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Not Afraid of the Truth

FEW words to the effect that "well-informed people A have the best morale" were said this week by Major General Millard Harmon of the Second Air Force at Spokane, and no truer words were ever spoken.

They are particularly true in the case of the American people, for Americans are accustomed to the free and untrammeled dissemination of information. When another policy is instituted, they become suspicious and distrustful of the authorities, and people in that frame of mind do not have a high morale.

In war time, it is an absurdity to suppose it is feasible or sensible to give out information that will give aid to the enemies of this country. A certain amount of censorship is therefore inevitable, and no good citizen wants it any other way.

But those with the authority to restrict information should go carefully with full realization they are handling something that is of extreme importance.

They should keep these two facts in mind: 1. American people can stand the shock of bad news and will feel better if they are given it frankly and promptly.

2. American people have a sense of humor and they are accustomed to news discrimination.

No more magnificent showing of morale in the face of a bitter situation is recorded in world history than that

made by the British people after Dunkirk.

The British leader in that amazing demonstration of spirit was Winston Churchill, who has a way of telling the brutal truth without pulling a punch. The British policy throughout has been to give the people the news, good or bad, and there has been a lot of bad. Since the Pacific war outbreak last Sunday, the British have suffered their worst naval blow of the war, and the British people got the news immediately. The United States overnment has yet to give in similar detail the story of

Clearly, a people who know they are going to be given the worst news when it occurs, will have no lurking fear A people who have been kept in the dark, and know it, will have that lurking fear. Lurking fear is not the stuff of which morale is made.

So let us know the worst. Our belief is it will inspire the American people to new heights of endeavor, rather than frighten them into whimpering defeatism.

Already the propagandists of the enemy are attempting to work on the American people. They are putting out a lot of "information" designed for American ears. Let it come. American people are schooled in news discrimination, and if they know the sources (as is inevitably indicated by the American press services) they won't be fooled. There are a lot of laughs packed in these bungling attempts at bamboozling the Americans, and laughs are good for morale.

It is to be expected at this stage of the game that mistakes will be made in instituting new policies on a war-time basis. Those in charge of restrictions will not go far wrong if they make use of the experience of the British.

America First Committee Will Be Dissolved

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 (UP)-The national directors of the America First committee announced Thursday that the organization the necessary legal steps can be

"The primary objective be-fore the nation can now be completely defined in one word: thorities—like Japanese are sup-"Victory!" the committee said.

The announcement was made

conference of directors. Direct ors R. Douglas Stuart Jr., Chi-cago, and John T. Flynn, New York, attended the press con-ference at which Wood an-nounced dissolution of the com-

Wood said Charles A. Lind-bergh had approved "by tele-phone in advance" any action the directors might take.

JOPLIN, Mo., (A)-Detectives accosted a truck driver and asked if he'd registered with au-

The indignant redskin, an Ok-National Chairman Gen. Rob- lahoma Indian, suggested he was ert E. Wood after a day long "a real 100 per cent American."



WASHINGTON, Dec. 12-The raising of an army of 6,000,-000 men may be the next step. It could be done within a year. At present we have 1,600,000 (as everyone knows) and have already appropriated for equipment for 3,200,000.

A new goal of 6,000,000 or more is almost a necessary consequence of the government's announced intention to double and eventually treble our present planned arms production program. If the number of guns s to be doubled, the number of men to man them must roughly be doubled. Vast expansion of the draft and enlistment pro-gram is a foreordained requirement.

No one will be lightheaded enough to arise in congress or elsewhere now to ask where they will be used. That question might have been in order a week ago. It was only about seven short days ago that a newspaper shocked the country with the revelation that the army thought 10,000,000 might be needed two is conservative for 1943.

AIR TOR

The fighting so far has shown that what we need most is su-periority of the air in as much of the world as possible. We must above all have planes, planes, planes. Nearly everyone knows that, or suspects it. But what is not so widely underwhat is not so widely under-stood is the fact that at the head of President Roosevelt.

Hawaii with the full approval desoribed as "impressive."

There have been few cases of of the list of our most urgent necessities is a particular type of plane—the air torpedo boat.

The awakening jolt we got at Pearl Harbor showed that. The battleship disasters of the British off Malaya proved it again (although the British should not have needed the extra lesson after what they did to the Bis-marck and the Italian fleet at Taranto).

If a \$60,000,000 battleship can be destroyed by a \$60,000 flying bost, it is time we had a few more than the few we have. (The figures are rhetorical approxima-tions). With 5000 torpedo planes, our shores should not only be made secure from invasion, and our fleet relieved of coastal ob. ligations, but we could fly in

of these flying destroyers might cents up to \$5000. well handle that situation in the

If 15 or 20 of these planes are out to get a battleship and told not to come back without it, all they seem to need is good weather and an even break.

