



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

THIS IS THE TRUTH

You have often heard folks say, "It is better to smoke here than hereafter." This has long been regarded as a joke, but it is no laughing matter. It is entirely possible to do both—or at least smoking here often hastens the hereafter.

It is surprising the number of acquaintances whom we have heard recently refuse a cigar or cigarette, saying "My doctor said either stop smoking or you'll be dead in less than two years."

Perhaps you think we are just trying to scare you—but what we are going to tell you is the truth regarding smoking and your chance of getting cancer, not to mention other diseases. Here is a portion of the latest report just published by the American Medical Association, headed by Dr. Alton Ochsner, president of the American Cancer Society.

"During the years from 1920 to 1948, deaths from lung cancer in the United States increased more than 10 times, from 1.1 to 11.3 per 100,000 of population. From 1938 to 1948—just 10 years instead of 28 years—deaths from lung cancer increased 144 percent. Right now, cancer of the mouth and respiratory tract is killing 19,000 men and 5,000 women every year in our United States."

The United Nations World Health Organization reports that after the age of 45 the danger of getting cancer from smoking increases directly in the ratio of the number of cigarettes smoked. It can be 50 times as great among those who smoke 25 cigarettes a day as those who don't smoke at all. The American Cancer Society has published a report which states "the more a person smokes, the greater the danger of getting lung or mouth cancer."

We publish this report of the cancer society because the 24,000 deaths from cancer each year are only the ones reported as such. There are thousands of deaths from cancer not so listed.

The report of the American Cancer Society has been sent to all of the leading daily and weekly papers in the United States. We believe that we are the only paper in Oregon who has given our readers this report; why others have not told the truth about the danger of getting cancer from smoking when they would be doing their readers a real service, we cannot understand.

Along with the Crusade for Freedom, we favor a Crusade for Freedom from the danger of getting cancer. We have heard many men and women say, "Oh, I can stop smoking anytime I want to, and I know I will have to before long." Why not exert your will power now? Why not give up smoking before it is too late? Some folks do not consult a doctor in time, do not get told to stop smoking or they will die—they just die!

One further warning to parents. Watch your boys and girls from the age of 10 on up if you do not wish them to smoke. They can now buy packages of cigarettes from vending machines in restaurants, groceries and in drug stores. True, it is unlawful to sell cigarettes to a minor but these automatic vending machines sell them to anyone tall enough to reach up and put the money in the slot.

We will appreciate hearing from our readers upon this subject—and we hope that this truth does not go unheeded, for it is the truth. — From Greater Oregon.

FILIBUSTER TANGLE

One of these days the filibuster issue should be decided on its own. It is unlikely that the 21 senators who voted for the Anderson motion to open the way for a rule change curbing filibusters represent the whole strength that can be marshaled against devices for preventing a vote in the Senate.

The filibuster was already confused with—indeed, overshadowed by—the civil rights-states' rights issue. The filibuster has been used almost exclusively in recent years by Southerners as a last desperate defense of their local customs and way of life. Its opponents have been chiefly Northerners who sought to end segregation by federal law.

The vote on Wednesday was further complicated by the debate over whether the Senate is a continuing body. Supporters of the filibuster move contended that since the 82d Congress had died, the Senate, as a part of it, had also ended. But the fact that two-thirds of its members continued in office, plus long custom, supported the majority contention that the Sen-

ate never dies—and its old rules stay in force.

This newspaper questions the wisdom of closing debate by simple majority vote. But we also believe the extreme abuses of the filibuster paralyze effective representative government. Senate rules should be revised to curb these abuses.

General Eisenhower spoke in favor of such a change during the campaign. Senator Taft and others among the 70 senators who defeated the Anderson motion have disavowed any purpose to perpetuate the present rule. Indeed, there is an implied promise to restore the earlier and somewhat tighter rule.

Insofar as possible the issue should be separated from disputes over civil rights and the life of the Senate. Republican leaders should in any case now take responsibility for obtaining a better rule. Only so can they get their party out of the position of appearing to uphold the filibuster in which it was placed by Wednesday's vote.—From Christian Science Monitor.

Roosevelt, the Polio Victim

Mill City's Franklin D. Roosevelt Birthday Ball, Saturday, January 31, plays a big role in the polio fund campaign for this year. Aside from the worthy nature of such an event is the punch it has for one's memory.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken by polio. As a result, a healthy body was crippled to the point where a wheel chair and powerful arms were his only way of moving. Polio was a severe burden for this man of great action and thought.

