

HARRISBURG HEARS

By BERNARD B. BLIER

The most burning question before every alert and objective thinking American are these. What will happen upon the termination of hostilities? Will America and the whole world be again thrown into economic chaos? Or will some group come to the fore with knowledge gained in the last depression and lead the way to settled tranquility? This writer hopes and believes that the United States perforated as she is with industrial greatness, will profit by her legislative and administrative mistakes that followed the first world conflict. Also, that industry and labor have learned that only through co-operation will they both accomplish their social and material ends. But above all, we must plan to meet the multitude of problems that will arise out of this present conflagration. Only in this manner shall we achieve the proper balance and be in a position to absorb the terrific shock that will electrify every man, woman and child in our country.

Out of Washington, in the pages of Dave Lawrence's non-too-liberal weekly, the United States News, comes a welcomed story. It reports that high ranking personages both in and out of government are devoting some attention to domestic and international planning. The leading advocates of this method of post-war "cushioning" are William L. Batt, industrialist now heading the materials division of the Office of Production Management, Professor Alvin Hansen of Harvard and the National Resources Planning Board through its director Charles W. Eliot.

These gentlemen are now studying the seven most important propositions that may mean the margin between comparatively normal days or such a complete collapse of our monetary structure that even the sharpest experts cannot now visualize. The all-important subjects start with international trade, international loans, the new international order and then swing into our domestic sphere with continued full production, the public debt, taxes and tariffs.

A recent pamphlet of the National Planning Association, a voluntary group headed by Mr. Batt, favors the adaptation of war controls to peace machinery over attempts to create new blueprints of a world order. This pamphlet explained: "In looking toward the future . . . paper schemes for the outline of unions and federations will have little working importance compared to the residue of experience in the British and other allied missions, in the co-operating American agencies and in the joint committees and secretariats which have already developed."

It must be remembered by all these leaders in post-war planning that all the common people of our country and the rest of the world desire, is the opportunity to earn a mortal living. If these planners are successful in providing this opportunity, then the good earth will find that all the causes of national and international friction will be removed.

Even though the all-important general election in early November is still upper-most in the minds of our state politicians, this week saw old names mentioned again for the Democratic nomination for Governor in the spring of '42.

Uncle Joe Guffey, Pennsylvania's junior Senator at Washington, was prominent along the gubernatorial track. It was bigger news to find that several of the lads from Philadelphia advancing the silent ambitions of Emma Guffey's brother, were known to be committed to the fast melting candidacy of Luther Harr. They let it slip that Luther expected to obtain all his support from Guffey's henchmen, Stern, Greenfield and company. If Joe places all the bets on himself next spring, well it means that the former Secretary of Banking will be out in the cold. Then again, Harr's friends said that Luth's new job as counsel to the Bituminous Coal Commission is not paying publicity dividends of the type that a prospective candidate for the office of governor should attract.

F. Clair Ross, Tony Biddle and Bill Bullitt found themselves gubernatorial subjects of more than one political writer during the past fortnight.

Perhaps the beginning of a state-

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

I been reading about this Mr. Ickes. He is our Oil Dictator. Also he has designs on being Power Dictator. He is strong for dictating. He has been out in the Pacific Northwest. I just saw a Tacoma paper. The paper says that he told them there that he wants to make their country the Greatest Empire of Public Power ever known. Brother, that boy takes in territory. But he is having trouble out there with Tacoma and Spokane—also he is having trouble back in Wash., D. C. Mr. Norris back there wants to do a little dictating too, on his own hook. Mr. Norris claims he is the daddy of public ownership of Power. Just why he should be proud of something like that is beyond me.

Public ownership is 100 per cent Socialism, but nobody tells us that in their speeches—you gotta look that up yourself in Webster. Webster don't beat around the bush. Yours with the low down, JOE SERRA

wide draft movement in the favor of the former governor, George H. Earle was initiated during the week by Johnny Dent, the very liberal and crusading senator from Westmoreland county. Dave Lawrence, national committeeman, ex-Secretary of the Commonwealth, former beloved friend and now legendary foe of Senator Guffey, immediately seconded Dent's enthusiasm with the remark that "Earle would make a great race."

