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Excess Housing

Some time ago the question was raised in this newspaper whether they were not overdoing the building of housing in the Portland area. Some days ago it was announced that one of the great dormitories built by the government at a cost of nearly \$5,000,000 was being closed for lack of tenants, and now the executive director of the federal housing authority in Portland says that more than 3000 of the 18,578 war houses are empty. Now it is proposed to open these houses to the general public.

This is just another case of poor planning and overdoing the job which has been seen so often in government management. The country over there are messes like this, only some of them worse, which will have to be cleaned up. This waste not only is a drain on the taxpayer, but also damages one's confidence in his government. Of course the excuse "this is war" will be offered, but that is already growing threadbare. There are just too many Canol projects for the people to swallow them all without gagging.

Rennie of Benton

Few men who have served in the state legislature in recent sessions had the solid respect and confidence of the public and of his fellow members as did Alex Rennie who represented Benton county in the house for five sessions and who passed away in Corvallis Friday. His was a case where the office sought the man, for he had wanted to retire several times, but was prevailed on by his loyal constituents and admirers over the state to return. He was a candidate and unopposed this year.

Rennie's chief service was on the ways and means committee, where he and Senator Dean Walker really saved the state when its financial situation was precarious. Conservative as was his constituency in Benton county, Rennie helped to keep Oregon on an even keel. At the same time he was interested in the state institutions and desirous that the wards of the state be well cared for. His passing is a great loss to the state.

People with incomes under \$5000 a year are promised a simpler tax return-but no lower taxes.

Two for One

It isn't clear to Mr. Average Citizen why two congressional investigations of the Montgomery Ward seizure are in order. The senate has already voted for one, and now the house orders one for itself. Surely one would be enough, and since the senate was first in the field, the job might well be left to its committee.

While the terms of the approving resolutions were broad, the type of investigation will depend very much on the ability and the slant of the investigating committees. Too many times these committees begin with fixed opinions and sort the evidence or the witnesses or manage the hearing in such a way as to warp the hearing and impair the quality of its findings.

The Ward case is one which by virtue of its prominence calls for investigation, both as to the facts in the case as far as the government agencies are concerned and as regards the labor policies of the company. Legal and constitutional questions will be passed on by the courts in pending cases. But the investigation should be complete and it should be fair. If the committee is loaded with new dealers they may want to "try" Avery; if it is loaded with anti-new dealers they may want to "tay" Roosevelt. The public is interested in an impartial inquiry which reveals all the pertinent facts and offers opinions based on the facts. In this explosive case however the public may, as often, fail to get what it wants.

The British raj, the government of India, has released Mohandas K. Ghandi because of his ill health. He is probably too ill to stir up trouble, and the government doesn't want to have him die on their hands. Meantime if it wasn't for the British and loyal Indian armies the Japs would be overrunning India; and what would they do to Ghandi and his kind?

News Behind The News By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 7 - Mr. Bowles told a good story of the reasons behind the abandonment of the cheaper meats rationing, but it contains holes which may not sustain his nectations

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0:15-Voices from Southland. 130-Bobby Hookey. 10-American Lutheran Church. 10-War Commentary. -Voice of the Farmer. -Dr. Floyd Johnson. -Symphonic Southland. 18—Dr. Floyd Johnson,
10—Symphonic Swing,
10—Young People's Church,
10—Voice of Restoration,
10—Voice of Healing,
10—Wings of Healing,
10—Foursquare Church,
10—Foursquare Church,
10—Mediation Board,
15—Gabriel Heatter,
16—Neurs 6:00-News. 6:15-Orchestra of Mexico,

