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Get The Facts Tonight

War or no war, this is an era of propaganda.

Everyone, or practically everyone, it seems has a story to tell with some slant of self-interest behind it. As means of communication and publicity have improved, the propaganda competition between nations, via the printed and spoken word, has become something terrific.

As a result "we the people" are all more or less being tossed about these days by the various and sundry waves and currents of conflicting propaganda; eager for the truth, but in the general confusion finding it extremely difficult to obtain.

We HEAR so much, and KNOW so little!

WELL to aid the people, in KNOWING more facts and less fiction, about the world we live in and especially the western world; the Institute of Inter-American Affairs has been formed under the auspices of the Federal Coordinator of Inter-American affairs and the General Extension Division of the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

A meeting of the Institute was held in Ashland today and tonight the closing session will be held at 8 o'clock in the Medford High School auditorium, with an appropriate film presentation, and a talk by Dr. Hernane Tavares de Sa of Brazil on the extremely timely question:

"Is the good neighbor policy a failure?"

HERE is a chance to get, without charge, some reliable information NOT propaganda regarding a very important American problem, the problem of a friendly and cooperative working relationship between ourselves the so called "Collosum of the North," and our Latin-American neighbors to the South.

We of course know what we think of South America, here is the chance to find out what South America thinks of us.

It is a real opportunity—an opportunity to secure reliable, authoritative information about a question that is very important today and will increase in importance as time goes on. We are sure the people of Medford can be depended upon to take advantage of it.

Safety In The Home

"Accidents will occur in the best regulated families." This familiar phrase in Dicken's "David Copperfield" certainly seems to be the case, and yet many of the 32,500 accidents which occurred last year in American homes could have been avoided with a greater measure of "know how" and sensible precautions.

Yes, it is a fact that this staggering number of accidents of more or less serious nature did occur in homes in 1943—and took double the toll of manpower from one to thirty-eight years of age than any single disease with which we contend. If an epidemic caused so many casualties vigorous preventative steps would be instantly undertaken. Isn't it time to put a stop to many of these accidents in the home? Most of them ARE preventable.

It is an interesting fact that America's great war industries, with many types of hazardous work, reported less than half this number of accidents. That is the result of an intensive program of industrial safety under the guidance of safety engineers.

The American Red Cross, sensing the gravity of this problem and recognizing the war-time shortage of doctors, has launched a movement which aims to place a "safety engineer" in every home. It is a sensible plan of wide-spread education under able instruction, and its success will be measured in the saving of lives, suffering and money.

JACKSON County is fortunate in having the first American Red Cross Accident Prevention institute in the Pacific area. The classes for instructors are now underway. By December 4 thirty-five trained safety instructors will be ready to undertake the task of making Jackson County homes "safety conscious." And, since traffic accidents also account for a sizeable share of the Nation's 97,500 accidents from all causes, this phase of safety will be included.

City and county schools here are also lending full cooperation to this commendable Red Cross program and soon school youngsters will receive basic safety instruction in the schoolroom. Since the majority of home accidents may be found in the age group from 15 to 19 years of age this education is especially important.

WITH farm accidents consistently high, the Red Cross safety program is really needed in this agricultural area. It is purely a matter of self-interest for people here to take a lively interest in the movement and to take the fullest advantage of accident safety instruction when the public classes open.—H.G.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen name is invited for publication is not made. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

Transmutation Within the Bee

To the Editor: To alleviate the stupefying effects of the recent political diatribes, may we offer a few lines sans mud?

Everything has its inception with an idea.

Ideas emanating from the cosmic mind impinge themselves upon the inner consciousness of man.

Here the immutable law of transmutation comes into play: the inner, recalcitrant process of change.

It is entirely up to man what the change shall bring forth: competition, with its inevitable chaos of armed competition or cooperation, with peace and harmony.

Transmutation within the bee always works in harmony with the divine mind, i.e. from nectar to honey.

In the study of crystallography, we observe the cell complying with the law of cooperation and harmony; a normal body attests this.

If man ever attains Utopia he must begin with the proper transmutation of the influx of ideas; "know thyself," is little understood even after centuries of repetition.

The infusion of the differential calculus into the economic and social structure, together with the law of elimination and

substitution, would change competition with its practical struggle, into cooperation, with tolerance, understanding and international harmony.

Bees use the above laws in their economy of existence. Perhaps an active pursuit of the following verse will clarify our international perspective.

"Men should be judged not by tint of skin, the Gods they serve, the vintage that they drink, nor by the way they fight or love or sin, but by the quality of thought they think!"

