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Norway's Merchant Marine

Norway has been in modern times a leading maritime nation. Before the late war its merchant marine consisted of about 2000 ships with a total tonnage of 4,835,000 gross tons, the fourth largest in the world. The war played havoc with this fleet although fortunately for Norway and the allies few Norwegian ships fell into German hands. After the invasion of Norway Norwegian shipping was consolidated under single control and used thereafter in transportation for the allies. Enemy action caused serious losses and at the war's end Norway had only about half of its pre-war merchant fleet.

Its future as a maritime country is a matter of vital concern to Norway. Receipts from shipping prior to 1940 amounted to about one-third of its foreign exchange. This was used to pay for imports of food and manufactures necessary to sustain the home population. With its former merchant tonnage greatly reduced, most of its shipping old and with the United States possessing a greatly expanded merchant fleet, Norway wonders what its future will be. It is disturbed for instance when a condition is proposed for a loan from the Export-Import bank that goods purchased in America be transported to Norway in United States bottoms.

If the past is any safe basis for prophecy the Norwegians will come out all right. They take to the seafaring life. They have the know-how in handling ships and skill in getting business. They were specially fortunate in specializing their shipping with tankers and refrigerator ships as well as general cargo vessels. With a credit of 70 million pounds in London for shipping losses and services they should be able to restore their tonnage. Already, in fact, they are getting new ships from Swedish yards, contracted for by Norway even during the war. That kind of faith plus their past experience will help the Norwegians to regain a prominent place in maritime commerce.

John Bull, Policeman

Old John Bull must get very weary performing his duty as policeman with the world for his beat. A little while ago he was under fire for trying to restore order (and the Dutch) in Java. He has been going guard duty in Greece for about two years. For both jobs Russia's representative in the U.N.O. jumped on him with rounds of abuse. Now old JB has a bad mess to clean up in India, and in Cairo noisy students are parading and yelling "Down with the British."

The worst situation is in Bombay where sailors of the Royal Indian navy mutinied. The reason is not given, whether for better food or pay or out of sympathy with the Indian nationalist movement is not clear. The British treated it as mutiny however and didn't hesitate to bring in force to quell it. The Egyptian rioting is part of an old pattern, but it does show unrest over British domination which is real although not legally acknowledged.

It is the price of power which Great Britain is paying. She could pull out, probably to the serious detriment of the peoples concerned and with grave injury to British prestige and economy as well. It is noted that the labor party now in power has deviated not a whit in its attitude toward the "empire" from the policies of the previous conservative ministry. It renews offer of a commonwealth status to India; but is not ready to abandon India completely. As long as Britain practices the arts of empire John Bull will have to walk the beat and put up with the stones and the jibes of those he guards.

An Oregon Team

Recently Miss Nellie B. Pipes resigned as librarian of the Oregon Historical society, retiring after many years of exceptionally capable work. Now comes news of her marriage to L. A. (Tam) McArthur, a former president of the society and himself a great student of Oregon history and geography. Their host of friends tender them many years of wedded bliss.

What a team they make in knowledge of and interest in the old Oregon country! As librarian of the society Miss Pipes contributed much toward expanding the library until it is one of the most valuable historical collections in the country, a veritable mine of information for historians, scholars, writers and artists seeking authentic knowledge of old Oregon. Mr. McArthur, famed geographer, author of "Oregon Geographic Names" and of numerous monographs on Oregon geography, is himself of distinguished ancestry, being a grandson of J. W. Nesmith, a pioneer of 1843 and one-time senator from Oregon. As a team we know they will continue their interest and work in Oregon history and geography.

Financial Facts on CIO Unions

All but two of the 36 unions affiliated with the CIO make public their financial reports. The latest reports show that CIO operations are quite conservative both as to initiation fees and dues required and salaries paid to union officials.

The highest paid CIO executive, Philip Murray, gets \$20,000 a year from the steelworkers, a very nominal salary compared with the salaries paid executives of steel companies with whom he deals. Sidney Hillman gets only \$15,000 a year from the Amalgamated Clothing workers. Two other unions pay their heads \$10,000 a year apiece, and others scale down to \$3000 a year. The average initiation fee in CIO unions is less than \$5 and the monthly dues \$1.50.

These costs on the workers are far less than

for the older AFofL unions. Some craft unions have initiation fees of \$100 or over; and dues uniformly are considerably higher. Salaries in AFofL unions are not publicized widely, but J. Caesar Petrillo of the musicians' union gets \$25,000 a year plus a big expense account.

