

Tacomans Discuss Preparedness

QUESTION NOT UNDERSTOOD BY PEOPLE OF U. S.

Says Stephen Appleby, Cashier, National Bank of Tacoma.

Editor The Times:

I have read with great interest your editorial of March 27 on "Preparedness."

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movement will become more important as the wealth of the country increases.

Means Reorganization

I wish all the papers of the country would advocate real "preparedness" as you have done, which would result in every able bodied man at some time or other receiving a year or two of training with the colors in the United States Army at the very nominal pay, so that the main expense of the country would be their board, clothing and shelter. The above condition can only be brought about by a re-organization of the army, using a short term of enlistment, which would mean that after a year or two the men would be mustered into the first, second or third line of reserves, during which period they could again resume their usual avocations in life.

Under the above system we would get away from the enormous pension roll as all the men in actual service with the colors would be young and in no condition to apply for pensions, unless disabled in actual service.

What It Would Do

This intensive training would also have a very beneficial effect upon our citizenship generally in that it would start the men out on the right foot, in as much as having served their country they would be more loyal and better citizens than they otherwise would have been.

Under the present organization of the army the enlistment is from three to five years and frequently we find men re-enlisting until they have served 25 or 30 years, which means they are occupying places that ought to be taken by younger men in need of the training when the older soldiers are what you might call "overtrained" and they become imbued with the idea that all they are good for is a soldier's life, when as a matter of fact they had to get out of the army at the end of a short enlistment they would make productive, loyal and appreciative citizens of the country.

Again congratulating you upon the splendid stand you have taken, I am, etc., STEPHEN APPLEBY.

U. S. SHOULD MAKE OWN MUNITIONS

Says J. W. Slayden, Chairman, County Commissioners.

Editor The Times:

I think every serious minded and deep thinking American must agree with The Times in its championship of the cause of national preparedness. Personally, I am a firm believer in preparedness, and have been since the beginning of the great European war.

Looking at the situation from a business viewpoint, we are absolutely and unqualifiedly unprepared. No man should go into business without first being prepared, and if he did his business venture would be a failure, just as this country would be if we were called upon to go to war with some first-class power in our present condition.

U. S. Should Own Plants

I think the government should own and control the munition plants; have an adequate army, navy and aeroplane fleet. We have a fair navy, a few soldiers, with a large percentage of these soldiers and marines foreign born.

Supposing our country should go to war with a power that had so many of their own people as our soldiers; what would be the result? While I realize that we are all foreigners only a few generations back, it is different from being born in another country; living in this country and having to fight his mother country.

I firmly believe every boy should have military training in our schools for at least three years. Let us have more soldiers, more battleships, a larger aeroplane fleet, and last, but not least, more loyal Americans that have more respect for our grand old flag; more people to sing "My Country 'Tis Thee," with their whole soul and spirit.

Would Save Lives

This republic would be a rich prize for other nations if they would combine against us; for nations that are fighting against each other today, might fight together tomorrow.

Therefore I feel that we should be prepared. Preparing for war is only preparing to KEEP PEACE. By being prepared we would save our country from more indignities, which we now have to bear, and save the lives of thousands upon thousands of our best and most loyal citizens. By all means let us be prepared.

Yours sincerely, etc., J. W. SLAYDEN.

IT IS CRUCIAL PROBLEM FOR U. S. TO SOLVE

Says Henry Suzzallo, President, University of Washington.

Editor The Times:

I believe in military preparedness for this nation as a practical necessity. It is a crucial problem for the American people, as crucial as humanity's need to evolve a means of achieving everlasting peace among the nations of the earth.

We must keep the political institutions of our national life intact if our big human idealism is to do its work in the world. As long as other nations confront us with lower ethical doctrines, that permit them to destroy systems of finer values, we must stand ready to face them with the stern powers of self-defense.

We cannot prepare for the best that we would accomplish without preparing for the worst that may befall us.

Always Complex

The higher life, personal and national, is not simple; it is always complex. We must avoid the exclusive and simple policy of terrible militarism; we must likewise avoid the exclusive and

simple policy of a weak and futile pacifism. It was not without foresight that our political forebears symbolized the American league with an olive branch in its right talons and arrows in its left.

To devise ways and means of preparedness that shall not destroy our love for and devotion to international peace, is a task that calls for the best intellectual powers of the nation. Let us not proceed hastily to action.

Hasty action, when the nation is itself divided, will lead only to half-hearted and half-effective compromises.

Let us withdraw from close-minded partisanship of view and enter upon open-minded thought and discussion. Then we shall soon bring ourselves to one mind where we can see our needs through to decisive and complete arrangements.

