ultimately destroyed.

Cornell University is among those who prize "academic freedom." So there issued recently from Cornell a 90,000 word report denouncing the United States loyalty and security program for retarding scientific progress and discouraging scientists from entering government service through "fear of smear."

Any university is within its rights in issuing such a document if based on fact, but it should do so with hands that are clean. It should be careful, in fighting for "academic freedom," not to do so through fear of the communists whose rights are so to be protected along with those of others. Any university may well be on guard against acting under the spell of "academic fear" of the radical elements who crawl through the smallest crevices to get at the vitals of American freedom.

It is reported that on the same day the 90,000 word report was

issued by Cornell, one Victor Steinhart, librarian in the physics branch at Cornell, was fired from his job. A Matt Cvetic, FBI undercover agent in Pennsylvania, has identified Steinhart as a Communist party member. He is allegedly a "Progressive Party Member" (American Labor Party in New York State).

It is also reported that a few days earlier a student at Cornell was dismissed because he had allegedly denounced United States "aggression" in Korea at a meeting of Stalin's World Student Congress in Prague. Later, it was decided that the press reports were inaccurate and the student was given permission to re-register.

Apparently there is a hierarchy even in "feardom." The employee was fired. That was only a question of employer-employee relations. The student was given another chance, for that bordered on "academic freedom." But, far more important than either would be a professor, for then we would be dealing with "feardom" as well as "freedom."

he signed the Moscow-inspired Stockholm "peace" appeal. The professor has also served as an official of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, a leading communist front, and was a program committee member and leader of one of the panels of the Council's notorious "peace" conferences at the Waldorf hotel. He is allegedly active in numerous other communist or communist front activities, details of which have been published.

The professor is still at Cornell. His capacity for damage is far greater than that of the library employee or student. He is apparently protected by the "feardom" under which "academic freedom" is used as shield and cover for fatally dangerous communistic infiltration and corroding.

The need for true and intelligent patriotism is truly desperate. Russia is a vast menace, like a dark cloud hovering in the wake of Korea and other strength eating ventures for the United States. Perhaps even more dangerous are the communists within and their sympathizers, who undermine us by feeding vital information to our enemies. But, most dangerous of all may be the avowed friends of America who, under cover of "academic freedom," permit the corroding of our youth through the prostitution of "academic freedom."

30 Years Ago

HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES
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Armistice Day 30 years ago—A large crowd witnessed the football game at the depot grounds, in which the Heppner high school

NOSES OUT OF JOINT

By GEORGE PECK

Back in 1939, I was asked by a newspaper editor to state my position on union labor. He seemed to be puzzled as to whether I was for or against unions. My answer was as follows:

"You ask how I stand on union labor. I am for organized labor; recognize the right of workers to bargain collectively by all legitimate methods; insisting, however, that this bargaining be done without dictation, coercion, domination or interference of any kind. At the same time I cannot help deploring the fact that a small minority of union labor's leadership is made up of men who are either communistic or are

won over the Wheeler county high team by a score of 19 to 0. Heppner did its scoring in the first two quarters.

The two outstanding features in the recent national and state elections were the overwhelming defeats of labor radicalism and political radicalism.

Attorney Robinson of Ione was up to Heppner for a little "court-in'" the first of the week. Frank says this mild weather is mighty good for his section of the country.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will conduct a window sale of cooked foods at the Otto Music Store on Tuesday, Nov. 23, beginning at 11 o'clock. A good opportunity for you to take home something real nice for the noon-day meal.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Miller and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner, prosperous young farmers of the Swagart Buttes section, were in Heppner Thursday last to take in the Armistice day program.

The new home of the Heppner lodge of Elks, No. 358, will be the scene of a big Thanksgiving ball on the evening of Thursday, November 25. It will be the first big social affair to be held in the new building.

Mrs. M. Belle Thompson visited for a day at the home of her son, Ralph I. Thompson on Willow creek enroute to her home in Portland from a two months visit with relatives and friends in the east.

Cecil item—A large party of Ceclites took in the basket social at Eight Mile on Saturday evening and all report having had a good time.

exploiting their members for their own selfish ends."

If that same editor, or any other editor for that matter, were to ask the same question today, my answer would be practically the same, except that I would be more emphatic in expressing my convictions on the right of labor to bargain collectively.

Since 1939, it has been my privilege to talk with many executives whose corporations for the first time had signed contracts with labor unions. Most of them frankly confessed they had entered reluctantly and with considerable apprehension into contractual arrangements with the union. But most of them also reported they had discovered their fears were groundless. Reflecting the viewpoint of many employers interviewed, one put it this way:

"It has made for greater stability in our plants. It has made for a more responsible union handling of the affairs of our men. It has put the executive officers of our company on a more equitable and fair competitive basis so far as wages are concerned. When our present contract with the union is up, my associates and I will gladly negotiate with the union officials, firm in the belief that all of us have learned much from each other, and that we will be able to arrive quickly at a renewal agreement mutually advantageous to employees and the corporation."

This would seem to indicate that when management and union leaders act with consideration and decency toward each other, both employers and employees benefit thereby.

The Wagner Act put certain restrictions on corporations for the protection of employees and the public. This was necessary because a small minority of corporation officials refused to play the industrial game along humanitarian lines.

Unfortunately, the Wagner Act did not similarly protect employees and the public against the predatory minority in labor's leadership. It took away the whip from the bad employer and put it into the hands of the bad labor leader. The Taft-Hartley law was enacted to remedy this untenable condition. That Act, when enforced, leaves both employer and

labor leader without a whip.

The Taft-Hartley Act is not perfect—it requires some amendments—but it has gone far toward making for labor-management peace. The greatest beneficiaries under this Act are the workers themselves and most of them are keenly aware that such is the case, despite all the ravings and rantings to the contrary

of certain labor leaders whose noses it has put out of joint.

One of the first duties of the 82nd Congress should be to enact amendments to the Taft-Hartley law to make it an even more effective weapon for the defense of union workers against the Simon Legrees who infest their leadership.



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