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Still A Job To Do!

Jackson County is proud, and justly so, of going "over the top" once more by over-subscribing her quota in the Sixth War Loan by a comfortable margin.

OF course, Jackson County cannot default in "E" bond purchases. Although the Sixth War Loan drive closed officially last Saturday, all series "E" war bonds bought and cleared by the Federal Reserve Bank through midnight, December 31, will count toward the quota.

WITH less than \$50,000 "E" bond sales needed to meet the Sixth War Loan quota here in that classification, it should not be difficult to promptly meet this obligation. With War Bonds the most appropriate—and patriotic—Christmas gift this year, the last minute holiday bond rush should turn the trick.—H.G.

Is This A "Red" War?

There are many so called "Liberals" in this country headed by the Nation who seem to think this war is being waged to make the world safe for Communism.

The Nation is particularly apoplectic just now over Spain and Greece, demanding that President Roosevelt break diplomatic relations with "Franco Spain" at once; and insisting that he persuade England to withdraw British troops from Athens and hand the reins of government over to the "revolutionists."

NOW, of course, it is no crime for a magazine, or individual, in this country to favor Communism, or any other form of government.

But what gets this department, is not as much this everlasting communistic propaganda and agitation, as that the leaders of the movement, including the Nation, don't come out frankly and say they are for Communism in these various countries, but pretend they are for a government returned to the "common people"—in short they are,—or pretend they are,—for democracy,—and behind the plea for democracy they work night and day for extension of the Russian system of government.

Yes, we must have democracy in Greece, they claim, in Spain, in Italy and all the other liberated or non-belligerent countries in Europe; or the peace, if not the war will be lost. This is their constant plea.

IF this were true, this paper would oppose it. For we believe the people of Greece, or any other nation, have a right to any form of government they may wish, and they, and they alone should decide the matter.

But it ISN'T true. The revolutions declared and undeclared in these countries are not democratic in nature,—not popular uprisings in any sense of the term,—but are, in practically every case, organized efforts on the part of small but compact MINORITIES, operating by remote control from Moscow, to gain control of the country concerned and establish some form of proletarian dictatorship.

NOW if the people of Greece wish to have a dictatorship of the proletariat, that is their affair, there should be no action by Britain or by any other country to prevent it.

But first determine that fact. And this can't be done until law and order is established, a general election held, and the votes have been counted.

That is Churchill's primary aim,—to put down this revolt, call a plebiscite and find out what the people of Greece want.

And when this want is definitely known, if it can be done, supply it. But to all his efforts the Nation and the assembled "Pinks" shriek reactionary imperialism, evil old men trying to turn back the clock of human progress.

Their synonym for "human progress" invariably being just this:—progress toward a dictatorship by the proletariat!

What Is "Up?"

To the editor: I have been in your state three weeks and am puzzled by one thing which can no doubt be easily explained. In Portland they say Medford is "up-state," and when you Medfordites travel to Portland you say you are going UP to that city. Both can't be right. Which is "up" and which is "down" as far as Portland and Medford are concerned? G. K. AVERY, Medford, Oregon.

Well there is a new one and frankly we don't know the answer. Going to Portland has always been going "UP" to Portland for the present writer, and we do know all Portland papers refer to Medford and Jackson County as "up state" from the metropolis.

Moreover when we visit Portland, which is frequently, we always remark when about to leave that we are going "down" to Medford.

Haven't the directions something to do with it? Back in Illinois we know we went "down" to Springfield and up to Racine, and isn't Albany up-state from Manhattan and Richmond, Va., down south? Or are "up" and "down" related to up-and-down-hill? On this basis of course Medford would be "up" and Portland "down" by some 1700 feet.

We don't know,—can any of our readers give the correct answer?

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 21 — Mr. Churchill's cold cutting of the Curzon line through Poland came as a shock to the public but not to the diplomats involved.

A year or more ago, though newspapermen in London knew Britain had an understanding with Russia for this very Stalin acquisition of prewar Polish territory, they were not permitted to write it publicly. But they discussed it freely among themselves.

The deal was reached long back before the present Churchill visits to Moscow, perhaps as far back as the Teheran conference as now reported.

THE European diplomatic game for practically the past two years has been directed toward working the exiled Polish government in London around to acceptance of the Curzon cutting.

There was not much deception in Churchill's position. Last January and February he publicly implored the London Poles to accept the western Curzon slice.

The sensational way he presented it to parliament as a cold cut, finally acceptable to him, may have been inspired by a different motive. To shove it forward on the table now showed up the opposition which was pressing him on the Greek affair.

His own liberal laborites and trade unionists (and our new dealers) had been reprimanding him for opposing the left-wing and communist elements in Greece, so he presented them with the Polish case in which he had sold out to those elements. Such adroit politics rather nullified their campaign against him on the Greek matter.

HERE no one knows what to say (see state department announcement of Monday). Rather they know what they are eager to say but doubt if it would do any good.

Republican Senator Vandenberg walked around all last week with a speech obviously sticking out of his chest. He could barely restrain himself day by day, saying he was delaying presentation of his views because he did not know whether it would help or hurt the situation to offer them—and he delivered only half yesterday.

The disillusioning fact of the matter was that Britain went to war to save Poland. That is how this war started. While the British and French were in Moscow trying to make a deal with Stalin, Hitler announced a nonaggression pact with him (August 21, 1939) to run for 10 years whereby neither would oppose the other. This no doubt called for division of Poland, because Russia moved in and took her half less than a month later.

Meanwhile Hitler invaded his half of Poland (September 1) and Britain declared war two days later when Hitler did not answer Chamberlain's ultimatum to withdraw Nazi troops from Polish soil (Britain had a treaty with the Poles undertaking to protect them).

