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Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, May 18.—We note that Drew Pearson and Paul Mallon, two of our favorite columnists are speculating about war between Soviet Russia and the United States. That is mischievous—or if you prefer—VICIOUS nonsense!

We are convinced the last thing in the world Soviet Russia WANTS is any more war. She has had enough to last her for a very long time. She wants peace because it is to her SELF-interest to have peace—and reconstruction.

This is so true that we have our "doubts" she will ever join the United States and Great Britain in the war against Japan. And certainly as soon as Japan has been knocked over this country will want no more war,—we never WANTED war in the first place.

It was forced upon us, first by Japan and then by Germany. So why even HINT at war? It can do no good and might do serious harm.

The situation reminds your correspondent of a Mexican cock-fight, once witnessed. The two game birds did not care to fight, they had no particular grudge against each other. Didn't feel combative.

So their owners took them in hand, banged their respective heads against each other, pushed their feathers and showed them about, until their primitive instincts of self-preservation had been properly aroused and then,—of course,—there WAS a battle!

Well a similar situation MIGHT be created between the United States and Soviet Russia, for there is no doubt of their conflicting ideologies and politically speaking, conflicting interests.

But unless there is some such manipulation and agitation altogether artificial war stimulation, there will not be war in this generation between the Soviet Union and the United States. For basically the causes of war do not exist.

On the other hand those who believe war can NOT be caused by manipulation, agitation and artificial stimulation, have never examined carefully into the genesis of the war, over 45 years ago, between Spain and the United States!

That war was manufactured by press agitation and propaganda manipulation as certainly as the aforementioned Mexican cock-fight.

How quickly times change! Less than a week after the surrender of Germany His Grace the Rt. Rev. Dionisiya of the Serbian Orthodox Church, from the pulpit of the Church of St. John in this city, appealed to the people of San Francisco and the delegates of the Peace Conference to aid in freeing his church from persecution by the "Tito dictatorship" in Yugoslavia! If Adolf isn't dead wagner he enjoys reading that item.

The best stories here can't be printed,—yet. Imagine this: A squad of soldiers have arrived here by plane who last Monday (this is Friday) were fighting the Japs in Okinawa!

Some are wounded, some honorably discharged from the army because of completed combat service, all have yarns that would make a banner on any newspaper, but none will,—or can,—talk for publication.

Then there is Joe Rosenthal, winner of the Pulitzer picture prize for his shot of the marines raising the Stars and Stripes on Iwo Jima. His experiences would fill a book but—and probably will,—but you can't quote him,—not yet.

More reports here of the Japs sending out peace feelers. None can be verified but as far as that goes none of the peace reports from Germany were verified and few believed them. Then presto,—Hitler was dead and the Nazi rats were trying to escape the sinking ship! Hope this portion of history repeats itself.

We note in the morning paper the California State Highway commission has designated Highway 99 from Weed to Ashland, as the through and official national route. That ought to help H. G. and his co-workers.

Education As An Investment

Babson Talks to Adults

By Roger W. Babson

Babson Park, Mass.—(Special Correspondence.) Now that V-E Day has occurred, the many G.I.'s who will return to civilian life, will be anxious about veteran's education. They can be assured that their problems are being given deep thought. Both government and school authorities are conscious of their obligations to returning soldiers. They are equally conscious of the help needed from service-men for continued promotion of world security. In that spirit may I offer a word to service-men.

Education is every man's top investment. However, let us be specific. You may think that all you will need is information; but information is not Education. Information is merely the raw material. The finished product is development of your brain. For \$10 up you can buy a dictionary which will inform you on every word ever uttered by the master minds of all ages. For \$125 or up you can buy an encyclopedia which will inform you of every fundamental idea known to date.

Both a dictionary and an encyclopedia are blue-chip, glittering investments. I heartily recommend them. They put into your possession more information than any man or woman could digest in a thousand years of daily study. However, you will not find among the pages of these or any other reference book many stock dividend checks or bond coupons.

