Returned Marine Gives His Views On War And Peace

Fletcher Renton, former Royal Oak mayor and veteran of World War II, spoke to members of the Exchange Club of Birmingham at their regular noon luncheon meeting in the Community House, Tuesday.

Mr. Renton served in France as a private in the Marines in the first World War and saw service in the Pacific theatre as a major in the Marines in World War II. His topic was "Observations of a Returned Service Man," in which he discussed "the ideals for which we fought as outlined in the Atlantic Charter and how the returned veteran found these four freedoms when he returned from the front.

He urged that all citizens exercise their right to vote and create in their neighbors a desire to vote that "we might preserve our rights as free citizens as provided for in the Constitution of the United States."

Last week's speaker was Dr. Harold Furlong, who served as senior medical officer in command, 16th Army Corps, with the rank of colonel. He showed pictures of bombed cities in France and England, and also showed a short moving picture of the crossing of the Rhine, taken under fire.

Raymond J. Kelly, Republican candidate for governor, will address the club at their meeting next Tuesday.

VETERANEWS

From the OFFICE OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS LANSING

FACTS TO REMEMBER

Mail premium payments on National Service Life Insurance to Veterans Administration, Collections Subdivision, 346 Broadway, New York 13, N. Y.

Nurses applying for positions with Veterans Administration Hospitals in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky should write to the Medical Director, Veterans Administration Branch Office No. 6, 52 S. Starling Street, Columbus 8, Ohio.

Unemployed veterans apply for readjustment allowance at local USES office. Register for a job there, too. Self-employed veterans making under $100 a month apply to local USES or State Unemployment Compensation agency for their readjustment allowance.

Preliminary preparations are under way to resume mining operations in Goochland County, Va., along gold veins said to have been the first commercially worked on the Atlantic seaboard.

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INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By GENE ALLEMAN

Why all this hue and cry today over food?

Newspaper headlines tell the encouraging news that Michigan farmers are rushing wheat to grain elevators in response to a national call for famine relief. It is forecast that nearly 1,000,000 bushels will be delivered by the end of next week (May 25) and that ultimately from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 bushels of an estimated 6,000,000 Michigan bushels in storage will be hurried to east-coast ports on the way to Europe.

Hurry, hurry, hurry is the appeal.

All of which prompts an observation: Why wait 12 months to do something about an emergency that was clearly foreseen?

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The first responsible warning about post-war food shortages was voiced in April, 1945—a good 13 months ago—by Judge Samuel Rosenman who at President Roosevelt's request visited Europe on the eve of Germany's surrender.

In July, 1945, Joseph C. Grew (then under secretary of state) repeated that warning.

Then on Sept. 29, 1945, the agriculture department said that "only substantial food imports from outside sources can save millions of Europeans from near starvation in the coming winter."

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But that isn't all—not by a long shot.

On Nov. 27, 1945, the state department reported that 350,000,000 persons desperately needed food, and President Truman told Prime Minister MacKenzie King of Canada that "we expect to ship all (the food) we can possibly spare." Remember—that was in November, some six months ago.

On Feb. 7 of this year the President said the United States might have to return to meat rationing to save others from starvation.

Then on March 1 he set up the famine emergency committee with Herbert Hoover as chairman, and on March 17 Hoover was sent abroad to get the facts—mind you, to get the facts!

By April 18 the White House decided that American millers must set aside 25 per cent of the wheat they normally consume in making flour, ear-marking this set aside for export to Europe.

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What did the country do about the urgency of hastening life-vital food to the distressed countries of Europe—especially to those who were our Allies during the war?

In the first quarter the wheat exports of this country were 12,000,000 tons short of our commitments for that period. On April 19 came a special price premium on wheat and corn, coupled with another administrative appeal for action.

Just last week Dean Acheson, acting secretary of state, said the United States fell 150,000 tons short on its relief exports in the first week of May. Our quota was 250,000 tons of food. We sent about 100,000 tons.

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The difference for this one week—the 150,000 tons just mentioned—would have made 330,000,000 loaves of bread, enough to supply the minimum weekly ration for 71,500,000 persons—men, women and children. That much was probably wasted in this country by careless householders and restaurant operators. Americans have been always extravagant with their food; during the World War they consumed more food per capita than before the war—believe it or not!

Why Washington has dillydallied for months, avoiding a showdown on the food issue and hesitating to impose restrictions, is probably answered by the fact that 1946 is an election year. Politicians don't want to do anything that might be unpopular with well organized pressure groups back home.

