

Michigan Mirror

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

Are we going to be our "brother's keeper" in 1946 to starving Europeans, allies and former enemies? Michigan observed the traditional Christian event, Easter Sunday, with thankful hearts and with bountiful dinner tables.

Yes, the war is over. Thank God for that. Two-thirds of Michigan's men and women in military service—406,133 as on April 1— are now back home.

No Michigan homes were bombed during the war. Pay checks were at record highs. Michigan consumed more food in 1945 than in 1940, a pre-war year. Strange, isn't it, that frantic appeals for food to avert starvation of hundreds of thousands of war-distressed human beings in Europe is meeting with apparent indifference and callous disregard of Americans at 1946 Easter Sunday? Ordinarily the American response to such a call would be immediate—emphatic and generous.

Why, then, all this in 1946? According to the U. S. department of agriculture, the off-farm wheat stocks on April 1 totaled 175 million bushels while the on-farm stocks, now being held by farmers for stock feed or for higher prices, totaled 283 million bushels. The over-all aggregate was

578 million bushels. And yet this latter amount is not available immediately for shipment to Europe. If it were, American ships could transport needed wheat at once to hungry millions abroad and the emergency export could be met successfully without resort to a mandatory 25 per cent cut in wheat stocks proposed by flour millers.

Charles Figy, director of the state department of agriculture, recently pointed out in this column that the milling order would not adversely affect the average Michigan farmer. We quote again: "Most Michigan farmers have general farms whereby grains are grown for feeding of livestock and chickens. They are going to see that their livestock and chickens are fed."

President Truman's famine emergency committee has recommended that grain prices should be increased to discourage the feeding of grain to livestock and poultry. The president asks Americans to go voluntarily on a European diet (one-half what we ordinarily eat) two days a week to save food that most Americans eat too much anyway and we waste too much food.

But is the food situation in Europe so critical?

Here are some facts as vouched for by reliable persons. Judge for yourself. "Unless I get 300,000 tons of wheat within the next few days, hundreds of thousands of people will starve to death."—Florillo H. LaGuardia, director general of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. "There is not enough food within the borders of the German zone in Germany from American sources to sustain life even at starvation levels."—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of the United States Forces in the European theater in a statement to Herbert Hoover.

A fact-finding committee of American newspaper editors recently visited Germany to get information first-hand for their newspaper readers. Here are a few shockers:

"The American people do not want to see anyone starve whether enemies or friends. Now that war is over, we must convince the American farmer that he must get his food out the same as during the war."—Robert Reed, associate editor of the Kansas City Star.

"If we do not feed the Germans adequately, it is inevitable that a great deal of chaos will result and there will be a tendency to swing Germany toward the Soviets which I consider unfortunate."—Garner Cowley, Jr., Des Moines Register-Tribune.

"We have to feed the Germans or throw Central Europe into the hands of Communists."—Paul Bellamy, Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"We do not need the food for the people of Europe, anything may happen over here. In the United States zone in Germany, people are getting 1,600 calories a day. Democracy cannot successfully compete with communism when such a situation prevails. The American people must be made to realize our great responsibility in this disturbing situation."—Frank Gannett, president of the Gannett newspapers.

"We had better either give the Germans enough food or get out. We cannot democratize the Germans on 1,200 calories a day when communism is being taught on 1,600 calories in the Russian zone."—Edward T. Leach, Pittsburgh Post.

Mark Smith Heads Water Safety Work For The Red Cross

Mark Smith of Birmingham, chairman of the Water Safety committee, of the Oakland County Chapter American Red Cross, announces that a Water Safety course preparatory to a Water Safety Instructor's Course, will begin Monday evening, April 29, at 7 o'clock at Royal Oak High Pool.

Individuals 19 years of age who hold Red Cross Senior Life Saving certificates are eligible to attend as well as individuals holding current or expired water safety instructor certificates.

Meetings of the class will alternate between the Royal Oak and the Pontiac High School Pools. The class will be instructed by chapter water safety instructors.

Beginning May 13 at 7 o'clock an instructor's course will meet directed by Ernie Goetz, director of First Aid and Water Safety of the Detroit Chapter. Those who satisfactorily complete the preliminary course will be eligible for the instructor's course.

If you failed to find that article in the stores, you may discover it by turning to and reading the Eccentric Classified Ads.

After years of war strain, Americans in 1946 are in a mood for a holiday. We shun post-war responsibilities of winning the peace; we rush madly into demobilization of our military strength; we migrate to Florida and other resort spots; we spend money furiously in gambling, entertainment, and luxuries.

On top of this, Washington's attempts to compromise reality with the holiday mood of the voters and yet to fulfill our natural obligations overseas have resulted only in vexation and confusion.

It is difficult to believe that Americans, once informed of the emergency abroad, will pursue the path of selfish pleasures and will disregard the Christian call to be their brother's keeper.

A decision of historic importance is now in the making.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery. No. D-16891

ETHEL M. TRAMMEL, Plaintiff, vs. ORMAN B. TRAMMEL, Defendant. ORDER FOR SEQUESTRANCE.

At a session of said Court held in the County Building in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 18th day of April A. D. 1946.

Present: Hon. H. Russell Holland, Circuit Judge. In the above cause, upon reading and filing the Affidavit of Robert M. Trammel, it satisfactorily appearing that the Defendant, ORMAN B. TRAMMEL, does not reside in the State of Michigan.

It is Ordered, That said Defendant, Orman B. Trammel, do appear and answer the Bill of Sequestration in the above entitled cause, within three (3) months from the date of this Order, or until he shall be taken as confessed by him.

It is Further Ordered, That a copy hereof be personally served on said Defendant, that his name be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

OLIVER H. KIRK, Attorney. Wabcock Building, Birmingham, Michigan. 5-6-7

A True Copy. LENA D. ALLEN, County Clerk. BY ROBERT M. CHURCH, Deputy.

C. W. HENNINGMAN, Attorney-at-Law. Wabcock Building, Birmingham, Mich. 5-6-7-8-9-10-11

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 18th day of April A. D. 1946.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of Agnes P. Groves, Deceased.

Charles Groves, executor of said estate having filed in said Court his final account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, determination of the heirs of said deceased; assignment of the residue of said estate and the discharge of said executor.

It is Ordered, That the 18th day of May A. D. 1946 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, he and he hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

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Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Reid, Mentally Incompetent.

Oliver H. Kirk, guardian of said estate having filed in said Court his final account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof and the discharge of said guardian.

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