Roosevelt was reduced to an invalid by polio when he was yet in the prime of life. It is said that the terrible pain and crippling of polio resulted in changing a very rich young man, with few cares, into a great humanitarian. The truth of this we may never know. What we do know is that Roosevelt experienced the scourge of polio and turned his great powers to ways and means of curing and preventing it in others.

Probing cameras were seldom focused upon Roosevelt in such a way that his shrunken legs would show. Neither were pictures or comment made of his being lifted about and pushed in a wheelchair from one place to another during his busy life. One of the greatest moments in President Roosevelt's life was the time when special leg braces allowed him a standing position aboard ship during a mid-ocean meeting with Prime Minister Churchill. Even the leg braces did not permit the taking of a single faltering step, he held firmly to a ship railing with one hand while he shook hands with Churchill with the other. Roosevelt applied his great personality to the effort against polio without showing any of the bitterness that must have plagued his soul.

Roosevelt permitted the use of his popularity in the cause against polio, and a grateful nation responded in ways wondrous indeed. The dime that Roosevelt asked be donated, now bears his famous profile. Roosevelt's birthday now serves as an occasion for raising more money for the polio fight.

Devoted attention to this campaign against polio is bearing fruit in ways too numerous for listing here. Mill City citizens have responded generously in past years to this worthy cause and, without doubt, will do so again this year. The tragedy of polio is easily imagined as happening to our loved ones. It does, each year. The fight must be carried on at an ever-increasing pace. Polio is no respecter of persons as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt well knew.

FRANK EDWARDS Says:

(Heard over KPOJ, Portland, at 10:15 p.m., Monday through Friday)

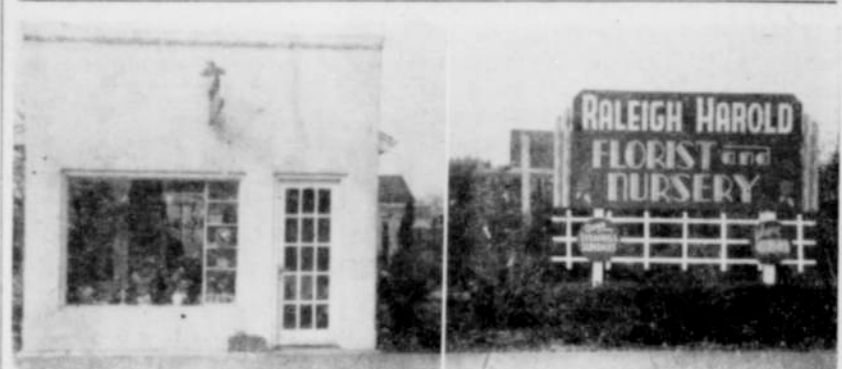
Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared the danger of war was easing and the reaction sent stocks and commodity futures downhill. The speculators who figured to clean up in case of war were caught off base. The Wall Street Journal reports that most futures prices hit their lowest levels in two years, and the stock market dropped from 1 to 2 points for two days in a row. Steel, automobiles and other items regarded as vital to warfare were all on the downgrade. The speculators run for cover when it appears peace is likely to break out.

THE TELEPHONE and the medium . . . After all these years, the top hero of World War I will get a telephone. Sgt. Alvin York has signed an application for a telephone with the Twin Lakes Co-op of Gainesboro, Tenn. York, who is a member of a rural electric co-op at Decatur, Tenn., says the new telephone system is the first step necessary in making the conveniences of city life available to the rural citizens. The rural telephone co-operatives were formed by the farmers with government aid, and like rural electrification, they have brought modern conveniences to countless rural homes.

LOVE THOSE LOOPHOLES: . . . Sen. Walter F. George declared that Americans will accept no excuse if the Eisenhower administration fails to balance the budget so that tax reductions already planned can go into effect. Sen. George is a member of the senate finance committee, where George, Taft, Millikin and Byrd have repeatedly shaped the nation's tax loopholes to benefit the big incomes at the expense of the rest of the taxpayers. The budget balancing to which the senator refers might be accomplished with a more equitable distribution of taxes—which his own committee could arrange.

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