BUT the British do not now feel or act disillusioned. History may measure Churchill's conciliation against the British war cause, but the people everywhere since 1939 have been impressed with Russia's subsequent success in resisting Nazi invasion of her own soil, and have come to accept the theory that she deserves anything reasonable on her western frontier, although the concession violates every American position on the war, from the Atlantic Charter to Stettinius announcement a few weeks back urging free determination of their governments by European peoples without outside influence.

The Stettinius announcement was issued in respect to Italy and Greece where the British were interfering, but no exception was mentioned of Poland where the Russians are taking.

Now "freedom of peoples" is a policy which the United States can permanently defend. It has solid moral background. But Churchill and Stalin are working toward something contrary—division of spheres of major-nation influence over people. That is a course of expediency justifiable by present-day facts but without any moral ground whatsoever.

FOR example, it is quite true a fully free Poland will remain an illusion as long as Russia with its overpowering army exists alongside her. Thus it is physically impossible to have what we want—at this time.

It also may be physically impossible to have freedom of people in Greece, Italy and else-

Star of Gold
The Bethlehem Star has turned to gold,
And so—alas—has mine,
Where once against the window-pane
I saw a blue star shine.

MASONS TO SEAT NEW OFFICERS AT FRIDAY MEETING
Members of Medford lodge No. 103, A. F. & A. M. will convene in the lodge hall on West Main street Friday at 8 p. m. to install the officers that have been elected and appointed for the ensuing year.

LAST RITES HELD FOR ADDIS MCCOY, 40-YEAR RESIDENT
Funeral services for Addis S. McCoy, resident of Medford for the past 40 years who passed away at her home, 121 Cottage street, early Tuesday, were held in the Conger-Morris chapel this afternoon with the Rev. D. E. Millard officiating.

COMMUNICATIONS
Letters to the editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Socialist Party Isn't Dead
To the editor: I have a letter from Norman Thomas in which he says that he was interviewed recently by the Associated Press and later was shown a copy of a release that was already in the mails. For the most part it was correct, but the statement that he said, "the Socialist Party was politically dead," is not true.

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Our finest Christmas selection! Primroses, Poinsettias, Azaleas, Wreaths, etc. All attractively wrapped and moderately priced. Order YOUR Christmas plants, and flowers EARLY!

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
December 21, 1934
(It Was Friday)
Twenty-two licenses for selling beer in this city sought.

LOITERING RULED OUT BY COUNCIL
The city council, at the regular meeting Tuesday night, passed an ordinance making it illegal for any persons to loiter in or occupy children's playgrounds or any public park in the city of Medford between the hours of 10:30 p. m. and 6:30 a. m.
"ADOPTED" GI A HERO
Springfield, Mass.—(U.P.)—Readers of the Daily News, who "adopted" Robert J. McCann after he wrote an appeal to the paper for correspondence, are mighty proud of him now.

ARRID
New Cream Deodorant
Safely helps Stop Perspiration
1. Does not irritate skin. Does not rot dresses or men's shirts.
2. Prevents under-arm odor. Helps stop perspiration safely.
3. A pure, white, antiseptic, stainless vanishing cream.
4. No waiting to dry. Can be used right after shaving.
5. Awarded Approval Seal of American Institute of Laundering—harmless to fabric. Use Arrid regularly.

ARRID
THE LARGEST SELLING DEODORANT
This Is Just To Remind You Of Our Holiday Store Hours.
MANN'S
Open At 9 o'Clock And Close At 5:30 Saturday Night, December 23rd. Open Until 8:30.

Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Parry
This is the shortest day of the year, and tomorrow is no runt. The sun will not be up until the middle of the forenoon or 11 minutes before the barbershops open up.

It is predicted bigotry will flourish in the post-war period. It did after the World War I, and nightgowns for running around pastures in the moonlight sold for \$16.50.

The board of higher education offers a "refresher course" by mail, in arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. With state and federal income tax blanks, complicating the Christmas mail deluge, this is timely.

The censored news from the Western Front is dark. The Nazi offensive is probably the last wild and desperate flounce of a military nation, making its final bid to salvage what it can from the attempted wreckage of the world.

"This story is so lousy it'll have to be rewritten before I can throw it away."—Charlotte (N.C.) News.—The height of something.

A box-car load of cigarettes (17,004,000 of them), destined for the metropolis, was destroyed by fire at Gold Creek, Mont. The cause of the fire is unknown, but was probably due to a "careless cigaret."

TUTU TUTU GIRLS!
(Tijunga (Cal.) News)
"W. C. T. U. monthly meeting at the Boulevard Church Monday at 1:30 p. m. The meeting will be gin with prayers."

Mr. Chaplin, the eminent film comedian, who is always, it seems, involved with the fair sex or lawyers, is again busy defending himself in court. In his latest appearance on the witness stand, he displayed considerable dramatic huffiness, and talked back to the learned counsel for the lady. The funny man bristled. He better not hit the honorable bench in the face with a verbal custard pie.

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KEX DEAL DATED
Portland, Ore., Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Westinghouse Radio Stations, Inc., will take over operation of radio station KEX here Dec. 28, Lee B. Wallis of Philadelphia, general manager for the Westinghouse organization, announced in Portland today.

The thickest morning fog of the season, accompanied by the fastest auto driving since gasoline rationing was established, prevailed today.

Farmers accompanied by their better halves are flocking to town to do their Christmas shopping. Several lost their mates in the shuffle who were located before Santa Claus could be asked to do it for them.

Fears, if any, the Rogue river fish would be snubbed by the next legislature have been allayed. A bill regulating the finny tribe, is now cooking.

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