Half Step Fatal

Once we see the need of adequate preparedness, we shall be wise if we separate the temptations of large profit from the desire for war. If the government takes over the making of munitions, it must do it with full scientific and practical efficiency. A half step would merely betray us into weakness. It would kill private resources without substituting adequate governmental effectiveness.

In this and every other respect, we must measure the result of each step we project toward preparedness.

We must not be caught by mere seeming to be prepared, any more than we can finally be caught thoroughly prepared to defend a nation in due process grown crass, brutal, militaristic, and unworthy of defense.

Every step must be measured by our double desire to remain humane and democratic against temptation from within and strong and devoted against threats from without. HENRY SUZZALLO.

NOTHING TO BE FEARED RIGHT AWAY

Says John Schlarb, Manager, Sunset Tel. & Tel. Co.

Editor The Times:

I am in favor of improving our conditions generally along these lines but do not believe we should get excited about it.

It seems to me all this could be worked out gradually and that during the next decade we could bring our efficiency up to where we would feel reasonably secure against invasion.

I do not believe that with the impoverished conditions of the belligerent nations that we would have anything to fear from them in the immediate future; therefore it would seem that Japan might be our only source of trouble in the near future and I cannot avoid the opinion that should we have any with them that would take the view that it was a fight between the white and yellow nations and all of the other white nations would rally to our support.

With kind personal regards, etc., JNO. SCHLARB.

SMELTER GOES TO CITY IN IDAHO

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—It was announced yesterday that the new Bunker Hill & Sullivan smelter would be located at Kellogg, Idaho, and would cost about \$1,000,000.

INCREASE BILL HAS ITS BUMPS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—A lively fight developed yesterday in the senate over the proposed federalization of the national guard and the raising of a volunteer force which are provisions in the army increase bill.

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CLEVELAND, April 1.—Criminal prosecution will probably be brought against negligent persons if any can be determined as a result of the New York Central wreck recently.

AS FIRST STEP NAVY SHOULD BE DEVELOPED

Says W. L. Davis, Professor, C. P. S., and State Senator.

Editor The Tacoma Times:

I have read with great care The Times editorial of March 27, "Preparedness, the Acid Test of Americanism," and find myself in substantial harmony with the views therein expressed. The chief outstanding points in the able editorial were:

1.—The American people desire peace.

2.—But national preparedness is a necessity in a world at war.

3.—Every American war has been unnecessarily prolonged for lack of trained men and for lack of war equipment.

4.—The only army that will serve the purpose is a trained army.

5.—This army should be based on democratic principles.

"Peace Is Our Passion"

The above ideas I believe express the views of the great majority of the American people. Our people are strongly for peace. But they do not want national humiliation. As Jefferson well said, "Peace is our passion." Consequently our people will never sanction an unprovoked war of aggression on another people. But with the world trembling under the feet of marauding armies, with the earth rocking as in the throes of an earthquake, it would certainly be the part of wisdom to make adequate preparation for national defense.

Now, as between an adequate army and navy, I should say the navy should be developed, for two reasons. First, to prevent a foreign foe from landing. Second, in the world's history, it is the army rather than the navy which has been used to beat down the liberties of its own nation.

In practically all countries the navy is more popular than the army.

Learn From Swiss

Along with the greater navy there should go more extensive coast defenses.

In the regular army of the U. S. there should be a minimum of 100,000, besides the officers, stationed as follows: 20,000 in New England; 20,000 near New York or Philadelphia; 20,000 in or near Chicago; 20,000 in the south; 20,000 on the Pacific coast, of which 10,000 should be at San Francisco and 10,000 near Puget Sound.

In addition, we should learn a lesson from free Switzerland and have universal military training for six months (instead of three years) of all able-bodied young men between the ages of 18 and 21.

Would Let People Say

(As soon as any young man completes his six months of training he might well, as a reward, be given the right to vote.)

The duty of each man to defend the nation may well be compared to the citizen's duty to pay taxes. However, all aggressive wars on other nations should be submitted to a vote of the American people. Exceptions to universal military training might be made in the case of the Quakers and others who oppose it on the ground of conscience sake.

In our colleges and universities credits in the regular courses should be given to all students military training. In this way a large number of young officers could receive partial training, and to those who desired to take up the military life as a profession the nation might well award a second lieutenantcy in the U. S. army. But I do not believe there is any adequate argument for compulsory drill on the part of college boys that does not apply with equal force to all young men of military age.

