EDITORIAL





Getting Nerves Under Control

There are signs that the first case of jitters occasioned by the threat of war is getting under control. People are beginning to reason things out and apparently the prospect of annihilation by the Communist hordes isn't as imminent as it appeared a few weeks ago.

Some of this control may be due to the knowledge which of late has become quite general that Russia is not ready for an all-out war. The date has been placed two or three years hence by those who think they know what the situation is behind the iron curtain. This, of course, is on the assumption that there will be a war. In the meantime, it is certain that Russia will do all in her power to harrass the United States by fomenting serious conflicts such as the present Korean "incident", hoping to lower our resistance by building up her own. That may work to a certain extent, but she knows too well the industrial strength and the fighting power of this nation to take any chances on engaging in war with us before she is fully prepared, and will keep on bluffing as a cover for preparations until such time as the war lords think they are

Stalin and his politburo have kept the Russian millions blindfolded and gagged for a long time. They have branded the United States in particular as a nation of warmongers and territorygrabbers, a cold blooded horde of savages who would delight in dropping atom bombs on their cities, destroy their homes and every means of livelihood. Perhaps the people believe all that propaganda but there are evidences that some do not. A recent arrival in this country, a man who until a few months ago was high in the official circles, says that there is an undercurrent of unrest which, if given the opportunity, may flare into a general uprising among the Communist leaders. He urges that no overt act be committed by this country or any of the democracies that will give the Soviet officials cause for saying to the people "See, we told you that our enemies wish to destroy us and take our lands," or something to that effect which would appeal to national loyalty and unite all units for defense of their borders. This refugee has made a special plea that the atom bomb be not used.

Some of our people who have spent many years in China report a lack of harmony under the Communist regime there. They believe that encouragement given to the unwilling subjects will eventually have a more disastrous effect on the with conviction that the Chinese will not long tolerate dictation from Russia. The Chinese embraced Communism because it appeared to offer something more definite than the program suggested by this country, but there are many signs that the people as a whole do not favor the Communist program and that the undercurrent may soon develop into open opposition.

In the meantime, whatever delay is occasioned by internal strife or dissatisfaction in the Communist countries will give this country and our allies among the United Nations time to rally forces and present a front that might look too forbidding to Uncle Joe and have a tendency to make him look with favor upon a lasting peace. This may be wishful thinking but we still have the privilege of indulging in free expression of our opinions, something which in itself is worth putting up a good scrap for.

It Happens Occasionally

Regardless of what may happen in this area in the weeks to come before spring arrives, the brand of weather enjoyed to date has been highly satisfactory to a majority of the people. In contrast with the winters of 1948-49 and 1949-50, the present season has been extremely mild, with only a touch of frost now and then and an abundance of moisture in the form of rain. One or two snow flurries have visited the section but rising temperatures following immediately on the heels of the snow have melted it away before a feeling of winter sets in,

The folks on the west side of the Cascades have seen much more snow this winter than we of the upper Columbia basin have experienced. Explanation of this phenomenon is left to the weather experts. We can speak only of what we actually see here and what we read in the metropolitan press. And to guard against the possibility of needling the weather man too far we hours. If this were extended to the shall desist from making odious comparisons. But since we have no snow pictures to publish this season we just want to remind our readers that this is, year in and year out, a good place in which to live.

Plenty Of Food, No Freight Money

Congress last year made available some of this country's enormous stockpile of surplus food for use overseas, but there were very few buyers. Stockpiles kept increasing and in response to public pressure Congress authorized the giving away of perishable surplus foods to welfare agencies at home and abroad. Ocean freight is free and the foreign governments cooperate by making no charge for inland handling overseas. But no provision was made for American inland freight and handling charges, which average about twenty dollars a ton from warehouse to shipside. It is this sum that the welfare agencies must meet before the surpluses are available to the hungry. Until Congress sees fit to pass the pending Granger bill to pay the costs on the Am. erican end, twenty dollars is what stands between a ton of our surplus foods and the hungry.

