

Cooperation and Mutual Aid Seen As Reasons for American Success By Visiting German Newsman

(Editor's note: The following article was written by a German newspaperman who is now visiting the United States for a year's advanced study at the school of journalism at the University of Oregon. He is spending the week as a staff member of The Mail Tribune. Other articles by him on various aspects of America and his impressions of the country, will be published this week.)

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Can I help you?
You can hear the sentence at every moment in every part of the United States. This simple question has impressed me most. I needed to stay in the United States less than five months to recognize that it is more than a polite phrase dictated by a kind of business psychology. The origin of the question is the wish to assist neighbors under any circumstances.

My experiences as a journalist in Europe have shown me that the Americans as a nation and as individuals are very helpful. Their aid has saved from permanent starvation even that country which fought against them during two world wars. It is fascinating for me to see the result of this spirit in the daily life of the United States.

Continents Transformed

I discovered that within the last hundred years the idea of voluntary cooperation between each individual has transferred a vast and unexplored continent into a center of a specific kind of western civilization. The spirit of the pioneers enabled the whole nation to establish public institutions which are today models of democratic life for the free world.

At the same time mechanical inventions have developed a highly mechanized world liberating the individual from the daily drudgery. One of our main problems is the reconciliation of

the human being with the machine. I believe that the idea of voluntary cooperation will be the force which will enable the Americans to be the first nation to solve this problem.

Inspires Fairness

The impressions which I collected as member of the State Department Exchange Program on many trips through the northwest of the United States and during the fall and winter term on the University of Oregon in Eugene show me that common aid regulates every part of the daily life. It inspires the feeling of fairness in the relation between professor and student as between employer and employee. The living standard of the average people is improved by this feeling to an extent which is not only the result of a well established economy.

The voluntary cooperation inspires the daily life of the population with a wave of optimism. I observed that in the United States nobody hesitates to solve every problem. Many questions arising in modern society are abolished in the United States only by the function of this op-

Italian Students Clash With Police

Rome (U.P.)—Thousands of teen-age Italian students clashed with police in Rome and Naples Tuesday in the second straight day of demonstrations calling for the return of Trieste to Italy. Police here used tear gas to break up the howling, stone-throwing demonstrators.

Police detained 70 demonstrators in Naples and 30 in Rome after frequent outbreaks of violence. In Naples, a crowd of 10,000 students broke through a police barricade blocking the way to the U. S. consulate. Police charged the crowd, wielding batons, and students hurled stones at the police and automobiles in the area.

timism. The population shows an unlimited confidence in the democratic institutions, even if the man is wrong who is in charge of an office. The people have the ability to differentiate between men and institutions and they are willing to do so.

Collecting all these details, I would like to say that I admire most a very general phenomenon which has touched me strongly: how the Americans manage their successful life.

Everybody feels and acts voluntarily as a part of the whole society, but in the same moment the society grants him all his personal rights and freedoms so that he may act and feel as an individual.

Lewis, Sandy Rivers Eyed for Smelt Run

Kelso (U.P.)—Fishermen said Tuesday the biggest run of smelt since 1948 was now dwindling in the Cowlitz river and commercial interests were beginning to watch for the appearance of the fish in the Lewis and Sandy rivers.

Commercial fishermen ended a 24-hour strike earlier by moving prices up from \$3.50 to \$4 a box.

They said that the bulk of the present run apparently "got through" to spawning grounds during the 60-hour weekend closed period in southwestern Washington streams and that only minor catches could be expected until the fish enter other tributaries of the Columbia. Observers said the runs could be expected to enter the Lewis and Sandy "anytime within the next two weeks."

PET IS 115 YEARS OLD

Providence, R. I. (U.P.)—Two local residents have made a pet out of a 115-year old turtle they found in the woods. On the turtle's underside was carved the date "1836" and the initials "A.M." "W.R." and "A.A.A."



CANCELED—Sonja Henie packs skates at New York after gliding into snag when she was forced to cancel a two-week engagement of her ice show because Kingsbridge Armory demanded million-dollar safety bond.

Terrorists Ambush Malayan Policemen

Singapore (U.P.)—Communist terrorists ambushed and killed 12 Malayan policemen and officials and wounded eight others Tuesday near Tanjong Malim on the west coast of Malaya.

Two Communists were killed in the battle on the Perak-Selangor province border north of the capital of Kuala Lumpur which is approximately 200 miles north of Singapore. All the armed men in the government party were killed or wounded. The Communists escaped with 13 police guns.

WEATHER

By United Press
North California: Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday except local fog Cape Mendocino north; little change in temperature.

A Nichols' Worth of—Comment On This and That

BY HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington (U.P.)—It was a stuffy September afternoon in 1942. Gretar Oddson and three other youngsters were toasting a ball on the beach at Seydisfjordur, on the east coast of Iceland.

Gretar was seven. Without warning, hell came out of the sky in the form of a Nazi bomb. The other three kids scattered much faster than Gretar. He caught it in the leg. The other boys got only a few scratches.

Gretar lost his right leg, and turned out to be Iceland's only land casualty of World War II. Nine years later, Gretar began to suffer great pain and found himself having trouble getting around aboard the leather leg which was made for him. Last spring, when the military reopened an air transport base in Iceland, the boy's plight came to the attention of the Air Force. There was a meeting of minds and it was decided to help him.

He Was Scored
After liaison with the boy's parents, the government of Iceland, and our State Department, the Air Force took off with the boy for Bolling Field. For surgery and a new leg.

"It was the second time I ever had been in a plane," Gretar said. "I was a little scared. But I was willing to take any chance to get rid of that pain."