Millennium Not Here

I wish to do Mr. Bryan and those who think as he does the justice of saying that their appeal is not only to the U. S., but to all nations to disarm—to Germany as to her army; to Great Britain as to her navy, and to all the nations.

But as we live in an actual, not an ideal world, the millennium of peace and universal brotherhood has not yet dawned. While the nations of the earth are composed of men with the human qualities of ambition, hate, greed, rivalry, to say nothing of economical necessity, it is not safe for the U. S. to be a lamb among the wolves.

In early English history, for example, our Anglo-Saxon forefathers accepted Christianity and laid aside war in the midst of a world at war. The result was that the Danes easily came in, overran the country, and for two centuries the prayer of the English was, "From the fury of the Northmen, oh Lord, deliver us."

Hands Times Bouquet

So let America, learning wisdom from the lessons of history, prepare an army, navy and coast defenses that could at least hold at bay the foreign invader, as the allies were able to do, until the millions of trained citizen soldiers could rally to the colors.

I heartily approve your editorial and submit these comments thereon of one who believes in moderate preparedness.

Very sincerely, WALTER L. DAVIS.

P. S.—I wish to congratulate The Times on the large amount of material its columns constantly contain of an economical, sociological and political nature for the use of students. This material is especially rich along the line of the labor problem, which may be rightly regarded as the greatest social problem before the world today, the problem of how to require to the toiler the just reward of his toil.

SOME OTHER COMMENTS ON THE EDITORIAL

Editor The Times: The editorial on "Preparedness" in The Times, I have no hesitation in saying meets my hearty approval.

Respectfully, etc., GEO. LEWIS GOWER.

Editor The Times: I think your statements both comprehensive and significant.

As the head of the public library, however, I have taken the position that my public statements should all show a neutral attitude on public questions, as it is the function of the institution I represent to throw light on all sides of all questions; and if I publicly took either side of any question it might affect the regard in which the institution itself is held. Cordially yours, etc., JOHN B. KAISER.

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Personal - and - Social

"Jayville Junction" playlet comedy given last night under the auspices of the Logan P. T. A., was a huge success. An appreciative audience attended the comedy at Valhalla temple.

The Men's club of Our Savior's church will meet Wednesday night in the church parlors. E. L. Kirkebo and Thom Strom are in charge of the program.

Mrs. Hans Jacobson, 4050 East P street, will entertain the Ladies' Aid society of Our Savior's church Thursday at 2 p. m.

The Concordia Young People's society of Our Savior's church will entertain the Nordstjernen society of Seattle in the church tomorrow at 5 o'clock.

The Helen Clark circle of the First Presbyterian church will give an entertainment in the 11th st. chapel tonight. The following persons will appear on the program: Louise Craig, Vivian Bruggeman, Esther Hanson, Hattie Reichert, Rhea Jones and Laura-Bell McFaddon.

An election of the council of the Julia Dent Grant tent, No. 3, Daughters of Veterans, will be held Tuesday afternoon.

The John A. Logan circle of the G. A. R. will hold a business meeting Monday in the armory.

Mrs. Willard Little, 3620 No. 24th st., will entertain the North End Shakespeare club Wednesday night.

An open meeting will be held Wednesday at the Boys' Parental home at Midland next Thursday under the auspices of the Women's club.

Mrs. Lowell Knutvold Mollett is expected by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Knutvold, soon. She will visit here while her husband remains in Mexico as a war correspondent.

Mrs. Arthur K. Stebbins, Mrs. Charles S. Lyons and Mrs. Henry Rohrbach have been selected as delegates of the Sherman school child study club to attend the state parent-teacher convention next week at Centralia.

Alpha lodge, No. 1, Degree of Honor, will hold its district convention Thursday, April 6, at Odd Fellows' hall.

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WILL SHOW PEAK IN MANY COLORS

A. H. Denman, mountaineer, will give an illustrated talk tomorrow afternoon on the beauties of Mt. Tacoma in the Y. M. C. A. Women are invited to attend the "Mountain day" meeting.

MATHER RESIGNS FROM PASTORATE

Rev. O. T. Mather yesterday resigned his pastorate in the Bethany Presbyterian church after 11 years' service. He has made no plans for the future.

GERMAN-AMERICAN LEAGUE TO MEET

The German-American league will hold a special program Sunday in Fraternity hall. E. W. Albrecht and Michael Dowd will speak.

AIRSHIPS DROP 90 BOMBS ON ENGLAND

LONDON, April 1.—Five Zeppelins raided the east coast of England last night and dropped 90 bombs. The damage has not been ascertained.

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