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## We're Getting a Fine Airport

STEADILY construction goes forward on the job that is going to give Klamath Falls a fine airport—for military aviation use, if that comes our way, and under any circumstances, for private and commercial use in the booming aviation years to come. A look at the runway paving now under way, which any citizen can have if he will drive out that way, gives a striking impression of adequacy and strength. What a wonderful South Sixth street that 150 feet of smooth paving would make!

An informal test of the runways at the airport occurred last week when an army 21-place Douglas transport plane, a twin-motored job, came down on the field. A snow storm was blowing and the pilot selected the north end of runway No. 2, which had not yet been paved, as a landing place. The big plane didn't leave a mark, not even in the intersection where it turned on the prime coat.

Weather conditions have continued to favor the airport paving program. Work at present is progressing on the south end of No. 2 runway. No. 1, the main runway, has been paved with the exception of the extreme ends and the intersection. Seal coats can be put on at any time.

Location of the third runway has been settled. The civil aeronautics authority has approved an appropriation for this job, which may be done on a unit basis without the further requirement of contract-letting, according to statements made to the county court some time ago by City Engineer E. A. Thomas. This runway will be located at the south end of the field, and will not cross the center intersection as was originally planned. The new location will permit a longer runway.

For civic and air-minded Klamath people, there is great satisfaction in the progress being made at the airport. That this work is being done, largely through federal appropriations, is due in no small measure to the cooperative interest of the local public, reflected through the actions of both city and county public officials. Such an interest, if it continues and grows, will surely result in important aviation development here that will keep Klamath Falls in pace with fast-moving modern transportation conditions.

A welcome to Oregon bowlers who will come and go for the next three weeks, during which the state bowling tournament will be held on local alleys. We hope they find pleasant hospitality here and have a successful session of their "congress."

Unkind out in the Eugene News: "A lot of that territory down there that is concerned with this agitation (for a 49th state) isn't worth fighting over. We won't mention which side of the border it is on, but they could start up a new state or give it back to the Indians and wouldn't make much difference."

The CIO United Mine Workers have a 200-man policy board which will act Saturday on John L. Lewis' personal rejection of Mr. Roosevelt's proposal to end the captive mine strike. Here's hoping 200 heads are better than one.

## Intimate Glimpse of Josef Stalin at Kremlin Banquet Pictured by Correspondent

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is another exclusive, unexpurgated dispatch from Wallace Carroll, United Press London manager who has just spent 15 weeks in Russia. It is an intimate glimpse of Josef Stalin as he appeared at the banquet in the Kremlin for Americans and British war aid dignitaries.

By WALLACE CARROLL  
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MANILA, P. I., (Uncensored) Nov. 20 (UP)—The night Premier Josef V. Stalin, the leader of Godless Russia, invoked God's blessing on President Roosevelt was a night such as the Kremlin never had seen before and may never see again.

A hundred American and British delegates had gathered at the old fortress with their Soviet colleagues to celebrate the successful conclusion of a conference at which they had worked out a long-term program for the delivery of war supplies to the Soviets.

They had heard of Stalin as a man of steel, the ogre of the Kremlin, a ruthless dictator. For seven and a half hours they saw another side of Stalin—Stalin the human being, or as one American put it, "a nice old gentleman with a very kind face."

Great crystal chandeliers were blazing and the crimson-gold banquet hall was filled with generals, admirals and lesser officers in uniforms weighed down with medals and medal ribbons.

Then, in walked Stalin in that semi-military costume he has worn ever since he was a political commissar in the revolutionary army 23 years ago—grey tunic and grey trousers tucked into the kind of boots a red army private wears.

He didn't seem very much interested in the generals and admirals. He just strolled around until he saw a face which inter-

ested him, then stopped and talked.

In this way he came upon Lieut. Clinton L. Olson, 25-year-old United States army officer of Stanford university, Calif., who still is with the supply mission in Kuliyshev.

Stalin looked at a star on the sleeve of Olson's uniform, a twinkling came into his eye and he remarked:

"You look very young to be a marshal. In the red army, you know, a star like that stands for a marshal."