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KEX-BN-SUNDAY-1139 Ee. 8 00-Your War Job. 8 30-Dr. Ralph Walker. 8 45-Seagle and Trinity Choir. 9 00-Builders of Faith. 9 30-Message of Inrael. 10 30-Music 11 30-Chaplain Jim. USA. 11 30-Chaplain Jim. USA. 11 30-Chaplain Jim. USA. 12 30-Music 12 00-Life of Riley. 12 30-Hot Copy! 1 30-Al Pearce's Fun Valley. 1 30-World of Song. 2 30-Mary Small Revue. 2 30-Mary Small Revue. 2 30-Mary Small Revue. 2 30-Mary Bedl of Fame. 00-Radio Hall of Fame. 3.00—Radio Hall of Fame. 4:00—Music. 4:15—Be Alert. 4:55—Dorothy Thompson. 5:00—Christian ocience Program. 5:00-Christian science Program. 5:15-Serenade. 5:30-Walter Duranty. 5:45-Drew Pearson. 6:00-Walter Winchell. 6:15-Basin St. Chamber Music. 6:45-Jimmie Fidler. 7:00-Listen, the Women. 7:30-Look to the Future. 7:30-Look to the Future. 7:30-Look to the Future. 7:30-Coreenfield Village Choir. 8:00-Greenfield Village Choir. 8:15-Hotel Sherman Orchestra. 8:30-Jan Garber Orchestra. 9:30-I Was There. 9:30-News Headunes and Highlights 9:45-For All Humanity. 10:30-Guy Lombardo. 10:30-Builders of Faith. 11:00-Concert Hour.

KGW-NBC-SUNDAY-629 Ke. 4:00-Dawn Patrol. 6:00-World News Roundup. 6:15-Commando Mary. 6:30-String Quartet. 7:00-National Radio Pulpit. 7:30-Words and Music. 8:00-The Church in Your Home. 8:30-Visiting Nurse of the Air. 8:45-The Carol Sisters. 9:00-Carveth Wells. Commentator 9:15-News in Advertising. 9:30-Stradivari 10:00-A Layman Views the News. 10:18-Labor for Victory. 10:30-Chicago Round Table. 11:30-Chicago Round Table. 11:30-John Charles Thomas. 12:30-World News. 12:30-The Army Hour. 1:30-Garden Talk. EGW-NBC-SUNDAY-629 Ec. 130-Garden Talk. 145-Memory Kassel. 150-NBC Symphony Orchestra 150-News Headline and Righlights. 8:15—Catholic Hour 3:45—Between the Lines. 4:00—Jack Benny. 4:30—Jack Benny, 4:35—Band Wagon, 4:55—Tom Raddy, News, 5:00—Charlie McCarthy, 5:30—One Man's Family, 6:00—Manhattan Merry-Go-Round, 6:30—American Album of Familiar Music Music. 1:00-Hour of Charm. 1:30-Bob Crosby & Co. 1:00-The Great Gildersleeve. 1:30-Symphony ^BHour. 30—Symphony Hour. 30—Lands of the Free. 55—Musical Interlude. 9:55-Musical Interlude. 10:00-News Flashes. 10:15-Pre-Induction Panel. 10:30-Symphonette. 11:00-St. Francis Hotel Orchestra. 11:30-War News Roundup. 12:00-2:00 a.m.-Swing Shift. KOIN-CBS-SUNDAY-950 Ke. 6.00-News of the World. 6:15-Music. 6:45-Music. 7:00-Church of the Air. 7:00-Church of the Air. 7:30-Wings Over Jordan. 8:00-Warren Sweeney, News. 8:03-Blue Jackets' Choir. 8:30-Invitation to Learning. 9:00-Salt Lake Tabernacie. 9:30-Garden Talks. 9:45-News. 10:00-Church of the Air. 10:30-Trans-Atlantic Call. 11:30-Ceiling Unlimited. 11:30-World News Today. 11:35-Songs of America.