Another applicant for the job, who may be "drafted" to the utter dismay of the Guffeyites, is Tom Kennedy. At a convention in Scranton recently, District One of the United Mine Workers of America went on record to demand that their Tom be slated as labor's candidate for the highest office in the state.

Well, there are seven months between now and the spring primaries. Did anyone ever hear of George Earle back in September of '33 of Charles Alvin Jones in the same month in '37. By the way, Charles Alvin was one Democrat that was remembered when the clouds of battle subsided, he now reclines on the Circuit Court bench with a life long job. What happened to Charlie Margiotti? I believe that it will be necessary to render this mystery to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

THE SAFETY VALVE

This column is open to everyone. Letters should be plainly written and signed.

Editor of the Post:

Have not received the Post since I came here and miss it like the devil. Please check up on your mailing lists and don't forget I am still interested in my friends and neighbors in the Back Mountain region.

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"FAIREST LORD JESUS!"

ARRANGED BY RICHARD S. WILLIS

Fairest Lord Jesus! Ruler of all nature!
O Thou of God and man the Son!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I Honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown!

Little Stories GREAT HYMNS

This hymn from *las Westphalia*, was discovered by Richard Storrs Willis. According to tradition it was sung by the Knights of the Crusade of the 12th century, while marching to Jerusalem—hence, it is known as the Crusader's Hymn.

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NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

According to Dr. Mark A. Dawber of the Home Missions Council of North America, some of the threats to the "American way of life" that call for the mobilization of the Christian people of the land to take action for its defense are: the facts that 85,000,000 people are outside the church; that 30,000,000 children and youth are without religious training; that there is an annual crime bill of fifteen billion dollars; that there is a liquor bill of five billion dollars annually; that 96 great cities house 45 percent of the nation's population.

The exiled government of Norway, with headquarters in London, England, has appropriated a fund of nearly \$250,000 for the support of the 450 missionaries of the seventeen Norwegian Lutheran missionary societies who have been "orphanned" since the invasion of Norway more than a year ago. These men are serving in Central China, Japan, India, South and Central Africa. This action of King Haakon and his cabinet has been announced by the Rev. Dr. J. A. Aasgaard of Minneapolis, president of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, who was charged by the Norwegian government with administering this fund. According to Dr. Aasgaard this is an "outstanding manifestation of governmental solicitude for foreign missions. This action is unprecedented in governmental decisions." During normal times the annual contributions of Norwegian missionary societies total \$1,250,000.

"The average run of people you know are saying that this world is a great machine, that everything is material and sensory, and that it is science that proves that this is so," said Industrialist C. L. Emerson of Atlanta, Ga., recently. "They are thirty years behind the times. Real scientists are now saying that the world is composed of energy and thought, and that nothing is material and mechanical—if the investigation is carried far enough. When the recent discoveries of science have been fully understood by the man on the street, he will abandon his reverence for machines and his worship of the five senses. He will find that the scientists have merely, by great effort and bit by bit over the years and centuries, proved by their own methods some of the principles which Jesus Christ proclaimed. . . . The universe is not a machine. It is a spirit."

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Colegio Bennett, Methodist school in Rio de Janeiro, inaugurated this year the first junior college for girls

in all Brazil. This school will offer a college degree in three major subjects—home economics, nursery school education, and social service. The college has opened with fifteen students in the freshman class.

The counting of one-fifth of the world's population in India is being completed. Some say the census will reveal a population of over 400,000,000. India is overtaking China. "In India a man's religion is a very important matter," says Missionary Donald F. Ebright, of Cawnpore, United Province. "As was feared, the Hindus and Moslems have been terrorizing village Christians and forcing them to enter themselves as Hindu or Moslem. Some groups have been told that if they did not record themselves as Hindu they could not graze their goats and cattle on village land, nor get wood from the village trees, or would have to leave town. We may expect for some time these 'census refugees.' The cause springs from communalism. It is expected that all Hindus must agree politically with all Hindus, all Moslems with all Moslems. There can be no advance in India until the tyranny of communalism ceases."