Olson, who has not been out of Stanford university for many years, replied the star was a regimental insignia.

Stalin took his place at the head of the table and the banquet and toasts began. There were 31 toasts—some delegates said 37 and this confusion was understandable because the Russians

drank their toasts to the bottom of the glass.

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## Campfire Pep Talk



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Constantine Oumansky, former Russian ambassador to the United States, translated the toast into English. Some of the Anglo-Americans looked surprised and asked their Russian neighbors whether Oumansky's translation was correct. The Russians agreed it was.

Why did Stalin invoke the name of God? The Soviet leader was educated in the Orthodox priesthood and frequently lapses into Biblical or religious phraseology—even more frequently than Lenin, who also knew the Bible. But the delegates agreed a foxes' stamp like Stalin had made a mere slip of the tongue.

Religious organization SNA isolationists in the United States have been opposing aid to Russia because of the Soviets' attitude toward religion. Mr. Roosevelt has been under fire at home because he stated that the Soviet constitution guaranteed freedom of religion.

Stalin's toast, therefore, was aimed at the United States, but not at the American public. Soviet officials made no attempt to inform American correspondents—in fact, at the time they were inclined to discourage correspondents from writing about the religious question.

It seems Stalin was aiming directly at Roosevelt. He knew the American delegates would tell the president about the toast and he knew Mr. Roosevelt attended church and often made religious allusions in his own speeches. He also knew the president had been criticized for defending the Soviets against attacks by religious organizations.

Therefore it seems Stalin just wanted his friend in Washington to know what he had said. At least that's the explanation some delegates hit upon.

Stalin's hair is grey—some delegates said it is beginning to turn white. They were surprised to

see he is only five feet six or seven inches tall.

Despite his 63 years, Stalin seems as strong as ever and puts in a long working day. He usually begins receiving callers at 6 p. m. Now and then the Soviet press tells how an inventor, a scientist and a factory manager called at the Kremlin long after midnight to receive the premier's congratulations for some job well done. It seems he often remains at his desk until dawn.

Stalin has a retentive memory and appears able to meet these technicians on their own grounds. Harry Hopkins, Lord Beaverbrook and W. Averell Harriman discovered he can discuss technical details on the latest guns, tanks and planes. He is no boor. Despite heavy burdens he always has found time to read. The Soviet leader has a thorough knowledge of modern English, German and French literature and astounded Lion Feuchtwanger, refugee German author, during a four and a half hour conversation a few years ago by his knowledge of modern literary trends.

He takes history in his stride. He felt obliged to correct H. G. Wells several times on the history of the English chartist movement and gave some American labor representatives a few pointers in a seven-hour talk on the history of the American labor movement.

Stalin also finds relaxation in going to a ballet. He is an inveterate pipe smoker and allows himself the luxury of American tobacco, which sells for 15 cents a tin.

But to get back to the party. Uncle Joe, as foreigners in Moscow usually call Stalin, led guests out of the banquet hall. At the corridor he paused, turned around and said just like anybody's Uncle Joe might say: "The lavatory is on the left."

## Lions Auxiliary Holds Luncheon, Directors Meet

A noon luncheon and directors' meeting was held by the Lion's Auxiliary Friday, November 14, at the Willard hotel. Mrs. Edward Robinson reported on the success of the Lion's auxiliary benefit tea and each member expressed gratification and thanks for the splendid response given their eye-conservation project.

Plans were made for the Lion's wives to meet with their husbands for a joint luncheon on Tuesday noon, November 25, at the Willard hotel. The Lion's auxiliary will have charge of the noon program with Mrs. Boyd Sprague as program chairman and a large turnout is expected for the function.

Attending the directors meeting were: Mrs. Carl Mason, Mrs. Herrick Wheeler, Mrs. A. T. Penzel, Mrs. A. P. Heup, Mrs. F. Cecil Adams, Mrs. Paul Skeen, Mrs. Allen Otto, Mrs. Matt Finogyan, Mrs. Edward Robinson, Mrs. George P. Davis, Mrs. Ted Shoop, and Mrs. Boyd Sprague.

