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## THE LIGHT OF THE AGES

It is now nearly 2000 years since the birth of Christ, and yet we are fiercely engaged in the greatest war of all time. To what extent this fearful physical carnage may finally result in a spiritual uplift of the nations of the world will be largely determined by the terms of the peace.

Julius Caesar fought for Sicily and control of the Mediterranean against the Carthaginians on the same bloody Tunisian fields where now the Axis and Allies contend. A few leagues to the north then arose the star of Bethlehem. Much has happened since those days. The conclusions we may draw from those events, and the logic of the years, can only be refuted by an abiding faith in the success of the teachings of the Prince of Peace. All that we can cling to is faith in man's high ultimate destiny and the final adoption of the principles of the Great Teacher.

Through the long travail of years, Christendom has grown to acceptance by the one-third of the peoples of the earth and is the controlling influence of the entire world. Bhuddistic rites with their depressing effects claim the devotion of over 300,000,000. Mohammedism holds 200,000,000 and Shintoism of Japan and other strange cults still supply rites and ritualisms for the rest of the human family.

Confucism, which is more of a philosophy than a religion, is sound and the great leaders of China are Christian and adopting the Christian ways of life. Except for a temporary departure from God in Russia and the efforts of Nazism to destroy the God of the fathers of Germany, Europe is still in the land of our Christendom. England and its possessions, America, North and South, Africa and the Dutch Netherlands, Australia and the South Seas where missionaries and commerce have carried the gospel, all belong to the same family we call Christendom, and its powerful influences.

During the twenty centuries Carthage was buried beneath the dust. Greece, with its magnificent culture, philosophy, art, architecture, literature, sculpture and democracy faded to ruins. Rome, with its laws, literature and power became only historic record. The Arabian empire was reduced to tribal bedouins, and for 1500 years the Dark Ages enveloped the world. All that maintained the spiritual life of the people were priests and monasteries and these opened the gateways of the renaissance and the tremendous achievements of the last 500 years. Had Paul received the call to go to Asia instead of Macedonia, Europe and the Western World might still have been the dark continent instead of Asia. The mystery of it all is confounding, but God moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform.

All this is history and, as confusing as it may be, the lights of Christendom still shine as brightly as did the star over the manger. Under the light and the lights of history and experience, we now face the greatest problem of time—that of making the peace. This will require the best wisdom and the loftiest purposes and the noblest spiritual force that can be found in all the allied nations. Let us hope that by the employment of all that is good and great in the leaders of our time a peace that is final may be attained. And this cannot be secured unless the spirit of the Prince of Peace sits at the council table.

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## 1943 CAMPAIGN FOR MORE WAR FOOD TO BEGIN

A statewide program to swing the full weight of Oregon's agricultural resources behind the nation's 1943 war food production effort will be launched during the week of January 4, R. B. Taylor of Adams, chairman of the state USDA war board, announced this week.

The schedule of events agreed upon by the cooperating agencies in Oregon will carry through January 12, which has been proclaimed "farm mobilization day" by President Roosevelt. The president declared that food is no less a weapon than tanks, guns, and planes, and that its importance increases as the power of the enemy decreases.

Establishment of county production goals will be the first step in Oregon. Teams composed of representatives of the state war board, the Extension service and the state AAA office will meet with war boards and farm leaders in each county to determine the best contributions that each county's farm plan can make to the Food-for-Freedom program.

The goals will represent each county's 1943 share of the nation's food responsibility to the armed forces, the home front and America's fighting allies, Taylor said. Farm resources and shortages will be taken into account in setting the goals, but so will programs to provide labor, materials and machinery needed for essential production.

Community meetings to acquaint farmers with the nation's need for food will follow during the week of January 14, preparatory to an every-farmer canvass conducted by AAA committeemen. Each farmer will be asked to fill out a farm plan and work sheet. Together, these forms will furnish an inventory of each farm's production capacity, show what is needed to get the production, and provide a basis for action to get whatever is lacking.

The Food-for-Freedom drive will be directed by USDA war boards, concentrating the resources of every agency of the department of agriculture. This will permit all possible assistance to farmers in overcoming obstacles that stand in the way of production, said Taylor.

## MORE CITY-LOT GARDENS ARE ADVOCATED

The Oregon victory garden conference held recently at O.S.C. laid special emphasis on the necessity for expansion in the number of suburban and city gardens to make the state as self-sufficient as possible in the production of vegetables.

Rather than indiscriminate digging up of lawns and flower beds, however, the plan was suggested for cooperation of several families in the development of gardens on vacant lots. Where this is done it is frequently possible to obtain the help of skilled gardeners in giving assistance or advice to those less experienced.

Home gardeners this next year may be the only ones who will have certain vegetables available which have

been classed as less essential in comparison to bulk, and hence are not eligible for long-distance shipment. Among such crops are asparagus, artichokes, lettuce, cantaloupes, bleached celery, cauliflower, and watermelons.

The conference suggested that, where urban dwellers have no ground at their disposal except lawns and flower beds, the poorer ornamental plantings and weedy portions of the lawn may well be spaded up and used for garden for the duration, after which they can be replaced in better condition than before. In such limited space the conference suggested that those vegetables be grown which are the least space-consuming.



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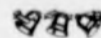
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