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Progress Through the Mountain

EXTENSIVELY in the news as long as its construction was in doubt, the Tulelake sump project has been proceeding steadily but without much publicity in recent months.

The tunnel boring is advanced now to the place where it appears the hole will be through the mountain between Tule lake and Lower Klamath lake in May or June. Lining the tunnel with concrete will be the next step.

It is hoped at this time the tunnel may be finished and ready for use by the end of the year. If the requested appropriation is made by congress, the reclamation service expects to have its pumping operations set up shortly after that time. The appropriations have been approved by the bureau of the budget.

The water situation is about the same as it was last year, when dikes on leased lands in the Tule lake area held. For that reason, it is believed the lessees there will be able to hold their dikes again this year and prevent further flooding of valued farm lands.

By the time another spring rolls around, the pumps should be in operation and the pressure removed. That is the first objective of the Tule lake sump project. It is good news that it is approaching realization.

Marjorie Smith Sisemore

THE memory she leaves is gentleness and kindness, and that remembrance is her highest tribute.

In ten years of newspaper work in the Klamath country, this writer has never found his task more distressing nor the subject more tragic than in reporting the untimely death of Marjorie Smith Sisemore.

A sincere, helpful, friendly person, Marjorie Sisemore charmed all who knew her personally and the thousands with whom she came in contact in nearly a decade as a member of the staff of the Klamath county chamber of commerce. She was a woman of character who went about doing good.

To her sorrowing husband, District Attorney L. Orth Sisemore, and her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. Theodore Smith of the First Presbyterian church, this newspaper extends its deepest sympathy, and in so doing knows that it expresses the feeling of the entire community in which Mrs. Sisemore spent many useful, worthy years.

That New Speed Law

(Salem Capital-Journal)

BY ATTACHING his signature to senate bill No. 1 Governor Sprague gave Oregon a new vehicular speed law, to become effective June 15 unless held up by the referendum, an unlikely possibility. While much publicized during its hectic course through the legislature, where it was extensively amended and counter amended, there are few persons who have a clear conception of what the new law embodies.

As finally enacted the act establishes a general maximum speed limit of 55 miles on all roads and highways outside of towns and cities, within which the top limit is 25 miles, except through business districts and past schools where it is fixed at 20 miles per hour. Variations of these limits are provided for, however, by the action of or with the approval of the state speed control board consisting of the secretary of state, superintendent of state police and the chairman of the state highway commission or their designated representatives.

This board may on its own motion or at the request of county courts or city councils set up special zones conspicuously posted with signs establishing higher or lower speed limits than would apply under the blanket rule. Thus speeds in excess of 55 miles may be legalized on stretches of streamlined, modern roads and the 25-mile limit suspended on highway routes through cities and towns where physical conditions warrant.

In contrast to the present law, the burden of proof for arrests or accidents growing out of excessive speeds is shifted to the shoulders of the offending driver. If the facts show the driver to have been exceeding the designated speed limit he is to be considered a violator of the law and responsible for the consequences of that violation, unless he can prove otherwise.

Jap Ambassador In England Said 'Hostile Observer'

LONDON, March 31 (UP)—Lieut. Comdr. R. T. H. Fletcher, parliamentary private secretary to the first lord of the admiralty, Saturday attacked the continued presence in Britain of the Japanese ambassador and his staff, charging there were "hostile observers in our midst."

"I see no reason why we should wear kid gloves or even three-ounce gloves in this matter," Fletcher said, "and toler-

ate what are presumably hostile observers in our midst when we are fighting the enemy with bare fists and knuckle dusters."

The Japanese ambassador, denounced by Fletcher, is Mamoru Shigemitsu. He assumed his post in October, 1938.

Manufacture of 180 billion cigarettes annually in the United States requires the use of over 20 million pounds of sugar, according to the census.

The oldest man found in the 1940 census was a Chicago man who had emigrated from Egypt. He was 128 years old.

The Face at the Window



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 31—

The Yugoslavs haven't got 1,200,000 men under arms, as suggested in the official dispatches, they had nearly 500,000 up and ready when the revolution started. Within 24 hours thereafter they were mobilizing 200,000 more. But these 700,000 are about all they will have room for in any immediate fighting. Gradually they will call up later some 600,000 reserves, but to do so now would swamp their facilities — (housing, roads, equipment distribution.)

For mountain fighting our people rate the Yugoslavs the best troops in the world, including the Greeks. Average height of male Montenegrans is above 6 feet. They are well equipped with machine guns, small arms, and have fairly efficient artillery. In rugged terrain they could be expected to stand off nearly anything for a time.

