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Not the American Way

While we are fighting abroad to preserve our "democratic way of life" things are happening here at home to undermine it.

For example, The National War Labor board the other day compelled the Inland Steel company, against its will, to sign up with the Steelworkers Union providing for the "check-off" system and the discharge of any member who does not keep himself in good standing with the union.

In other words hereafter a worker in Inland Steel who for any reason may not wish to join and pay dues to a union will be forced to do so or quit.

THE New Deal may be permanent and this union check-off policy a permanent portion of it. The time may come when the deduction of union dues by the employer from the workers' pay check (which is the "check-off" system) will be universally adopted, and non-union workers will be non-existent.

Yes that may be the outcome. We are quite sure labor leaders today so regard it. Eventually perhaps employers of labor will also, and public opinion support it.

Stranger things have happened in this crazy world.

BUT, when that time DOES come, this much is certain.

The democratic "way of life" we are presumably fighting and dying for at the present time, will cease to exist.

For what is the democratic "WAY of life"? The rule of the people is its foundation, individual liberty its corner stone,—the inalienable right of the individual to do as he wishes, just so long as what he wishes to do, does not impair the rights or the freedom of others.

He is supposed to be free to say what he thinks, worship the God he desires, and as long as he violates no law, work for whom he pleases in the way he wishes.

But if he happens to be a worker in Inland Steel or any other corporation engaged in war work, he can not only, NOT do as he pleases, he must join the union, he must pay the dues of that union, or he must get out and presumably join the nearest bread line!

That may be a number of things but it certainly isn't the democratic,—or, the American,—"WAY OF LIFE!"

Golden Pears

It is cheering to observe that 65,000 tons of Yakima Bartlett's were sold to canners this past week, at prices ranging from \$60 to \$75 a ton No. 1 grade.

A year ago cannery pears averaged in the same district around \$45 per ton. In other words profits on cannery pears at Yakima are up nearly 50%.

We see no reason why a similar increase should not prevail in Southern Oregon. If so it will remind some of the old-timers of those "good old days" when cannery Bartlett's hit \$80 per ton and higher.

YES those "Good old days!" But one important factor is lacking, for which let us all be thankful.

When those "boom" prices prevailed before, general business conditions in the valley were terrible. Fruit profits were good, but other profits were conspicuous by their absence.

Quite the reverse today. "Other business" thanks to the cantonment is excellent, and assuming that supplies can be secured, local business promises so to continue.

Yes Medford and the Rogue River valley have much to be thankful for commercially speaking, as the year 1942 enters its final five month period.

A Second Front Now,—or Else!

Leland Stowe, the well known war correspondent, now in Moscow makes the strongest argument for an immediate second front, yet advanced.

It is based upon Russian morale, and the effect of continued British inaction, on Russia's fighting spirit and continued devotion to the united nations cause.

As Stowe remarks,—what if such an all-out offensive in the west SHOULD cost Britain 200,000 or 300,000 casualties?

Russians fighting and dying at the front, are wondering if continuing an undiminished flow of Caucasian oil to Red Army tanks, airplanes and armored cars, instead of cutting it off, would NOT BE WORTH IT!

RUSSIA, says Stowe, has lost 4,000,000 men. Shouldn't England be willing to lose two or three hundred thousand, to save Russia and probably the united nations from defeat?

If a second front is not established and established soon,—not in a matter of weeks but of days—the Chicago News correspondent warns the disillusionment "of all Russians will be colossal" and the "unity of the three nations will be seriously shattered, perhaps disastrously."

Stowe having been in Russia for some time must know what he is talking about as far as Russian psychology is concerned. The warning is certainly one, the seriousness of which, the allied nations cannot ignore.

U. OF O. LIBRARIAN

Eugene, Aug. 1 — (P) — Appointment of Willis C. Warren as acting University of Oregon librarian was announced today by Dr. D. M. Erb, university president. Warren succeeded M. H. Douglas, who is retiring after 34 years of service. Warren has been on the university library staff since 1927.

