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Opportunity—If We Grasp It

THE recent supreme court decision confirming control by congress alone of the 5,000,000 aliens in our midst is more than a mere legal decision. It is an immensely-suggestive direction-marker.

Pennsylvania had passed a law which, in addition to compelling aliens to register, required them to carry at all times a card of identification, with a jail penalty for being caught without it. The supreme court did not rule on the constitutionality of this particular act, but simply found that the already-established federal regulation of aliens took precedence. States and communities may, therefore, conclude that it is not their job to regulate aliens, but that of the federal government.

This great mass of aliens, to which others will probably be added, is at once a problem and an opportunity. All the wisdom and understanding we can bring to bear will be needed. Most of these aliens will probably seek soon to become citizens. Every facility should be extended to help them to do this. The foreign-born, says Louis Adamie, writer who has devoted his recent years to hard work and study of their problems, "are or want to be wholeheartedly American in the best sense of the term; the loyalty to the U. S. of most of the foreign-born is almost beyond adequate statement."

Any effort to bring high-pressure methods to bear to try to force Albanians, Slovaks and Lithuanians into a mold of imitation Anglo-Saxon Americanism will not only fail — it will drive many newcomers into the ranks of fifth columnists. People yearn to "belong." If new Americans are not allowed to feel that they "belong" in American circles, they will go where they can have that feeling.

Service Period Indefinite

THEORETICALLY, national guardsmen called into service last fall would be returning to their homes this fall, having completed a year's training according to the present law.

But, the Army and Navy Journal warns, it is quite likely that they may be held longer than that unless the international situation grows less tense before fall. Congress could easily extend the now-limited one-year service. Selective service trainees, only now beginning to reach the camps in large numbers, will eventually be assigned to organized units. But if national guard components of those units were to be sent home only a few months after the drafted men arrive, the units will be dislocated for training purposes.

So there is more than a chance that men of the guard may be held a little longer.

The point in bringing it up is: might as well get used to the idea and not be too disappointed if it happens.

Young Aviators Learning to Spot Stars to Guide Planes

By DEVON FRANCIS
 Associated Press Aviation Editor

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 28—The war department has 450 young men in training here for "aviation" as part of the national defense effort. They are learning to spot stars in the sky to guide American warplanes.

Aviation—a corruption of the word navigation to denote position-finding aloft—is as much a part of the military flight as firing machine-guns or pulling bomb release levers.

It is infinitely more complicated than learning the operation of throttles, flaps and control wheels.

Bombers must be directed to their destinations, and brought home again, in the absence of radio aids.

Here at Pan American Airways' aerial gateway to Latin America, company navigators have taken army cadets in charge. In three flying classrooms, transatlantic clippers fitted with ten study rooms each, the students learn to establish an airplane's course by dead reckoning, radio direction and celestial navigation.

Students in the course, which lasts twelve weeks, are chosen from civil life in much the same manner as the flying cadets who are sent to the 18 primary training centers to create a pilot reservoir.

They are between 20 and 27 years old, and priority is given to graduates of accredited colleges with engineering degrees. Second priority is given to college graduates who have had mathematics — including plane geometry, algebra and trigonometry — and third of those with two years of college work and the requisite mathematics.

The army air corps for years has been alive to the need for celestial navigation, and Langley Field, Va., an air corps base, boasts of one officer who can establish a plane's position—in spite of speeds of 250 to 300 miles an hour—with an accuracy which stumps even the men in the cockpit.

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—The most successful defense job this government has done is one that no one is supposed to know about. Danger of wholesale strikes upsetting the rearmament program at the outset has been largely averted. It has been done without publicity, forcefully and amicably. Democracy, in this instance at least, has shown it can work.

The unsung history of how it has worked can be condensed into an illustrative example. A strike call had been issued in one of the production plants most vital to immediate necessities. Usual efforts to negotiate had failed. Up until half an hour before the strike was to be called, it seemed not even a supreme court writ could stop it. But fifteen minutes before the time a government official, John R. Steelman, head of the bureau of conciliation, conceived an idea that might prevent the disastrous break to labor's prestige. Mr. Steelman secured the help of Labor Secretary Perkins. He put in a joint telephone call for the heads of the respective strikes and the management. His conversation with them ran something like this:

Miss Perkins, has prepared a telegram to both you people, which she will send if this strike occurs. I have it right here before me and I can assure you that the newspapers will have it tomorrow morning. I need not tell you that it will not do either of your causes any good. Now why don't you be sensible and get together on this thing?