But they have no air force worthy of the name. Their planes are all on the obsolete cent side. Their concentration points can easily be bombed. They have several mechanized units but equipment is poor. Offensive fighting is therefore out of the question.

Consequently their natural plan of defense appears to require a withdrawal from the open Danubian region around

Belgrade in the north. Their domestic political interests require a showing of defense for Slovenia and Croatia. The Serb faction controls the army, but they will have to do their heavy fighting in the mountainous areas. In the passes on the Bulgarian frontier, they could, for example, present their strongest front.

OTHER ROUTE

Men at the largest official maps here suspect the Germans may not try these orthodox routes. The crafty German military mind might choose the unexpected as usual, and hit straight south into Thrace against the British, leaving the Yugoslavs alone. A dash in this direction might enable the nazis to get in behind the Greek lines to Albania.

The British are not wholly unprepared. They have concentrated such quantities of mechanized equipment in Greece that some of their friends are beginning to worry how they will get it out, if the battle goes against them.

SLOWER PACE

The milder defensive tone of Attorney General Jackson's Havana speech has sponsored an impression among the political elite that further drastic steps in the British aid program may develop more gradually than has been anticipated. So far this merely represents talk among officials who do not claim to know the president's mind, but have seen certain things indicating future steps may be planned methodically rather than pell-mell, in order to garner overwhelming support.

FAR EAST

The British have quietly mov-

ed most of their first line fighting ships out of the far eastern zone. This implies some theoretical transfer of anti-axis responsibility to the American ships in those waters. But the authorities here say the responsibility is like to remain theoretical. No move such as the basing of American ships on Singapore is yet indicated.

LABOR FRONT

Mr. Roosevelt's labor spot man, Sidney Hillman, (and what a spot) lent a hand toward AFL settlement of the International Harvester strike. He let the insiders around town know two weeks ago he thought AFL had a majority and CIO was pulling a minority strike.

But when the AFL men went back to work, they found the CIO picket lines loaded with bailers from Mr. Hillman's own union, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. It seems the CIO had to round up picketing help from other nearby CIO unions, and succeeded best with the union controlled by Mr. Roosevelt's own labor peace guarantor.

VACATIONS

When the chief goes fishing the braves go fishing too. On big Friday, with strikes breaking around the country and a revolution under way in Yugoslavia, the following government leaders of cabinet rank were away from their offices: State Secretary Hull in Georgia; Navy Secretary Knox in Chicago; Labor Secretary Perkins in California; Secretaries Jackson and Ickes fishing with the president; Postmaster General Walker in Los Angeles; Treasury

F. R. ASSERTS TERRORISTS AT WORK IN U. S.

PORT EVERGLADES, Fla., March 31 (UP)—President Roosevelt Saturday warned America of peril from communists, nazis, defeatists and their dupes but proclaimed that Americans are transcending partisanship to defend democracy.

Lashing out at communists, nazis, and the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance alike, Mr. Roosevelt asserted that enemies of democracy and their agents or dupes in this country are attempting to spread terror in America "to shatter the confidence of Americans in their government and in one another."

Summons Americans

The president summoned all Americans, whether democrats, republicans or independents, to rally to the defense of democracy. He warned that the task entails sacrifice—"you have to work overtime and work harder than ever before in your life."

He set as the alternative: "If our kind of civilization gets run over, the kind of peace we seek will become an unattainable hope."

Sun-tanned and refreshed after eight days of sunshine at sea, Mr. Roosevelt spoke by radio to the nation and the world from the cabin of the presidential yacht Potomac tied up at the dock here. He spoke as head of the democratic party and addressed his speech to a nationwide series of dinners of party leaders observing Jackson day.

But his address went beyond the party celebration. The president talked not only to the party which had made him the first third-term president in history.

Secretary Morgenthau in Arizona; Sidney Hillman in Florida; Clarence Dykstra in Wisconsin. Only three of the big offices were filled that day. Those of War Secretary Stimson, OPM Director Knudsen, and Agriculture Secretary Wickard.

SIDE GLANCES



"School lets out early every time that young salesman comes by!"

but to all Americans. The two party system remains a basic principle of American political life, he said, but in the present national emergency "we Americans—nearly all of us—have risen above any considerations of party politics."

Mr. Roosevelt promised action to meet the crisis arising from a world at war. "In the comparative quiet of this week," he said, "it has become more than ever clear that the time calls for courage and more courage—action and more action."

"In our own day the threat to our union and to our democracy is not a sectional one. It comes from a great part of the world which surrounds us and which draws more tightly around us day by day."

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