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WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 — The written promises of the peace are unfulfilled. The yearnings of the people for a world unified in a democratic, freedom-loving organization...



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From the files — 40 years ago and 10 years ago

From the Klamath Republican December 21, 1905
The Perfection stationery store was opened here Saturday by E. L. Dunham...

From the Evening Herald December 18, 1935
Following members of the Klamath tribe were elected to the tribal business committee yesterday...

Radio Programs

Table listing radio programs for KFJI Mutual-Don Lee 1240 kc. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings.

son, Levi Walker, Dice Crain, Clayton Kirk, Charles Hood. Crain was elected delegate to Washington over Levi Walker in a runoff election.

Christmas Tree Up In Judge's Office

At least one department in the city hall has its Christmas tree up, and will exchange presents Saturday noon. Members of Police Judge Harold Franey's office were putting finishing touches on the tree Wednesday morning.

Contraband Items May Be Reclaimed

PORTLAND, Dec. 18 (AP)—Contraband articles taken from Oregon aliens after the Pearl Harbor attack may be reclaimed from the U. S. department of justice by owners, authorities announced today.

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Today's Roundup

THE obvious answer to the problems of housing shortage and rent control—two subjects that seem to be getting into the public prints in every community—is more housing construction.



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More houses will give living quarters to more people. More houses will reduce the present excess of demand over supply that creates the tendency toward higher rents and the counter-tendency toward rent control.

The United States needs a building boom in houses. Oregon needs a building boom in houses. Klamath Falls needs a building boom in houses. There is need for good, substantial houses that will be in keeping with decent living standards and will have the effect of eliminating the marginal shanties of the smaller communities and the horrible tenements of the bigger ones.

In the west, at least, there seem to be more people than housing accommodations in virtually every town. We have visited towns where the local big-wigs admit there is no plausible reason for an increased population, yet the population is there filling every available bit of living space, jamming the hotels, and running over into trailer camps and what-have-you!

Such conditions create an upward pressure in rents, and only artificial controls can stop them from going in that direction. It becomes a case of artificial control against sound economic law, and the only satisfactory solution will be a return to sound economic law with the supply raised to balance the demand.

Production The Answer

A FUNDAMENTAL factor in attaining that desired objective is to get our production machinery into operation as soon as possible.

There is a shortage of lumber, a shortage of hardware, a shortage of plumbing equipment—in fact, a shortage in all building materials. Strikes, reconversion confusion, slow readjustment of physical and financial arrangements in the immediate postwar situation, have delayed the production of materials that must go into the housing that will in turn solve what is recognized as a pressing national and community problem.

A national will to produce for this and other peace-time purposes becomes now as necessary as was the need for a national will to produce for war. If peacetime America is going to be the kind of America for which Americans fought, it is going to have to go the limit for every basic product and for refining those products for practical use.

There are many other factors that will have a part in solution of housing shortage and the accompanying rental issue—encouragement of investment financing, tax equalization, home ownership promotion, moderation of building costs, etc.—but fundamentally, production is the answer, and production will supply the solution of most of the secondary problems.

Business Building Moves

LOCALLY, we are interested in the fact that there is rather extensive business construction already under way, while a housing program has hardly started.

We asked a local man, closely identified with the building industry, about the reason for this.

His immediate answer was that the profit motive set the fire under the business building program. In most of these cases, he said, plans were already under way before war's end, and because of the public service rendered by business, materials have become more quickly available than for dwellings. Possibilities for business returns, furthermore, have made high cost factors less a deterrent to the builders of business structures.

In the business realm, locally and elsewhere, he said, a race has developed to obtain the physical facilities that will win the volume and the profits in postwar commerce. There are many examples where an aggressive outfit with imagination started it, and others in that line are now racing to catch up or get ahead. Private housing enterprises come more slowly, with no such incentives.

He's probably right. In pioneer settlements, say at a mining camp or a supply point, the first places of any size were businesses seeking to profit by serving the public needs. A man slept in a tent or just a blanket while he pushed up a structure for his business. When that was going, he turned his thoughts to building a house.

Mothers Outraged

YOU can start with the passionate desire of this nation for an end of the killing. Mothers are outraged that their sons are not home from the foreign war for this Christmas.

Sons abroad are inclined to think army mismanagement is somehow to blame for their predicament. They thought all we had to do was to win this war, stamp out fascist aggression and there would be peace. Our war propaganda was exclusively framed that way. It was good war propaganda, but it was not realistic.