11:45-Orch. 12:00-8:00 a.m. Music and News. Monday's Radio Programs ESLM-MBS-MONDAY-139 Ec. 6:30-11's the Truth. 6:45-News. 7:00-News. 7:15-Farm and Home. 7:30-Shady Valley Folks. 7:30-Shady Valley Folks. 7:45-Morning Moods. 7:40-Shady Valley Folks. 7:45-Morning Moods. 8:30-Dr. Louis Talbot. 8:30-Orchestra. 8:45-Wax Shop. 8:35-Les Huff Trio. 9:30-Boake Carter. 9:15-Pastor's Call. 9:30-News. 9:45-Harry Brewer's Nov. Orch. 10:30-Luncheon with Lopez. 10:45-Bartal Orchestra. 10:30-Gien Hardy, News. 10:15-Jack Berch. 10:30-Luncheon with Lopez. 10:45-Bartal Orchestra. 11:30-Cedric Foster. 11:15-Waltz Time. 11:30-Skyime Serenade. 11:45-Around Town. 12:30-Organalities. 12:30-Organalities. 12:30-Hillbilly Serenade. 12:35-News. 12:30-Hillbilly Serenade. 12:35-Nashville Varieties. 1:30-Hillbilly Serenade. 1:30-Hillbilly Serenade. 1:30-Music. 2:00-News. 2:15-Don Lee News Reel. 2:35-Radio Tour. 3:00-News. 3:05-Concert Hour. 3:45-Johnson Family. 4:00-Fulton Lewis. 4:15-Care and Feeding of a Husband 4:30-Lullaby in Rhythm. 4:45-Round Up Revelers. 5:00-News. 5:15-Superman. 5:15-Superman. 5:30-Bertrand Hirsch and Violin. 5:30-Bertrand Hirsch and Violi 6:00-Gabriel Heatter. 6:15-Nick Carter. 6:30-Cote Glee Club. 7:00-Air WAC. 7:15-War Commentary. 7:30-Lone Ranger. 8:00-Art Wilson. 8:15-Orchestra. 8:30-Point Sublime. 9:00-News. 9:15-Cecii Brown. 9:30-Fulton Lewis. 9:45-Music. 10:00-Sherlock Holmes. 10:45-Carl Ravazza's Orchestra. 11:00-Sign Off. KOIN-CBS-MONDAY-959 Ke. 6:00—Northwest Farm Rep 6:15—Breakfast Bulletin. 6:20—Texas Rangers. 8:45-KOIN Klock. 7:15-Headline News, 7:30-Bob Green, News, 7:45-Nelson Pringle. 8:15-Valiant Lady. 8:30-Stories America Loves.

9:15-Big Sister 9:30-Romance



Tuning Up for the Grand March

10:45-The Goldbergs. 11:00-Portia Faces Life, 11:15-Joyce Jordan. 11:30-Young Doctor Malone. 11:30-Young Doctor Malone. 11:30-Perry Mason. 12:00-News. 12:15-Neighbors. 12:30-Bright Horizons. 12:30-Bright Horizons. 12:5-Dorothy Fisher. Songs. 1:25-Dorothy Fisher, Songs. 1:20-Mary Marlin, 1:45-Afternoon Melodies. 2:00-Open Door. 2:15-Newspaper of the Air. 3:45-American Women. 3:00-News. 3:15-Lyn Murray. 3:30-Stars of Today. 3:45-The World Today. 3:55-Harsch, Meaning of the News. 4:00-Lady of the Press. 4:15-News. 4:30-The Colonel. 4:55-Organ Interlude, 5:00-Galen Drake, 5:15-Red's Gang, 5:30-Harry Flannery, News

10:00—Five Star Final. 10:15—Wartime Women. 10:20—Western Stars. 10:30—Music. 10:45—Heathman Melodies. 10:35-Heatnman melodies. 11:30-Ada Leonard, Orchestra. 11:35-Air-Flo of the Air. 11:35-Manny Strand Orchestra. 11:45-Organist. 1:55-News. Ridnight-6:00 s.m.-Music and News. KOAC-MONDAY-550 Ke. 10:13-The Homemakers' Hour. 11:06-School of the Air. 11:15-Familiar Songs. 11:30-Concert Hall. 12:00-News 12:15-Noon Farm Hour. 1:00-Ridin' the Range. 1:15-Names in the News. 1:30-Variety Time. 2:00-Home Economics Extends 3:00-News. 3:15-Music of the Mastern. 4:30-The Waltz Lives On. 4:45-Highlights of the Week. 5:00-On the Upbeat. 5:30—Story Time 5:45—It's Oregon's War, 6:15-News. 6:30-Evening Farm Hour. 7:30-4H Club Program. 8:00-Starry Skies. 8:15-A to Z in Novelty.