Character is what enables you to do things you don't want to do when you don't want to do them,—a most important requirement for health, income and happiness.

Another great asset which most young people and many adults lack is a Philosophy of

Life. As sea captains need to know the port for which they are heading, so students should have a program, purpose and goal. Until then we should never be given a diploma.

Renewing One's Youth Through Education

"Going to bed mentally" is the best diagnosis of a malady which besets too many investors and businessmen. It is what happens when the maturing mind meets current doubts and dilemmas. A business man may "retire"—in the sense of going to bed mentally—when he gets into a tax row with the government, quits under fire, and goes AWOL from active life. Discouraged investors or executives really need a good dose of adult education. It brings rejuvenation and restoration,—the new discovery in the old quest for the fountain-of-youth. To regain that schoolboy feeling, go again to school.

All of us, soon or late, are at a spot where we must go ahead or fall behind. The choice is to sit down, die down, and do nothing,—or begin the repair and modernization of outworn and run-down brains. That may not be professional therapy; but it is extremely practical advice. Interest in mental stimulus. No stock or bond, no real estate, savings account, nor insurance can safeguard (1) Character, (2) Health, (3) Income. These "big three" are the fruit of education.

"Diplomas" Mean Less Than "Dog Tags"

Under the administration of political-minded school boards, the public educational system is corroded and rusty. Wayward parents are accessories. A generation of youngsters is Sloppy Joe in apparel, deportment, mentality and character. "Graduation" has lost its meaning. Once the word implied a step forward,—not a halt in education. The whole educational system, from

pre-nursery to post-graduate, needs reform. It is the new ground however, the fertile fields of adult education, which beckon most happily. Adult education appears at present to hold out the optimum chance of maximum progress. Children, by nature, are somewhat superior "sponges"; nimble learners. Adults, by very definition, are far superior in spirit and the will to learn and achieve. If you cry No! to this claim, thereby you add one more condemnation of our educational system. For what is the purpose of education and of life itself, if I today am nowise superior to the child I was?

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 May 22, 1935 (It was Wednesday) Senate upholds Roosevelt's veto of soldier's bill.

General strike by labor is threat of unions if NRA fails.

Gov. Martins announces he will call troops if labor disorders at Cottage Grove continue. Pickets beat up four in outbreak.

Fair and mild. High 76, low 30 degrees.

County eighth graders to get diplomas at Ashland Friday.

Crater Lake road open to travel, and cleared of snow to Government Camp.

Mid-west drought refugees reach Alaska relief project.

Britain answers Hitler's threat to rearm Germany with big air force.

THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY May 22, 1915 (It was Sunday) Eden Valley to have big crop of melons this year.

Baccalaureate service's for graduating class to be held at Craterian Sunday

Scores killed by second Japanese earthquake. Red Cross rushes aid and food.

President Coolidge recovers from slight illness.

Fair. High 78, low 48 degrees.

Holmes Bros. patent pear picking bucket.

Autoists warned to make signals when making turn.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY May 22, 1911 (It was Tuesday) Oregon democrats enraptured by visit of Woodrow Wilson.

Leon B. Haskins named to state pharmacy board.

Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany favors world arbitration plan.

Court House News

Marriages Jack Joseph Hain and Barbara Ann Young.

Rollin Edgar Jordan and Helen Marie Kusek.

William Dickson and Susie Cornelia Hammonds.

Harold Allison Stagg and Violet Ruth Yocum.

Lee Manley Templen and Margaret Irene Colley.

Leland Elton Jones and Annabelle Rose Daugherty.

Divorce Decrees Granted Ada Wilson vs. William B. Wilson.

Bertha Mae McElvany vs. Robert M. McElvany.

Jeanne Marie Jorgensen Speers vs. Charles Wesley Speers.

Florence K. Trimm vs. Ivan Ralph Trimm.

Divorce Complaints Filed Herbert Botts vs. Jessie Botts. LaVonne Smith vs. Charles S. Smith.

Probate Court Estate of Mary J. Alsdorf, deceased.

