

CITIZENS PART IN NATIONAL DEFENSE TOLD BY DONAUGH

U. S. Attorney Declares All Should Cooperate With Enforcement Agencies.

Citizens have a responsibility in cooperating with law enforcement agencies in upholding national defense laws but there will be no witch hunting, Carl C. Donaugh of Portland, U. S. attorney for Oregon, said at the weekly luncheon-meeting of the Kiwanis club in the Hotel Medford yesterday.

The department of justice is meeting its responsibility with other departments in the enforcement of statutes incident to national defense, laws pertaining to sabotage, subversive activities and the destruction of property being manufactured on national defense contracts, Mr. Donaugh said.

"We are not living in a country where citizens are spying on one another or where citizens are under constant surveillance by law enforcement officers," Mr. Donaugh pointed out.

Most people regard the present world war in a military sense, overlooking the destruction of civilian populations and thus under-estimating civilian responsibility in national defense and in supporting statutes designed for national defense, the government attorney said.

"We are concerned in the present emergency with crime prevention not only from an idealistic, moral and good-citizen standpoint but also from the standpoint of the protection of life and property," he said.

Crime Cause Questioned. Speaking of crime in general, Mr. Donaugh said it was a fallacy to attribute crime to unemployment. While economic conditions have some bearing on crime, they are not the fully responsible factor, he declared, asserting that though employment increased greatly last year crime in the United States increased 2.2 per cent.

Mr. Donaugh was introduced by Otto Frohnmayer who pointed out that the guest was the first person in Oregon history to be appointed for a third term as U. S. attorney and that when he was first appointed in 1933 at the age of 32 he was the youngest Oregonian ever to become U. S. attorney.

NEED FLAX PLANTS. Corvallis, Oct. 20.—(P)—Unless additional flax processing plants are built it will be impossible to increase the fiber flax acreage in Oregon by 50 per cent as desired under the farm defense program, Robert Taylor, Adams, said today.

Held in Connection With Man's Death



These three youngsters were held in Portland, Me., for "safekeeping" in connection with the death of a man identified as Grainger C. Browning whose blood splattered body was found in a Maryland thicket. Left to right: Leona Ellen Cunningham, 14; Herbert H. Cox, 16, and Ida May Price, 15, all of Alexandria, Va. Richard S. Chapman, assistant county attorney, quoted Cox as saying he shot a man when the latter tried to make love to one of the girls.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

THE new situation created by the Japanese cabinet change remains in the talking stage.

JAPAN'S new premier, General Tojo, says in a radio speech: "Speedy action and iron will are the only way in which to overcome our present difficulties."

He adds: "Japan must strengthen its ties with the treaty nations. (Meaning the axis powers.)"

WHEN Tojo speaks of the axis powers, he means Germany, Italy is the axis (whatever axis means). Italy is an unwilling partner, dragged along by force and coercion against the will of the Italian people. The others are stooges or slaves.

ANYWAY, the impression Tojo wants to convey is that Japan is ready to fight on Germany's side at the drop of a hat.

The important point at the moment is that he TALKS first. If Japan really meant to go all out for Germany, regardless of consequences, she would shoot first and talk afterward.

CHINESE newspapers in Hong Kong (probably well informed) indicate, however, that the situation is explosive. They say: "The new Japanese cabinet smells of powder."

IN Washington, peppery Senator Pepper, whose tongue is set on a hair trigger, says:

"The only way to deal with the Japs is to draw a line and warn them that if they cross it there will be shooting."

AGED Senator Norris of Nebraska, who isn't a fire-eater, says:

"We can't appease Japan any more than we can appease Hitler. If Japan wants to attack us, she'll attack. All she is waiting for is to try and feel certain she is on the winning side."

That is probably true. If Japan has made a decision and the de-

cision is to create a diversion in the Pacific that will result in withdrawing from Britain a large part of the material help she is now receiving from this country, she will take steps that will PROVOKE WAR with the United States.

WHAT these steps (if taken) will be, no mere uninformed citizen knows. An attack on Russia might draw us in. Or an attack on the Dutch East Indies.

If we fight, it will be in the name of defense. But the policy of DYNAMIC defense outlined by President Roosevelt months ago is elastic. A Japanese attack on the Russians in Siberia would threaten Alaska. A Jap attack on the Dutch East Indies would threaten our supplies of rubber and tin.

