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Weekend Roundup

THESE are trying times, for nations and for individuals. An interesting sidelight on Bruce Baxter's commencement address at the high school Friday was his story of the man he knows who said: "I'm not a personality any more—I'm a civil war!"

How many of us are in that fix? How many are arguing with themselves, finding themselves on one day an isolationist, the next day an interventionist, and the next day something else? How fortunate is he whose mind is made up—finally, definitely, and conclusively—on the great problems that confront this group of individuals known as the United States! Most of us, it seems, are in about the same situation as the nation—torn within ourselves between conflicting sentiments and divergent lines of thinking.

But time is wasting. We know that decision must be made soon, in order to establish singleness of purpose and unity of action. We can't go on indefinitely as a lot of individual "civil wars."

All indications are that the week's flurry of discussion and activity over the South Sixth street situation ended constructively.

Klamath's delegation to the state highway commission meeting returned with a belief that something will be done immediately to determine exactly what is the best thing for the big traffic problem beyond the viaduct, and that decision will be followed by construction.

This newspaper, which has been imploring the highway commission for a long time to "do something" about South Sixth, agrees it is best that action shall follow a thorough study to determine the most logical and sensible course for that action.

But let's not have delay in making that study. Certainly, it is not too much to ask that improvement get under way on South Sixth street in the current construction season.

Following up mention in this column yesterday of the desirability of an aviation defense unit for this community, we urge that the chamber of commerce and other interested organizations look thoroughly into this question. If there is the slightest possibility that something of the kind could be obtained, let's not leave a stone unturned in the effort to get it.

Army engineers have indicated that work will start in June on development of the Klamath airport, for which the CAA has granted nearly \$300,000 in funds as a defense expenditure. We do not know whether the location of an air squadron here would require the construction of additional facilities, but at any rate things are beginning to happen here in the aviation field and it would be of great value to the community to have a military aviation unit located here.

It seems—nay, it was—only yesterday that the 1940 census was being taken. Yet the United States already has 1,200,000 more people than it had then.

That's the estimate of the census bureau, based on immigration and excess of births over deaths. We now number 133,000,000 people, according to this, the best guess. Somehow that doesn't fit into the picture that has been drawn of a static people which has stopped growing, expanding, progressing. It always was a cockeyed picture.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

URGES TRY FOR CAMP

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—As a representative of the labor unions in Klamath Falls, I feel compelled to call to your attention the fact that Medford, Ore., will have a cantonment constructed in their city by the federal government for the housing of several thousand trainees in the national army. Why is it that Klamath Falls doesn't get some such a construction project for this vicinity? Can it be that we don't want to have these millions of dollars of construction work in this territory or is it that we are afraid of the large influx of union craftsmen who would spend their wages with the local merchants?

The construction alone would have meant millions in trade to Klamath Falls, to say nothing of the regular monthly payrolls of the soldiers stationed here. Try to guess what it would mean to Klamath to have some 30,000 men drawing a minimum of \$20 per month which does not go for board or clothes. This money would be spending money. Of course not all would be spent on Main street but all money spent here would reflect upon the general condition of the district. And, in addition to this, what vast group of men? The truck gardeners and farmers would have a ready-made market for all the vegetable products we could raise. Soldiers don't want all canned goods and if they did some one would profit thereby. In my opinion, our chamber

of commerce could have made a strong bid for this business, not only could have, but should have. Very little publicity was let out that Klamath ever had a chance. When all that can be said, when all that can be said against us is we have colder winters in this section than Medford. This could have been overcome by the issuance of "woolen longies" for the men stationed here. I haven't heard of much distress caused by our severe weather here for the last several years. With highway 97 designated as a "prior highway" for the movement of troops, we stood in a favored position on this cantonment matter and should have gotten the project here.

I sincerely hope our chamber of commerce and all our citizens will wake up to the fact that money, "millions" of it is being spent all around us and we are content to sit by and let it go. After all, aren't we all in this thing to make our living to the best of our ability?

I have telegrams on my desk at this writing, requesting tradesmen to come to work in several localities. They can't get the men needed to carry on the work. I have heard it said that if we got some such project as this one, that we would have a slump after construction stops. This is a bunch of foolish arguments, as none of the communities have lost anything because of having several months of real prosperity.

