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whether it be the autocracy of king and lords or the autocracy of Fascism, Naziism or of the proletariat, or the autocracy of executive fiat operating through innumerable bureaus or the autocracy of state socialism based on paternalism. The danger of the future lies not so much in the changes already made, though these are far reaching, as in the lack of understanding on the part of the public of what the founders had in mind in adopting and establishing a constitutional and representative government. It is this lack of understanding and the misapprehension of the underlying theory of government that is the fertile field for the promises and grandiose phrases of the politician and the reformer, and we shall move from one change to another until we shall discover that there has been a complete revolution and find ourselves no longer living under the form of government we thought was ours.

The American people, of course, have the right to abandon constitutional and representative government if they wish, and to substitute therefor bureaucracy or state socialism or communism or any other ism, but they should not be tricked into any such substitution by being fooled with high sounding phrases of a so-called new world liberalism. As lawyers, by the traditions of our profession and by our oath to support the Constitution, we are under direct and solemn obligation to see that the issue is fairly presented and fully understood by the American people.

This is our great challenge of the immediate future—it is a greater challenge than that foreseen by Webster when he stated:

“If disastrous war should sweep our commerce from the ocean, another generation may renew it; if it exhaust our treasury, future industry may replenish it; if it desolate and lay waste our fields, still under a new cultivation they will grow green again and ripen to future harvests. But who shall reconstruct the fabric of demolished government? Who shall rear again the well proportioned columns of constitutional liberty? Who shall frame together the skillful architecture which unites national sovereignty with state rights, individual security, and public prosperity?”

FRANK E. HOLMAN.

BAR BRIEFS

REPORT FROM THE SEATTLE BAR ASSOCIATION

A picture has just been received by the Association of T/Sgt. Norman A. Turay of Seattle, being presented with the Air Medal by Brig. General Robert D. Knapp, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. Sgt. Turay is weather station chief with a Mitchell bomber group. The sergeant's combat experience began in March, 1943, in the early days of the Tunesian campaign. It went through the Sicilian, Balkan and Italian campaigns. The group took a principal part in the “Battle of the Brenner Pass” prior to the opening of the final drive to victory. It has twice been cited by the War De-

partment and enjoys an enviable reputation in the medium bomber group.

Sgt. Turay is a graduate of the University of Washington Law School and College, and prior to entering the service, in April of 1942, was associated with the law office of Rummens & Griffin. In addition to the Air Medal, Sgt. Turay has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the American, European, African and Middle Eastern Ribbons, three Bronze Battle Stars and the Unit Citation Badge.

REPORT FROM GRAYS HARBOR BAR ASSOCIATION

At a recent meeting of the Grays Harbor Bar Association, Warner Poyhonen was elected president and M. S. Raichle was selected as secretary-treasurer. The new president appointed a committee to draw up a minimum fee schedule for the local bar. The members of this committee, Lester T. Parker, chairman, Donn F. Lawwill, John L. Miller, W. L. Hyndman and R. W. DeKraay, submitted a report which is now under consideration by the members of the local bar. A committee, composed of John B. Adams, A. D. Gillies and Mitchell Kalin, was appointed to make arrangements for the annual bar banquet to be held early in September.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE SPOKANE BAR ASSOCIATION

Word has been received from James Economos, secretary of the Traffic Court Committee of the American Bar Association that he expects to be in Spokane in the latter part of the summer to stage a traffic court program in conjunction with the local bar association. This program is sponsored by the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association, and will be similar to the one held in Spokane last summer.

After a great many years the firm of Payne, Lowe, Davis and Russell, formerly Post, Russell, Davis, Payne and Russell has seen the deletion of the names of Post, Russell and Davis and a new firm under the name of Payne, Lowe and Coffin has been formed. In addition to Mr. Harold W. Coffin, Mr. Lyle M. Colburn has joined the new association. Mr. Earl Turner has opened an office in the Paulson Building, practicing with Mr. T. J. Fitzpatrick. Mr. Jack H. H. Dibblee and Mr. Ralph Carlson have also returned to practice in Spokane, as has Mr. Fred Lewis, who has been the acting attorney general for the past several years.

At a meeting of the Spokane County Bar Association on June 1 of this year, the following officers were elected: Herbert Hamblen, president; Frank P. Weaver, vice-president; Ralph Edgerton, secretary, and Justin Maloney, treasurer.