SENATOR Wheeler, with whose utterances this writer has rather seldom agreed of late, says:

"I can not imagine anything more helpful to Hitler than my jumping into war with Japan. If there is any likelihood of our going to war with Japan, then we ought to CONCENTRATE our efforts on building OUR OWN defenses."

If we concentrate our efforts on building our own defenses, Britain will suffer in the way of badly needed supplies she has been receiving from us.

THAT is undeniably true. Still, with the situation as it is, only harm can come from leading Japan to believe we won't fight.

IN the present explosive situation no ordinary, uninformed citizen, without access to ALL the facts, can draw an accurate conclusion as to what we must do. We can only rely upon our leaders, who do possess the facts.

Rogue River

Rogue River, Oct. 21.—(Spl.) Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery have sold their newsstand and shoe shop to Mr. Houlhan, who has taken possession. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery plan to travel on the road as salesmen for various articles.

Miss Martha Dillon of California is visiting at the home of Mrs. Kate McIlvain.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sandry returned from Oswego, Ore., Tuesday, where

they visited their daughter, Mrs. Paul Woods and family. Mrs. Luitie Cary returned with them and will spend the winter in Rogue River. She spent the summer in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Magnuson left for their home in Santa Monica, Calif., last week after five months at their summer home here. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Loper of Riverside, Calif., are living in the Magnuson home for a few weeks, having come here for the benefit of Mrs. Loper's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ballinger of Seattle, Wash., were recent visitors at the Jim Whipple home. Mr. Ballinger is United States collector of customs at Seattle. Mrs. Ballinger is a cousin of Mrs. Whipple and Mrs. James Wiley.

Mrs. Mae Shultz recently returned to her home here for the winter. She spent the summer in Ferns Valley.

James Wiley was recovered from a major operation and has returned to his home after three weeks in the Grants Pass hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McClung have sold their ranch on Ward's Creek and have bought two lots on Oak Street. Until they can build they are living in the Davidson house on Broadway.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith have sold the Log Cabin restaurant which they recently purchased in Grants Pass. A baby boy was born to Mrs. Peggy Stockwell on October 10 in Grants Pass.

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GOLD DREDGING TO START SOON ON KUBLI RANCH

Extensive Equipment Here From California—12 To 15 Men To Be Employed.

Big Applegate, Oct. 21.—(Spl.)—Dredge operations are scheduled to begin early this week at the pioneer Kubli ranch here. Stearns and Owens, with Chas. Stearns of Medford as manager, have taken an option to work the waste land on the Maud Kubli and E. W. Kubli ranches, which also include the Herriott ranch adjoining the Kubli property, and which was purchased by E. W. Kubli two years ago.

Extensive equipment was brought here from Callahan, Calif., including a two-yard drudge and all-metal boat, and is being set to work along the Applegate River channel. Twelve or fifteen men will be employed on three daily shifts.

Stearns and Owens have operated in the Applegate district for several years on the Mee, McDonough, and Bill Smith properties. The Kubli ranch has been es-

tablished since 1857, when the late Kasper Kubli also operated a store and trading post on the place.

HOMECOMING SET FOR TALENT HIGH

Talent, Oct. 21.—(Spl.)—Homecoming activities for Talent high school alumni will be held here Friday, Oct. 24.

All Talent alumni, husbands and wives or friends are cordially invited. Invitation cards have been mailed to many graduates but due to change in address it is impossible to contact all by mail. If any Talent graduates have not received a card, all are invited and will be welcomed.

Events scheduled are: Football game, 2:30, Gold Hill vs. Talent; homecoming banquet, 8 p. m., served in school cafeteria; homecoming dance, 9 p. m., Talent gym.

Oregon Peppermint To Flavor Chewing

Portland, Ore., Oct. 21.—(P)—Enough chewing gum flavoring left here last night to meet the demands of young America for some time to come. It was a carload of peppermint oil, valued at \$110,000,

consigned to a chewing gum in South Bend, Ind.

The oil came from 800 acres in the Willamette valley and on the Washington side of the lower Columbia river valley. Its value was up to \$3.25 a pound, double the price in 1940.

WATER PICKET DROWNS

Seattle, Oct. 21.—(P)—William H. Murray, business agent for a United Construction Workers union local, was drowned early today when two boats of the Congress of Industrial Or-

ganizations aquatic picket line collided in Lake Union in a heavy fog.

SEEK HUNTER'S BODY. Oregon City, Oct. 31.—(P)—Search was resumed today for the body of Alfred F. Siferter, 70, Portland, who died, apparently of a heart attack, while deer hunting Saturday about 15 miles east of Molalla.

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