It may not be too late even yet, for Klamath to secure something, for instance we could have an aviation school for training flyers, or we may yet get some smaller cantonment if our chamber of commerce and its board of directors will make a real effort toward that end. I believe most of our citizens want this

"Was It For This We Laid Down Our Arms?"



work here. I know our building tradesmen would rather work at home than elsewhere.
 Respectfully,
 C. D. LONG.

CIO Defense Plan

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—As a member of the IWA-CIO I wish to call attention to the CIO defense plan. I know of no other workable plan that has been offered for the defense of this country and the people who inhabit it. Yet it is a fact that this plan is utterly ignored by nearly all those whose duty it is to inform the general public of such things.

The CIO defense plan calls for the setting up of industry councils for each major mass production industry, composed of an equal number of representatives of labor and industrialists with a chairman representing the government, whose job would be to see that enough plants are kept at production of domestic goods to supply the needs of the people of the nation with a reasonable surplus for emergency, loss etc.; see that the government war goods contracts are so allocated as to give the fullest amount of production possible with our resources in natural supplies, machinery and labor power, that exist in our nation, see that the bottlenecks existing, due to unopened natural resources, shortage of industrial plants and lack of sufficient trained labor for some occupations are over as speedily as possible, see that the laws of the nation are observed as regards labor practices etc., and for the setting up of a national defense board composed of equal numbers of representatives of labor and industry of which the president shall be the chairman, which

shall act as a clearing house for the various industrial councils and a supervising head through which industry as a whole can be coordinated.

This would give the nation an organization through which the knowledge and abilities of the workers, management, scientists, government officials and agents and coordinate them in action for the security, defense and well-being of the people of the nation.

In some industries some of the politically powerful corporations have received contracts of such large amounts that it will take them three or four years to fill while other companies that could handle many of these orders just as well as those who are overloaded with orders can, have not received any orders at all. The fifth columnist who was responsible for the German people being sold down the river to nazism was the big industrialist, Fritz Thyssen. In France it was the same story, the big powerful financiers and industrialists were in many instances eager for the sellout, they had to a great extent consummated the deal with the nazis behind the backs of the people before the actual armed conquest of France was started. We have among some of our big capitalists those who have been doing the same thing, plenty of proof of this has come to light.

Can you show where the CIO defense plan will not work if given the active support of the administration? Can you point out any other defense program that has been presented which is not full of holes, for the fifth columnists to use?

John Wheeler,
 919 Klamath Avenue.

1942 ALLOTMENT FOR WHEAT GIVEN

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard Thursday established a national wheat planting allotment of 55,000,000 acres for the 1942 crop. This was a reduction of 7,000,000 acres from the 1941 allotment.

The secretary said a reduction in production was necessary because of a mounting surplus and loss of export markets. The 55,000,000-acre allotment is the minimum allowed by corn control legislation.

It will be apportioned among growers on the basis of a formula set up by law.

Announcement of the smaller allotment was made as the agriculture department prepared to hold a grower referendum May 31 on marketing quotas for this year's wheat crop. Quotas require the approval of two-thirds of the farmers voting.

Division of the 1942 allotment among wheat-producing states included:

California 633,922; Idaho 865,173; Oregon 756,281; Utah 211,163 and Washington 1,656,687.

Births in the United States are dropping about 50,000 a year; deaths are increasing about 20,000 annually.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 24—The prospect of the nazis running through Crete and Syria to capture the Suez and the seizing of Gibraltar has been considered realistically in the topmost conferences in and around the White House. Statesmen, as well as people worthy of their blood, cannot afford to read the news like namby-pambies avoiding what is displeasing. The odds are strongly against the British in the Mediterranean, though decidedly in their favor in Britain. The question is what to do about it.

The White House congressional directors who have been in the front office lately believe Mr. Roosevelt will send up a message or devote his coming cooling-system-side chat (it's too hot for firesides) to a stronger reaffirmation of the western hemisphere defense basic policy—and action to bolster it.

One piece of action being conversationally talked up in these circles would contemplate further safeguarding the vital island approaches of the Atlantic, not only nearby but all the way across to the African coast. The Azores (Portugal) are within the western hemisphere limits which Mr. Roosevelt set in Greenland. The new dividing line cuts through the Cape Verde islands (Portugal). But eastward between them toward the African coast, are the Madeiras (Portugal) and the Canaries (Spain) which are strategically important as ocean-air bases.

