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MEMBER AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATION

Let's Know and Act

WE agree with Westbrook Pegler when he says that the country needs information on the state of its military strength and the prospects of developing it to the point where it will be adequate for the extremities possible in this crazy world.

Since the Hitler blitzkrieg on the west has shocked us into the realization that this war may soon be over with power-mad Germany in control of all Europe, experts and semi-experts have come forward with opinions that conflict and disagree in innumerable important particulars as to the adequacy of our defenses.

Persons who speak with authority are declaring that the New Deal has spent billions—ranging from six to eight—on defenses and has little to show for it. Congress has received expert testimony which seems to prove that our military establishment is pitifully weak. Publicists and experts disagree as to what we can do about stepping up airplane production to adequate volume, and what real military value would be achieved by producing 50,000 airplanes a year. They disagree on the amount that is needed for doing something now to correct the mistakes and delinquencies of the past. They disagree on just what we are committed to do with our military strength as various eventualities arise, such as the seizure of distant islands or invasion of South America.

Fortunately, we are in a position that may give us time to right our mistakes. But there is no time to be lost. What has happened in Europe in the last fortnight proves conclusively that we have been all wrong in pre-supposing a slowly developing international situation that would give us more than enough time to alter plans and shift our programs to meet each phase as it arises. In the twinkling of an eye the whole business can change color, and he who is day-dreaming in false security may be lost.

The people of this country need adequate and accurate information on what we have and what we need. We believe they are in a mood to support every sound effort to make up for the deficiencies that exist. They want to be certain the billions that are going to be spent will produce real value.

Do Your Part

IN the bright sunshine of our beloved western country, far from the carnage and misery of war, it is difficult for us to imagine the agony and suffering that prevails among ordinary, home-loving people of western Europe.

Literally millions of refugees are wandering about in a desolate land, their homes gone, their families torn apart, their future nothing but black despair. Overhead airplanes drone, and at any moment the crackle of machine gun fire may spell their doom.

The American Red Cross, the world's greatest humanitarian organization, is attempting to do something to alleviate the suffering of at least a few of those people. The task is gigantic and the need for support from the generous American public is great.

Here in Klamath county people are giving to the American Red Cross foreign disaster fund. But thus far, the contributions have been small and we still have far to go to meet the quota of \$2000 which has been set for us.

What is asked is pitifully small in view of the great need, and in view of the comparative prosperity and security which we enjoy. Let's fill this quota quickly, that we may do our part toward immediate help for those in dire need.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 22

The cork on the tip of Colonel Lindbergh's rapier did not cause the Roosevelt administration to miss the point. The air ace's thrusts were accepted as criticisms of Mr. Roosevelt's goal of 50,000 planes, against the president's failure to adopt a clear area defense policy, and against the measuring of air-line distances in the president's speech which seemed to imply the United States is wide open to imminent invasion. Lindbergh, therefore, drew the issue of what this proposed \$1,182,000,000 is all about.

A search inside here for the basic reasoning behind Mr. Roosevelt's proposal contributes the following facts to the debate:

AREA OF DEFENSE

The Roosevelt program is designed mainly to muster a few thousand more planes and army equipment of all types to prevent the possibility of anyone establishing a base in the western hemisphere, particularly on our weak Atlantic side. The fleet is taking care of the Pacific, but with the Panama canal vulnerable even to sabotage, the fleet cannot be relied upon in the Atlantic. The president's military advisers think our primary need, therefore, is enough bombing planes to prey out in the Atlantic upon any naval force moving to establish such a base.

No misunderstanding exists within officialdom concerning the realm to be defended. It runs from Newfoundland down the Atlantic beyond the West Indies around the southern tip to South America to Hawaii, Midway and Wake Island to the Aleutians.

MOBILE FORCE

This territory is so vast it will be impossible for many years to fortify it with battle-ships or other equipment sufficient to guarantee security.

So the administration has worked up the theory that the immediate need is a fast moving mobile force of all types of aircraft and of land forces. This mobile force would not be pinned to any one defensive point but could be shot around from this country within the arcs of our realm to any point at which attack is aimed.

That's the theory.

TOO FAST

Mr. Roosevelt's associates say he may have let himself go a little too much in his 50,000 plane figure. They concede Lindbergh is right on that. If that many planes were built in a hurry, the first would be obsolete before the last were launched. What the president really wants first is expansion of airplane manufacturing capacity to its utmost in all lines.

SUGGESTIONS

The initial stages of the program which Mr. Roosevelt has

SIDE GLANCES



"Don't let your fingers get too close to his mouth—he bites!"

disclosed vaguely in his message will not come anywhere near accomplishing either of the outlined objectives. Only 200 long-range bombers of the flying-fortress type, particularly adapted for hemisphere defense, are to be built under it. Ten times that many would probably be required to guarantee the result.

Nor has anyone here apparently done much thinking along Lindbergh's line of agreements with the Latins to use their air fields. They have merely assumed it could be done if the need arose, and it may be done now that the suggestion has been made.

The suggestion of air fields along the Canadian and Mexican border is not considered feasible by the authorities here because they intend to defend the country beyond those limitations.