Those mysterious enemy bombers which tried to sneak in upon San Francisco only to run without dropping their messages, were probably picking land-marks for a return visit. Brit-ish and Germans thus measured air distances for some weeks be-fore they attempted action. Such is the reasonable-and WARN-

ING-theory held here. If no recent army air survey of Lower California has been made, it will be done before this reaches your eye. The remote possibility of secret airfields there has not been overlooked. These inspec

Also we may well suppose our Aleutian bases are getting reinforcements and the Japanese mainland will get a few visits promptly.

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If you as a citizen are won,

SIDE GLANCES



"Let's tell Mother you shot half of these rabbits that I bagged, Dad—if she knew you were such a poor shot she might worry about us hunting together!"

Reports From Hawaii Say Martial Law Proclaimed

It is reported to be functioning smoothly and the method of the

generally is cooperating with the fined \$10 each. Two other cases, military authorities and is well described as more flagrant, also

islands have been reported since each and sentenced to 100 days sunday.

throughout the islands last night and was intended to safeguard the fines stood.

dering what you can do, you are President Calls upon the Jap fleet.

If the French should so far day in press and radio—buy dedease their honor as to relinguish the French fleet to Hitler can have no excuses. They are eventually, a few thousand more furnished in amounts from 25

restraints in principal, interest and taxation imposed by the treasury. That was before the war, when these bonds could be war, when these bonds could be said the "first and essential objective" of the conference would perfect the property of the conference would be to reach "a unanimous agreecountry.

you better put your money to-

Apiaries Inspected In Klamath County

The state department of agriculture plant division made 51

colonies of bees. The department into his knee. found six infected colonies of found six infected colonies of the American foulbrood disease. The pain eased and he felt much better—until Mrs. Reichel of infected apiarles.

Two colonies in Klamath coun- vanilla extract. y were infected with European

that the American foulbrood was

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operation and results to date have been "severely dealt ple. have been reported directly to with," military authorities said J the president.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP) cents up to \$5000.

Having read this column previously, you may recollect several critical comments on the construction of the lem of labor disputes during the

war, when these bonds could be said the first and essential out of the war of surface naval considered fairly on their investigation. Said the first and essential out of the conference would craft against the torpedo plane ment values. Now they have be to reach "a unanimous agreement to prevent the interruption of the conference would be to reach "a unanimous agreement to prevent the interruption." buy for the preservation of his during the period of the war."

The president asked William And incidentally investment Green, president of the Amerivalues have changed since last can Federation of Labor, and Sunday morning. Where else can Philip Murray, president of the congress of industrial organiza-tions, each to designate six representatives from difference unions affiliated with their organizations to attend the confer-

PSYCHOLOGICAL CURE inspections of apiaries in Klam-ath county in 1941, it was re-glying him fits. He went to the BOONVILLE, Mo., (AP)-Wilcabinet for liniment, found a bot-These inspections covered 120 tle and massaged the contents

This represents 11.7 per cent stormed through the house want-

The tuberculosis death rate of The department announced girls and young women between nat the American foulbrood was the ages of 15 and 25 is one and on a decrease in Klamath one-half times that of boys and young men of the same ages.

Telling The Editor

UNION SHOP

the Editor)—In answer to Mr. Orris McCartney of Dec. 6, 1 should. After all they have done a lot of good, now I ask Mr. McCartney just how did we get the pay raises amount-ing to about \$25 a month or maybe \$30 a month since the Industrial Recovery act was thrown out by the supreme court. suppose one in a million would say it came out of the employers heart, but after 35 years of ex-perience those things just don't come from the heart. For example how did we get the 8 hour day? It took a 7 month strike in Klamath Falls, and in ome places it took the wage hour bill. Up north they had strikes and strikes to get more pay, that's why we got it here Indirectly the unions did it. Now I'm asking anyone what is wrong with giving those responsible \$1.00 a month out of \$25 or \$30 they have gotten for us. I don't but I will admit I am a chisler and don't deny any other name the union has to give me. Now to members and non members the icy shoulder, alike. Why not the 5 per cent P. D. Schroeder By FRANK TREMAINE | civilians as well as military in | pay the same as the 95 per cent? | The constitution says majority | HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 12 stallations, according to an officular, but still 5 per cent of the (UP) — Martial law has been cial statement. help will cause a strike and lose proclaimed for the territory of Results of the blackout were enough in wages to pay their dues for their entire life rather than step up like men and lay non-cooperation (on the part of it on the barrel head. Here is the civilian population) and my answer to that and its sim-

