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## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, March 18 — Australia, whose forces General MacArthur has been invited to command, has no standing army. Therein lies the explanation for such a unique invitation.

The U. S. would not think of asking a Britisher to command its defense of the Pacific coast, but Australia had to choose either an American or a Britisher, because it never organized a professional peacetime army and hence has not developed a large professional officer class.

In the World Almanac under armies, you will not find Australia listed. Its peacetime force in January 1939 numbered only 42,885 including technicians, etc. That is natural. While it is about as large as the United States, it has about the same number of inhabitants as New York City, around 7,000,000.

Australia has had some compulsory military training in the past and early in the war, organized its defense forces, so it now has a formidable fighting personnel, without experienced top generals. All the Aussies fighting with the British in Libya and Malaya were volunteers.

**EXPERIENCED**  
The invitation to MacArthur was logical beyond consideration of the fame he acquired in the Philippines. He has had experience with the jungle-desert type of warfare Australia will need to resist invasion. A truly substantial number of American troops have been landed there, whose officers are old friends. Furthermore he is our best soldier in any climate.

The wisdom of the Australian statement is attested by the fact Australian bonds went up \$40 the day the appointment was announced.

**REAL INVASION UNLIKELY**  
The Jap propaganda threats of Australian invasion suggested the Aussies surrender in the name—strangely enough—of Providence. (Where did they hear of him?)

Only reaction here was a fear the Japs would not attempt to carry out their threat. Australia is not Malaya or Java. Five of its millions live in the southeast corner nearly 2000 miles away from the northern tip. In between is nice desert and jungle where the Japs will receive a hearty welcome from their home bases, while the Aussies have railroads to the factories running back from the front.

The great barrier reef runs down the northeast coast to prevent establishment of Jap naval bases at the geographical point where it otherwise would be most feasible to launch an invasion force. The west coast is not so protected but is farther from the factories.

Consequently, despite current Jap gesturing, the former prediction still goes. The Japs are likely to land along the northern coast, as a defensive move to prevent operation of Australian airbases against conquered Jap territory and sealanes to the north. A real invasion of Australia is unlikely.

**JOSH SPEAKS UP**  
The height to which the ire of congress has risen was attested when the most ardent of new dealers, a share-the-wealthier, farmer-labor man, arose on

## SIDE GLANCES



"Oh, are you sure your husband lost \$36 in the poker game last night? George told me everybody came out even!"

### Meanest Thief Swipes Tires From Toy Auto

OAKLAND, Calif., March 19 (UP) — If you think there's nothing lower than a tire thief, how about this? Four-year-old Jerry Buck left his toy automobile out all night in front of his Oakland home. Next morning the tires were gone.

The boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Buck, reporting the theft to Oakland police, said the family automobile, which stood in the driveway nearby, was not molested.

### Courthouse Records

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Marriage Applications**  
JAKES-DEWILDE—Miles Joseph Jakes, legal age, clerk, Resident of Malin, native of Oregon. Helen Mae DeWilde, legal age, teacher, Resident of Malin, native of Wisconsin.

**ENGELKING - THOMPSON.**  
Owen Noel Engelking, 34, logger, Resident of Yamey, native of Minnesota. Anne Neoma Thompson, 25, no occupation, Resident of Klamath Falls, native of Minnesota.

**Justice Court**  
Henry William Vintze, No warning device. Fined \$5.50.  
Jerry A'raham Short, No vehicle license. Fined \$5.50.  
William Fred Carter, Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Fined \$100 and sentenced to three days in the county jail.

William Fred Carter, Failure to stop at the scene of an accident. Fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail. Jail sentence suspended.

Thomas Watah, Assault with a dangerous weapon. Waived preliminary hearing. Bound over to grand jury. Released on \$1000 property bond.

When summoned for being in arrears with his taxes, a man in Liverpool, England, stated that his only asset was a lion.

### WANTS FORESTS OPEN

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor): We notice in the March 14 issue of the Evening Herald that the Klamath Sportsmen's association has gone on record to protect the forest to the extent of closing them to hunting and fishing and that the editor of the News and Herald endorses this policy.

I would like to take exception to this. Conditions are a long way from normal and it behooves all of us to be on the alert to guard all of our possessions. To keep the hunters out of the woods would do the opposite. With hunters in the forests there would be less likely alien firebugs there. Haven't isolationists done enough harm to our country without isolating our forests?

T. J. LINVILLE.  
Note discussion in today's editorial column.

### BIG HELP

INDIANAPOLIS, (AP)—A passerby saw a negro tumble down steps from the Saengerbund club, a block from police headquarters and fall into a hallway of the building. He helped the man to his feet and the man ran on outside.

Then Jack Federspill, 53, club bartender, came along and told the good samaritan the negro had just held him up and robbed the safe of \$600.

During 1940, 177,307 persons visited Glacier National park in Montana, using 59,806 automobiles for their transportation.

## Klamath Schools Awaiting Signal for Sugar Rationing

Schools in Klamath county will play an active part in the registration of sugar consumers when rationing goes into effect. This is the program outlined by rationing administrators throughout the country and is being followed closely in the United States.

Date of issuing ration books has not yet been set, but those in the know expect it to be sometime in early April. O. L. Price, state rationing administrator, is now en route to Chicago to attend a meeting of the nation's administrators on March 21 and 22. It is probable that dates and rationed amounts will be issued at that time. Members of the rationing board are Don R. Drury, chairman; Percy Murray and Mrs. Charles Garcelon.