They did, in five minutes. While newspapers were on the street proclaiming the impossibility of avoiding this grave threat to American security, the miracle was arranged by the simple process of a little ingenuity and pressure.

LONG DISTANCE

These things have appeared nearly every day in some degree or other the past few weeks. There was an occasion when a northwest lumber company strike tied up large quantities of this product ordered for defense construction. The strike seemed likely to go on indefinitely until Mr. Steelman got another idea. To bring together the necessary persons who were separated all around the country, he arranged a telephone hookup with his own conciliator in Seattle, an officer of the carpenters union in Portland, the manager of a large logging company who was in New York attending the convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, and himself. After half an hour of long-distance telephone argument, the strike was settled. The government was glad to pay the telephone bill.

IN HAND

These and other similar accomplishments by Sidney Hillman, the president's labor director in defense, have kept the situation from getting out of hand. Their troubles are not over, but they have succeeded in bringing labor around during multi-millionaire pilot, on his 'round-the-world flight in 1938, now is simplifying celestial navigation.

SIDE GLANCES



"First it was the tango, then the rhumba, and now skating—no wonder I can't make my legs behave!"

ing the past five weeks to a general realization of its unusual new responsibilities. Up until that time cooperation was lacking and it looked like quite a job in view of the varying political and selfish elements bound to exist in such a widespread movement.

NATION-WIDE RING

The heavy responsibility for keeping things this way in the future will devolve not upon Mr. Hillman but upon Mr. Steelman. Mr. Hillman may be the front man who gets his name in the papers, but Mr. Steelman is in the spot and has the facilities to do the work.

His conciliation service is being expanded and streamlined as part of the defense program. He is now undertaking twenty-four-hour service, on twelve-hour notice anywhere in the United States. Four regional supervisors have been placed around the country and Mr. Roosevelt has asked congress for funds to provide twenty more expert conciliators, which will give him one hundred. His service has been declared a "national defense agency" by the civil service commission, along with the FBI and several others.

NO POLITICS

The strength of Steelman's position is based on its complete divorce from labor politics. Both the AF of L and CIO acknowledge its pure judicial reputation, and like it. The AF of L convention in November, for instance, adopted a resolution protesting "the confusion which must arise if more than one federal agency enters the field of conciliation." The convention wanted the Steelman conciliation division to do the job. CIO's Phil Murray likewise has made statements favoring this course of individual settlement rather than overall disregard of the democratic rights of labor to strike. The metal trades department of AF of L a few days ago made a declaration that where efforts of management and labor failed to bring about "the services of the division of conciliation, depart-

ment of labor, must be speedily secured."

It looks, therefore, like Mr. Steelman, rather than the labor politicians, will have to keep the peace, and he has a good chance of doing it.

Elsewhere In Oregon

By The Associated Press
 WOODBURN, Jan. 27 (AP)—It wasn't laughing gas that permeated Woodburn's water, the city council decided after sniffing output of a new well here. The piping system will be altered to allow air to carry off marsh gas in the water, which was harmless, tasteless but odiferous.

ECHO, Jan. 27 (AP)—A circuit court decision will require a tax levy to pay off a 1920 bond issue of \$332,000 for the Teel irrigation district. The levy will amount to more than \$40 an acre. The irrigation district land is valued at less than \$1 an acre.

LA GRANDE, Jan. 27 (AP)—Bonneville engineers are surveying between Pendleton and La Grande for a proposed transmission line.

ASHLAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—The Ashland chamber of commerce opposes a state senate bill authorizing freeways on Oregon highways, claiming the state's population is not heavy enough to justify them.

PORT ORFORD, Jan. 27 (AP)—The chamber of commerce, pointing out that 66 per cent of Curry county is federal land, has asked payment of money on nationally-owned land in 11 western states.

GARIBALDO, Jan. 27 (AP)—The Tillamook county court has started a move to establish a wooden shipyard on the site of an idle lumber mill here.

ENDS TODAY

"CAPTAIN CAUTION" - VOX

Christian Science

"Truth" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, January 26.

The Golden Text was, "Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are truth. Concerning the testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever" (Ps. 119: 151, 152).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord" (Isa. 2: 3, 5).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The life of Christ Jesus was not miraculous, but it was indigent to his spirituality,—the good soil wherein the seed of Truth springs up and bears much fruit. Christ's Christianity is the chain of scientific being re-appearing in all ages, maintaining its obvious correspondence with the Scriptures and uniting all periods in the design of God" (p. 270).