AT CAMP GRANT

Camp Grant, Ill., Aug. 1 — (P) — Brig. Gen. John M. Willis, camp commander, announced today that men from Oregon assigned to the medical replacement training center included Pts. Theodore F. Eggers, Corvallis; Carl A. Hauswirth, Albany; and Walter D. Bach, John Day.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

NOT A GOOD CATHARTIC

Jim Lightfoot, let us call him, was an awful flop as a student but everybody liked him and some how he managed to get thru medical school eventually. What was more amazing, he even wanted an appointment as intern when an unexpected vacancy occurred mid-year and Jim happened to be available.

Some of the attending physicians on the hospital staff permitted interns on their wards to try their hands at giving treatment or prescribing for the minor cases. Jim had a sort of favorite prescription for all such cases. One day his chief accompanied him on rounds and merely looked at while Jim did everything. With a characteristic flourish Jim wrote his favorite prescription for several "chronics". It was a good dash of tincture of nuxvomica and a wee pinch of strychnine sulfate and a generous menstrum of Spts. Fru.—short for whiskey.

The chief glanced at the order, frowned a bit and asked "Lightfoot, why combine strychnine with nuxvomica?" Jim grinned in his affable way, flushed darkly and somehow guessed what was biting the chief—it dawned on him that probably strychnine is the alkaloid or active principle in nuxvomica. As realization of that came to him he quickly recovered sangfroid. "Oh, I thought if a little is good more is better," he explained—and to that the chief could make no adequate rejoinder. Jim's rationale too closely followed the peculiar type of reasoning on which much of the therapeutics of the time was based. Of course it wasn't rationale with Jim—it was just the famous expediency which had always served him so well and which still served him faithfully after he entered practice.

A great many people have acquired a little knowledge of the medicine casaca sagrada (Rhamnus Purshiana) and take it as a cathartic. Casaca is not a good cathartic because enough casaca to give a cathartic action is likely to cause cramp or griping. Casaca is one of the least objectionable medicines for child or adult if it is properly used, one of the most objectionable if wrongly used. A little casaca is good but a little too much is bad.

At any rate, everyone now knows Messrs. Farley and Roosevelt have irretrievably broken, and that Mr. Farley will oppose a fourth term more actively and vociferously than he opposed the third.

CALLS rising from administration friends in congress seem to signify they are paving the way for Mr. Roosevelt to shake up the army and navy.

First, Lyndon Johnson of Texas came back from the far east and started talking about "brass hats" for the first time in his life. Then Oklahoma's Josh Lee went after both the army and navy, and Representative Coffee, of Washington, joined what seemed to be a chorus.

THE idea of Mr. Roosevelt appointing Chief Justice Stone to head a rubber survey slid out of the news fast, for a very good reason. Justice Stone flatly rejected the president's suggestion.

He is personally opposed to mixing court and executive matters, even has some private feelings about other justices making public speeches. His declination was smoothed over by both his office and the White House, suggesting he had not been asked.

MOST politicians think Jim Farley will defeat Mr. Roosevelt in the choice of a Democratic gubernatorial candidate at the coming New York state convention. As Mayor LaGuardia has suggested, Farley is perhaps the best delegate picker in the world today and he started early.

In the New York delegation in congress, however, there is a belief that Mr. Roosevelt will throw in federal pressure, promises of jobs and federal appropriations to make enough delegates change their minds.

If he goes to work actively on this basis, they say Farley will find himself facing too much power. Until such pressure is applied.

CARRIER LAUNCHED Newport News, Va., Aug. 1 — (P) — Translating into action America's determination to surpass the combined strength of all other nations in aircraft carriers, the navy sent its newest, the U. S. S. Essex, down the building ways into the James River today.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

U. S. Giving Away Rubber Supplies

Dogs Will Help Patrol Coasts

Kaiser Not First To Favor Planes

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1—

Faced with ever thinning tires, blowouts and no hope of recap, motorists of the northwest may be interested in knowing that the federal government has given away and is committed for the current year to 117,000 tons of rubber to the United States. Donald Nelson of the war production board revealed how far this country is committed in the rubber problem on request of Oregon's McNary, but wanted the figures kept a secret. Oklahoma's Thomas had no scruples and boldly announced them. And here they are:

Britain and Russia for 1942 total of 66,000 tons, Canada total of 47,600 tons, board of economic warfare for distribution in South America 3,500 tons. In 1943, under lend-lease, United States will deliver 70,000 tons to Britain, 37,000 tons to Canada and 3,000 tons for board of economic warfare to send to South America, or 110,000 tons. For this year and next the United States will provide 227,000 tons of rubber to foreign countries. There will be no rubber for the American citizen until such time as the synthetic rubber is produced in quantities beyond what the armed forces (and Allies) require. This may be in 1944.

