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Another Good Job

KLAMATH FALLS has again done itself proud in the entertainment of visiting members of the big army convoys which passed through here the first days of this week.

The experience with the first convoys was used advantageously in improving a service that from the start has given this city a most desirable reputation among the men of the armed forces on the Pacific coast. On this occasion, entertainment was provided for both officers and men.

Local people who performed "taxi service" for the soldiers, between camp and town, were told about the praise that Klamath Falls is getting wherever soldiers meet to talk about civilian attitude toward them. Men expecting to move up and down the coast hope that they will be routed by this city, for it is one place they are assured of a royal welcome by townspeople.

Klamath people have not done this with any selfish ideas in mind, but it would seem that the evidences of civilian morale here should work favorably for this community in its ambitions to be the site of military aviation development.

We will not attempt here to list each individual who deserves credit for the showing made. It would be too easy to overlook someone who has done a lot. But to all who helped—the committee members, the entertainers, those who contributed funds, who did taxi service for the soldiers, or aided in any other way—here's a rousing cheer for a good and friendly deed of patriotism.

Gas Problem

It is clear that there is a need for frankness and a plain statement of all the facts on the gasoline situation in the country.

Paul Mallon's column, on this page today, gives a good idea of the confusion that exists in the public mind, and the reasons why the public in the east, where gasoline savings have been urged, has not cooperated as wholeheartedly as government officials evidently expected.

What appears to be the matter is that there is no convincing evidence of a shortage, with authoritative statistics indicating otherwise. People do not like to shorten their gasoline consumption unless it is necessary. If it is necessary, and they know that it is, there will most certainly be public cooperation.

In the east, there seems to be a suspicion that people have been called upon to cut gas consumption just to see if they will do it. There was some suspicion of a similar character concerning the aluminum drive. People don't like to be called upon for idle gestures. But we are sure they will be glad to cooperate in any program that is of practical benefit to the defense of the country. The people should be taken into the confidence of their leaders.

A wag called up to say that Mayor John Houston at last produced the new swimming pool—in the underpass. If everything goes all right, Mayor John will do better than that.

Anti-American Campaign Grows in Occupied China

SHANGHAI, Aug. 21 (AP)—An anti-American campaign, purported to be inspired and directed by Japanese military authorities, appeared today to be growing throughout occupied China as a result of the recent United States freezing of assets.

Reports from numerous points in central and south China indicate that more than 1700 Americans are facing increasingly difficult living conditions because of restrictions imposed by the military. British citizens also were affected in some areas, but not as badly as Americans.

Many of those feeling the brunt of the campaign are missionaries. At numerous places missions have been picketed as have American business houses in Shanghai province and in south China.

American have been forced in some instances to wait many hours, day after day, before obtaining travel permits at Japanese offices. Travel by foreigners in the occupied area has been restricted since July when the Japanese began a mobilization of men who had been released from active duty in China.

One Swedish correspondent for American and British newspapers has been expelled from Hankow and two British correspondents have been told to leave. All Anglo-American press activities were halted summarily by the Japanese military at Hankow.

It almost defies solution," Police Chief Charles W. Dullea, San Francisco, asserted Wednesday. In an address for delivery before the 48th annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Dullea said national defense was causing "a tremendous increase in the problem."

"The preservation of the efficiency of industry so vital to our national defense depends upon our efforts in the traffic control field," he declared. "It is as necessary to prevent sabotage by the automobile accident as any other subversive inroads on industry."

There is neither time nor manpower to build new highways to handle the increased traffic, Chief Dullea said, so "we must plan now to make better use of the existing facilities and we must spot bottlenecks in regional movements and by an intelligent, selective approach to the problem plan for the immediate relief of these emergencies."

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 21—This mixed-up mess of a gasoline curtailment program in the eastern states is surrounded by so much mystery and confusion, no one can ascertain objectively today even the basic fact of whether the program is fully justified yet.

The National Petroleum News, trade publication of the industry, says stocks of gasoline on hand in east coast storage tanks on August 9 were slightly larger than the same weekend a year ago. It computed the total of barrels then on the shortage ground at 21,686,000. A year ago the same eastern tanks held 21,317,000 barrels.

The August 9 week showed an increase over the previous week, when 21,438,000 barrels of gasoline were ready for distribution in the eastern area (a decrease from the August 2 week of last year when 22,221,000 barrels were on hand).

These figures do not indicate a shortage.

ON THE INCREASE

Mr. Ickes' own bureau of mines has officially announced, in its routine statistics, the amount of crude oil in stock at east coast refineries on August 9 was increasing, not declining. It estimated 14,253,000 barrels on hand that week, whereas only 12,878,000 barrels were assembled in the so-called shortage area the week ending August 2.

These figures, likewise seem to fail to justify the closing of gasoline stations from 7 p. m. to 7 a. m. or the 10 per cent distribution curtailment ordered subsequently.