The American Friends Service Committee, Incorporated, is making an appeal to the people of America on a basis of winning the peace by checking hunger among the war-ridden countries of the world. In a world that needs friendship and peace so badly, says the AFSC, what more fitting way to demonstrate our Christian concern for peace than by speeding the surplus present rulers than a bloody war. They also speak fruits of our harvests to the less fortunate! Hungry people tend toward violence. Perhaps it is their fault that they do not have enough to eat today. But for us to sit on huge stockpiles of dried milk, powdered eggs, cheese and butter that will most certainly spoil, is no way to win the friendship of people or to build peace.

> of the world's people that are stuffing on threefourths of the world's food. There is just enough food in the world for all people, but not if some take more than they need. Incidentally, the "stuffing" portion of mankind is rather hopelessoutnumbered by the underfed, and would it not be wise now to extend the olive branch-with some olives on it? No nation can ever become so important that it can do without the cooperation of the rest of the world. America is no exception. As a practical move toward peace, help America

> > Andrew J. Stevenson, pioneer

at the home of his son George in

81 years of age and had suffer-

Boardman Commercial club at

its monthly meeting last night

ferry across the Columbia at

At an enthusiastic gathering

held in Heppner Monday evening

85 representative men of the

town met for the purpose of or-

ganizing a civic Brotherhood. The purpose is neither political nor

A fire of unknown origin de-

stroyed the cooperative grain warehouse at Pilot Rock Sunday

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suicide of Mrs. T. W. Ayers, aged

50, who shot herself Saturday

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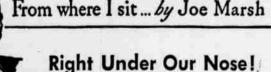
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30 Years Ago

January 27, 1921 Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stevenson Stevenson's father, Andrew J.

An 8 pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown in this city January 22.

Eugene F. Fairhurst died at of Pilot Rock came over Wednes- | Heppner January 17. He was a day to attend the funeral of Mr. resident of Cecil and interment ble. was made in Arlington Wednes-



Sometime back, we got word from the Governor, asking if we wanted to use the State Fire Inspection Team - a group of experts they send around to communities to inspect public buildings.

We sent a letter saying: "Okay! Give us the once-over!" They came down, all right-last week.

After the inspection, we got their report. Came out pretty well, all told. Town Hall and the School were O.K. Post Office just needed more sandbuckets. In fact, everything got a clean bill of health, except-the Fire Station!

From where I sit, we volunteer firemen had just been too blamed busy keeping everyone else on the ball-and not realizing our own firehouse was not up to snuff. Like the man who worries so much about his neighbors - about whether they work hard enough, about whether they can really afford their new car, about their enjoying a temperate glass of beerthat he forgets to take a good critical look at himself now and then.

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Relatives report that the condition of Darlene Wise has changed little during the week. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clar-

needed.

The American Way

MANPOWER SHORTAGE? By GEORGE PECK

ficient to carry out the defense program and also provide for ci- theless, in case of emergency vilian needs is going to take a the largest reservoir of recruit bit of doing, but it can be done. ment of workers would be the government regimentation, point are not now in the labor force. to an imaginary manpower shortage that exists mostly in

In a recent article, my assodo enough work. . . if everyone during regular working hours hours at regular rates."

the bureaucratic mind.

Dr. Haake is right; the productivity of the nation's working force can be increased by lengthening the working period. In October 1950, the average work equal the World War II peak of group. 45.2 hours, it would add nearly 10 percent to the man-hours worked, approximately the equivalent of 1.4 million additional draw heavily upon them, there

A negative factor, however, is add to the production force. the small number of unemployed persons now as compared program was launched for the last war. At present there are only 2.2 million unemployed as compared with more than 9 million in 1940. Undoubtedly a large proportion of those now due to physical or mental disworkers can be recruited from their ranks.