The rubber problem, so vital to transportation in this country, will prove a highly colorful chapter when historians of the future delve into this war. There has been a knifing contest between the big rubber tire manufacturers and the big oil companies; the tire companies do not want the synthetic rubber to interfere with natural rubber after the war; the oil companies see an opportunity to build up a new post-war business by making the synthetic from petroleum. Mr. Nedson's advisors on rubber are dollar a year men from oil companies and the four tire manufacturers.

Several oil companies have been given orders to manufacture synthetic rubber and are expected to be ready for production in June, August and October of 1943. Carbide & Carbon Chemicals Corp. has a contract for 200,000 tons of rubber from alcohol. Contracts from oil companies run from 12,000 tons to 55,000 tons. It is estimated that 800,000 tons are needed for military and civilian purposes in this country.

ASSERTION that the Bonneville obstruction in Columbia river is destroying the salmon run in that stream and its tributaries, despite the several million dollars expended by army engineers for fish ladders, elevators, etc., has brought congressmen from the northwest to their feet with indignant denials. The statement was made by an eastern member of the House of Representatives, who added that what few salmon made the grade over the dam could not get by Grand Coulee dam, and he argued that the taking of salmon eggs below Coulee and transplanting them elsewhere would not save the fish.

Almost to a man the representatives from Oregon and Washington offered sweeping denials, presented statistics on the fish escapement at Bonneville, as the fish are counted and classified as they swim up stream. Note—All canned salmon has been ordered held by canneries for army and navy. Civilians must do without.

WITHIN a few months dogs will be accompanying the coast guard as the men patrol Washington and Oregon shores. The coast guard will have many thousands of dogs (approximately 20,000) in the service on all coasts. Trainers are now breaking in the canines. The dog assistants are a development since the saboteurs came ashore from submarines to cause death and destruction in the United States.

SEVERAL days before Henry

FREE BOOK ON COLON TROUBLES

The McCleary Clinic, HE817 Elms Blvd., Excelsior Springs, Mo., is putting out an up-to-the minute 122-page book on Colon Disorders, Piles and Constipation and commonly associated chronic ailments. The book is illustrated with charts, diagrams and X-ray pictures of these ailments. Write today—a postcard will do—to the above address and this large book will be sent you Free and postpaid.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

August 2, 1932

(It was Tuesday)

Midwest farmers plan strike to raise prices of produce.

Germany shaken by internal political disputes. Adolf Hitler may join Brüning government.

Centralization of relief work in county held need.

Autoists warned to get their 1932 plates or face arrest.

Continued fair. High 92, low 55 degrees.

Leo Lonski and Jackson McCarthy bout at Armory tomorrow night stirs local interest.

Future of Ashland Normal school endangered by proposed Zorn-McPherson merger.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

August 2, 1912

(It was Wednesday)

Railroad union leaders reject President Harding strike settlement plan.

Jury in trial of Madelynn Obenchain, charged with murder of her sweetheart in Los Angeles, unable to agree, and foreman announces "we will stay out a year if necessary to reach verdict."

Fair and warm. High 94.5, low 52.5 degrees.

Sen. Reed of Missouri, bitter foe of ex-President Wilson, leads in primary vote.

Long dry and hot spell damaging trees and grass in city park.

CHURCH SERVICES LISTED FOR CAMI

Church services for the Camp White personnel, Sunday (today) have been announced by Camp Headquarters as follows:

Catholic Mass at 7:30 and 8:30 a. m. under direction of Chaplains Wright, Daly and Doran.

Protestant services at 9 and 9:30 a. m. by Chaplains Watson, Stevenson, Rein and Porter and in the Bivouac area by Chaplain Graebner.

Vesper services will be supervised at 6:30 P. M. by Chaplains Jaeger and Laquerent.

AIR CADET KILLED

Pine Bluff, Ark., Aug. 1 — (P) — Aviation Cadet Harvey George Thacker, 20, of Kittitas, Wash., was killed today when his plane collided with another and fell six miles south of near Grider Field. It was the field's second fatal crash in two days.

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