CONFUSED

The confusing publicity which has attended the program from its inception, is based on the supposition that the transfer of tankers to the British has already made, or will eventually make—which one is not clear—the shortage.

The independent oil people (in contradistinction to the representatives of the large companies who now all have representatives working in Ickes' office) have been grumbling around Washington that there should not be a shortage of tankers.

This government, they say, has announced the transfer of 50 tankers to the British and is secretly supposed to have promised 30 more later. Actually only 32 tankers have so far been transferred to the British service.

Against this loss of 32, there should have been many acquisitions. The Ickes oil control administration has announced that our construction program has been providing 10 new tankers every three months. Since the original 50 were designated for British service, we, therefore, should have built 10.

The headline level was raised by the government, increasing capacity of shipments to the east coast by three tankers. That's 13. Then some ships plying from California to the east coast have been put on a run from gulf ports, shortening their haul, to the equivalent of adding 5. That's 18.

The schedules of runs to the Caribbean has been changed to Aruba, the equivalent of four. Five German and Italian tankers were seized in American ports. These acquisitions total

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37, fully replacing the 32, say the independents.

The oil control administration says nothing, contending all news of tankers is a military secret.

DARE

One recent tanker shipment was not kept a secret, however, despite the appeal May 22 of Admiral Land, chairman of the maritime commission. He then asked that newspapers refrain from publishing the departure of all merchant ships carrying materials to belligerents, especially dates and destinations.

Not a single item of such news had been printed until Mr. Ickes, the oil coordinator, publicly announced last week that a tanker was sailing from a California port for Vladivostok, and he named the date it would leave.

The announcement constituted practically a dare to the Japanese to do something about it, as Tokyo had protested earlier the shipment of materials to the reds.

In the midst of confusion, Mr. Ickes has slipped off for "three weeks to a month" vacation, in seclusion at Mt. Olympic national park (administered by his interior department), carrying the mystery of the policy with him.

What the independent oil men fear is that he will emerge from his seclusion to point out what everyone can already see—namely that the cumbersome and almost absurd efforts of his oil control administration to curtail consumption, have failed. They fear he will say he will have to ration gasoline and will issue 5,000,000 cards to all motorist consumers.

This might prod the people of the country into a personal appreciation of the nearness of war to them, and the power of Hitler to disturb their lives, but so far it seems only to be making them angry with Mr. Ickes. His curtailment advice is being roundly hissed, and frequently booed, in the public cinema palaces in Washington. At restaurants and gas stations, the phrase that "Ickes is the most hated man in the United States" is commonly heard expressed with heat.

Thus it seems far more likely

now that the government will have to start all over again at the beginning in the curtailment program, lay its cards on the table, justify the necessity and thus obtain wholehearted cooperation. The original mistake may merely have been in letting such an unredeemable irritant as Mr. Ickes get control of the program (instead of, say Hopkins, Jones or Wallace) and in his reliance on the cooperation of the large oil companies, without seeking public support by frank justification of the necessity.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 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.

DOG POISONING

MIDLAND, Ore. (To The Editor)—So many people have approached me concerning the contents of my letter of last week, that I thought it may be advisable to clear up a little matter.

I have at no time in the past, nor will I have in the future, any reason to infer that Mr. Fitzhugh poisoned my dog. I know Mr. Fitzhugh too well to think that he would stoop so low. If he had a grievance about anything, he would be man enough to come in person and tell you about it. I merely stated that it was done by somebody between his and the Dr. Truax place.

I suppose with this issue that the matter had better drop, but should I be able to prove what I suspect, I think there will be a filled vacancy in one of our local hospitals, by the filthy, slimy, yellow-bellied, white-livered skunk that poisons dogs. I could put down just about what I think, but when he reads this I think he will get the idea anyhow.

HARRY R. BOYD.

RELIGION AND WAR

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—In the bustle of the world's present trials, religion, in reference to the war, seems to have been gently laid aside. Maybe it's a good thing.

And maybe it's bad. Or maybe it's a sign of respect for our newly acquired Communistic brothers.

I heard a man bemoan the fact that God didn't stop the present war. I asked this person if God started the war, I asked him, if he knew how God could stop it.

Then he told me about the pleas of churches and the prayers of individuals. But he didn't say how they were pleading and how they were praying. He didn't say they were pleading for deliverance and not praying for guidance in overcoming this crisis.

He didn't mention that most people, despite their attempted piety, are filled with hate for one nation or another. Yet people will pray for help and despise the ones who need that help most.

They want none of unity, of true amnesty, of forgiveness. They only want to be saved from a fate they have devised for themselves.

They have entrusted themselves blindly to leaders who have no more right to lead than be led. They forget that the united peoples of the world is a bulwark against any designs by demagogic persons. They forget that they, themselves, are this world. But they allow themselves to be led like helpless sheep by men who would cringe in terror if the populace would suddenly realize their power and turn upon them.