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Grange Opposes Special Session  
PORTLAND, Nov. 21 (P)—A special legislative session to consider the Multnomah county tax situation is opposed by the Multnomah county Pomona grange. Master Claude H. Miller said yesterday.

Grangers felt no reduction in taxes on homes would be accomplished by a special session, he said.

Read the Classified page.

LAST TIMES TODAY  
HIT NO. 1  
John WAYNE - Betty FIELD in SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS  
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## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—British officials here are informally (and indiscreetly) suggesting the U. S. send pilots, ground crews and air force technicians to the Libyan front. They even want us to take over the whole air campaign there.

This is one subject they should not have brought up. All American officials to whom the idea has been broached ask why the British have not been fighting on that front. The whole matter has started a wave of sub-official wisecracks for example: "The British have used up the last Frenchman and are waiting for the next American."

Nothing more than a token of an air squadron is likely to go to Libya and that will not go soon. Problem of supply around the Cape of Good Hope would make a full air expeditionary force unfeasible.

PREMATURE  
Rumors imply we already have a military contingent in the near east; also that our "tourists" are visiting foreign fields of possible future action. They are premature. They have grown no doubt out of the departure of several official military missions abroad. Ordnance Brigadier General Maxwell is on his way to Cairo to coordinate plane unloadings and repairs. Brigadier General Wheeler is at Basra, Persia, unloading point for American supplies destined to the Russian Caucasus.

Quieter missions may have been slipped in and around Dakar, although this is denied. Bathurst, just south of Dakar, and Freetown still further south, may be under our official eye in preparation for future events. But both are under British control. Our officers there need not wear the garb of "tourists."

EXPOSED FLANK  
British private excuses for doing nothing in Libya up to now are that Turkey was weakening and the Libyan front was technically dangerous.

It is true Turkey was shivering. A press mouthpiece of the British government recently said the Turks are really Europeans not Asians and their interests are tied with Europe. Nazi Ambassador Von Papen in Turkey is speaking highly of Turkey in a suspicious tone of voice.

The next serious blow to the allied cause might come diplomatically on the unguarded Ankara front where Hitler is trying to get Turkish acquiescence for a Nazi land attack on Batum. Der Fuehrer could then pounce directly upon the Russian oil fields and take the Caucasus from the rear. He also wants access through the Dardanelles for his subs.

True it is, also, aggressors in Libya (both British and Italians) have suffered from the necessity of leaving their flank exposed in the desert. In both the previous British advance and the Nazi-

SALEM, Nov. 21 (P)—State Forester N. S. Rogers reported today that 894 fires burned over 7408 acres of state and private forest lands during 1941, with lightning causing 535 of them.

Other causes included: Railroads 9, logging 39, debris burning 59, incendiary fires, campers 44, smokers 79.

The most serious fires were in Linn county, where 126 fires burned over 2566 acres.

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## SIDE GLANCES



Italian drive, this defect proved critical.

CAUTION  
First rule for success in congress is: "Never stick your neck out if you can avoid it." A majority in both houses has been employing that principle to the John L. Lewis and defense strike situations and the administration leaders have been telling the boys FDR is biding his time in preparation for legislation. They have been led to believe it will be restricted to a new provision for a secret vote on strikes by workers, a cooling-off period. Certainly it would apply only to the defense industries and be limited to this emergency period. It will not abrogate the Wagner act.

Mr. Roosevelt's cautious policy is apparently designed to prove conclusively that Lewis is actually (not just theoretically) damaging defense, and must be stopped. The popular pressure, thus engendered increasingly as his each negotiating step fails, will clear the way for easier action. The White House needs support of labor as a whole for any action taken.

Past Masters' Night Set by Klamath Masonic Lodge  
Klamath lodge No. 77 A.F. & A.M. has one meeting each year at which special recognition and respects are paid those men who have already served their lodge as master. This year, this meeting will be next Monday evening, Nov. 24.

There are about 22 living past masters of Klamath lodge and there are about 25 more known in the community who are past masters of other lodges.

A turkey dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. without cost to all members. Degree work at the meeting to follow will be put on by a team composed of past masters.

There will be a short musical program and all members are invited to attend.

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