Ration books have now been received in Klamath county but will not be issued until word comes from Price. The stamp books will be issued one to each member of the family from infants one day old and so on, these stamps to be used when sugar is obtained.

Advance news releases give out the information that housewives need not worry about additional sugar in canning season as it is expected that this emergency will be cared for.

Both domestic and retail users will be asked to register through the schools. At the time of registration, it is understood, the domestic consumers will fill out an application blank, get his or her stamp book, and will declare the amount of sugar on hand. Complete instruction to teachers will be given later. Supplies will be issued to the schools by county officials. There is no pay for this work, it is understood, like all other defense activities.

Clearing house for defense activities will be located in the chamber of commerce. Mrs. Claude H. Davis, director of the volunteer office, will take up full time duties starting Monday. Rev. Eugene V. Haynes is director of volunteer participation, and G. A. Krause is commander of the protective division. Arnold Gralapp, superintendent of Klamath Union high school, is director of training.

The greater your sweat, the fewer your tears.—Lieut. Gen. Ben Lear, commander, Second US army.

## Forest Closure Questions

TWO letters appear on this page today devoted to the question of closing the forests to hunters and fishermen this year as a measure against fire and sabotage. Both contributors object to such a procedure, doubting its value.

There is evidence in one of the letters of some misunderstanding of the recent declaration on the subject by the Klamath Sportsmen's association. A careful reading of this declaration proves clearly that the association did not ADVOCATE closure. What it did say was that if constituted authority decides that closure of part or all forest areas is absolutely necessary to protection of the forest lands and natural resources, the sportsmen will gladly accept this verdict and cooperate.

There is an important distinction here between advocacy of closure and willingness to accept closure if it becomes a necessity. This should be clearly understood before the association is criticized for a patriotic declaration.

There is considerable opinion from informed sources that airtight closure will not serve the purposes of full protection of the forests. At a meeting this month of the Keep Oregon Green committee, State Forester Nels Rogers commented on this question, to this effect:

Closures, if any, will be handled in a reasonable manner. A plan will be worked out whereby sportsmen and others eligible to enter the woods will be given identification cards which will facilitate the issuance of permits.

Hence, what appears in prospect at this time is a system of permits which will make it possible for good citizens to enter the woods. As the fire season develops, more drastic measures may be necessary, and if they do become necessary, saving the forests for the future must unquestionably be the first consideration. That, in brief, is the attitude of the Klamath Sportsmen's association.

The final decision, of course, must rest with the defense and forestry officials of the country. Their attitude is apparently favorable at this time to a program that will permit hunting and fishing, under conditions of extreme caution.

## Memorial Plans Shaping

PLANS for a memorial for Klamath's war dead, started in connection with the recent memorial services at the high school auditorium, are taking shape slowly and in a manner that a most appropriate project will meet public approval.

The idea that is developing is for a lasting and impressive memorial, rather than a makeshift signboard or something less worthy. One suggestion, for instance, is the ultimate construction of a campanile on the summit of one of the nearby hills. From this tower, chimes would sound periodically through each day.

Something of this kind would be distinctive and a fitting memorial tribute to the men of Klamath who give their lives for their country.

## American Illusion Hit By Parrish in Address Here

"Americans are queer people. We are confident that progress is in the nature of things—that we never lose a war—that we never lose anything. Our minds are conditioned to the 'happy ending,' which is an illusion." The words are those of Philip Parrish, editor of the editorial page of The Oregonian and guest speaker at Wednesday night's AAUW dinner-meeting.

Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and her sweep through the South Seas gave Americans a salutary shock, Parrish told some 150 AAUW members and guests. "We went back to the idea of defense; but now I see signs of change, evidence of the offensive spirit rising in the American people, and the demand to hit the enemy harder than he hits us."

This offensive spirit is necessary to the defense of the Pacific coast, Parrish feels. Suppose, he said, that the Japanese had followed north after their initial attack on Pearl Harbor, and down the Alaskan coast to Puget Sound. The end of this island line is the most vital spot in the defense of the west coast,

for only Bremerton has the docks to handle battleships. This area must be defended off-shore, not on the land. We must change our way of thinking from defensive to offensive, in order to bring about the "happy ending" we expect, Parrish concluded.

Music for the evening was provided by Mrs. Winnifred Gilen, who sang two songs accompanied by Mrs. Raymond Goopy; and by a string trio with Mrs. J. C. O'Neill and Mrs. George DeWoody Massey playing the violin, Mr. Logan playing the viola, and Mrs. George McIntyre accompanying on the piano.

**EVERYBODY'S DOING IT**  
MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., (AP)—Despite the fact they can't get to sales booths, inmates at Indiana state prison have purchased \$5400 in defense stamps and bonds.

J. Edgar Wetzel, secretary to Warden A. F. Dowd, said one prisoner invested \$500 in bonds. There are 2585 inmates in the prison.

**LAST TIMES TODAY**

"THREE GIRLS ABOUT TOWN" A N D  
"STOLEN PARADISE"

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**SWAMP WATER**  
From the Saturday Evening Post Story by Verano Bell with WALTER BRENNAN WALTER HUSTON

**GREAT GUNS**  
STAN LAUREL - HARDY  
OLIVER