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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"
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Director Goes Slow

Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson is well-advised in saying he will go slow in organizing or reorganizing the milk control administration which has been attached to his department under a new law. Since price-fixing has been assumed by OPA the chief duties of the director in administering the milk law are auditing for proper payout of the milk pools, and statistical, to assemble production and other desirable information. The resignation of J. H. Mapes as administrator to accept private employment clears the way for Director Peterson to name a new administrator when he feels one is required.

The milk situation nationally as well as locally is confusing. Milk production for the country during the first quarter of this year was the highest on record. The outlook is made uncertain now, principally over fears of shortages of proper feeds, especially protein feeds. Locally production for factory use has been good, but production of grade A milk has fallen off, with "market milk" coming in to make up the deficiency for the bottle and can trade. Supplies in the principal consuming areas have been adequate, but the season of poor pasturing is approaching when production will fall off.

In response to protests that fluid milk prices are too low, presented by the governor's special committee to OPA officials in San Francisco, a series of meetings will be held over the state when OPA representatives will hear complaints or comments which producers, distributors or consumers want to make. The governor's committee members report they received a respectful audience, and that OPA officials were by no means ignorant of the problems of milk production and marketing. They do insist that producers back up claims with proof, which seems reasonable, but which in the case of farming operations is very difficult to do, because few keep proper accounts. In any event the OPA can obtain the "feel" of the milk industry and of consumers, and then can write the ticket.

Zoot-Suit Exorcism

The Eugene Register-Guard in a thoughtful editorial comments on the recent wave of rioting in Los Angeles between service men and youthful wearers of bizarre raiment, the zoot-suit in particular. Its comments are so trenchant that we reprint the major portion of its editorial:

"The zoot-suit riots are the prelude to post-war race riots in our great cities, unless we wake up. The 'zoot-suit' phenomenon results from:

- 1. Neglected slums in our big cities.
- 2. Sap instead of sense in "social approach" to these problems which is a tender name for bureaucratic politics.
- 3. Fumbling and feckless public education.
- 4. Boogie-woogie music.
- 5. We have no quarrel with boogie-woogie, on the contrary we accept it as an art form natural to a civilization which is pouring black and white and every shading in between into centers where the bird notes and folk melodies and simpler tunes pick up the jarring discords and shrieking rhythms of traffic noises, police sirens, factory whistles. We who were born 30 years too soon just suffer, but the young love boogie because it is the music and the symptom of their times.

"The zoot-suit is the exorcism. It stands for impact of barbaric modernism and social chaos upon moronic minds. A well-meaning but crackpot intelligentsia (aided by some eminent ladies and gentlemen in very high places) has been encouraging field hands from backwoods plantations and peons from over the border to step into this Land of Promises and social equality—and there are millions who simply are not ready for such hasty, Utopian change.

"The zoot-suit taunts men who have seen service; it should taunt us who remain at home, whose job it is to bring some sense into American thinking. The riots are an evil omen."

Independents and Chains

The assertions that OPA regulations were putting the independent stores out of business does not seem to be proven by the official reports. While thousands of independent stores have closed their doors, the end of the war will see most of these places reopen for business. Just now their proprietors are probably doing better by themselves and by their country in the army or in war industry.

In spite of the closure of these independent stores the latest department of commerce figures show that in food retailing the independents have increased somewhat their percentage of total business. In 1934 the independent store share was 61.2 per cent of the total; in 1936, 61.9; 1937 and 38, 63.6; 1941, 61.0. In 1942 the independent percentage went up, reaching 65.8 in the last quarter. The increase continued to 66.5 per cent in the first quarter of 1943.

It appears from these statistics, that while the independent merchant may feel he has plenty of grief the chain merchant is in the same boat, or a worse one. The figures over the years would indicate that the competition has been fairly well established, and certainly prove that the independent food retailer has been able to survive.

It may be all right to theorize about race equality; but race prejudice is a fact. Destruction in the negro section of Beaumont, Texas, during race riots following reported cases of rape in which negroes were suspects, shows what happens when such prejudice gets out of control. In the south it is almost a disease, and like any other disease will have to be treated and cured, not ignored.

If DeGaulle and Giraud were able to compose their differences hope remains for a successful peace conference at the war's end.

Planes on Credit

One of the biggest factors in instalment purchases of automobiles in California and Oregon was the Pacific Finance company, a western concern in its origin, ownership and region of operation. With the curtailment of instalment selling and of motor car sales the company sold its instalment paper to Transamerica corporation (which also acquired the majority shares in Pacific Finance company) and to the First National Bank of Portland. Recently a deal was made in which Lockheed Aircraft company has purchased from Transamerica the majority interest in Pacific Finance.

This is of interest to more than the principals. It may mean that Lockheed, looking ahead to the after-war period, is getting ready to promote sales of planes to private and commercial interests, and wants an experienced finance organization to handle the paper. There have been many loose claims of the future of aviation, from cargo planes to helicopters. Even if these were discounted fifty per cent that still would be a great future for plane building and operation. The huge operative capacity of plane-makers, the tens of thousands of trained pilots will not all be idle. And naturally the companies will endeavor to reach the mass market, trying to manufacture planes cheap enough which can be operated with reasonable safety, so they will be in general demand.