It must be conceded that the CIO, if more militant and more politically minded, is also more democratic in its organization and more responsive to the will of its members.

Six Months' Extension

Chester Bowles comes in as stabilization director with both guns blazing. He goes after Henry Ford II for criticizing OPA and upbraids the national association of manufacturers as greedy pirates for suggesting that price controls be lifted.

The country would think better of Bowles and of OPA if price control had worked better. In wide areas it hasn't worked; and in other areas it has been so rigid that production has dwindled to a trickle. It's up to Paul Porter, new OPA boss, to see if he can do any better.

We have an impression that OPA knows it has a near-impossible job and uses the device of time delays in default of better ways to regulate prices. Like other bureaus too, its staff may have more direct concern about perpetuating their own employment than in making price control work.

A six months' extension of OPA is all that is warranted.

Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

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MIAMI, Feb. 21.—The mad rush of the people to spend and throw their money around freely is visibly accentuated here in the nation's winter playground.

Betting at the Hialeah horse track is running nearly double 1943-44, the last previous racing year. Daily, an average of \$1,400,000 is poured through the mutuels by 20,000 to 30,000 persons.

Three nightly dog racing tracks in this area reported \$15,800,000 was bet by people during the first 113 nights of their season, a 50 per cent increase over the war-betting year. Gambling casinos in this area have been pushed out across the county line by official action, but so much money has been lost in the most lavish of these establishments, its activities may get into the national wire news before the season is closed.

Black Market Money
Insiders tell me this gambling spree has been inspired mostly by black market money, the nutcracker, untaxed cash which operators in tires, butter and shortage materials manage to extract in the large cities.

But the common man is spending his, too. Every imaginable article of luxury and trailer hit the highways this winter for this massive sunny sandbar which is the state of Florida. Practically every trailer camp has a sign in front: "No vacancies." One woman started a sit-down picket demonstration of 24 hours or more in a hotel lobby in protest of her inability to obtain lodgings. These incidents are being reported. Twice the normal influx has besieged the playground, limited to normal facilities.

What is not being reported is that these eager people, some with their war savings, or veterans with their discharge allowances, are gladly paying 40 to 80 cents for a hamburger; \$30 up for inferior trout; \$2.85 for a fast haircut and wash; \$70 a week for medium-class hotel room and board; \$3 and up (up to \$30) for dinner without drinks; \$3000 for a cottage for a few months—and commensurately for other items of living. Money is flowing fast and furiously. This condition, as I say, is not unique to Florida. The nation is on a spending spree. You can merely see the flow in closer focus here, where money was never sticky, yet never so slippery as now.

What happens when the money runs out? What comes next when the war bonds are cashed and spent, the discharge allowances gone, the black markets dispelled by normal supplies of living materials? Will the populace not wind up one day broke and shriek to the government again: "Save me."

Spree Temporary
Wise men of knowing reputation, to whom I have put these questions have not given me the answer I expected. They figure the spending spree is a temporary interim postwar condition which will soon sop up its own causes and effects and leave no disastrous results. It is true, however, these days resemble 1929 in their surface aspects.

People are bidding for goods and services rather wildly, anticipating even higher prices. But there is one great difference now. In 1929 people bought with debt. They bought on the installment plan beyond their ability to pay (corporations as well as individuals). Today people are spending cash and are not acquiring debt.

Logically, then, they expect to escape the former consequences of their folly.

There is another escape to which they look forward. If the nation goes to work and produces goods for the vast shortage-markets, the present flow of cash may be expanded. If the sales of all the autos, radios, iceboxes and what-nots are effected, this current spending spree might be followed by a boom for two, three or five years.