Estate of Elizabeth A. Dunnavin, deceased.

Guardianship of Edith G. Keith, incompetent.

Estate of Loyd O. Peterson, deceased.

Estate of George T. Davis, deceased.

Estate of Almida Spjuth, deceased.

Estate of Hattie Gilson Logan, deceased.

Estate of Richard von der Helten, deceased.

Guardianship of John Joseph Ginet, minor.

PEACE AGITATORS JAILED IN JAPAN; FREE MIKADO KIN

(By United Press) Japanese Procurator-General Namisuki Nakano has called for the arrest of "peace agitators," the Domei agency said today.

The dispatch, recorded by the FCC, quoted Nakano as telling a meeting of presidents of the courts of appeal and chief public curators that:

"The growing critical situation of the war had led to a tendency toward peace agitation and speech on critical matters in a portion of the populace. . . It is impossible to repulse the enemy outside Japan if there is no perfect unity within Japan."

The dispatch said he called for arrests in the case of "any speech that might cause disorder in the national unity."

London, May 22—(U.P.)—The London Daily Express reported today that Prince Yasuhito Chichibu, pacifist brother of Japanese Emperor Hirohito, has been released after two years "honorable preventative detention."

A Bern dispatch of the Express said the Japanese legation there had been informed of Chichibu's release. It added that Japanese quarters were stirred even more by the news than by Germany's surrender.

Chichibu was said to have been interned for trying to use his influence with his brother to prevent war between Japan and the United States. He was said to have been so successful that Japan's war lords went through with the Pearl Harbor attack to force the Mikado's hand by putting him in the position of losing face if he backed out of the war.

THE GRANGE

Upper Applegate Grange met in regular session May 12, with Master Christine Harr presiding and 47 members and five visitors present.

Elmer McClure, district state deputy was present and gave obligations in third and fourth degrees to Mr. and Mrs. Menno Backmann, Loyd Bachmann, Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. Jacobson, Mr. and Mrs. Beverly R. Tichner, Lucille Culy and Mrs. Peggy Aispaugh.

Brother McClure also gave a very fine talk, "Service in the Grange." He especially called attention to the two measures coming before the voters in the June election and advised support of the grange in getting them passed.

H. E. C. chairman appointed the following serving committee for next meeting: Mrs. Myrtle Walker, Mrs. C. C. Buck, Stella and Lance Offenbacher. Birthdays for this quarter will be celebrated at this time.

We were happy to have with us from Gold Hill Grange Mr. and Mrs. Autenreith and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lance.

Lecture hour program was presented by the Beaver Creek school under direction of the teacher, Mrs. Christine Harr.

The charter was draped for Brother Lyman Livesey, who passed away recently in Colorado.

Upper Rogue Grange Upper Rogue Grange held its monthly meeting in their hall on Thursday evening May 17. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. John Bohnert of Central Point. Mrs. Bohnert is the youth superintendent of the grange. Deputy McClure of State Grange from Grants Pass was also a visitor. Each gave an interesting talk. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chamberlain served refreshments after the business meeting.

CALIFORNIA PROTESTS Washington, May 22—(U.P.)—A delegation of California congressmen today carried to President Truman their protests against a projected interior department appropriation cut which would affect the Central Valley Power project.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p. m.

ALBANY SELECTED FOR MINE BUREAU

Albany, Ore., May 22—(U.P.)—Headquarters for the newly created northwest division of the U. S. Bureau of Mines will be maintained at the Northwestern Electro-Development Laboratory here, according to S. H. Lorain of the Moscow, Idaho, office.

Lorain will head the new agency, which incorporates the work in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. All work of the mining branch will be centered in the Albany division, Lorain said.

The Spokane division will handle bureau work in eastern Washington, eastern Oregon and northern Idaho. Western Washington and western Oregon will be cleared directly from the Albany office.

B. A. Rogers will supervise a parallel organization conducting metallurgical laboratory investigations at the Albany center.

