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EDITORIALS

MARSHALL PLAN

The Marshall Plan and the conditions in Europe bring a lot of questions to mind that should have an answer. We realize that the Russian idea of government and ours are as far apart as the two poles. No doubt we should draw a line somewhere beyond which we will not let Russia advance.

However as to money for Europe there are some things to think about. We have an article at hand written by Stanley High, roving editor for the Readers Digest. We imagine he has his figures correct and we would like to quote some of them.

Great Britain, Belgium, Denmark, Norway and Sweden are producing

more manufactured goods than before the war. France from 44% in 1944 to 95% in 1947 has made an amazing comeback in production. Italy's factories are producing at 70% of prewar capacity.

Recovery in the shipyards of the nations included in the Marshall Plan are today, building more Merchant ships than in 1939. Electric power produced in the Marshall Plan nations, in 1939, amounted to 130 billion kilowatt hours. Last year it was 170 billion kilowatt hours.

From these figures we would judge that the nations of Europe have already made vast strides towards reconstruction. If they are in danger of being over run by the Russians, will our money keep the Russians out?

If we are going to send a lot of money and supplies to these Marshall Plan countries are we prepared to go to war to defend them? Have we any assurance that these countries will back us up in a show down with Russia? And then the thoughts arises—why not spend this money here at home now to build up an army to go over and whip them with. Or mabe the danger isn't that real.

ROGUE RIVER DAM

At the business men's meeting next Tuesday night there will be a report of the committee appointed last meeting to study the engineers' report on the Rogue basin develop-

ment project. Otto Bohnert, Elmer Wilson and Richard "Dick" Isaacs are on the committee.

This is a subject that should be thoroughly studied before a decision of any kind is made. Every business man in Central Point should be present at this meeting.

All are agreed that more water is needed for farm land in the Rogue basin. Much of our highly productive land suffers from year to year. More water is imperative.

All are not agreed on the best method of obtaining the water. Probably no agreement will ever be reached where all sides will be happy. However we believe that the plan that the majority of the people think is best should be adopted as soon as possible and carried through to completion.

The population in the Rogue area is increasing rapidly and the drought in California will no doubt funnel many more to the northwest this coming year. Many of them will stay. More water will make more jobs and more food for every one.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones, of Corning, California went to San Francisco last week to see the Liberty train. Their small daughter, Sharon, stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Yost during their absence.

Girl Scouts Complete Foreign Aid Work

Girl Scouts Troop 1 has completed its work on clothing for foreign aid. The girls spent over \$18.00 on gifts and postage, besides donating many warm and useful clothes.

There will be several girls earning their Curved Bar and about seven or eight earning First Class this year. Carlene von Buskirk and Mary Lou Rupp are working on their sixth Badge this year.

Carolyn Hover is working on her fifth which will earn her the Curved Bar. Carolyn has been absent for over a month due to illness but has kept up her school and scout work very well.

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The girls presented Carolyn with a Bridal Wreath Spirea shrub. Carolyn has been the Troop's president.

The girls are working on the Photography Badge at present under the supervision of Nathan Pinkham.

Mrs. Rose Cook, rural Scout supervisor of the Medford Council, attended the Wednesday evening photography class at the Lester Higginbotham home.

Mrs. Cook taught the girls several Scout songs during the recreational part of the meeting.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Higginbotham.

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