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Life's Little Dramas

By Beck



Kelly Says:

Team Work for St. Lawrence Project

Aluminum Used for Political Boosting

Justice Department Wants Road Regulation

By John W. Kelly

Washington, Dec. 13.—With Bonneville administrator anxious to sell power from that project and from Grand Coulee for aluminum or other industries, along comes President Roosevelt announcing, "The United States tremendously needs the power project (part of St. Lawrence-Great Lakes waterways) to produce aluminum for the airplane program which will assure command of the air." Long before power could be available on the St. Lawrence, the war would be over—for it took years and meanwhile the Pacific northwest has all the power that aluminum companies can use without a kilowatt being required from the St. Lawrence international project.

To boost Mr. Roosevelt's scheme for the St. Lawrence, the Federal Power commission writes a report predicting a shortage of power by 1942 in the New York and northern Illinois areas. Then, warning out to the subject of power shortage, FPC declares that shortage will exist in 1942 in southern Oregon and northern California, a region now served by the California-Oregon Power company (COPCO) with additional power to be generated at Shasta dam, south of the Oregon line. During 1941 southern Oregon and northern California demand, says FPC, can be met by existing facilities and "the national defense loads will probably not be felt until 1942, when the aggregate deficiency in available generating capacity in certain areas will probably exceed 1,500,000 kilowatts." Listed in the "certain areas" are, as stated, the southern part of Oregon and the northern part of California. Another spot is Idaho.

Can't See Columbia
 Mr. Roosevelt is demanding the St. Lawrence project as a war measure; the power is needed for making aluminum, he says, and to enable ship building on that stream. Both the aluminum and the ships can be produced on the Columbia and Willamette rivers. Reason the British propose having 360 merchant ships built in the United States is that the climate conditions are unsatisfactory on the St. Lawrence, and even if the St. Lawrence project was built the climate would not be changed. The possibilities of the St. Lawrence, on the Canadian side, were studied by the British purchasing mission.

Whenever the administration wishes to promote power it stresses the need of power for aluminum. This was the argument last spring when TVA wanted an appropriation for steam plants, pointing to a shortage of power for aluminum at a time when Bonneville was begging aluminum—Alcoa and others—to purchase Columbia river energy. When Oregon senators called attention to Bonneville power running to waste, "Dear Alben" Barkley, administration leader in the senate, charged republicans with obstructing national defense. He even said so in the Chicago convention.

This is a Secret
 What part of the national defense program is to be assigned to the Oregon-California area and will be so important that existing power facilities will be inadequate in 18 or 20 months, remains a deep secret. Yet according to the communication from FPC to the president, there must be something in mind not ready for public information. As for Idaho, only defense program known for that state is a bomber air base at Boise, and an air base requires an insignificant amount of power, and that for illumination purposes.

One of the hush-hush activities of the navy is training merchant marine officers in convoy tactics at Yerba Buena island, San Francisco, where 40 students are in a class, and on the USS Seattle in New York harbor, where 24 students can be accommodated. Objective: To give this specialized education to 400 merchant marine officers a year. Possible explanation: British may not yet succeed in having the neutrality act repealed and have goods for England carried in American bottoms, protected by United States warships.

State Regulation Wanted
 Department of justice will request Oregon legislature to enact several bills to regulate use of state highways in vicinity of national defense projects; to prevent unlawful entry on defense areas (such as the target range of the air corps near Arlington); registration of firearms, and bills to curb sabotage. One of the measures drafted provides for home guards to replace national guards and prohibits use of the home guards outside the state.

"Honest" Harold Ickes will take control of Benson park on Columbia river highway when the city of Portland convinces the attorney general that under its charter the city has the right to give the property to the government. If the attorney general is satisfied, the national park service will administer Benson park along with Yellowstone, Glacier and other recreational areas.

Dodecanese Islands

As their name implies the Dodecanese are a group of twelve small islands, in the Mediterranean sea, off the southwest coast of Asia Minor. Most of them are nothing more than barren rocks and uninhabited. In the Tripolitan war, between Italy and Turkey, the Italians occupied the islands and, under the treaty of peace, 1912, continued to occupy them. In 1924, Turkey formerly ceded them, together with the island of Castellorosso, to Italy.

The total population of the islands is something over 100,000—mostly Greeks. Rhodes, the largest island, claims better than one-half of the population. Here at the site of the ancient city of Rhodes, Italy has constructed naval and military bases.