So people continue fearing and hating by the command of their ill-appointed leaders. They continue to babble their selfish prayers and ask God to do their own work.

No one is going to come to the salvation of humanity. Perhaps some day humanity will find its salvation. But it will not be while they cheat themselves by being ashamed of God. It will not be while they do not understand God.

If you were hungry you would not sit down and wish for food to be brought to you—you would go in search of it. If you would know the truth of life, you must seek that truth. Purposeless prayer is like babbling before a wall of stone in the faint hope the wall will crumble in some mystical manner.

And so long as mystics remain, so will the power of prayer remain unknown.

And I say to the man who wonders why God doesn't stop this war—this war would stop tomorrow if people realized the tremendous power of selfless, individual, free and unified religion.

But it seems that people are lazy and they would rather have someone else work out their problems—or die.

ROBERT E. FOSTER.

Merrill

Mrs. Bertha McCollum, only newly elected officer present for the August meeting of the auxiliary of the Merrill Legion post, was installed as president Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ora Burkes. Members present were the hostess, Mrs. Burkes, Mrs. Gertrude Pierce, Mrs. Ann Fruits, Mrs. McCollum and Lena Buck. The group made plans for a picnic for Camp Fire girls who assisted with the Poppy day sales to be held on a date yet to be determined. The next meeting will be held September 16 at the home of the new president.

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Mrs. Lillian Thomas has had a recent house guests Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Steinmetz, Indianapolis, Ind. Mrs. Thomas entertained at dinner for her guests with places marked for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz, Lloyd Thomas and the hostess, Steinmetz and Mrs. Thomas are cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Chatburn and daughter Betty left Tuesday for San Francisco and other bay region points. They will return to Merrill Friday.

EMPLOYMENT ISSUE MULLED IN NORTH

SEATTLE, Aug. 21 (AP)—Educational and employment leaders of the Pacific northwest states are at work on a program to prepare thousands of women to step into the industrial breach when the need arises during the national emergency.

"It now appears that eventually 100,000 to 150,000 women in the northwest will be brought into the production picture," commented Gen. H. G. Winsor, in charge of the office of production management headquarters here, "either by replacing men to free more skilled workers for direct defense work, or by going into defense industries themselves."

"Although there is no real need now for large numbers of women to begin defense training, I feel that we should investigate the possibilities and prepare for such training immediately."

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 21 (AP)—A program to keep men at work after the present employment boom ends was being discussed here today by representatives of six northwest states.

Under the direction of Robert W. Mead of San Francisco, director of the long-range planning project for 11 western states, the men studied a six-year development program under which an inventory of present and future needs of the states would be made.

The purpose would be to create a reservoir of public works projects on which men would be employed.

Contractors at Hermiston Project Get Gas-Tax Free

SALEM, Aug. 21 (AP)—J. A. Tegzeling & Sons, contractors at the ordinance depot, Hermiston, which now is under construction, does not have to pay the state gasoline tax for fuel bought to operate its equipment at the depot, the attorney general ruled Wednesday.

The exemption was granted on grounds that the gasoline is sold for the use and benefit of the United States government.

In two other opinions, he held that the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company can deposit defense bonds in lieu of insurance which the state requires as a carrier under the motor transportation act and that the state naturopathic board of examiners has no power to license out-of-state naturopaths on a reciprocity basis.

Courthouse Records

WEDNESDAY Complaints Filed

Audrie Marie Brown versus John Brown. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Klamath Falls November 23, 1937. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment. Edward B. Ashurst, attorney for plaintiff.

Alma Paul versus Percy Paul. Divorce granted plaintiff. Custody of two minors granted plaintiff. Defendant to pay \$25 a month for their support.

Justice Court
 Arthur Carl Badorek, drunk on a public highway. Fined \$10. Illegal possession of venison. Fined \$100, \$50 suspended.
 Inogene Moore Fisher, illegal possession of intoxicating liquor. Fined \$25 or 10 days. Committed. John Eric Anderson, driving under influence of intoxicating liquor. Pled guilty. Property bond of \$300 filed. Trial set for 10 a. m. Thursday.

Jay C. North, drunk in a public place. Pled guilty. Bond set at \$25 cash or \$50 property. Committed.

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RAINBOW

PINE TREE

Captain Roosevelt Signs Register at Hotel, Leaves Coat

LONDON, Aug. 21 (AP)—The only evidence of Capt. Elliott Roosevelt visible to the general public in London today was his topcoat, which was draped over a counter in a west end hotel.

When the president's son arrived in London Tuesday afternoon from the Roosevelt-Churchill sea conferences he went directly to the U. S. embassy, where he saw Ambassador John G. Winant and "He told me," the ambassador said Wednesday, "that he was going to see some cousins."

The hotel reported that he registered and then walked right out, leaving his topcoat.

No Solution Seen In Auto Problem

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 21 (AP)—The automobile is "becoming a problem of such magnitude that