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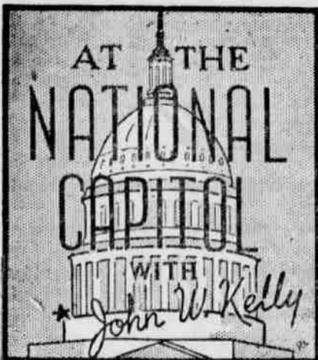
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### Let's Go Ahead

THE die is cast and the American system will prevail. Bitterness of campaign heat has already been assuaged through felicitations of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates following Tuesday's election results. True to his campaign pleas for a united America, Wendell L. Willkie has joined in backing Mr. Roosevelt as president. That is the American system in which this newspaper joins, with reservation of the privilege of constructive criticism should presidential policies at times not conform to what we consider the American system.

Wendell L. Willkie made a clean hard fight as he led a crusade that was backed by 25 million Americans. Such a showing cannot be ignored, and the principles for which those votes were cast must be given respect by the third term administration. In saying this there is no threat of disunity. It is but to say that while Mr. Roosevelt may expect the support of these 21 million Americans, he must in fairness give their cause the consideration to which it is entitled. In such case America will go ahead with strong determination to face the issues of the future.



Washington, D. C., Nov. 7—Now that the residential election is over with and the post-mortems have been held (with a few exceptions) the American people will concentrate their attention on the national defense program, which was such a controversial subject during the past two months. Up to the present the Oregon part of the Pacific northwest has been almost neglected in the plans for defense, although Washington has received projects amounting to many millions of dollars.

Washington state, for example, has been selected for the construction of a fleet of destroyers, a number of seaplane tenders, harbor net tenders, several hundred airplanes of the flying fortress type. Fort Lewis is being expanded by 901 new buildings; McChord flying field is being expanded. At Spokane an air base has been located and a housing project for the personnel arranged. The navy yard at Bremerton, on Puget sound, has been assigned all the fighting ships it can construct and a large housing project has been ordered there to shelter the thousands of mechanics.

Two important developments under defense program can be expected in Oregon—ship construction and air bases. The naval air station at Tongue Point, near Astoria, from which patrol squadrons are to operate, is to be expanded. The Columbia airport at Portland is to become a base for swift pursuit planes and will have a personnel of a few thousand men, fliers, ground crew

mechanics, etc. Then east of the Cascades a bombing range will be located where bombers can practice hitting targets. The bombing range will be on waste land.

Near Umatilla will be established the munitions base for the entire Pacific northwest. Here will be a series of magazines in which will be stored the bombs, ammunition and similar explosives to be used by all the army air force in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. It will be the largest munitions dump west of Utah, where the heavy bombers will be supplied; the bombers in the Pacific northwest will be the type known as light bombers. The base to be established at Spokane will be supplied from the Umatilla magazines.

Supplementing these naval and army air bases, there is a probability that airports in as many as ten Oregon cities will be developed, making them better equipped for warplanes. A study is now being conducted in the ten communities and a report will be made in December, according to present estimates.

There are more unused facilities for ship construction in the Portland area than in any other section on the Pacific coast—or Atlantic coast. The navy is prepared to give orders for all the ships (not warships) that the local people are able to accept, but for one reason or another the local people have been holding back.

A Canadian mission and a British mission have visited Portland to learn if they can look to that area for the building of cargo vessels. The British have suffered great loss in tonnage and with bombs raining on British shipyards, preventing construction there, they are negotiating for new ships in the United States. This opportunity to revive a former industry on the Willamette and Columbia rivers, and possibly Coos bay, will not be neglected. Shipyards mean payrolls and the employment of thousands of skilled mechanics.

When congress resumes business the military highways subject will

be taken up. On the map prepared showing what highways are of military significance is one east and west through Oregon (Old Oregon Trail and Columbia river highway); The Dalles-California highway, and the Pacific highway. The Oregon coast highway is not on the military map, as that highway is exposed and could be put out of commission by shells from an enemy warship offshore. The military highways are to eliminate bottlenecks and built to stand up under the pounding of tanks; the bridges are to be strengthened to sustain these mobile forts. None of the arterial highways in their present condition meet all military requirements for movement of troops and equipment. It may be necessary for congress to make a special and specific appropriation for the military highways program.

To date it has been impossible for the Oregon-Washington delegations to induce the bureau of mines to take active interest in the mineral resources of those states to the extent of ascertaining what can be done to find formulas for treating the various ores in order to make them commercially available. The bureau is busy in other western states but is indifferent to the northwest. Experiments at Washington state college have demonstrated that magnesium a metal lighter than aluminum, can be produced with native raw material. This means a future industry.

Notice of Election: An election of members of the Advisory Board of Oregon Grazing District No. 7 will be held in the Morrow County Court House on November 19, 1940, in accordance with section 18 of the Taylor Grazing Act and of the Federal Range Code revised to August 31, 1938. One member at large is to be elected. Nominations will be open at 1:00 P. M. and voting polls will remain open from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M. Virgil Starr, District Grazier.

### FREE SHOW AT IONE

A free show is scheduled for next Tuesday night at the Ione school auditorium at 7:30 p. m. to be sponsored by the Pacific Power & Light

company. The film, "24 Hour Service" will be shown as a part of the program. Other features will also be included. An interesting and instructive evening is promised.

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