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IS DEFENSE PRODUCTION ADEQUATE?

A public statement by Phillip D. Reed, chairman of the General Electric company board of directors that the free world is over-doing the defense effort shows that the United States is divided on the question of defense as it is on many other matters.

Reed expressed the belief that the defense program should be reduced and spread over a greater number of years. He said Russia apparently has no plans to start a third world war in the foreseeable future. On the other hand, Reed expressed fear that the over-emphasis on defense production would seriously disturb the economic and political phases of American life. He recommended that defense spending in the next fiscal year be held to \$55,000,000,000 and that the manpower and production goals be extended as much as four years.

As long as the government treats the war in Korea as "a police action", Reed's plan would probably be feasible. If the boys in Korea are given adequate weapons and support, military production for strictly defense purposes could probably be somewhat curtailed.

This writer, along with others, has for a long time advocated a gradual increase in military production up to a point where the country can likely prevent aggression and protect its own shores and then maintain that preparedness. Our troubles in the past have been increased because we have frantically sought to build up an adequate fighting machine overnight in an emergency and then when the war clouds have rolled by we scrap our military machine in the bright sunlight of peace.

When a military organization has been perfected, it can be maintained at a relatively small cost and still leave materials and manpower for civilian production. Over the long route, the financial stability of the country is important and cannot be overlooked for extended periods of time without creating fear and misunderstanding among the people. Russia has long desired this country to spend itself into bankruptcy and helplessness and we are showing a tendency to oblige her.

Reed is in a position of industrial leadership, but he may be right and he may be wrong. From this corner he is more right than wrong. Still public utterances in this modern day quite often cast selfishness and prejudice before them to befuddle the reading and listening public.

the capability. You get closer comradeship with the boys of your own community. Some binding ties have come from summer encampments.

"I am not trying to sell you membership in the national guard on draft deferment, but there is that point to be considered." The major then explained the status of the boys of different ages who are members or may become members of the national guard, and discussed the social and athletic aspects of the national guard unit.

"We would like to get a Nyssa platoon for Co. H. It would stimulate competition in the unit, which has a membership ceiling of 121 officers and men. It would bring into the community between \$3000 and \$10,000 in pay a year. The community would have its own drill unit for public functions and for which the city could be proud. The national guard is morally bound to participate in certain holiday activities. It is a means of physical, moral and mental up-building. We want the best type of men in our organization. A platoon in Nyssa would strengthen Co. H by about 30 men.

"The essential purpose of the national guard is to build a cadet-sized unit for use in the event of mobilization. This is the only national guard division in the northwest. It is in a state of suspense so far as mobilization is concerned. It will probably not be called to active duty because it is held in reserve. The minimum age of an enlistee is 17. Enlistment of boys between 17 and 18 years requires the parents' consent. If the company were called boys between 17 and 18 would be discharged. In case of mobilization, a junior in high school would be deferred if the year of school had been started."

Major Hutchinson then discussed the advantages of a heavy weapons company.

Col. Clifton Peters of LaGrande, regular army instructor, and First Lt. John Brown, commanding officer of Co. H, also talked. Lt. Brown thanked the Nyssa chamber of commerce for the large attendance at the meeting.

After the talks, the men ate ham and eggs, potatoes, string beans and fruit.

The picture was shown after the meal, which was served by the company cooks to the visitors and members of the company.

Social Notes

4-H CLUB MEETS
The Busy Needles 4-H club met November 30 at the home of Glenda Brown. During the business meeting, names for a Christmas gift exchange were drawn. The Christmas party will be held during the next meeting, December 14, at the home of Nellie Vander Oord. Mrs. Adams, group leader, gave instructions to the girls on making a patch.

AMITY CLUB MEETS
Members of the Junior Women's Amity club met at the home of Mrs. Calvin Wilson, Friday, November 30. The evening was spent packing boxes of winter clothing to be sent to Korea. The hostess served refreshments.

PAST PRESIDENTS MEET
Members of the past presidents parley of the American Legion met at the home of Mrs. Warren Richardson Monday afternoon. The members made plans and started making cookies for the veterans hospital in Boise.

ENTERTAINS TUESDAY AFTERNOON
Mrs. Herb Fischer entertained the members of her Tuesday afternoon bridge club at her home. Her guests for the afternoon, Mrs. Glea Billings and Mrs. Frank Morgan, won the prizes.

BRIDGE CLUB MEETS
Mrs. John Kopp entertained at bridge Monday afternoon at her home. Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Ward Wieneke and Mrs. Bert Lienkaemper. Prizes were won by Mrs. Huston Wilson for high and Mrs. Norman Schoonover of Parma for low.

ENTERTAINS CLUB
Mrs. C. R. Kesler entertained the members of the Happy Eight club at her home Friday afternoon. Mrs. Dale Garrison won the high prize and Mrs. B. B. Lienkaemper won the second prize.

LEAGUE GROUP MEETS
Members of the Methodist church young adult league met at the church Sunday evening for their meeting. A short business meeting was conducted by Harold Kurtz,

president of the group. Cliff Coleman led the devotions. Later, the group went to the home of Dorothy Erwin and Kasia Kasahara for refreshments and a recreational period.

BOOK CLUB MEETS
Members of the book club met at the home of Mrs. Alva Watts Friday afternoon for a dessert luncheon, with Mrs. Ralph Haworth of Star as hostess. During the luncheon,

the Thanksgiving theme was carried out. Mrs. Mildred Hite was a special guest for the afternoon. Miss Emma Zwemke reviewed the book, "No Time For Tapioca" by Charlotte Styrler. The next meeting will be held December 15 at the home of Mrs. Gordon Judd of Parma.

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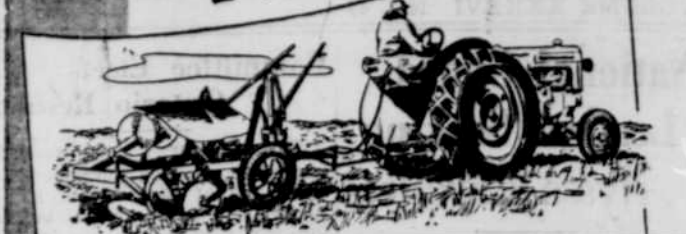
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