We really knew what these other nations represented, their ideals and ambitions; but we pretended we did not; we pretended victory in the field would bring victory for our earnest hopes for the peace.

We got this way, furthermore, because of the manner in which we came into the war. It was a rather unrealistic basis. Mr. Roosevelt's working theory quite plainly clung to the belief that the people had to be led up, drawn reluctantly to what was their war duty.

The truth was there was no way we could possibly have remained out of the war. Personally I believe the Roosevelt tactics may have delayed our entry.

The basic fact of the matter was that Hitler and Japan intended to conquer the world. We were in the world. We could not escape war. When a force arises in this world with the announced and apparent purpose of conquering it, the only alternatives for the others is to fight or surrender.

Churchill Stopped Propaganda

It was Mr. Churchill who first stopped this free-running line of war propaganda by announcing he had not become prime minister to provide over dismemberment of the British Empire.

The Russians later resisted our propaganda tendency in conferences (they walked out on the free air conference, extracted unique concessions at Bretton Woods, and contested our basic propositions at San Francisco, as regards freedoms for the smaller nations, etc., all along the line; later at London, they quit.)

Now let us look at this thing plainly and honestly. There has been no evidence in events that Britain and Russia truly wanted the same thing out of this war that we did.

Always Mr. Roosevelt had to go to them, make concessions, then come out with agreed words which bore the nature of something not entirely wholehearted, if voluntary.

Churchill wished to get us into the war, but the Atlantic Charter was not greatly implemented by him at home (India, Burma, Egypt, etc.).

For her part, Russia clearly never thought of Finland, the Baltic nations, Poland, the Balkans in the light of the Atlantic Charter.

Britain was imperialist in her way; Russia even more imperialist in hers. The conquest of Berlin was delayed from the east until the Balkans were occupied, by Russia, and since then, our people can hardly get into those countries and cannot get a word out when they do.

Russia's Part In War

NOW as to Russia's part in the war. Our people are still under the spell of our propaganda on this also. Russia never excused the war to her own people on any other ground than that she was invaded by the fascist hordes and this was the time to kill fascism. They won, because of no superior military arrangement, but for two reasons only:

(A) Hitler's colossal blunder of casting his limited manpower into a vast area, the space of which had always been its safeguard from conquest throughout history, and (B) Russia's unlimited manpower; when five were killed, 10 took their place.

Russian planes, weapons or politics were in no way superior, or even equal. They cared nothing for us, or our charters; they were anti-capitalist, anti-democratic, and would have won on their own, without our assistance, although at the cost of more millions of men.

The World Today

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DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—Now we come to that vexatious question of why the Eire government maintained neutrality during the war and refused requests of the United States and Britain for badly needed naval bases.

That's a hot potato, but it has to be handled, and the sooner the better. I think perhaps the best way to approach it is to tell you of an extraordinary incident that has happened to me here in the capital of Eire.

I went with my camera to get a picture of the fine old parliament building. Having secured permission of the sentry on duty to enter the building, I proceeded to make four shots, I had much difficulty because a huge statue of Queen Victoria stood right in front of the building and there was no way of outflanking it.

As I was maneuvering for a fresh position, a minor government employe intervened and said I wouldn't be permitted to publish such a photo.

No Picture

"We can't have a picture of the parliament building taken with the queen in front of it," he declared with such finality that I promptly removed my film roll and handed it to him.

"Well," I remarked, as I eyed the likeness of the famous queen who has been dead these 45 years, "I knew the feeling here

against England was bitter, but I didn't suppose it was this bad." He half turned away, and ducked his head, by way of humorous acknowledgement that I had got my remark home. But he carried my pictures off, and I went back to my hotel, not at all annoyed but on the contrary much interested. Of course by the time I arrived at my hotel I received profuse apologies by telephone from the head of one of the government departments, and he himself brought the film back to me. He said the seizure had been absurd.

Neutrality Question
The affair was settled with such good-will that I repeat the story here only because it gives us the real key to our question of neutrality. The cold fact is that the people of southern Ireland as a whole are so bitter towards Britain that political circles here will tell you quietly there would have been open revolt in some quarters if the government had granted bases and thus joined in the war on the side of England. This isn't any new discovery on my part, because I've seen it exhibited throughout the years that I have known Ireland well at first hand.

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