On the other hand, there are the ladies, God bless 'em! They vilian industries. constitute the largest potential source of additional labor. In the last war, women workers in to work longer hours and do creased by 5 million, and their more work per hour in order to proportion to the total , bor avoid regimentation of our econforce increased from 25 percent omy. The situation calls for the in 1940 to 36 percent at the war. full cooperation of all groups time peak as compared with 30 using all the energy and ingenpercent at present. Approximate- uity at their command to attain ly one-third of all females four- maximum productiveness. If teen years of age and over are this is done there definitely will now employed, and of those not be no shortage of manpower.

To provide the manpower suf. in the labor force, nearly 90 per cent are keeping house. Never-Those insisting on price con- 32 million women in the age trols, wage freezing and other group twenty to sixty-four who

Then there are the fellows who have been turned out to pasture, many of whom are none too happy about having been releciate, Dr. Alfred P. Haake, had gated to the sidelines. The prothis to say: "We actually do portion of males over sixty-five have enough workers if all of us years of age at work increased from 45 percent in 1940 to 50 of us will do all in our power percent during the last war period, while at present it is 44 per and, if need be, work additional cent. If this proportion were again raised to that of the last war, the labor force would be increased by around 500,000 work.

It is estimated that with proper rehabilitation, one million week in manufacturing was 41.4 workers could be recruited from physically handicapped

In the teen-age group there are more than 22 million and while the military forces will will still be many available to

According to the Bureau of the Census, in November 1950, the with mid-1940 when the defense total number of persons employed was 61,271,000. The U.S. Deparment of Labor, by using the last war's peak as a pattern, estimates that this can be in creased to 69.1 million if full use is made of our current labor unemployed are unemployable force. Of these, the Department of Labor allocates 12.5 million ability, and not many additional workers to the armed forces, an increase of 3 million in"war" in dustries, which would mean curtailment of 6.6 million in ci

This indicates that those left in civilian industries will have

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McKowen, leader. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. with song service and evangelistic message. "I was glad when Furthermore, America is among the one-third they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.'

Thursday, 7 p. m., choir practice, led by Mrs. Willard Warren. Bible study and prayer meeting at 8 o"clock.

METHODIST CHURCH

Palmer Sorlien, Minister. Morning worship and sermon at 11 a. m. Sermon topic: "First an Altar". Also special music by the choir; Oliver Creswick, di

Sunday Church School at 9:45 So many of our customers a. m. Classes beginning at three years old. Youth Fellowship class and Adult Bible class. Ol-

iver Creswick, superintendent. Tuesday January 30 at 6:30 p resident of Morrow county, died m., family night. Pot luck sup this city Sunday evening. He was per. Our topic will be "Global Christianity.' The Rev. Myron M. ed a great deal from heart trou. Hall of Milton-Freewater will be our guest.

> Mid-week prayer service piece place-settings, that is, Thursday at 7 p. m. Topic: "Does Prayer Make a Difference"? Thursday choir practice fork, cream soup spoon, and butter

7:30 p. m. Youth for Christ at the High School Assembly Monday, January 29, at 7:30 p. m. A movie will be shown entitled "Dust or

Destiny". Everyone is welcome.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Pastor Shelby E. Graves It is better to stand alone and be right than have an army at your command and be wrong. Sunday 9:45 a. m. Sunday school. A class for every age health is thought by relatives to where the Word of God is prehave been the motive for the sented in an interesting way. Sunday 7 p. m. Singspiration. 7:45 p. m. Evangelistic serv-

> Tuesday 7:45 p. m., cottage prayer meeting in Ione. Thursday, 7:45 p. m. Bible study and prayer meeting. 2

were Heppner visitors Monday.

CHAPERONE CHAIRMAN

Francis, Heppner, has beeen appointed chairman of the chaper ones committee for the annual Senior Ball which will be given Feb. 17 on the University of Oregon campus.

French is a senior major in ousiness administration.

Miss Rachel Cox has resigned as secretary and office clerk in the office of County Agent N. C. Anderson and will leave Sunday for San Antonio, Texas, to take up training in the army air corps. She is signed up for a four-year hitch.



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