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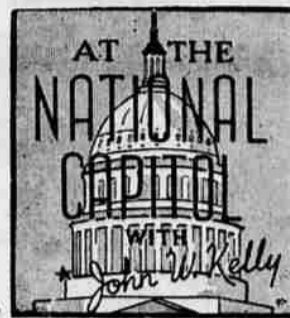
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Many people have a lot of  
things they do not need or  
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# REAL WAR TO COME--CHAMBERLAIN



Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—The mystery of why the Aluminum Company of America acquired a site for its plant near Vancouver, on the Washington bank of the Columbia river, instead of locating on the Willamette river on some of the industrial sites is no mystery at all. There are rumors circulating that the company was induced to go to Washington rather than Oregon through political pressure. Such an explanation is horsefeathers.

Taxes determined the company in its selection. Taxes are supposed to be lighter in Washington than in Oregon and when an industry prepares to make a long-time investment, involving several million dollars, the tax problem is nothing to be sneezed at. Location of the Aluminum company in Washington is said to follow the pattern which has caused several men of large means to leave Oregon and establish residence elsewhere. Some time ago a plan to build a sugar refinery in Oregon to process raw sugar from the Philippines was abandoned because of Oregon taxes.

The motive of the Aluminum company can be expected to influence satellite concerns which will come into the area because of the major industry and send them to Washington state. Taxes in the sister states will be compared when and if one of the big steel companies decides to establish a branch in the Pacific northwest. Conversations have been going on with one steel outfit for several months.

THIS column confesses error; wishes to make a correction.

The statement was made that the payroll of the power distribution for the federal hydro plant at Bonneville, estimated in the 1941 budget, was jumped from \$294,700 (budget of 1940), to \$553,315. That was right so far as it went, but a close examination of the bulky budget proposed by President Roosevelt discloses that the Bonneville payroll is in excess of 700 and

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## FRENCH DEPUTIES IN BATTLE ROYAL

Paris, Jan. 9.—(AP)—A fight between rightmost members and a handful of former communist deputies today marked a riotous beginning of the 1940 session of the French parliament.

The communist party in France was outlawed shortly after the start of the war.

As the session opened 12 former communist deputies—some of them in uniform—appeared on the floor of the chamber. Georges Levy-Alphandery, dean of the chamber, was about to deliver a speech just after the session was declared open when rightist deputies objected to the presence of the former communists.

In the uproar that followed, Levy-Alphandery temporarily suspended the session. The uproar lasted more than an hour.

## SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Frank Perl declaring that at \$100 a plate the Jackson Day dinners must have had a choice of vegetables.

Little Joellen Javel sprouting three new teeth while on a holiday sojourn in Los Angeles, Papa Jim attributing such magnificent performance to the southern California climate, the trainer.

The stragglers of a big, fat cigar in Wes Durkee's mouth indicating the shifting fortunes in the armory's rasilin ring.

## PRESENT FIGHTING ONLY PRELIMINARY TO MAIN STRUGGLE

British Prime Minister Says Aid to Finns to Be More Than Mere Formality

London, Jan. 9.—(AP via radio)—Prime Minister Chamberlain in a militant address to the British empire today declared Britain's aid to Finland "will be no mere formality," and said events in the war with Germany thus far were "merely preliminary" to the main struggle to come.

"It is only on the sea," he said, "that the war may be said to be in full operation." The prime minister, speaking in a voice choked with emotion, declared the British-French alliance should become permanent in the interests of "peaceful reconstruction" after the war is over.

Progress Reviewed For 55 minutes, Britain's war leader reviewed the progress of the hostilities to date in an address at the lord mayor's luncheon at Mansion house. It was Chamberlain's first public appearance of the new year, a year which he said would be a fateful one in the history of the world.

He said the "unbelievable" quiet of the first months of the war could only be interpreted as "the quiet of the calm before the storm."

The solemn words of the prime minister were frequently interrupted by cheers and applause. (His speech was broadcast in the United States over the NBC, CBS and Mutual networks.)

Speaking of Finland, Chamberlain said: "And now it is the turn of Finland to be attacked by the power (Soviet Russia) with whom Germany made an unholy pact and for whom she sets the example of aggression. Finland... is fighting against the forces of unscrupulous violence just as we are ourselves. She is fighting for the same thing, for liberty and for justice."

Finns Reassured "That valiant people can rest assured that our response to that resolution (for aid to Finland) which was passed so recently at a meeting of the league in Geneva will be no mere formality." Chamberlain said bitterly that the leaders of the German

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## Roosevelt in Jovial Speech Twits Absent Republicans; Skips Third Term Answer

By D. HAROLD OLIVER.

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's "plate-side chat" to Jackson day diners, lauding independent political thinking and joshing everyone from Republicans to himself, brought cheers and laughter—but left unanswered today the question of his future plans.

Democratic leaders who heard the chief executive make a jovial and philosophical talk at last night's \$100-a-plate celebration interpreted his remarks variously as an indirect bid for a third term, as a valedictory, or merely as a studied effort to "keep 'em guessing."

