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Plain Thinking in the Balkans

The theory of Balkan diplomacy is built on at least two premises: a. the little guy next door is invariably a far more deadly enemy than any two of the great powers; and b. in disunion there may not be much strength, but there must be a great deal of self-satisfaction...

The result was that if anybody got anything out of the Bucharest social, it was probably Italy, though the Germans may come in for their slice too, on the ground that in deciding to thumb their noses at Uncle Joe in Moscow...

The problem of Balkan aggression remains, however, an unsolved quadratic. If Germany is being bought off by oil and wheat shipped voluntarily, action on her part would hardly appear logical...

Madden Defends His Stewardship

Politics, it's wonderful! Almost as we disposed to apologize to Secretary Hull for our recent criticism of his queer logic...

For instance there is J. Warren Madden, chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, who "proved" before the house committee investigating his agency the other day...

The Wagner act became law in 1934. That year there were 1856 strikes resulting in 19,591,949 man-days of idleness. The board setup was revised in 1935...

But those figures don't stump Warren Madden. With all the ingenuity of a Harry Hopkins, who contended Roosevelt's first term was cancelled by the supreme court...

The truth is that there were fewer strikes in 1938 largely because the record volume of labor strife in 1937 resulted in settlements which carried through the following year...

No "Modern Pioneers" in Oregon?

Some weeks ago this column commented approvingly upon the plan of the "Modern Pioneers committee" to provide recognition for those adventurers who have been creating the "new frontiers"...

Now it is announced that the Modern Pioneer banquet for the western area to honor those individuals deemed worthy of this designation, is to be held next Wednesday night...

In other words Oregon, where the sons and daughters of the early pioneers abound in the first Pacific coast territory to be settled and civilized by Americans...

Rather, we suspect, the truth is that Oregon has its modern pioneers, just as deserving as those in other states. To mind comes the name of B. E. Maling of Hillsboro and Woodburn...

No matter how far from Bonneville, the PUD chorus may be heard anywhere in Oregon. We have no record that it is resounding in Malheur or Lake counties...

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Story and romance of 1-8-40 one who was perhaps the first white man to live on what is now Oregon soil:

(Continuing from yesterday.) "The old chief told his son to take the Tillamook family to his summer hunting camp by the lake (Clatsop lake)...

"The next morning the young chief guided the party to his father's summer camp. He had a canoe placed in the lake for the use of the white man...

"This precaution, however, proved unnecessary. Shortly after this the Tillamook approached the canoe makers on the Necanicum very cautiously and told them there need be no war on account of the death of the chief's brother...

"He had also neglected to give any presents to Ona's father, but seemed rather to have tried to frighten her into becoming his wife. Neither the chief nor his people seemed to regret that the white man had defended himself...

"For nearly 10 years the life of Ona was very happy. A portion of the time of each of those years was passed either at Quatat on the Necanicum, or at Necocixie (near by creek)...

"As hunting the deer, elk or bear was the white man's favorite occupation, his choice of hunting ground was south of east of the lake, where these animals were to be found most plentifully...

"Sometimes for months he would camp near the headwaters of the Netul (Lewis and Clark) river. When the large salmon came in from the sea in September or October, he loved, indeed, to spend a few days in catching them in the Necanicum or Necocixie...

"In their season Ona had an abundant supply of strawberries, salmonberries, cranberries and crabapples near at hand. For mats she could always obtain rushes near home, cedar bark not far away, and bear grass on the higher land not far distant...

"To clean and repair these guns and weapons, and to teach his Clatsop friends how to use them, required most of his time at first when not hunting. The guns often got out of repair and were as often returned to him to be mended...

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"The past 10 years of happiness were to be followed by days of heartache for Ona. They began more than 10 years before the "Boston men" (Gray and Perry 1792) brought the big ship into the great river. "A ship very much like this..."

Valentine Day Reminder



"Red Earth"

By Tom Gill

Chapter 32, continued Alone in the darkening valley Douglas uncinched his little mare, and hiding the saddle beneath a clump of mesquite...

Colder. The last light faded from an ever-thickening sky, and with darkness the wind strengthened. A fine rain began stinging Douglas face, and he buttoned...

One came close to the shore near the Nehalem, and some of its people made a landing in small boats. When they went away they left two sick men who soon after died. Soon many of the Tillamooks became sick in the same way...

"This deadly sickness soon reached the Clatsops from the Tillamook people. As soon as the white man learned of it, he went to Quatat, but soon returned with the wife and family of his friend, the young chief. He informed Ona by signs that she must take care of his friend's wife and two children...