Mallon Not So Sure of Boom

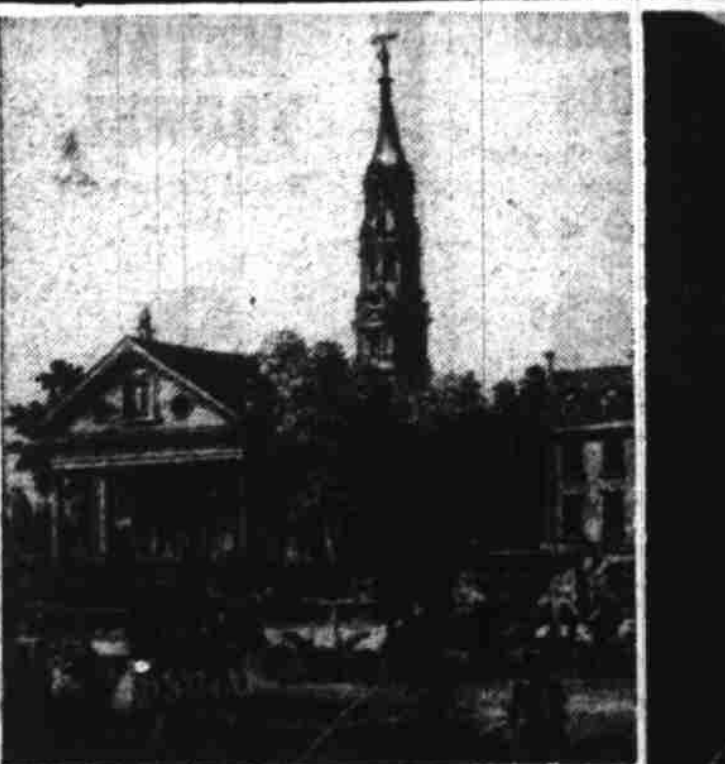
Personally, I am not so sure of this, as most authorities seem to be. I am beginning to wonder if the people will have enough money left to buy all the things they need. I am not certain that the strikes have not dangerously delayed production while money went elsewhere, and I ask myself (without getting an answer) if the increased prices required to satisfy the unions demands, will not be a deterrent to boom and buying and spending, as wages generally have not increased sufficiently to give permanence to current war-bloated buying power among the great mass of the people.

I intend to continue my search for more definite understanding of the prospects in coming columns.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S GOTHAM

AP Newsfeatures

WASHINGTON was a New Yorker when he took the oath of office as the first President of the United States. He was a social lion in Gotham society of that day. The first "White House" occupied a site now covered by part of Brooklyn Bridge. Below is an old drawing of the Federal Hall in Wall Street as it appeared at the time of the inaugural. At the right is the same street today showing Washington's statue in front of the Sub-Treasury building marking that site. The spire of Trinity Church is shown in the background of each view.



THE FIRST PRESIDENT attended church in St. Paul's Chapel in Lower Broadway, where his pew is preserved today. Above is a drawing of the historic chapel as Washington knew it. At the right is the same neighborhood today with tall buildings towering above the grave-crowded churchyard.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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shocked they were to see that the Germans were compelled to wear white or yellow arm bands, in much the same manner as the Jews were banded in Hitler's Europe. One group said they had watched some of these Germans being driven from their homes without being permitted even to take along their personal belongings. Such incidents, however, were isolated. American officials who made a close study of this question assured me that the Czech government has done everything possible to discourage individual mistreatment of Germans. Whether the official policy of expulsion is just or unjust is a different and controversial question.

A similar exodus of the Hungarian population of Czechoslovakia also has been arranged, although it has not thus far proceeded so smoothly. The present Hungarian government, in fact, has angered the Czech government by describing it as Fascist. Nevertheless, the Czechs are determined to complete these mass expulsions. This means show.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"All the kids except me know what they wanna be when they grow up—but I'm just drifting!"

High School News Photo Contest Set At Forest Grove

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Ore., Feb. 21.—(Special) Amateur photographers now enrolled in secondary schools in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho are invited to participate in the first Pacific university invitational journalism competition to be held April 26 on the local campus.

A cup is to be awarded the winner in the news photography field. Second and third place winners will receive certificates.

A group of three pictures must be submitted by the contestant, one of which shall be a sports action shot, one of a social activity, and one dealing with a classroom activity. Each picture must tell a story and have news value to the local paper. Each picture should be a five by seven glossy and should be mailed enclosed in stiff cardboard to keep entries from bending. An entry fee of one dollar to cover cost of judging and mailing should accompany pictures. Pictures must be postmarked no later than April 1 to be considered.

SHS Seniors To Represent Church at Meet

Bonnie Barton and Nancy Buren, seniors at Salem high school, will attend the thirty-third annual session of the Older Girls conference, being held in Corvallis this weekend, as delegates from the First Presbyterian church.

The Oregon Council of Churches, with Charles A. Sprague as president, is sponsoring the three-day meeting. Highlights at this year's sessions will be talks by Dr. John Knight, of Willamette university and Dr. Warrington of Oregon State college; a tour of the state college campus followed by a tea in the Memorial Union lounge; a Saturday evening banquet, followed by a service featuring Dr. Walter Kallenbach, blind evangelist and his trumpet tableau, assisted by members of Wesley foundation at the college; and a sunrise communion service early Sunday at the Corvallis First Methodist church.