Most of the party bigwigs laughingly agreed with Mr. Roosevelt's own comment, however, that he was a "self-made riddle" and predicted the riddle would go unsolved for weeks or months.

Frivolity Keynote Even though the president failed to allude to the third term issue, Secretary Wallace, speaking in Des Moines, said flatly he hoped the "nominee in 1940 would be President Roosevelt." And at Cleveland Robert H. Jackson, newly appointed attorney general, came virtually as close to advocating a third term.

Frivolity was the keynote of the dinner here, and Mr. Roosevelt was in a story-telling mood. But his speech had some serious moments. Taking as his theme "by their motives may ye know them," he told his hearers in Washington and at 44 other dinners that it was not so much the party to which a leader belonged, but the deeds he performed in the interest of the general welfare that counted.

"People tell me," he went on, "that I hold to party ties less tenaciously than most of my predecessors in the presidency, that I have too many people in my administration who are not active party Democrats."

Impeachment Admitted "I admit the soft impeachment. My answer is that I do believe in party organization, but only in proportion to its proper place in government." The future, he asserted, lies with those wise political leaders "who realize that the great public is interested more in government than in politics; that the independent vote in this country has been steadily on the increase..."

The growing independence of voters, after all, has been proved by the votes in every presidential election since my childhood—and the tendency is on the increase. I am too modest, of course, to refer to the most

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## NAZI WARPLANES ATTACK 11 SHIPS ON SCOTCH COAST

33 Men Wounded—One Danish Vessel Sunk—Crowds On Cliffs See Onslaught

London, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Thirty-three men were wounded, mostly by machine-gun fire, and one Danish vessel was bombed and sunk as German warplanes were reported to have attacked eleven ships off Britain's coast today.

Crowds on the cliffs of the northwest Scottish coast saw a bomb hit the stern of a Danish vessel which sank in about three hours. The crew of this ship, the name of which was not disclosed, was rescued by nearby vessels.

So near the coast was part of the encounter that onlookers heard the rattle of machine-guns.

Lightship Attacked One of the vessels attacked, it was reported, was a lightship which was machine-gunned intermittently for half an hour, one man being killed and 32 injured as the aerial fire raked the deck. This vessel was relieving another lightship off the east coast of Scotland when attacked.

Another ship was attacked in the same region and two more farther south. A fifty ship, location of which was not given, was reported damaged by bombs from a German Heinkel. The attacks were made under the cover of mists.

British aviators failed to contact the enemy due to poor visibility. Two unidentified planes circled a town on the Firth of Tay in eastern Scotland and then flew back out to sea.

## 100 CARS PEARS SOUGHT BY FSCG IN MEDFORD AREA

The Federal Surplus Commodities corporation, through Donald E. Wilcox, purchasing agent, announced today it would purchase at once 100 cars of pears from the Medford area of the Rogue River valley at the following prices:

- For 180s and larger sizes, \$1.05 per box.
  - For 193s \$1.00 per box.
  - For 210s 90c per box.
  - For 225s 80c per box.
- All prices are fob. Medford. D'Anjous and Comice will be the varieties purchased, and will comprise 72,000 boxes, making a sizeable dent in the pears in storage.

Notice of purchase and other details were being prepared today by Wilcox and a committee, and actual movement of the pears was expected to be underway by the end of the week. It was announced that fruit-growers desiring to sell their pears should get in touch with the office of the agency, 402 Liberty Building, or phone 71.

Shipment of 300 tons of Winter Nells pears, purchased by the Canadian Canneries, Ltd., (western division) of Mission, B. C., is underway. The Pinnacle Packing company completed shipping its share of the deal last week, and the Reter Fruit company is preparing to load its share this week.

## Joe Brown's Back Broken In Crackup

Hollywood, Jan. 9.—(AP)—A broken back will keep Comedian Joe E. Brown in bed in a cast for a month or more. Brown was hurt December 6 in a traffic accident. At first his injuries were believed slight, but yesterday Dr. James W. Young disclosed the back fracture. He believed no permanent ill effects would result.

## EXHAUSTED REDS RESTING FOR NEW MARCH ON FINNS

War at Near-Standstill On All Fronts Is Helsinki Word—Air Losses Told

Helsinki, Jan. 9.—(AP)—A high Finnish official said today that a lull prevailing on all fronts indicated the invading Russian forces were "momentarily exhausted" and were gathering strength for a new assault.

The Finnish-Russian war came almost to a standstill on all fronts during the last 48 hours as far as significant military actions were concerned, the Finnish army communique indicated.

"We can't have a victory like yesterday's every day," the official said, "but today's communique is very significant."

Yesterday the Finns reported smashing the Russian 44th division, killing thousands of Red troops and capturing 1,000.

