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Weekend Roundup

THERE have been delays and set-backs in some of Mayor John Houston's enthusiastically conceived projects, but the mayor hasn't shown any signs that he is letting this sort of thing get him down. He is plugging along at the city's business, and soon it appears we will see definite action on the first major project under his administration—airport expansion.

The swimming pool program has slowed down because of the financial problem. Success of the drive for pool memberships, or a large contribution from an individual or organization are the best chances for getting early action on this long talked about and desirable project.

The mayor's plan for a Moore park bandstand seems to be held up, but it is reported a more promising alternative is being considered.

One group that has gone actively to work is the traffic commission, headed by Frank Drew. The commission met Friday night with the Mayor and Stanley Church, traffic safety director for the secretary of state's office, and laid preliminary plans for the year's program.

This group plans to do more than mere traffic safety education. It will hunt out traffic hazards and ask for their removal. It will study traffic control problems and make recommendations where changes are believed advisable. It will go into the whole question of making the streets of Klamath Falls safer for driving—and walking.

The commission will probably give some consideration to problems beyond the limits of the city proper, with the purpose of helping make traffic safer in the entire Klamath area.

It begins to look as if the farm labor problem may become more complex here.

The state employment office reports that there is no surplus of farm labor, but that the office has been able to fill all calls so far. Some farmers, on the other hand, have reported difficulty in finding competent help.

As the summer develops, and there is more demand for help, the situation may become more serious. Draft and the attraction of defense industrial areas are believed major factors that have cut down the volume of available farm labor in the area.

It appears likely that there will be less seasonal labor available this year than for a period of several years.

In Klamath Falls Saturday were the delegates to the state junior chamber of commerce meeting and a group of Salem Elks paying a visit to Klamath Falls Elks.

Klamath is happy to have these visitors here. We are pleased that many of them drove in over the new Willamette cut-off and we hope they will report to their neighbors on the benefits of this new short route between the Willamette valley and the Klamath country. We might add, for their information, that the route is a part of a fine, fast, short road to all California points as well as to Reno.

Ever since long before the present war began in Europe, many estimates have been tossed about relating to German airplane production. Five thousand a month. Ten thousand a month.

Now comes Col. John H. Jouett, president of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, saying: "We are very near the British and German production rates, which are estimated at about 1500 a month each."

Who is right in this matter we don't pretend to know. But there is no reason to doubt that Jouett is right in saying that American production of military planes passed 1200 a month in March. That means that American production is very close to the point where it is bound to be a real factor, no matter what is the truth about the uncertain British and German figures.

'Business As Usual' To Be Out Until Emergency Ends

By ERNEST BARCELLA
 United Press Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 3 (UP)

A government spokesman told the nation's food and clothing producers last night "business as usual is out" as long as "a life-or-death" emergency exists.

The warning came from Donald M. Nelson, OPM purchasing director, who spoke before a defense conference on consumer goods at which the nation's principal producers of food, clothing and household furnishings were represented.

Mistake
 "Business as usual is out," Nelson said. "You are not going to see any more of it until this emergency is over. The most terrible mistake any of us could possibly make is to fail to understand that fact."

Earlier, Price Control Administrator Leon Henderson sounded a warning that "fictitious" price increases would not be tolerated in the present emergency. The business men also heard that the government has collected evidence that certain manufacturers have maintained stable prices at the expense of the quality of goods they produced.

Nelson, asserting that "we cannot go on as we have been going," said that "unless we wake up to that fact and act accord-

ingly, no sensible man has any right to be very hopeful about the future of American business or anything else American."

"We have got to begin by realizing, once and for all, that we are in an emergency—a real, life-or-death emergency, not just a make-believe one. We have got to realize what that implies. We have got to see, for instance, that what we have done so far in building a defense program is not nearly good enough; that every part of our national life has got to be readjusted to the emergency if we are to have a national life worth living when the emergency is over."

He reminded the conferees that "France clung to the business-as-usual concept up to the very moment when the panzer divisions turned the Maginot line into a forlorn chain of empty telephone booths."

Legislation is being urged to put the kibosh on congressmen getting paid to speak. "We've heard some we'd be willing to pay 'hush' money."

Community dance at Poe Valley, Saturday, May 3. Rowe Kinney's orchestra. Public invited.

Defeat?



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 3—You are not keeping up with the latest military facts if you let yourself become melancholy over Britain's prospective fate in the Mediterranean. A complete revision of popular theories on the war is necessary as a result of recent breaks.

The Mediterranean has been for centuries a vital lifeline of the British Empire. Popular pessimism is evident because they are about to lose it. Censorship has foolishly concealed the truth that they lost it weeks ago. Even the Suez has been of little use to the empire for months because of mines laid from planes. No conveying of British commercial shipping has been attempted through the Mediterranean since the axis established bombing bases in Sicily. Conquest of Greece will merely give the nazis more bombing bases. The only thing now vital to the British in that area is the large British naval base at Alexandria.