Plan to Make More Farm, Light Trucks

Washington, May 22—(U.P.)—The War Production Board said today that a large increase was being considered in the manufacture of light and medium trucks for farm and other civilian use.

WPB said the need for such trucks "has become increasingly serious."

The board scheduled a meeting of the Truck Manufacturers' Industry Advisory committee for May 25 to consider the proposed increase for the remainder of 1945.

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Mr. Jack Atkinson of Los Angeles was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Shipp and family.

Mrs. Carrie Harding and Mrs. Dorothy Hume and twin daughters, Jacqueline and Josephine, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Eldridge in Ashland recently.

Mr. Neil Hayes has just returned from a trip to Long Beach, Calif., where he visited his father.

Mrs. Mert Stafford has returned to her home here after a visit to Cuba, Kan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers of Stockton are spending a couple of weeks in their cottage on Rogue River.

Mr. Ed Steacy, who has been stationed in Honolulu, is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Howe and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Wanda Steacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin and son of Stockton are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stafford.

Johnnie Axtell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Axtell, fell and broke his arm on Mother's Day.

Miss Elizabeth Netherland of San Francisco is the house guest of her sister, Mrs. Lena Alworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coon entertained with an oyster dinner at their home on Mother's Day. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Axtell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom King, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abbott, Miss Dorothy Fowler, Miss Joyce Axtell and Johnnie Axtell.

Harry E. Harding, Jr., has joined the merchant marines and is stationed in San Francisco. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding, Sr., of Trail.

Mrs. Gertrude Carlton and Mrs. Helen Coons spent Thursday, May 17, at the Prospect school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chamberlain were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abbott Monday, May 14.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Briggs Thursday, May 17, were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding, Sr.

Mrs. L. P. Polley of Tacoma, Wash., was the house guest of her sister, Mrs. Olga Brill, recently.

Raymond Mullins left for Portland Monday, May 21, to report to his draft board.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Shipp and family recently were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith and Mr. Cantrell, all of Los Angeles, Calif.

COPCO LINE TO CRESCENT CITY TO CUT RATES

Crescent City, May 22—Shortly after June 1 electric users in Crescent City and surrounding Del Norte county will receive substantial reductions in their electric rates as a result of the purchase of the electric properties serving that area by the California Oregon Power company.

The rate reduction is being made in order that electric rates in Crescent City and Del Norte county conform with the lower rates effective in the other territories served by the California Oregon Power company. The rates, which officials of the company say are among the lowest in the nation, will reduce the electric bills of customers in the territory from 26 to 60 per cent, depending upon the amount of electricity used.

The company announced plans for the building of a transmission line connecting Crescent City with the California Oregon power system and extending service to other communities in Del Norte county. Application has been made to the War Production Board for permission to carry out the program.

Electricity for Crescent City is presently supplied by a diesel plant. The construction of the new transmission line will result in better service and will assure adequate power for the fullest development of that area. It will also make electric service available to the communities of Smith River, Fort Dick, Idlewild and Gasquet, as well as almost 200 farms, summer homes, and auto camps not now being served.

The state tax commission today estimated that the valuation of public utilities in Oregon has increased about \$12,000,000 during the past year.

All categories of utility organizations with the exception of heating companies and small telephone companies have contributed to the increase in total valuation, the commission said.

Last year's tentative valuations, based on assessment figures, showed \$361,473,551.30, as compared to 1945's \$249,464,223.32.

Largest investment in the state is embodied in the railroads, with \$170,648,167.50 in valuation this year. Following were electric utilities, which have \$112,801,219 in assets in the state.

CUT BRITISH RATIONS

London, May 22—(U.P.)—Reductions in British food rations were expected to be announced tomorrow in an effort to cope with increasing food shortages.

European Farmers Get Plenty Machines
Washington, May 22—(U.P.)—Foreign economic administration officials said today farm machinery valued at \$12,500,000 will have gone from American factories to European farms during the 12 months ending June 30. The exported equipment amounted to 1.8 per cent of the total U. S. production.



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