"For long minutes he waited, straining for the least sound, yet hearing nothing but the moving sands—his men had followed their orders to the letter. But now, high above the storm came the long, doleful call of a quavering horn starting a hard to motion, and soon Douglas could feel the movement of animals all about him...

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his leather coat. Hours dragged by, while still Juan waited, not daring to smoke, chilled to the bone in the gathering cold...

Near him one of the animals had raised its head, then from the darkness he heard a sharp snort of fear. Crouching and alert, Douglas listened. No sound but his own mare was sniffing the wind uneasily...

"A rifle shot. Far to the right it crashed its way through the night, and instantly three more shots followed in quick succession. A second's silence, then in angry answer the blackness was riddled with blue points of flame...

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of low-grade copper ore. Here the raiders stopped, and soon three shots in rapid succession came as a signal from below. At a swinging walk they descended into the gulch...

A familiar smell of earth and old wood rose above him, the warm, damp breath of somewhere underground and even before he raised his head Douglas knew he was within Cobre mine. (To be continued)

Karl Roos Executed

NANCY, France, Feb. 7-(AP)—Dr. Karl Roos, 60, Alsatian autonomy leader who was convicted of furnishing information of pre-war French troop movements to German agents, was executed today by a firing squad on the garrison parade grounds.

News Behind Today's News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Allies are not stringing the Finns along the way they did the Poles. There's a wide open back door through which they can relax the red grip on Finland. They can and will within a few weeks throw a Franco-British expeditionary force in through the Arctic to grasp the snape of the northern Russian neck.

Upwards of 30,000 troops will be needed. The landing can be effected at Petsamo, the Finnish port now in Russian hands or—if they decide to go the whole way and face open war with Russia—at Murmansk, where the Bremen hid out.

The time is problematical but the 5th allied supreme war council which has just concluded in Paris, decided to make the thrust as quickly as possible. It may take three weeks or three months.

This potentially biggest new break in the war is what the well-informed London press has been hinting about in comments to the effect that plans for Anglo-French aid to the Finns were speeded up in Paris.

News of the projected Arctic campaign has been generally aired out of Downing Street in London and disguised asides concerning it have slipped past the censor in radio broadcasts and press accounts.

The element of surprise, therefore, is lost, but military men doubt that the Russians can do anything effective to block the step. The Germans and reds could prevent extensive military help from getting to Finland through the Baltic Gulf of Bothnia, but their naval and land defenses available in the Arctic are probably insufficient to prevent establishment of allied bases.

Once such bases are entrenched, the Russians would have to withdraw from northern Finland. They could not stand such a force in their rear.

Winston Churchill is the leading inside British advocate of the scheme. Favorable also is General Sir Edmund Ironside, chief of the imperial general staff.

Some commentators have been saying Germany is winning the war. If she is a lot of well-informed officials here are being fooled. Such glib conclusions, in their opinion, have roots in allied plays for sympathy rather than in facts.

No one outside Germany knows exactly how much gasoline, food, and materials Hitler has or can get. Leaks have developed in the blockade. He is known, for instance, to be getting some minor supplies of oil from this continent, soybeans and some other products from South America through nearby neutrals. Increasing shipments of whale oil from Norway are getting through. His hunger for milk, eggs and butter is being supplied by Denmark in steadily increasing quantities. He has sufficient wheat to last until next year. The only food supplies that are satisfactory, according to the ration cards in Berlin, are bread and potatoes.

But his industrial production is known to have dropped off alarmingly to one twenty-fifth of its pre-war level. His military production is assumed to be yet high, but the shortage of such materials as rubber, manganese, copper, iron and steel has severely played havoc with his manufacturing output. He is still getting iron from Sweden, producing some copper, and plastering the seams of his economic deficiencies with his plastics, but his predicament is obvious.

A proper guess would be that he can continue six months to a year longer without the pinch becoming fatal. No one here would bet a nickel that he can go longer than a year.

It is now admitted he is getting practically no oil or fuel from Russia due to the inefficient Russian transportation system. Yet strangely his war consumption of this most vital products seems so far to have been little more than in peacetime. The oil fuels saved by banning use of passenger cars apparently has furnished enough to sustain the sporadic British bombings.