WU Honorary Pledges Seven

Charles Zeran, Salem, president of Sigma Alpha Chi, sophomore men's honorary at Willamette university, has announced the pledging of seven students who will become members at installation ceremonies March 11.

New pledges are Dale Bates, Eugene Bauer and Earl Van Lydegrat, Salem; Marvin Mattson, Woodburn; Robert Nickoloff, Portland; and Thomas Stahl and James Wilson, Ketchikan, Alaska. Sigma Alpha Chi was formed on the Willamette campus in 1944 as a service organization. Plans are currently under way for a joint banquet with Beta Alpha Gamma, sophomore women's society.

First Quarter Jobless Benefits Due to Top Record for Full Year

Unemployment benefits paid to idle Oregon civilians in the first quarter of 1946 are expected to surpass \$6,000,000—a sum greater than any whole year's unemployment payments previously—it was predicted Thursday by the Oregon unemployment compensation commission.

This expected first-quarter total will triple the amount of unemployment taxes collected during the same period, and will compare with the \$5,916,399 yearly high payment, established in 1938.

Definitely recorded by the commission are payments amounting to \$3,114,442 for unemployed civilians between January 1 and February 15, it was reported Thursday.

Collections from employers for the remaining quarters of 1946 were not expected to vary greatly, officials said. With shipyard layoffs heavy and labor disputes cutting lumber production nearly in half, payrolls for the fourth quarter of

Presbyterian Youth Schedule Coast Retreat

Forty-five of the junior high school group at First Presbyterian church will leave after school today for a two-day retreat at the Presbyterian camp, Sea Haven, at Nelscott.

Don Douris, youth director at the church, will be in charge, assisted by the Rev. Francis Chambers, assistant pastor, Vernon Merrick, Mrs. Harry L. Hendrickson, Howard Grod, Glennis Allen, Beldon Owens, Jr., and Marian Sparks.

Included on the retreat program will be a beach party, daily morning watch services, a roller skating party at Taft, a beach hike to Ocean Lake, a planning session to discuss the youth budget, and missionary plans of the group for 1946-1947. The group will participate in the Sunday morning worship service at the Nelscott chapel.

Those registered for the outing are Janet Gaiser, Richard and Marilyn Reay, Almeta Gilbert, Harry Hendrickson, Denny Feike, Pat Elstrom, Bonnie Belle Stewart, LaVelle du Buy, Betty Coolidge, Marlene DeWitt, Peggy Kuhn, Catherine Person, Dick Buren, Ann and Beth Gilbert, Bruce and Beth Wendt, Loren Bartlett, Gar White, Denny Shepard, Elizabeth Simmons, JoAnn DeWitt, Harriett Just, Mary Feike, Harlan Brock, Wayne Roger, Lenore Phillippi, John Govig, Phyllis Cutler, Loris Merriott, Ron Morgali, Ronald Hoxie, Lewis Martin, Bruce Burns, Richard Soht and Bob Inglis.

Newly elected officers include Marlene DeWitt, president; Bob Hamblin, vice president; Catherine Person, secretary, and Eddie Knapp, treasurer.

Saddle Club to Feature Horse Show Friday

A horse show arranged by Deniz Wilson and Roy Wright will feature the weekly fun night program of the Salem Saddle club Friday evening at the arena. The program is open to the public.

Last week's fun night, arranged by Gladys Zell and Vivian Chandler, included a flag relay, sponge team match, matched pairs at hurdles and a three-man relay. The calf roping action of the organization will meet again Sunday when R. V. Stevenson will have two wild bucking horses to ride. Last Sunday's best calf roping time was 15 3/5 seconds, established by Carl Loop. All members have roped calves within 20 seconds in recent sessions, it was announced.

The club, presided over by Fred Anusien, discussed plans for the new stadium on South River road at its Wednesday meeting this week.

TEACHER RESIGNS
AMITY, Feb. 21.—(Special)—Mrs. Naomi Hewitt has resigned from the high school faculty due to illness in the family. As yet the vacancy has not been filled.

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TURNER, Feb. 21.—(Special)—Keith Bones, son of Mrs. J. M. Bones, was commissioned a second lieutenant February 14 at Ft. Benning, Ga., infantry school. He visited his mother here and left for Ft. McClellan, Ala., Tuesday.