D. E. Nickerson, Ashland, Ore.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Nov. 20—Even the Democratic insiders in Congress are waiting to see how Mr. Roosevelt handles the complex and conflicting forces behind him in the election—the radicals and conservatives, particularly what power the CIO will have hereafter. He started out rather leftily by appointing Paul Porter, the Democratic publicity man, to succeed Chairman Fly of the federal communications commission. But he managed to keep James Byrnes as assistant president, and thereby balance the picture.



Paul Mallon

THE resignation of probably the ablest civil servant in the government, John R. Steelman, as head of the conciliation service, was announced as due to his desire to get out and make some money.

But both this and the resignation of William H. Davis as chairman of the labor board reflected in many inner opinions the difficulties ahead in settling labor disputes. (Mr. Davis had been brushed around considerably by the White House, or thought he had, and wanted to get out for some time.)

Obviously these two jobs are not open to CIO appointees, but the personal character of the men, especially whether they lean left or right, will be important. With the AFL strongly anti-communist and anti-radical no doubt the balance will have to be preserved in the two top jobs to handle future labor disputes.

THE CIO has given out some big figures on how many men it elected to the senate and house, but their claims include many men who would have been elected without their support.

Annoyingly they succeeded in electing about 84 to the house, and were unsuccessful in about 98 contests. They got seven victories in the senate against five defeats. This will only make them directly a minor bloc in both houses, if they can really rally that many to function as a bloc.

What real effect they had in the election is being debated by the congressmen. In Ohio, for instance, CIO's Bender won by 275,000 votes and Senator Taft, without CIO backing, won by only 30,000. Some take the difference of 245,000 as a direct check on CIO voting strength in Ohio. Against that deduction, however, must be measured the fact that Taft's gubernatorial running mate may have held down the size of his majority.

North Dakota's Senator Nye attributes his defeat directly to CIO, but obviously the results were not anything like the sweep which the CIO made in the Democratic primaries in the spring, where they secretly organized.

Incidentally the CIO chiefs, Sidney Hillman and Philip Murray, are supposed to be preparing to go abroad, rather than concentrating on developing their political power, whatever it is to be. They are to head an international labor conference meeting January 1.

Whether they will continue their aggressive political action secretly or openly for the next congressional elections is what concerns most congressmen.

In an off year race, they might have an opportunity to do the job they did down south and they still have more money with which to play politics than anyone else in the picture. In publicity and propaganda their influence is likely to continue strong.

All in all, congress seems in no great fear of them at the moment, but no one is making any predictions either upon this phase or Mr. Roosevelt's future course. The tendency everywhere in Washington is to await developments watchfully.

A Honduras textile manufacturer, the only one in that country, offers bonuses of free seeds and advance purchasing contracts to domestic cotton growers so that the company may increase its 1943 purchase of 165,000 pounds, only enough for two months of operation.

Death Comes to U.S. Carrier



Billows of smoke rise from fatally hit U. S. carrier St. Lo, ravaged by Jap bombs during second battle of the Philippine Sea. The St. Lo was one of five Navy identified U. S. warships lost in battle which for the U. S. was one of the most decisive battles of modern times. More than 48 enemy warships were hit and sunk in the furious action. U. S. Navy photo.

Association of American Railroads Speeds Traffic

By Charlotte G. Moulton

Washington, (U.P.)—In its capacity of co-ordinator of traffic movements, the Association of American Railroads can claim a large share of credit for the miraculous service supplied by its members during the war emergency.

Warren C. Kendall, chairman of the association's car service division, has his fingers constantly on the traffic pulse of the nation, keeping in almost hourly touch with the freight situation in every part of the United States. The division's 13 district officers and 45 other representatives are ever on the alert to spot areas of congestion which delay the flow of supplies and ammunition overseas.

Around the Clock

To speed war traffic the A. A. R. has 90 employees working the clock around in three shifts at the army's Pentagon building, handling both troop and freight movements. There are 400 in the entire service car division, about double the pre-Pearl Harbor staff.

Kendall has been at his job 27 years and, to put it briefly, "knows all about railroads." Before the establishment of the A. A. R. he was performing the same duties for its predecessor, the American Railway association. Previously he had been superintendent of transportation for the Boston and Maine railroad.

Kendall loves his work and when he talks about it you feel there's nothing so thrilling and satisfying as being a railroad man. When a problem is placed before him he immediately visualizes it on a vast traffic map of the United States containing a network of 400,000 miles of "track." He has traveled the lines so often he knows them almost mile for mile.

Knows Sections' Needs

He knows the seasonal requirements of all sections of the country, how many cars a shipper has ordered, how many have been furnished him, and when they were loaded. His records show the number of cars awaiting repairs, the surplus cars on a particular road and the number short, as well as the condition of the locomotives.