It is doubtful that any such action would be taken unless the fall of Spain and Portugal seemed at hand. Also the action might await formal American participation in the war.

FEW TROOPS

The British had been conceding a good chance of holding Crete for some months by most of the military authorities here. Their expectation was founded on the belief that the British would concentrate there the 50,000 to 60,000 troops removed from Greece. Instead the British left only a division with the Greeks. The bulk of the British army was transferred to the Libyan front where the Suez defenses were hard pressed.

DEFENSE SHAKEUP

Signs of the coming shakeup in the defense organization (forecast first in this column, May 6) are multiplying rapidly. Criticism of accomplishments is starting even from sources close to the administration. You will hear frequently in congressional quarters the observation that prodding criticism and constant reshuffling must be accelerated if results are to be obtained.

Appointment of some new overall head, like Jesse Jones, the commerce secretary, is not unlikely.

PROFITS TAX

The house ways and means committee are bristling mad because all the treasury has recommended for an excess profits tax is the same old treasury scheme which congress defeated

SIDE GLANCES



"If John could only speak to the boss like he speaks to that tire, he'd get some place!"

last year. Some committeemen are trying to get business men to come in and testify en masse as they did last year.

It now looks like there will be a fight lasting several months. Momentary prospects are that a bill will be passed in September, to apply retroactively to January 1.

FUNERAL

ROBERT L. PRICE

The funeral service for the late Robert L. Price, who passed away in this city on Thursday, May 23, will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 Fifth street, on Sunday, May 25, at 2 p. m. The Rev. Arthur C. Bates of the First Christian church officiating. Friends are invited to attend. The remains will be forwarded by railway express Sunday at 6:35 p. m. to Woodland, Calif., where the interment will take place in the family plot on Monday, May 26, at 11 a. m.

One-fourth or 70,000,000 acres of the farm area of the southern states is in forest or woodlands.

Maine, Vermont and West Virginia were formed from parts of Massachusetts, New York and Virginia.

Mme. Otto Goldschmidt, Swedish soprano, was known as Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale.

Courthouse Records

FRIDAY
 Complaints Filed

U. S. Balentine versus Carol D. Martin. Suit to collect note and attorney's fees. Plaintiff asks judgment against defendant in amount of \$80 on first cause of action, \$50 as attorney's fees, \$140 for professional services as attorney in a former action, and an order for sale of any property attached. Edwin E. Driscoll, attorney for plaintiff.

Ralph W. Hanson versus Frances Hanson. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Broun, Minn., July 2, 1938. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. George Chastain, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court

Faye Orville Blakely. Interdictory order signed against defendant forbidding any person or the State Liquor Control commission to sell him alcoholic liquor.

The cabinet of President Franklin Pierce served the entire term without a change of personnel, 1853 to 1857.

The moon goes around the earth approximately 13 times a year, making one revolution in 27 days and 8 hours.

Ninety-five patches were required to repair damages to wings of an airplane caught in a hailstorm in South Dakota in 1939.

VOX-NOW

FEDERAL FUGITIVES

NEIL HAMILTON

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INCLUDES TAX

LONE RIDER CROSSES RIO

Tomorrow Another

BIG DOUBLE HIT PROGRAM

He's NAUGHTY BUT NICE!

ROSALIND RUSSELL

She's NICE... BUT NAUGHTY!

MARYN DOUGLAS

Together for the first time... in
 This Thing Called Love
 COMPANION
 HIT FOR THRILLS

TIM HOLT in

Along the Rio Grande

PELICAN

NOW PLAYING!

IT'S FUNNY! IT'S SUNNY!

WITH SARONGS AND SONGS!

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DOORS OPEN 12:30
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 FEATURES 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45

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RAINBOW

CONTINUOUS SAT. AND SUN.

TODAY!

JEAN ARTHUR AND GEORGE BRENT

"MORE THAN A SECRETARY"

TOMORROW

All She Sought Was Happiness... but she got a lot of things she hadn't counted on!

Kitty Foyle

Ginger Rogers

KITTY FOYLE

The Most Talked About Woman in America!

DENNIS MORGAN JAMES CRAIG

Edwina Cannell - Ernest Cressett

From the novel by Christopher Morley