News. g Meditations EEX-BN-MUNDAY-1199 Ke. 6:00-Musical Clock. 6:15-National Farm and Hom 6:45-Western Agriculture. 7:00-Home Harmonies. 7:05-Top of the Morning.

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Interpreting The War News

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Invasion jitters running rampant through Hitlerized western Europe from Norway to the Franco-Spanish border this weekend stirred nazi conjecture that mid-May will see the crisis reached at last and the battle joined.

The tides in the North sea and the English channel would seem best suited about then to the great allied adventure that could end the war in Europe this year. Other factors such as weather portents which could govern the actual allied jump-off from Britain are not down in the books for all to read.

Halfway around the earth, however, under the shadow of the towering Himalayas in northeastern India and northern Burma, there is no doubt as to the significance of the mid-May season, no longer any question as to what its wet, windy approach must mean to aid the allied cause against Japan. The southwest monsoon can be timed like a railroad train once its first gusts sweep across the Bay of Bengal, to eventually crash against the Himalayas and let loose deluges.

That is due to happen by May 15. With the monsoon onset, frustrated Japanese invaders of India will be cut off from their upper Burma bases and escape routes by flooded rivers and valley quagmires. Their fate seems sealed even now.

Allied armies on the Imphal plain in India are reported on the attack eastward. The great rains will no doubt impede their pursuit of the foe into Burma through sodden jungle tracks. But such of the estimated three-division army as makes its escape to the Irrawaddy can be in no shape to cope with allied forces ploneering the Ledo sup-ply route to its junction with the old Burms road to China.



THE MACARTHUR DISCLAIMER.

The 1944 presidential campaign may go down in history as the one in which none of the candidates ran. The two top ranking favorites, FDR and Tom Dewey, aren't running, Willkie was but isn't now, Stassen isn't, though he would if drafted. Bricker is running but doing it on treadmill, and now General MacArthur executes a real honest to goodness withdrawal by saying he wouldn't have the nomination if 'twas brought to him on a silver platter.

The only flaw in the MacArthur disclaimer is its timing-about six months too late. It just wasn't in the cards for a man to command an American army in battle overseas and run for president at the same time, even by indirection. He has been the victim of over-zealous admirers and some others who used him for their own ends, making him the candidate of discredited isolationist faction in the republican party, probably without his knowledge.

Finally someone in whom the general has confidence-like as not Senator Vandenburg of Michigan-has given him the "low down" on the situation. As a result he has stepped aside to let a civilian carry the political ball against the New Deal while he carries the military ball against the Japs, the role for which he is best qualified. — Baker Democrat-Herald.

"The vesetables have gone republican," said Mrs. Lewis Sorensen as she presented us with a turnip shaped like a GOP elephant-even to trunk, tail and legs . . . We have him on display in our w. He is a real roly-poly elephant, bespeak- reverse.



duce greater consumption. But consumption depends these days primarily on supply and also on price, rather than the number of ration coupons outstanding. There is to be no change in

Paul Mallon price and all the other economic factors of supply still prevail today-only the consumer coupon phase having been removed.

Will the farmers rush any more or less cattle or hogs to market as a result of that single change? Or will people buy more?

So also with the feed angle, there is a large unobserved question mark. Nothing has happened lately: no new crisis has arisen in that long dangerous condition to explain the suddenness of Mr. Bowles' step. The only development has been an adverse action taken by the government itself.