Lull To Continue The spokesman said he believed no important Russian offensive could be expected for some time. President Kyosti Kallio received the foreign press at the presidential palace and told them the Russians had bombed about 100 localities during the first month of the war and dropped nearly 4,000 bombs.

Although the losses caused are relatively slight, they are of a dreadful nature," Kallio said. "In one month 234 civilians have been killed, 269 seriously injured and 210 slightly wounded."

The president disclosed anti-aircraft weapons captured from the Russians were being used to strengthen Finland's air defense.

## MOODY BLISTERS BRIDGES REPORT

Portland, Jan. 9.—(AP)—The report of Dean James M. Landis exonerating Harry Bridges of communistic affiliations was branded as "75,000 words of anesthetic" by Ralph E. Moody yesterday in an address before the chamber of commerce.

He said he did not believe it would "lull to sleep" the public. Moody, special state attorney during the prosecution of labor racketeers, called Landis, department of labor trial examiner in the bridges hearing an "intellectual pink."

## FIVE AUTOISTS ASSESSED FINES

Five autoists appeared yesterday in justice court and paid fines of \$2.50 and \$4.50 costs for non-possession of operator's licenses, improper license plates, or improper lights.

They were John E. Cooper and Wallace A. Freeman, both of Central Point, Vernon Stewart, Arlie Worrell, and Howard W. McNamara, all of Medford. A half dozen other autoists were cited to appear today for some of the above offenses, as the state police have launched a general round-up.

## Helsinki Air Raid Victims



His face twisted with pain, and his hands and wrists heavily bandaged, the man at top, injured in one of the Russian air raids on Helsinki, Finland, is shown being carried away from the scene. Below: A Finnish mother bends low to cast a flower into the grave of her son, killed in a Russian air raid on Helsinki.

## Reames Says U. S. Will Elect President Who Will Keep Country Out of Conflict

Portland, Jan. 9.—(Spl.)—"We are going to elect a president who will keep us out of war," former U. S. Senator Evan Reames of Medford told 400 Oregon democrats at a Jackson Day dinner last night.

He advocated continuance of liberals in office "because they are in touch with the times." Democrats from all corners of the state foregathered in the annual commemoration of Jackson day.

The big gathering listened to the broadcast address of President Roosevelt, coming from the "master dinner" at Washington, D. C., at 7 o'clock, to the guest speaker, Senator Reames, and to the short speeches of state party leaders.

Senator Reames at the commencement of his address touched briefly upon the early history of the Democratic party reconstructed under the leadership of Jackson whose eight-year administration meant the rise of the people to power in the conduct of government in America. Jackson's predecessors in office, Reames related, had been fearful that the people were not sufficiently educated in the science of government properly to conduct the nation during its early years of trial. They administered the nation's



Evan Reames

has progressed with the nation, has remained and is the party of the people. It belongs to the whole people and its leaders are its trustees. No other party than that of the people can produce a Franklin D. Roosevelt, Reames said, and added that such men come in times when the people need them, just as Jackson and Lincoln came.

"Against the evil of war, civilization will find a quick remedy," the speaker prophesied, saying that "there is no divine right in any particular race either to rule or to govern the world."

Touching upon the increase in unemployment largely through the widely expanded use of labor-saving machinery, the speaker insisted that "we could at least take care of the aged, regardless of their history or of the lives they have led. They have come up under the then existing conditions, met them as best they could and now by some seem to be in the way. This is a sad commentary in the growth of civilization. Of course, this great country can and will remedy that condition."

Labor Peace Held Need Through the industrial development. (Continued on Page Three.)

## APPLE GROWERS ASK AGREEMENT

WENATCHEE, Wash., Jan. 9.—(U.P.)—A marketing agreement designed "to relieve the financially-barassed apple growers and to stabilize the industry" was proposed by fruit packers and handlers last night and Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace was petitioned to call meetings throughout the Pacific northwest to put the pact into effect immediately.

## AUTOIST FOUND DEAD FROM HEART AILMENT

Redding, Calif., Jan. 9.—(AP)—The body of John Clark, housing and safety expert for the Susanville Fruit company, was found last night in a parked automobile near Chester. Police said Clark's death apparently resulted from a heart ailment. Clark had brought his wife to Redding for a visit and was returning to his home in Susanville.

## KELLOGG FARMER KILLED IN SPREE

Roseburg, Ore., Jan. 9.—(AP)—George Kingston, 53, Kellogg farmer, was shot and killed last night by Bill Taylor, 76-year-old bachelor, as the aftermath of a drinking party yesterday afternoon, Deputy Sheriff Clifford Thornton reported here today.

The shooting was discovered shortly before noon today in time to prevent Taylor from carrying out his expressed intention to commit suicide, Thornton reported.

Kellogg is a farming community about 40 miles west of Roseburg. Taylor penned a note, found by the officers when they arrived to investigate the tragedy, Thornton said, the note stating that Taylor mistook Kingston for a robber. Taylor, taken into custody, freely admitted the shooting, but told officers, the deputy said, he was too drunk at the time to remember any of the details.