THE FUTURE

As to the imminence of any challenge of our sphere, no one here can see it right ahead, but they see questions of defense for the future cast right at their feet by the crumbling of old European defenses.

There will always be agitation from American internationalists trying to involve us in Europe's political quarrels, just as there will always be pacifist agitations who believe peace lies in lack of defense. But between them is the average Washington opinion, in congress and in the administration, which wants no part of European politics but the best national defense it can provide for itself by efficient and calm management.

What that is, may and should be a continuously debatable question. Britain and France not only have new conceptions now of their defense values, but have now changed horses in the middle of a torrential

Telling The Editor

WRITES ABOUT TROUBLES

BLV, Ore. (To the editor)—I would like very much to have space in your valuable paper for some information concerning the old age assistance. My husband, W. T. Garrett, has been a helpless cripple now for over five years and he has been getting \$30 a month for about four years and recently a woman from the pension board said since I had four cabins rented out she would make a report to that effect.

Now about renting cabins, we all know that the average people that rent cabins are floaters, are practically all broke and they only stay till the mill closes in the fall and a lot of them can't pay and it takes nearly every thing you get out of them to pay the electricity bill and the upkeep and then those that are left here are not able to pay rent so I just can't count on them for anything.

I have lived in Klamath county since 1885 and came to Langell valley and settled on a homestead and had all the hardships that went with that kind of life. I have been a taxpayer ever since and two years ago I broke my hip and was in a cast and on crutches for a year and am hardly able to do anything but as there is no one to help only the dear kind neighbors that have been so wonderful to us I manage to do the work and take care of the invalid husband and it is pretty hard to get by and if we lose our pension there will be only one thing left to do and we sure want to stay in our own home for the few remaining years of our lives.

No doubt the pension case-worker is getting salary enough to keep several crippled old people. I would like very much to hear from some of the dear old friends that know of my hardship in the past and hope you will publish this as I know I am entitled to some help and maybe this will help some.

MRS. W. T. GARRETT, "Aunt Molly."

FROM MR. BREWSTER

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I wish to thank all of those people of Klamath county who supported me in the recent primary election. To the others, I wish to say that I congratulate Marshall Cornett and congratulate the people of Klamath county on having made a wise choice. I have no regrets

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PINE TREE

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- ★ Fantasy
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PELICAN

TOO FAST

THE DALLIES, May 22 (UP)—Benny Goodman's bus driver was in the groove and riding on down yesterday but a motorcycle cop overtook him and diverted the bus and its load of musicians to traffic court. The orchestra leader posted \$25 bail for the driver, charged with failure to stop at a grade crossing and speeding 60 miles an hour through a 25-mile zone.

Extra Wet for Extra Dry throats—Wisland's Extra Pale Lager!

LAST DAY "TAIL SPIN" ALICE FAYE

TOMORROW

Gayest laugh-bit of the year!

Betty YOUNG · Warner BAXTER

WIFE, HUSBAND and FRIEND

RAINBOW

from the recent primary election. I am very much gratified at the wonderful support I received in the northern counties. This fall I shall do my best to get my friends to support your candidate and my candidate to the same extent that they so graciously supported me in the recent campaign.

I reiterate that I believe the people have made a wise choice. Personally I hate to lose but other than that, I could not have afforded to win.

To Marshall Cornett, I pledge every bit of my ability and promise that I will work as hard for him this fall as I worked for myself.

GEORGE H. BREWSTER.

FROM MR. WEBSTER

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the voters for their excellent support in Friday's primary, when I was given the republican nomination for the state legislature. I assure them that I feel keenly the confidence they have placed in me. If I am elected as a member of the legislature, I will do all in my power to justify that confidence.

F. WALTER WEBSTER.

FROM MR. LOW

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—To the voters of Klamath county: I am indeed grateful to my friends and the voters of Klamath county for their loyal support and the splendid endorsement they gave me at the primary election.

I shall endeavor to merit their vote of confidence and trust.

L. L. LOW, Sheriff, Klamath county.

FROM MR. REBER

MALIN, Ore. (To the Editor)—My heartfelt thanks to the people of Klamath county who gave me such a generous vote in the primary election. My nomination to the office of county commissioner I take as evidence of your confidence in my sincere desire to be of service to this county. I deeply sense the responsibility my supporters have placed upon me.

JOHN REBER.

FROM MR. ARNEY
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To

the Editor)—Thanks to my many friends who supported my candidacy for county commissioner. Congratulations to my opponent, John Reber.

B. O. "BILL" ARNEY.

LATIN AMERICA WATCHING NAZIS

MEXICO CITY, May 22 (UP)—Large groups of Germans continue to enter Mexico, it was reported here simultaneously with an announcement by the department of the interior that foreigners are being watched closely for "fifth column" activities. "More Germans are entering weekly now than monthly in normal times," one informant said.

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 22 (UP)—A sweeping investigation of alleged nazi activities and German propaganda in Colombia was ordered here by the government following reports of the danger of sabotage by an "admirably organized nazi fifth column" along this country's oil pipe-lines.

VOX

NOW THROUGH THURSDAY

Ma! He's Making Eyes At Me

Tomorrow's Constance Moore

COMpanion FEATURE

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