Lockheed in buying Pacific Finance, gets a company with a high rating, with a bright future along its old lines, and one which may prove a desirable vehicle for Lockheed's own business.

Southern Pacific is flying a service flag on its literature of 12,000, the number of men and women in armed services. That's nearly a division itself. No wonder the trains are late.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, June 17—The supreme court is running around in legal circles which seem to devolve deeper and deeper.

The confusion of law which has been engendered by its hard-fought, close decisions first caused weary head-shaking in the legal profession. Now it is getting chuckles.

What would happen if FDR's court-packing bill had been adopted, and he had appointed 13 justices instead of 7, is an interesting thought to toy with. Justice then probably would have been meted out \$ to 7.

On some legally confusing occasions, the court has ruled that what it decided was justice a short time ago is no longer constitutional, but the opposite is.

In a Pennsylvania school case in 1940, it held (8 to 1) school children could be required to salute the flag, but, in a West Virginia case, it reversed itself (6 to 3) and decreed the opposite.

It has unrelentingly held racketeering is a crime for all citizens unless they belong to a labor union, and has now (May 10) given the federal communications commission the right to determine the contents of radio programs (possibly also of what goes over wires to newspapers).

Frequently, it has denied petitions for reviews and then, on a rehearing petition, reversed itself and granted reviews.

The only explanation is that this 7 to 2 new deal court is volatile and changeable. Apparently, some justices will even vote one way in conference and then, on reflection, change sides.

The other day in a narcotics case, the written opinion announced dissents by two justices. But when reporters inquired for the dissenting opinions, they were informed no dissents had been filed.

The court may have been reformed politically, but legally, it is now more in need of reform than before.

The McKellar bill whopped its way through the senate upon the wings of expectation that it would break the Frankfurter-Mrs. Roosevelt-Hopkins monopoly over new deal patronage, but it is not likely to bring that result any time soon.

For one thing, the bill must now pass the house, and the house members were left entirely out of the McKellar plan of awarding good government jobs (above \$4500 a year). The bill requires senate confirmation of such appointments.

In practice, it would therefore cause Mr. Roosevelt to ascertain whether appointees are acceptable to senators from the same locality as the appointees. The whole senate would be given the opportunity to turn down appointees whose chief claim to fame and experience is a Harvard law degree, or a career of working in some social service.

Also, such officials now holding jobs would hereafter have to be more polite to senators and refrain from arousing their ire in any matter of government policy. These would be the practical effects of the legislation.

General feeling against the typical new dealer in office is stronger in the house than in the senate, but the chances of the bill passing the lower chamber are obviously impeded by the senate assumption of authority in this patronage matter for itself. The house would get none of the gravy. This naturally lessens its interest in the McKellar reform.

A fair objective analysis would insist that Mr. Roosevelt's fears that the bill would break down the civil service system are unfounded, as it specifically is not to apply to any civil service appointee or anyone in the White House or FBI.

From the standpoint of altruism, a standpoint from which no one on any side around here is looking at the proposal, the bill might not make appointments any better, but it would certainly make them different.

Basically, it would just give the senators' friends a chance, which now is exclusively restricted to Roosevelt's friends. The friends of senators might not be much more astute, but they certainly would wear a different school tie.

More important, Mr. Roosevelt would veto the bill, and it could not pass over a veto in either house. Thus the existing patronage situation will no doubt continue to the end of time or Roosevelt, whichever occurs first.



'44 or 45?'

Today's Radio Programs

KSLM-FRIDAY-1390 Kc.	Next day's programs appear on comes page.	10:35-Orchestra.
7:30-News in Brief.	7:15-Music of Vienna.	10:45-Orchestra.
7:35-Rise 'n' Shine.	7:30-News.	11:30-Manny Strand Orchestra.
7:45-Morning Moods.	7:45-Gene and Glenn.	11:35-News.
8:00-Rhythm Five.	8:00-Breakfast Club.	Midnight to 6:00 a.m.—Music & News.
8:05-News Briefings.	8:00-My True Story.	KGW-NBC-FRIDAY-620 Kc.
8:10-News.	8:30-Breakfast at Sardi's.	4:00-NBC Patrol.
8:15-Pastor's Call.	8:35-Kashmere Talking.	4:55-Labor News.
8:15-Uncle Sam.	10:15-The Gospel Singer.	5:00-Everything Goes.
8:20-News.	10:20-Andy and Virginia.	6:30-News.
8:25-News.	10:25-The Baby Institute.	6:35-Labor News.
8:30-News.	11:00-Woman's World.	7:15-News Headlines and Highlights.
8:35-News.	11:15-The Mystery Chef.	7:30-Reveille Roundup.
8:40-News.	12:15-News Headlines.	7:35-Sam Hayes.
8:45-News.	12:20-Organ Concert.	8:00-Stars of Today.
8:50-News.	12:25-News Headlines.	8:15-James Abbe Covers the News.
8:55-News.	12:30-Organ Concert.	8:30-Rose Room.
9:00-News.	12:35-News Headlines.	8:45-David Harum.
9:05-News.	12:40-News Headlines.	9:00-The O'Neills.
9:10-News.	12:45-News Headlines.	9:15-Louis F. Lochner.
9:15-News.	12:50-News Headlines.	9:30-Mirth and Madness.
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9:35-News.	1:15-News Headlines.	10:45-Homekeeper's Calendar.
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