Here stood the Colossus of Rhodes—one of the Seven Wonders of the world. This bronze Colossus was sculpted by a Rhodiote Greek of Lindos, who completed it in 280 B.C. In time an earthquake rocked it from its base and later the Saracens melted and transported it for sale to Syria. Deep below the present city of Rhodes are the foundations of that older city whose political institutions and schools of sculpture and oratory gained renown throughout the ancient world. Here Cicero studied and Tiberius made his home in exile. Old Strabo said its grandeur was unsurpassed. The city of today was created by the Knights of Saint John and Jerusalem. Here between 1308 and 1522, or until driven out by the Turks, the order flourished.

The fate of the Dodecanese islands was sealed, as far as Italy is concerned, when, as a result of the Italian invasion of Greece, the British occupied the large and strategically located Greek island of Crete. With the latter island as a naval, military and air base, the British have these island possessions of Italy at their mercy. Cut off from all supplies and assistance the future of their defenders is anything but promising. With the loss of the Dodecanese islands will die Italy's hope of controlling the Mediterranean sea.

Hitler's Pep Talk

Hitler's defiant speech to German munition workers in which he boasted that we "will defeat the world" and pictured Germany as the champion of labor and "the have-nots" in a war between "two worlds" a war between "the haves," among whom he placed "rich America," and the "have nots," between capital and labor, was a defensive speech aimed at allaying growing discontent in both Germany and the conquered countries under Nazi occupation.

Shortly before Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo, had a conference of staff officers from the various armies of occupation to consider the increasing unrest and to prepare repression measures for dealing with it. Developments will reveal policies adopted.

"Unrest" is described by correspondents as too mild a term for the state of mind prevailing in the countries Germany has seized. If there were the least chance of success, it would develop into open revolt by subjugated people who see their national resources of food, raw materials, industrial machinery and household goods confiscated and moved away, while they themselves are compelled to engage in the hardest and most humiliating kind of labor at starvation wages.

This is indeed a war between "the haves and the have nots," between those who have liberty and freedom and those who have slavery. In a material way, the nazis have become the haves, for they have grabbed everything the conquered people have, and the latter have become the have nots. Hitler is the champion of enforced slave labor, enforced by terrorism. And no one realizes it better than his victims. Even his mechanized nazi robots are beginning to realize the situation, hence the "pep talk" to strengthen a fading morale.

Hard to Swallow

Hard as has been the idea of public utility districts for the people of Oregon to swallow they are threatened with a much harder dose to take in the so-called Bone bill, now pending before congress, to create in the hands of the proposed Columbia river power authority a \$200 million dollar revolving fund with which to acquire private utility properties for the transmission, distribution and even the generation of electricity.

Outwardly the measure is proclaimed as a means of enabling the acquisition of the entire systems of private companies to provide connections for a regional grid system joining the facilities of public utility districts and other public ownership bodies, and to avoid the expense of paying severance charges on portions of systems purchased by governmental units. The central authority would utilize the revolving fund to purchase by negotiation or condemnation the private systems, and then operate them until such time as they are turned over to PUDs or municipalities.

The bill provides that the central authority may operate such systems for six months, but also stipulates that 90-day extensions of the operating period may be taken by the authority pending resale of the acquired properties to local operating bodies.

In short, the actual and thinly concealed purpose of the proposal is to set up the machinery for compelling reluctant communities to acquire and operate power distribution units to insure continued service on a economical system basis—a club to wave over localities that hesitate or refuse to fall in line with the public ownership program of the New Deal.

Choir Will Appear At Vesper Service

Oregon College of Education, Monmouth—The beauty and solemnity of the Christmas season will be told in song and music Sunday, by the A Cappella choir in the auditorium of Campbell hall on the Oregon College of Education campus.

The vesper services will begin at 4:00 p.m. when the choir, headed by Mrs. Florence Hutchinson, wearing their black robes and carrying lighted candles, will make their procession through the auditorium and up to the balcony to the majestic strains of "Come All Ye Faithful." The vesper service is the outstanding musical event of the fall term.

Christmas carols and instrumental selections by the orchestra and string quartet, combined with appropriate Biblical readings, will make up the program.