One of the evidences of China's unconquerable spirit, according to competent American observers, is the way in which bombed Crungking is rebuilding. Damaged buildings have been patched up though other thousands have been torn down to make room for new and broader roads and fine lanes. The Y. M. C. A. dormitory, which once accommodated 350 residents, has been repaired and is now ready to reopen. In place of the old auditorium a new one, seating 900, has just been completed and is drawing record crowds to its movie shows and other events. In the meantime a fund of a hundred thousand dollars (China currency) is being raised locally to erect a new branch building in the western district where it is proposed to center most of the association activities.

"As members of the Christian Church and believers in democracy, we have a special responsibility for refugees and all victims of war," the Church Conference on Social Work said at its recent meeting in Atlantic City. "Christian refugees coming to this country offer us a special opportunity and responsibility. They need our friendship and our understanding, and the agencies working with them should have our support. Also, as Christians, it is our responsibility to resist race prejudice and to develop among all people such tolerance and understanding as shall make possible a world of peace. In the world of today with all its needs, Christians must with tireless purpose work out the everlasting values of justice and love."

FREEDOM

The columnists and contributors on this page are allowed great latitude in expressing their own opinions, even when their opinions are at variance with those of The Post

THE SENTIMENTAL SIDE

By EDITH BLEZ

Just this past week I came across an article in one of our leading magazines which delighted me very much. The article was written in answer to a letter written by a young American housewife who insisted that keeping house was robbing her of all her time, all her energy, and that she was fast developing into a drudge who had no time for music, for reading, no time at all for any of the things she had enjoyed before her marriage. The young wife resented the fact that marriage had greatly retarded her cultural growth and her mental outlook had become exceedingly dull. The woman who wrote the answer, who by the way is one of our leading novelists, came right back at the young woman and told her that it was absolutely her own fault! She had no one to blame but herself!

POETRY

"Frost Tonight"

Edith M. Thomas

Apple-green west and orange bar,
And the crystal eye of a lone, one star . . .
And, "Child, take the shears and cut what you will;
Frost tonight—so clear and dead-still."

Then I sally forth, half sad, half proud,
And I come to the velvet, imperial crowd,
The wine-red, the gold, the crimson, the pied,
The dahlias that reign by the garden-side.

The dahlias I might not touch till tonight!
A gleam of the shears in the fading light,
And I gathered them all—the splendid throng—
And in one great sheaf I bore them along.

In my garden of Life with its all-late flowers
I heed a Voice in the shrinking hours;
"Frost tonight—so clear and dead-still . . ."
Half sad, half proud, my arms I fill.

Indian Summer

These are the days when birds come back,
A very few, a bird or two,
To take a backward look.

These are the days when skies put on
The old, old sophistries of June—
A blue and gold mistake.

Oh, fraud that can not cheat the bee,
Almost thy plausibility
Induces my belief,

Till ranks of seeds their witness bear,
And softly through the altered air
Hurries a timid leaf.

Oh, sacrament of summer days,
Oh, last communion in the haze,
Permit a child to join,
Thy sacred emblems to partake,
Thy consecrated bread to break,
Taste thine immortal wine!

Roads

Rachel Field

A road might lead to anywhere—
To harbor towns and quays,
Or to a witch's pointed house
Hidden by bristly trees.
It might lead past the tailor's door,
Where he sews with needle and thread.

Or by Miss Pim the milliner's,
With her hats for every head.
It might be a road to a great dark cave
With treasure and gold piled high,
Or a road with a mountain tied to its end,
Blue-humped against the sky.

Oh, a road might lead you anywhere—
To Mexico or to Maine.
But then it just might fool you and—
Lead you back home again!

Five Bare Boys

By Robert P. Tristram Coffin
(Reprinted from October Good Housekeeping).

Five bare boys leap out of their pants.
They run in old male arrogance
Along the springboard, and they dive,
Rampant, shining, as alive
In the air as on the ground.
Each makes an arc of treble sound
And vanishes in silver bubbles.
A bird sings low; there are no troubles
In all the world; the world stands still.

But up the boys come, and they spill
Water and laughter, arch their tails.
Five small hard and happy males,
They gleam naked, bare like horns,
Sharp and beautiful as thorns.
They drown the bird out, rattle white,
Five slender bars of appetite,
And the universe can spin
On its handsome way again.

Wind and Silver

Amy Lowell

Greatly shining,
The Autumn moon floats in the thin sky;
And the fish-ponds shake their dragon backs
And flash their dragon scales
As she passes over them.

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