Capt. Agnes M. Palmer, Brooklyn, his nurse, says the boy, now 17, has been a wonderful patient. Gretar, I found, is a shy, retiring sort of boy. He doesn't talk very much, although his English, with a slight accent, is almost perfect. I got more from Capt. Palmer than I did from the patient.

Everybody at the Bolling hospital has been very nice to the kid, and so have the folks at the Iceland embassy. He has made many friends in the Washington area and the embassy supplies him with a car three

times a week to run around and see the sights of the city and to visit friends.

Presidential Aspirant Favors More Babies

New York (U.P.)—Henry (I'm for pigs) Krajewski opened his "Poor Man's Party" presidential campaign here Monday night and unveiled his "fair squeal" platform which calls for more babies and less taxes.

"If they make me President," he said, "social security will include all maternity benefits for mothers and no taxes for those with incomes under \$8,000 per year."

Krajewski will be a bona fide candidate on the New Jersey primary ballot April 15.

Easier Auto Credit Requested for West

Washington (U.P.)—Rep. Russell V. Mack, R-Wash., Monday asked the federal reserve board to ease credit restrictions to make it easier for Oregon, Washington and California automobile buyers.

Rep. Mack asked that Pacific Coast purchasers be permitted 21 instead of 18 months in which to pay for their cars. He based the request on the fact that new car prices are \$250 to \$350 higher in the western states than in eastern and midwestern points because of freight rates.

Murals Would Shock Loyal West Virginians

Charleston, W. Va. (U.P.)—West Virginia's loyal founding fathers, who divorced their state from rebel Virginia in 1863, would turn over in their graves if they knew.

The guidebook of the Kanawha county airport here describes the wall-sized tinted murals in the waiting room as

MAN OF MANY PARTS

Poehontas, Tenn. (U.P.)—A variety store owner, J. W. Hudson, has a grocery, service station, restaurant and picture show all in one building. Hudson also finds time to serve as town postmaster.

THEY'D LIKE WINGS

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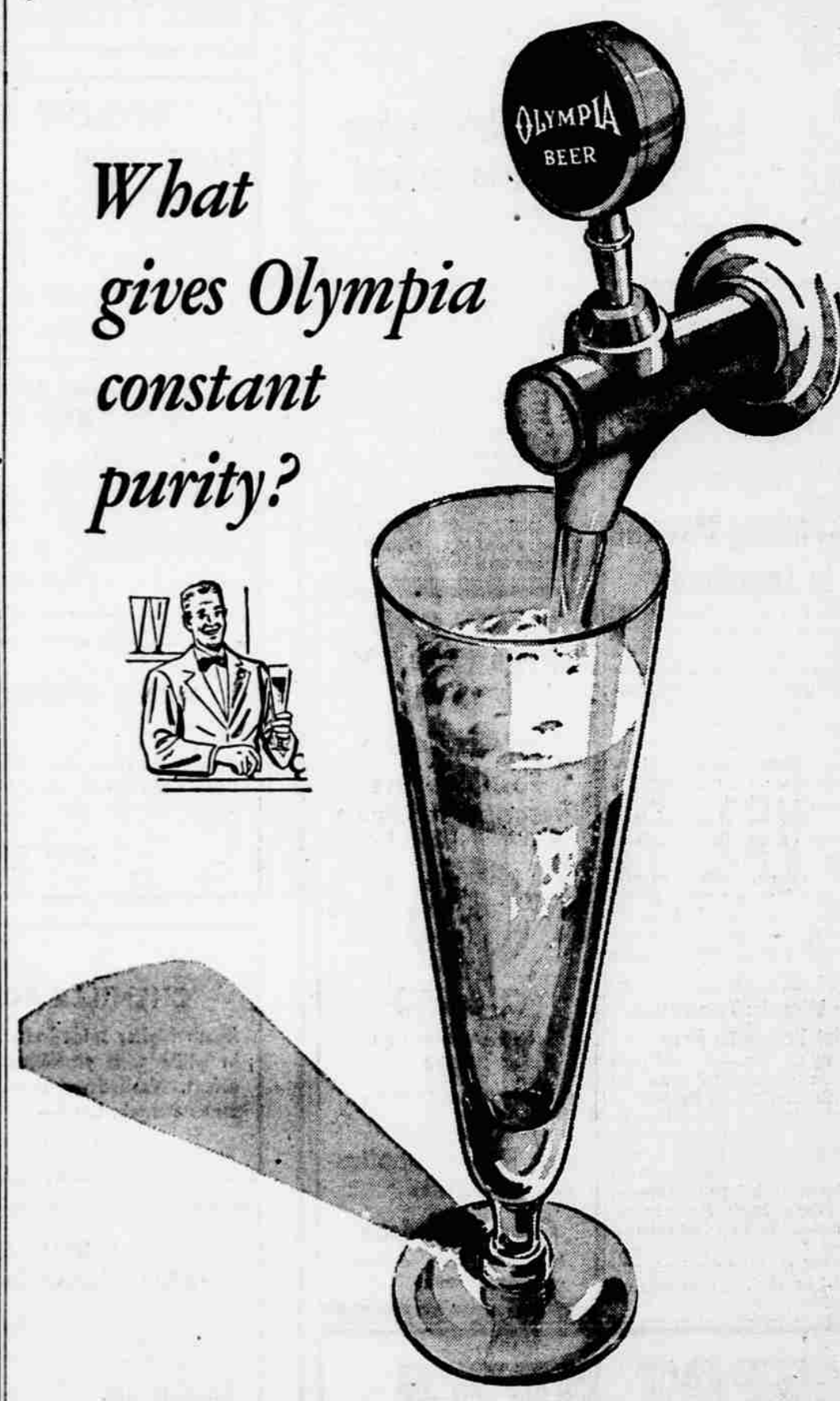
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