Illness Prevalent

Aumsville—Mrs. Agnes Booth, county school superintendent, was a visitor at the Aumsville schools on Monday. She reported a great many absentees from schools throughout the county and urged parents to keep the children home if they had colds or were coughing. Little Noma Jeanne Otto who was working on her third year of perfect attendance was absent Monday for the first time since she began school.

Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Between two fires. Today being Friday, December 13th, and us traveling around town at the same time with Dick Severin's four leaf clover in our pocket. To date same seem to have neutralized with no luck whatsoever, either good or bad.

We understand it's also Friday the 13th in Italy, as well.

Outside Comments

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
 Judge McMahon of Marion county says the legislative log rolling is illegal and may subject the rollers to indictment by grand jury and

dismissal from office. In that case, there would not be a quorum left to do business—which would also be a good thing.
 (Art Perry in Medford Mail-Tribune)
 At second glance, the proposal to have the Marion county grand jury probe "log rolling" at the oncoming session of the legislature, reveals some sense. By drawing \$3 per diem both as solons and witnesses, the underpaid statesmen could get by. If they didn't adjourn too often Thursday noon to spend the weekend in Portland.

We picked up Doc Voigt on his way downtown this a. m. and he was carrying his lunch. "Going out to Sweetland field," said Doc, "so I can get a good seat and hang out in the softball opener." Doc isn't much farther off in his dates than those who are now sending out their Christmas cards.

Art Rahn and Harry McWhorter sent around their annual Xmas gift of a calendar as big as a baseball field and figures on same large enough for even us to read regardless of astigmatism, myopia and an ingrowing corn. Thanks, boys.

These days everybody who came from any point east between Walla Walla and Cape Cod amuse themselves by kidding the native Oregonians about being cold. "You ought to see it back where I was brought up," is their universal comment. But who wants to?

Even at that we don't see any of these lads trotting around in their shirtleaves.

Club Date Changed
 Central Howell—Due to the Christmas program which will be given by the school next week, the community club program scheduled for this Friday evening has been postponed until the regular date in January. The Christmas program will be given Thursday evening, December 19, at the schoolhouse.

Ticket, Please
 San Diego—Puzzled but obliging, the traffic cop wrote out a ticket for a faulty windshield at Mrs. Marie L. Galvin's request.

In court she explained: "The windshield was difficult to see through. I asked my husband to fix it several times, but he just put it off."

The judge fined Galvin \$5, suspending penalty on condition that he have a new windshield installed.

Full Vested Choir
 Lebanon—A Christmas concert by the full vested choir of the Presbyterian church is now in rehearsal and will be presented at the church Sunday evening, December 22, under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Kirkpatrick. The program is in the form of a cantata, "Wings of Angel Song" by Wilson and based on the beautiful Mendelssohn composition, "On Wings of Song." The public is invited to hear the concert which will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

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Salem Sketches By Will Danch



"Ask for Frank H. Spears and when he answers wish him our heartiest congratulations on the birthday he just celebrated!"

Many Destitute Need Christmas Assistance

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"May I turn my own children's names in to you for help at Christmas? I don't know exactly how to go about it. We came here early in the year from another county in Oregon and have not been able to get any work, especially since the fruit season is over. My husband has tried repeatedly to get on W. P. A. but they say they can't give him work or assistance because we have not been in the county a year. They say they will send us back to Multnomah county but we are trying to buy here and want to stay and hope to make a go of things. Our year is up in February. But Christmas is before then and I'm picturing my three boys getting up to no signs of Christmas. They are 9, 11 and 13. Can you imagine how much a job would be appreciated? I have not told my husband I have written this letter."

Here are some cases which merit your help:
 Case 19—This is a family who came from the drought area about a year ago, bought some fruit land in Marion county with the hope of getting a new start for their family.

Case 21—This is a family of four, for whom you can make Christmas something else besides "just another day." The babies are only a year and the other two are one-half year old, and the parents are very young. The family has needed bedding for a long time, and is finding it extremely difficult to keep warm in these frosty days.

Case 22—There are also four young people in this family. These youthful parents have two little girls, one of whom was born a year and a half ago, and the older child will not be three until February. The father has been coming home every night very discouraged as he has been unable to give his wife and children even the necessities of life, and extra for Christmas are just a dream for these parents.

New York's museum of modern art recently received 3,000 miles of film from a newsreel concern, covering the 20 years from 1910 to 1930.

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