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So don't continue the draft of young men after May 15. It might be unpopular with their parents.

So don't ration meat or food. The voters wouldn't like it.

So don't worry about price ceilings. After all, living costs soared 62.8 per cent in World War I; they went up only 29.9 per cent in World War II. Let's have some more inflation and whoopee. The country can stand it.

So don't do anything to antagonize the labor unions—John L. Lewis especially. If we must have national paralysis because of the coal miners' strike, it's just too, too bad.

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Counter to this selfish attitude of the vote-hungry politician is the fact that American public opinion has always been ahead of the public official. Public opinion surveys demonstrated this, time and again, throughout World War II. It is Congress, plus the bureaucrats in Washington, which lags behind the willingness of the home front to get things done. Congress is conservative.

The shameful delay in sending food overseas certainly cannot be ascribed to the lack of knowledge about the coming famine. The failure to meet the issues of famine food exports, sufficient military strength for our army and navy, and protection of the public against racketeering labor leaders—just to mention a few—should be put on the doorstep of Washington, and no place else.

The public is ready for action as public opinion surveys have repeatedly proved. Isn't it about high time that Washington took the leadership and did something about it? We think so.

Another War Time Job Of Red Cross Has Been Finished

The Oakland County Chapter American Red Cross has recently completed one more war time activity, according to Mrs. Ferd Broock, chairman of Volunteer Special Services of the local chapter. Production workers, under the direction of Mrs. O. W. Kay, production chairman, completed 9,520 Navy kit bags and 12,000 Army kit bags, the final shipment of which was made recently.

The number of these articles completed tells only a part of the story of this accomplishment. The thousands of hours spent in preparation, sewing, counting, inspecting, packing and shipping reaches staggering figures.

Plenty of Work Ahead

"While this particular activity is completed there still remains much to be done by the local chapter," says Mrs. Broock. "Chapter volunteers are now engaged in completing quotas for civilian war relief in foreign countries. The American military government abroad has requested assistance from the American Red Cross to clothe civilians overseas who are desperately in need of garments.

"Red Cross warehouses have been depleted of the large numbers of garments made by volunteers during the war years. All of these garments have been put into use and unless more are made many innocent victims of war will suffer. Groups wishing to assist the production corps of the local chapter may call the chapter office, Pontiac 4-3575."

Bomb Follow-Up

This is how men designated to board atom bombed ships in Bikini Atoll look garbed for duty: helmet of lightweight bakelite plastic, Navy-type rescue breathing apparatus. Boarding crews must extinguish fires, rescue instruments, and salvage material for examination

Boy Scouts From This Region Plan Spring Pow Wow

Boy Scouts of the Northern Community, District One, including Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin, and part of Southfield Township will hold their annual Spring "Pow Wow" here on Saturday and Sunday, May 24th and 25th. Similar events will be held at the same time in the three other communities of this District.

The local "Pow Wow" will be held on the 40-acre school site bounded by West Lincoln, Cranbrook, and Midvale avenue and will combine an overnight camp with the features of the old Spring Rally or Field Day.

Troops will report to camp headquarters between 2:30 and 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, be assigned to their respective campsites and pitch their tents.

Camp On Troop Basis

Each troop will provide its own food and equipment. Games and a camp fire program are planned for Saturday evening. The field day events will be held on Sunday afternoon and will include contests in knot-tying, water boiling, Scout lace, first aid, signalling, woodchopping, simple military drill, fire by friction, and cooking. It is expected that the program will be completed in time to break camp between 4:30 and 5 o'clock.

Parents and friends of Scouts are being invited to attend the Sunday program. Members of the Cubs are being especially urged to be present as it is planned that the Pow Wow will be an annual affair in which they will participate in the next few years.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT No. 247

Hazel Street Pavement—Woodward to Hunter

Notice is hereby given that Special Assessment Roll No. 247, heretofore made by the assessor for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing concrete pavement 22 feet in width, from face to face of curb, curb and gutter and necessary appurtenances on Hazel Street between Woodward and Hunter, is now on file in my office for public inspection.

Notice is also hereby given that the Commissioner of the City of Birmingham will meet in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building in said City on Monday, the 27th day of May, 1946, at 8 P.M. to review said assessment, at which time and place opportunity will be given to all persons interested to be heard.

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk

May 14, 1946 B-9

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