



"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."
—George Putnam.

For Liberty Men Die

Our Nation, as a citizen of respect in the World, is rapidly losing stature as it becomes more and more imperiled. Attempted unraveling of the why of our situation is now a useless expenditure of energy.

In the same vein as Thomas Jefferson quickly wrote that which good and true men believed—let us do the task at hand—guard our Nation. Say to those who would snuff liberty as we know it—"Look you! We love our Declaration of Independence and The Constitution of the United States and all that these mean to all the free peoples of this Earth!"

Our Nation is so wonderful a thing and our homes such a treasure that others risk life-blood itself to enjoy the same thing. A man, by law, may defend his home, which is his castle, with powder and shot and take a life if necessary, if attack comes against it when he and his loved ones are therein—how much more willing we should be now in the defense of our very right to maintain such a home!

Long ago we established the idea a man may keep arms in his home. That idea succeeded because men of the United States knew when to use their arms. Let us assert anew that the United States as a Nation knows how to use its arms. We do not seek a fight—rather we fervently hope all can someday, in the not-too-distant future, equal and exceed us in having life as we know it.

Impending loss of liberty is a burden which forces change and is a thing worthy of personal loss of life. The tactics of Stalin, devilish as they are and powerful as they may seem, are nothing compared to the efforts of men with their hearts filled with a positive resolve.

One of the prime purposes of the enemy of the free peoples of this Earth and of the United States in particular is the prevention of a central idea of united effort for the preservation of freedom being assembled in the world by an effective mass of men.

Patrick Henry, when he said, "Give me liberty or give me death!" was inciting the spirit of revolution in the hearts of those who heard him.

Each of us has a bit of the spirit of our Founding Fathers, that no one can deny. A living, breathing idea pregnant of new and better things outshines a million-fold the idea—divide what now exists—be it wealth, power or glory.

The United States of America became a Nation because those who heard Patrick Henry's ringing words acted. Today we face a crisis in our national welfare that is greater than that which confronted Patrick Henry as he issued his famous statement.

Numbers of men and quantity of equipment alone do not make a victorious force. The bent of a man's mind and the love in his heart generates a force that rolls back legions.

In Patrick Henry's time there was no great, powerful and extremely wonderful United States of America—it then was but a dream. Let us not throw down such a foundation as a small child would a broken toy.

Let us not be misled! Let us steel our hearts against the lies, treachery and evil of Stalin! Patrick Henry created a sense of revolution in his listeners, some of whom would have liked to have remained quiet and let not their deeds be recorded. Men of Patrick Henry's build snorted at the finger-twiddling of those about him. Today the citizens of the United States are as a Nation called upon for a decision. Shall we say—"Life, as we know it is not worth defending and nurturing in the world order of things," or shall we say—"Who in this world is big enough to sweep down the foundations our homes have laid?"

Has anyone any doubt concerning the decision the citizens of the United States will hurl out to the troubled peoples of this Earth?

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"Democracy and Freedom . . . Most Valuable Treasures . . ."

(Editor's Note—Dick Lewis, a Lebanon high school senior, puts into words a few of a small newspaper publisher's inner-most aims and thoughts. This writing has appeared in our columns before. The change from an old year to a new goods us to express anew our aims through this medium.)

I am a good small-town newspaper. I am one of the most important assets a town can have. As long as there are many good small-town newspapers, our country is assured of a democratic rule.

My goal: "To further democracy, to aid my town and community in the many ways at my disposal and to keep my readers well informed."

In the troubled times of today my most important responsibility is the task of preserving our freedoms. We are smothered under a multitude of both good and bad propaganda. I must screen the right from the wrong and give to the people the truth. On the local level I must watch those with authority, and make sure they direct their energies for the general good. When the public is confused on an issue, it is my duty to state clearly the point in question so that the people can honestly judge it for themselves. I shall praise the praiseworthy, as I shall rebuke the incompetent.

I am a community newspaper, and I work for my community. Civic enterprises would not succeed without my support, for people must know the "hows" and the "whys" of a thing before they will get behind it. I support everything from the softball league to raising funds for the new fire engine. Town merchants are able to get in touch with prospective customers through my advertising.

Naturally I am read for the news I carry. Local news is always read with relish, for the reader is often acquainted with the subject in the news. All my news must be presented in the right light so that wrong opinions are not formed.

To be a good small-town newspaper is truly a Herculean task. The first pre-requisite to a good paper is a good staff. Heading this staff, there must be a smart, hard-working editor, who knows newspaper work inside-out. And most important, the whole staff must have a deep pride in its paper.

As a small-town newspaper I have many obstacles in my path. I operate under a very limited budget. I can not, and don't attempt to compete with large dailies in such items as national and world news, and comic strips. Instead I stick to my specialty—local news. Also I must content myself with a certain amount of adverse criticism from people who do not take into consideration my difficulties. I would like to remind these people that the more support a paper has, the better that paper is.

I am a capitalistic, free enterprise business in the best sense of the word, yet I am directly obligated to my readers, and must conform to their wishes. For these people and all people I must fight the fight for freedom and democracy by reporting truth, exposing untruth, and supporting democratic principles. This fight is just beginning, and I must unceasingly pursue my goal until it is totally won. Even then, and never, can I relax my guard; I must covet democracy and freedom as the most valuable treasures on earth.

Dimes Drive Chief



Heading the nationwide March of Dimes, January 15-31, is Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Citing severe toll taken by infantile paralysis in past few years, Mr. O'Connor urged all Americans to join the crusade against polio, only epidemic disease still on the increase in the United States. This will be the 14th successive year that Mr. O'Connor has headed the annual polio fund campaign.

Dignitaries Speak On Conservation

Farmers living anywhere between a line extending north from the Santiam river through Marion and Turner, thence east to McClay, and east to the Marion county line, will profit by attending the annual meeting of the Santiam Soil district scheduled at the Santiam Valley Grange hall in Mehama at 6:30 Wednesday evening, January 10.

A banquet will be served by the ladies of the Santiam grange at a nominal cost of \$1.25 per plate. Baked ham tops the menu.

Music will be provided for entertainment during the dinner. Following the banquet at 8 o'clock a short business meeting will be held. The annual district report of accomplishments for the year and a treasurer's report will be read by the secretary Harry Riches and treasurer Ed Bell. The annual election of one supervisor will be held.

After the business meeting several dignitaries will talk on various topics of soil conservation. This part of the meeting will be high-lighted by a talk by the governor of Oregon.

All farmers are urged to attend the business meeting and program even though they may not be able to enjoy the banquet. Officials of various agricultural agencies and farmers' organizations will attend.

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