A substitute lifeline for Britain across the north Atlantic to the United States was established before the Mediterranean fell. British tin, rubber, and oil shipments from the far east have been going recently through the Panama canal for transshipment at New York across the new lifeline. The Germans will have to cut this one if they want a victory.

JUST A ROCK
 Gibraltar has been regarded as the rock upon which the British Empire is built. Developments in the eastern Mediterranean have made it just another rock.

The Germans will testify to this. For more than three months they have been ready to move through Spain to take Gibraltar. It is not the friendly Spanish government that has been holding them back, but the military problem of supplying their troops and the people of that starving country as well. Gibraltar was just not worth that cost.

Whenever the nazis think they can feed fascist Spain, they will knock off Gibraltar as easily as they captured Italy.

RUSSIA MENACED
 Dispel from your mind the common supposition that Hitler does not want Russia. The reds are likely to be next, if the invasion of England fails or is not attempted. Russia is the raw material storehouse of Europe and Asia. Hitler has been conquering mostly empty bread-baskets so far. If he finds this is going to be a long war, he will arm himself for it by imposing German efficiency upon that treasure house of the world.

The Germans seem very anxious to keep the United States out of the war until the nazi conquest is complete. No attack Hitler could devise would be less distasteful to the United States than invasion of Russia.

ARMY IDLE
 The notion that Hitler will not fight on two fronts at the same time has also become dangerous. The German general staff held that view during this war only as long as Germany was a small country. Now Hitler as a world power has 260 divisions under arms (over 3,000,000 men). Armies rot unless used. "You can do anything with a bayonet except sit on it," is an old army saying. The only front on which his troops are now being used is a brief stretch in the Egyptian desert. For the complete conquest of the Greeks, Yugoslavians, and British in the Balkans he used only 40 divisions, leaving 220 to fight elsewhere. Obviously he now has the strength to hold Britain with air and sea attacks while moving against Russia, seizing Gibraltar, and extending his conquests in the near east.

BETTER GAME
 Another cliché that must now be doubted is the one that "Germany must win in 1941 or else." The conquests which the nazis have recently made and those they can easily make will strengthen Hitler materially for a long pull.

Invasion of England is no doubt a temptation to a military strategist but the risk of failure is great, and the psychological reaction would be devastating to Hitler's successes so far.

A better game would be to conquer Russia and the near east and then use peace, with some very sweet concessions to Britain and the United States.

Legion Urges 'Remedies' for U. S. Defense

By WILLIAM BRINK JR.
 United Press Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 3 (UP)—The American Legion yesterday urged use of the United States navy, if necessary, to insure delivery of war-aid to Britain.

The Legion's national executive committee, in a resolution to President Roosevelt, recommended other "remedies" for defense problems:

1. That the president tell the country "the full facts" about the present emergency.

2. That "the cause of national unity in national defense" will best be served by the resignation of Secretary of Labor Francis Perkins.

3. That legislation be enacted to prohibit strikes and lockouts in national defense industries during the present emergency.

4. That organized labor and the citizens of the United States in general voluntarily forego strikes which impede defense of the nation and remove voluntarily and by legislation "subversive individuals" from employment in defense industries.

The aid-to-Britain resolution said in part:

"Whereas there is grave danger that vessels carrying such materials and supplies will be attacked by belligerent nations in violation of international law and in violation of compacts heretofore entered into by such belligerent nations,

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the national executive committee of the American Legion that we earnestly urge the president of the United States . . . to employ such units of the United States navy and auxiliary forces in such manner as in his judgment may be required to insure the safety of American vessels and their crews by guarding them against attack from any source."

In asking disclosure of facts concerning the international situation, the Legion explained that the people of the nation "do not understand or appreciate the dangers of which the president and his officers speak," not comprehend the full extent of the emergency, and "have in consequence lapsed into a peace-time complacency."

The legion declared a "growing lack of confidence" among the American people in "the abilities of the present secretary of labor to fully exercise the high responsibilities of that office," and said "that the cause of national unity in national defense will be best served by the tendering and acceptance of the resignation of the present secretary of labor."

We must prepare for the greatest movement of traffic in our history. — President W. O. Hotchkiss, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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Redmond Youth In Auto Mishap
 Seichi Konno, 15, reported to the sheriff's office Friday that a car he was driving skidded on wet pavement at an S turn on highway 97 and left the road and landed in the bushes. Konno was on his way from Redmond to Klamath Falls to the annual 20-30 club track meet. Young Konno said he had an instruction permit to drive and that a licensed driver was in the car beside him. No one was injured.

C. W. Brown, 1549 Ivory street, reported a truck driven by Charles O. Hancuff overtook him and crashed into the rear of his truck at Barkley springs on highway 97. Brown was injured slightly.