Just put those who don't want A provost court, presided over a union in the mines and fac-by Judge James L. Coke, has tories by themselves and give said the military government of been established and has dis-them the pay and conditions. Hawaii is functioning well ac-posed of 15 cases. Fifteen more that haven't been gotten by the cording to plan. The population cases are under investigation. unions and see just how long it of the territory (which includes Two persons who failed to obey many thousands of Japanese) the blackout regulations were minds. Now someone will say generally is cooperating with the fined \$10 each. Two other cases. described as more flagrant, also money, well I doubt if there is described as more flagrant, also money, well I doubt if there is for the declaration. The sixth, were disposed of and the per- one cent stolen out of every flagrants, but the declaration was absent, but No hostlle attacks against the sons convinced were fined \$100 stole payed. In fact if we should get a week's vacation with pay and a union shop I wouldn't care A blackout was enforced territory. The sentences to hard if those who got it for us would labor later were suspended but steal my dues and yours too Mr. Orris McCartney.

Yours very respectfully, CHAS, A. PECK, Rt. 3, Box 1052, Klamath Fails, Ore.

QUESTIONS RAISED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To the Editor)—An article appear-ing in the Oregon Journal of Dec. 10, is the inspiration for this letter. The part I am interested in is

very brief, so I will quote it verbatim.

"An appeal for funds to carry

on the 7-week-old strike against the Long-Bell Lumber company at Weed, Calif., was made Tues day afternoon at the fifth annua convention of the AFL North western Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers in Al-Azar temple here. (Portland.) The speaker was W. E. (Bill.)

Wedel, formerly of Portland, who is the union representative in that area."

"Bill" Wedel is quoted as saying, "we're just as patriotic as any other place, but we're not going back unless our demands

I am wondering why it is nec-



Workers, AFL representative, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America had \$500,000 they were prepared

to put into the strike at Weed. KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., (To

> a little over \$4 apiece for the 1200 workers involved for the seven weeks they have been on strike, so I can only assume the strike wasn't authorized by them.

Very truly yours. GEORGE BROWN, IWA-CIO representative, 919

Dense fog, coupled with ley try "for the patriotic action you pavements, has caused numerous have in contemplation."

Senate republicans adopted

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police was involved in a coljust for example, who causes Sprague River early Tuesday of the war."

these strikes? Let's take the last Bushy had parked his car at the Announces.

P. D. Schroeder of 2314 Homedale and Ben Oden of 1870 cluding measures to give to Wiard, were involved in a minor President Roosevelt the war collision Monday morning on South Sixth street where pavements were icy.

Holman, McNary Vote on Nazi War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (P)-Senators Holman and McNary of Oregon, and Wallgren of Washington voted Thursday to de-clare war on Germany and Italy. Senator Bone was not present but it was announced he favored the declaration.

In the house, five members of the Washington delegation voted from tuberculosis occur before it was announced he favored passage. The Oregon house dele-gation voted for passage.

BOONVILLE, Mo., (P)-Bank-er C. H. Schupp called on his depositors today to help avert a threatened paper shortage.

He suggested they write fewer checks.

TODAY - SUNDAY - HIT NO. 1 -WYOMING

essary to make an appeal for funds, when, according to W. E. Yeoman, Lumber and Sawmill

I am wondering if the men at WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (P) — Weed are getting the \$1.50 a President Roosevelt, hailing of day they are supposed to receive fers of the major political part from the Carpenters when they les to aid the war effort, assert are on strike, if their strike is authorized by the Carpenters. To my knowledge the Carpenters thave only put \$5000 into the Weed strike, or what amounts to

Edward J. Flynn, democratic national chairman, wired Chair man Joseph W. Martin Jr., of the republican national com-mittee, on Tuesday declaring politics stood adjourned and pointing to the possibilities of services by the two political organizations.

Martin wired back that republicans would gladly answer any call to national service and talents and abilities in every way to the defense of their country.

In identical telegrams to the

two today, the president thanked them on behalf of the coun-try "for the patriotic action you

Fred J. Thomas of the state pledging to the president their "unanimous support in the viglision with James G. Busby of orous and efficient prosecution

Announcement of the action was made by Minority Leader these strikes? Let's take the last Busby had parked his car at the coal mine strike. Ninety-five per side of the road to scrape the cent belong to the union which ice off the windshield, and has gotten the men many things. Thomas, approaching from the worth many dollars a year both rear, was unable to turn out on worth many dollars a year both the icy shoulder.

Was made by Minority Leader McNary (R-Ore.) who said he had outlined a legislative program which he expected to be before congress between now and the said of the session, inand the end of the session, inpowers granted President Wil-

He said there would be no price control legislation at this session and it was doubtful whether any labor legislation would be ready. McNary added that he would

not agree to any period of re-cess for congress House lead-ers, he said, had proposed an eight-day receas, but he said the most he would accept would be two or three days for Christ-

the age of 45.

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