"Now for instance," he explained to me, "one perennial problem that confronts the A. A. R. is moving the wheat crop out of the southwest and north-west. The southwest harvest comes about June 5. About May 1 we have to begin to assemble boxcars in Kansas and the Texas panhandle. We instruct all roads east of the Mississippi to forward a certain number of western-owned cars to Kansas City and St. Louis every day. To meet the first onrush we plan to have 25,000 cars ready."

"The northwest harvest began earlier than usual this year," he continued. "Right now there are 376 grain elevators closed for

lack of cars. But last year at this time there were 791. The eastern roads are sending cars to the Soo line, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific for distribution in the wheat belt in Montana and the Dakotas."

Plan Ahead of Crops

Before 1922 periodic freight car shortages were the expected thing in that year shippers in the northwest formed a regional advisory board where their representatives met with railroad men to plan how sufficient cars could be provided as the crops came along. This board was so successful in furthering mutual understanding that eventually 13 boards were established for regions roughly corresponding to those of the federal reserve system.

In each region commodity committees were formed to plan for the shipment of cotton, grain, coal and other products. Members prepared estimates on commodity movements so unusual situations could be foreseen.

Since Pearl Harbor shippers have also co-operated with the A. A. R. by loading cars faster and economizing on space. In the first world war such highly developed car service planning was unknown. With the A. A. R. the shippers and the railroads tackling the problem together, world war II's huge traffic moves over the rails with maximum swiftness and minimum confusion.

Talent High School Wins Six-Man Title

Talent high school's six-man football team defeated Central Point 25 to 19 at Talent Friday to win the eastern division championship with five wins, one tie and no losses.

The Bulldogs will now play Rogue River for the Jackson county championship. The game will be played on a neutral field which is yet to be selected. The game will probably be played about December 1.

More than 1½ million pounds of FEA procured war materials were flown to the United States in the first quarter of 1944 by army and navy air transport command planes, according to the Foreign Economic Administration.

THIS MUSTARD WITH HORSE RADISH WORKS WONDERS WITH COLD CUTS!



TRY BEST FOODS MUSTARD with HORSE RADISH

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

November 20, 1934

(It was Tuesday)

Austria asks for arms equality on grounds her independence is menaced by France and Germany race for arms.

Unsettled with rain. High 49, low 40 degrees.

Orange cooks compete in food fair at Phoenix.

Government buys cabbage surplus to make sauerkraut for relief cases.

State supremacy claims to be put to test in Hood River-Medford game here Saturday.

Postoffice to close hereafter on Saturdays at noon.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

November 20, 1914

(It was Thursday)

Bank at Metolius is robbed and bandits pursued by deputy sheriff in plane.

Los Angeles water war is settled.

England highly incensed over attempted assassination of sirdar of Egypt.

Oregon-OAC game at Eugene Saturday attracts local interest.

Baron Hayashi of Japan warns world to "go slow about disarmament."

Unsettled. High 54, low 45 degrees.

Rancher fined for mixing Galsaline and Jamaica ginger.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

November 20, 1910

(It was Sunday)

City charter to be revamped. Three movie shows now operate here. All feature illustrated songs.

Mail-Tribune installs new duplex press.

East-West Game To Be Played In S. F.

New York, Nov. 20—(U.P.)

The annual East-West football game, with all proceeds going to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, will be played in Kezar stadium, San Francisco on New Year's day, it was announced today.

Andy Kerr of Colgate and George Hauser and Bernie Bierman of Minnesota will coach the East All-Stars while the West will be in charge of O. E. (Babe) Hollingberry of Washington State and Homer Norton of Texas A. & M.

BIRTHS

DAVIDSON—To Mr. and Mrs. George F. 709 N. Riverside, Nov. 19, 1944, boy, 7 lbs., at Sacred Heart hospital.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts

Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; fog Tuesday morning; continued cold.

Oregon: Clear tonight and Tuesday; but fog or low clouds in most valleys; continued cold.

Local Data

Temperature a year ago today:

Highest 48, lowest 43.

Total monthly precipitation 2.51 inches. Excess for the month 1.11 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 4.85 inches. Excess for the season 1.39 inches.

Relative humidity 43.0 p. m. yesterday 53%; 43.0 today 94%.

Tomorrow

Sunrise 8:08 a. m.; sunset 5:46 p. m.

Past 24 hours: High Low Prec.

Boise 36 31

Boston 31

Chicago 43 32 .04

Denver 44 24

Eureka 46

Hayward 29 10

Los Angeles 61 41

Medford 54 24

New York 43 34 Trace

Omaha 43 38 .11

Phoenix 66 39

Portland 46 32

Reno 33 29

Roseburg 66 39

Salt Lake 37 30

San Francisco 61 41