His 4-engine bombers consume 840 gallons of gas to reach Britain from Kiel or Wilhelmshaven and return. As they generally travel in tens, each bombing attack on Britain uses approximately 8400 gallons. His two-engine light bombers use only one-half as much, and no estimates are available as to the consumption of military trucks, tanks, motorcycles, etc., on the inactive west wall.

This new German bomber of which the British profess to be afraid is basically an American ship.

Embargoes notwithstanding, the Germans came into possession of one of our superior latest type ships when they shot it down from British hands early in the war. According to a reliable inside story the ship was sufficiently preserved to enable them to duplicate its dimensions and power.

First of their duplicates came off the line only recently. It will fly 315 miles per hour and reach a ceiling of about 30,000 feet, which is not, however, high enough to get over the British Spitfires.

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Dick Law Offers To Take Lie Test

But Confidence not Held in Present Investigators, Committee Says

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 7-(AP)—In a signed statement issued by the state Harbor Civil Rights committee, Dick Law, CIO leader, today offered to submit to a lie-detector test in connection with the month-old investigation of the brutal slaying of his wife.

Law's statement followed the announcement yesterday by the 19 men he named as "possible suspects" that they would submit to such a test and suggested Law and several of his associates do likewise.

Law's statement declared that any lie-detector tests must be conducted "impartially either by the United States department of justice or by other responsible authorities."

Civil rights committee officials reiterated an expressed opinion of "no confidence" in the present investigators. They also invited the 19 men named by Law to join them in urging a federal investigation.

Prosecutor Stanley Krause also revealed that the investigation of the slaying of Mrs. Law had spread to Idaho, California and Oregon. He said investigators working on various phases of the probe were in those states.

Krause and Special Prosecutor Paul O. Manley then left together on what they termed a "secret mission" in connection with the case.

FR Talks to Scouts

NEW YORK, Feb. 7-(AP)—President Roosevelt's address to Boy Scouts at 7:30 p. m. (PST) Thursday is to be carried by NBC, CBS and MBS stations. The program is scheduled for 15 minutes.

Radio Programs

- 11:00—This Moving World. 11:05—Portland Police Reports. 11:15—Bill Sabransky, Organist. KOIN—THURSDAY—640 Kc. 6:00—Market Report. 6:30—KOIN Clock. 7:00—Market Reporting. 7:45—This and That. 8:00—Consumer News. 8:15—My Children. 8:30—Smoot Speaks. 9:15—When a Girl Marries. 9:30—Romance of Helen Trent. 9:45—Our Gal Sunday. 10:00—Goldberg. 10:15—Life Can Be Beautiful. 10:30—Society Girl. 10:45—Mary Lee Taylor. 11:00—My Sister. 11:15—Ann Jevay. 11:30—Life Begins. 11:45—My So and I. 12:00—Symphony Hour. 12:30—News. 12:45—Kitty Kelly. 1:15—Myra and Margie. 1:30—House. 1:45—Stepmother. 2:00—By Kathleen Norris. 2:15—Hollywood. 2:30—Scattered Nuts. 2:45—Lanny Ross. 3:00—The Program. 3:15—Joyce Jordan. 3:30—Today in Europe. 3:45—Happy Days. 4:00—Speed, Inc. 4:15—Halo Again. 4:30—Dealer in Dreams. 4:45—Leon F. Drwa, Organist. 5:00—Gardner Reporting. 5:15—Major Ed. 5:30—Glen Miller Orchestra. 5:45—Glen Miller Workshops. 5:55—Sports Huddle. 6:00—Amos 'n' Andy. 6:15—Little Show. 6:30—Ask It Baby. 6:45—Strange as It Seems. 7:00—The Grand Old Opera. 7:15—Vincent Lopez Orchestra. 7:30—Manny Strop Orchestra. KOAO—THURSDAY—560 Kc. 6:00—Today's Programs. 6:15—Homenage to Hollywood. 6:30—Neighbor Reynolds. 6:45—The Weather. 7:00—Weather Forecast. 7:15—Story Hour for Adults. 7:30—The Story of the Week. 7:45—Music of the Masters. 7:55—Sports Huddle. 8:00—News. 8:15—News. 8:30—U of O Hour. 8:45—For Scandinavians. 9:00—Homenage to Hollywood. 9:15—Love Tales. 9:30—Booky Games. 9:45—The Tabernacle Orchestra.

Young Americans Who'll Fight for Finland



Three young Americans enroute to Helsinki to fight in the air force of Finland drink a toast in Paris. Left to right they are R. Folds of Chicago, M. Clark of Hollywood and C. Steidl of New York.