ALTAMONT GIRL SCOUTS INDUCE NEW MEMBERS

Girl Scout Troop 9 held their first investiture ceremony of this year at the Altamont junior high school Wednesday afternoon. The following girls were awarded tenderfoot pins:

Eloise Anderson, Marjorie DuFour, Georgia Ebensperger, Lucille Gouly, Gergette Kurtz, Dorothy Peugh, Elaine Kirtz, Geneva Gehrman, Joycelyn Roberts, Hazel Beddows.

Delphia Allen was awarded a second class badge.

The girls are working in patrols outside regular meetings with the following girls heading the patrols:

Jean Elchirst, Peggy Sue Morgan, Eleanor Jones, Gergette Kurtz, and Darlene Gehrman.

OBITUARY

HORACE CHOCKTOOT

Horace Chocktoot, a lifelong resident of Klamath county, passed away in this city on Saturday, January 25. The deceased was a native of Beatty, Ore., and was aged 27 years 9 months and 24 days when called. He is survived by his mother, Florence Thompson; three brothers, Marvin, Glen, and Alton Thompson; four sisters, Mildred Wright, Josephine Harrington, Wilma and Roselee Thompson; a grandmother, Della Bess; a great-grandfather, Doc Sam Watah; four uncles, Jerry and Royce Chocktoot, Irvin Weiser, Richard Bess; two nieces, Florine Baker and Annabelle Baker, all of Beatty. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street, where friends may call. Notice of the funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Researcher Advises KPCA to Expect Substantial Rise But No Defense Boom for Farmers

Dr. Orlo H. Maughan, director of research for the Farm Credit administration of Spokane, Saturday predicted a substantial rise in agricultural conditions throughout the United States during the current national defense program but said farmers would probably not experience a boom comparable to that of industry.

Maughan was the principal address to 300 members and guests of the Klamath Production Credit association's seventh annual meeting, held in the Legion hall in Klamath Falls yesterday.

Cost Rise Seen

The speaker said that a national farm income of approximately nine and one-half billion dollars was foreseen for 1941 as compared to nine billion in 1940. Some government economists, he said, estimated the farm income might total ten and one-half billion in 1942. This would be considerably higher than that of 1937, a relatively good year, and only slightly below 1929 when general price levels were about 20 per cent higher than at present.

During the "little boom," Maughan said, farm labor and supply costs would probably rise but real estate taxes, interest and transportation would remain fairly constant.

Cattle Prices Near Top

Cattle prices Maughan believed to be in or near the cyclical peak and he warned livestock men to be cautious about rapidly expanding their breeding stock. In the past two years, he stated, producers have increased the number of cattle approximately four million head at prices which will probably be high in relation to the price level after the defense boom.

In regard to sheep the research expert said that the outlook was probably more favorable than cattle future because the defense program might continue to support

wool prices unless the British government released substantial quantities of wool for import into this country.

Spud Prices Cited

An increased national payroll and consequent higher consumer purchasing power were cited by Maughan as a factor in supporting potato prices for another year. However, he pointed out that a large national potato production could more than offset the favorable increase in buying power and said that a small production, coupled with larger payrolls would mean better prices.

Industry and agriculture will face a serious period of readjustment after the defense boom has passed as has ever occurred, according to Maughan, but in many respects farmers will be better able to meet the shock than in 1920 and 1921 and in 1931 and 1932.

One important difference, he said, will be that agriculture has a well established credit system which, with liberal reserves, may be able to cushion the shock of a post-boom let-down.

Kittredge Named

Ernest E. Henry, president of the Production Credit corporation of Spokane, addressed the convention briefly on the record of the PCA system in the United States up to the present time, stressing the fact of the established ability of farmers and stockmen to maintain and operate their own financial institutions successfully.

PCA stockholders re-elected William Kittredge to the directorship of the Klamath association for a three-year term at the conclusion of the one-day convocation.

The board of directors re-appointed Kittredge president of the association; E. M. Hammond, vice president; Lee S. McMullen, secretary-treasurer, and R. J. Michels, assistant secretary-treasurer.

WEYERHAEUSER HEARING DATE TENTATIVELY SET

Date for the consolidated labor hearing for three craft organizations at Weyerhaeuser Timber company has been tentatively set for the first week in February, it was made known by local labor officials. The hearing will be held at the courthouse.

The three organizations involved are the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, the Machinists International and the

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engine Men.

It was erroneously reported in Friday's Herald that the locomotive engineers' union is involved, a misstatement that was corrected Saturday by G. W. Sanders, legislative representative and general chairman, and Frank Steel, chairman of the organization for Weyerhaeuser.

The board will determine the proper bargain units for the three organizations.

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