TAXATION FOR 'WAR EFFORT' ASKED BY F. R.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., May 3 (UP)—President Roosevelt last night called for taxation to finance America's "war effort" on a basis that will eliminate inequalities which have excluded "substantial and significant elements of income."

In a letter to Chairman Robert L. Doughton of the house ways and means committee Mr. Roosevelt warned America that the \$3,600,000,000 which congress now is seeking to raise represents only the "minimum of our revenue requirements."

May Tax Deeper
 His letter left no doubt that the "exigencies" of America's "war effort"—an all-out struggle to aid democracies in defeating the axis powers—might require even further taxation before the ultimate goal is achieved.

White House officials refused to make more explicit Mr. Roosevelt's orders to tax deeply into income hitherto relatively secure from heavy taxes.

"The income tax cannot fix the tax liability of individuals and corporations with equity as long as the tax base is defined to exclude substantial and significant elements of income," Mr. Roosevelt wrote Doughton.

The letter to Doughton was Mr. Roosevelt's statement to the United States on taxes which will be levied during the international crisis—taxes which may place upon the average American citizen the heaviest burden in the history of the country.

Stephen T. Early, White House secretary, said that the letter represented what Mr. Roosevelt indicated when he said at a press conference a few weeks ago that he would have a statement on taxation in the near future.

Not Specific
 While emphasizing the urgent importance of finding some means to raise some \$3,600,000,000 in new revenue, Mr. Roosevelt did not refer specifically to tax proposals pending before congress which would raise individual income levies drastically.

He reiterated merely his previous insistence that additional tax measures should be based on the "principle of ability to pay" and enunciated the objective of subjecting to taxation incomes which hitherto had escaped the tax base.

That statement did not make clear whether he favored lowering the personal income tax base to levy taxes on small wage-earners who hitherto had been untaxed; or whether he was advocating revision of revenue laws to eliminate technicalities by which recipients of higher incomes in the past have minimized income taxes. On specific inquiry, Early declined to clarify the point.

MALE CONTRIBUTION
 PORTLAND, May 3 (UP)—The boys of Benson Polytechnic high school, lacking co-eds to select a princess from, will be an important part of the Rose festival court after all.

The school will provide chauffeurs for the court's automobiles.

SALEM, Ore., May 3 (UP)—The state department of agriculture today reported that more than 380 carloads of Klamath basin potatoes have been purchased by the federal diversion program this spring.

The department estimated that 500 carloads of Oregon potatoes will have been purchased by the time the program is concluded.

U. S. Considers Freezing All Foreign Funds
 WASHINGTON, May 3 (UP) The United States is considering freezing all foreign funds in this country to bring further economic pressure against the axis powers, Secretary of State Cordell Hull revealed yesterday.

He said no decision had been reached and indicated none was imminent. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. persistently has advocated the freezing of axis credits and urged such a course upon President Roosevelt earlier this week. Hull has been equally persistent in objections.

Thus far the government has restricted freezing operations to the credits of countries conquered by Germany and Russia.

Hull compared the sequestering of foreign credits with potential tightening of restrictions on exports of oil and gasoline to Japan, and shipments of war materials elsewhere. At his press conference the president had referred to the state department inquiries about curtailment of shipments of oil to Japan.

Without indicating such a step is imminent, Hull entered into a general discussion of policy. It was his first public announcement that a general freezing order was under study and came after dispatches had quoted Dr. Hugh Dalton, British minister of economic warfare, as contending axis funds were being used to finance fifth column activities in South America. He suggested the United States "freeze" the funds.

Diversion Program Buys Klamath Spuds
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SIDE GLANCES



"I probably would have amounted to something if I had gone to college and studied—but somehow I could never spare the time."

Courthouse Records
 FRIDAY
 Justice Court
 State of Oregon versus John Leroy Palmer, charged with rape. Bond set at \$2500 cash or \$3000 property.

Raymond Franklin Fries, no PUC permit. Fined \$10.
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Marriage Applications
 WICKERSHAM - EVANS.
 Gerald B. Wickersham, 25, Klamath Falls, lumber worker. Native of Washington. Ruth Louise Evans, 22, Hood River, Ore. Native of California.

FUNERAL NOTICE
 GERTIE BARKLEY DUFFY
 The funeral service for the late Gertie Barkley Duffy, who passed away in this city on Wednesday, April 30, will take place from the Williamson River church on Sunday, May 4, at 1 p. m. the Rev. L. W. Mooney officiating. A morning service will begin at 10 a. m. Commitment service and vault entombment in the Hill cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Ward's Klamath Funeral home in charge of the arrangements.

Midwest officials seized a shipment of bootleg liquor labeled "Fish." Maybe that was who it was billed to.

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