The government went to 100-odd western farm counties and commandeered all corn supplies to get enough to keep the processing plants (cane syrup, etc.) going. No one in those counties can sell any corn except to the commodity credit corporation. Thus, the government is getting enough corn for the processing plants, but has left less for feed

But say the scheme works as Mr. Bowles outlined it, and the farmers now rush more hogs and cattle to market, and consumers rush to buy this increased supply. In that event, Mr. Bowles himself said he may have to renew rationing on these less demanded meats in the fall. He could have made it certain that harder rationing than we have known must follow the decline of cattle and hogs available.

We have no reserves of corn, only a little of wheat. The farmers being shorthanded cannot be expected to cure the feed situation unless providence enables fewer hands to grow a greater crop. The corn feed crop will be available in September or October, but there is a presidential election coming in November, and the betting around here runs about 100 to 1 that the much harder rationing which seems to be in prospect for fall will not be put into effect until after November 7.

Indeed, the election factor makes the most sensible explanation for the removal of the rationing than the others.

None of this is said in criticism of Mr. Bowles' administration, only his excuse. His administration may be far from perfect, but it looks like magnificent efficiency when compared with the earlier Henderson regime. Mr. Bowles has been slowly correcting the Henderson mistakes both in orders and in personnel, apparently even the biggest one of coupon rationing itself.

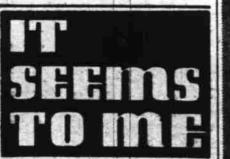
The government really rations the supplies of food before it gets to the consumer. It takes so much for army, navy, lend-lease, etc., leaving a certain amount to be distributed. If that amount is not sufficient to meet consumer needs-as has always been the case,-it makes no difference how many coupons you have. The real rationing, therefore is done before selling to the consumer.

As everyone knows, unless you are early in line at the grocery for your butter, steak, or any ra-tioned product, you will not get it. Truth is there has always been less rationed food available than coupons. Hoarding could be prevented more simply by limiting the amounts to a customer.

A great deterioration in quality of meats available has been noticed in recent months. This is due to the direct movement of cattle from grazing to market without going through the feeder lots where they formerly were given corn.

The army and navy, however, are getting good cuts of corn-fed meats in this country. Our troops in Europe are largely being fed with Argentine beef obtained by the British under lend-lesse in

1:55-Wongs of America. 1:58-Songs of America. 1:30-The Pause That Refreshes. 2:00-The Family Hour. 2:45-Woman from Nowhere. 3:00-Silver Theatre.



skyscraper. Then as the sunlight failed, the moon took over, and just ahead where the road pointed toward the mountains the evening star hung a lantern in the sky.

At the summit snow patches were observed under the trees and along the roadside; and down the north Santiam the river shone like dull silver in the moonlight. The air was mild even at the high point in the mountains, and farther down in the deeper forests scented with

It was indeed a night out of a picture album,-and one to paste

Practical Religion

-by Rev. John L. Knight, fr., Counselor on Religious Life, Willamette iniversity.

Take a half-hour off some day to stand on a busy city street corner and watch the crowds pass by. You will notice that there are usually a few individuals who attract more attention to themselves than others do. Unfortunately, some of these "would ra-ther be looked around at than up

Did you ever think of what people might see when they look at you? Do they simply look around at you, or do they find

5:55—Bill Henry. 5:00—Radio Theatre. 7:00—Screen Guild Players. 8:45-Aunt Jenny. 9:00-Kate Smith Speaks. 8:00—I Love A Mystery. 8:15—Ed Sullivan Entertains. 9:30-Romance of Helen Trent. /9:45-Our Gal Sunday. 10:30-Life Can Be Beautiful. 10:15-Ma Perkins. 10:30-Bernadine Flynn. 8:30—Gay Nineties, 8:55—Chet Huntley, 9:00—Adventures of Bill Lance. 9:30-Vox Pop



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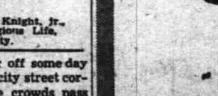
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