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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY IN HIS speech to congress today Mr. Roosevelt frankly concedes mistakes have been made and there have been too many complicated forms and questionnaires—thus touching upon a subject that has been as much in critical public discussion as any phase of the government's domestic conduct of the war in recent months.

Mr. Roosevelt says the intricate forms have represented a sincere attempt to see that goods are distributed on a fair basis and living costs are held at a stable level. He further promises that administrative procedures will be simplified, at the same time guarding against loopholes for chisellers and manipulators.

Thus, a public howl that was justified, and was carried into the halls of congress, seems to have brought at least potential results.

While most people generally will agree with Mr. Roosevelt's conclusion that the purpose behind the form and questionnaire business has been sincere and worthy, what has happened appears to betray a mania for regulation on the part of some governmental agencies that deserves careful scrutiny. Where the regulation—not just the forms and questionnaires—is carried to absurd lengths, public disapproval is justified.

Perhaps the American public can be trusted farther than some bureaucrats seem to think.

We sometimes wonder what would happen if, instead of promulgating a rationing regulation, the government would simply announce that shortages are critical in certain commodities, and the public is asked to reduce their consumption voluntarily.

The result might be surprising. Some chisellers and cheaters would benefit, but the finger of conscience might weigh more heavily upon the average American than it does in the case of specific government regulation.

Whichever way it is handled, however, the vast majority of Americans will be found ready to make whatever sacrifices are necessary to win the war, to make it more pleasant and safer for our men in the services, and to stabilize the country's wartime economy.

Cornett a Dark Horse?

CONGRESS meets in Washington today, and next Monday the Oregon legislature gathers at Salem. In that connection, an interesting possibility is that State Senator Marshall Cornett of Klamath county might be brought forward as a dark horse candidate for president of the senate.

Senator Cornett is not now in the running for the senate presidency. The two candidates are Dorothy McCulloch Lee of Portland and W. H. Steiwer of Fossil.

There are 30 members in the senate. The two avowed candidates are believed to have 15 pledges each.

If the decision is made at a caucus Sunday night, as is usually the case, the balloting will be secret. After the first ballot, senators can secretly switch from their original vote. That would break the deadlock without anyone knowing for certain who had changed.

But a decision in the senate session would be done by open balloting, and for obvious reasons senators hesitate openly to switch allegiance.

In case of a hopeless deadlock between Steiwer and Lee, a dark horse candidacy might develop. That is where Senator Cornett could come into the picture. His name has been mentioned in capital political circles in that connection.

This will be Senator Cornett's second session at Salem. He is serving in his first four-year term. He is good material for the senate presidency.

It is reported that in case the choice is made in caucus, Steiwer has the better chance of winning on the succeeding voting after the senators redeem their pledges with the first courtesy ballots.

Umatilla county has stories in the downstate papers telling that it is sending four legislators to Salem. That is really something to brag about. Umatilla has a disproportionately heavy representation at Salem. When Klamath county tried to obtain a reapportionment, following the 1940 census, it was reasonable that Umatilla should give a little. It didn't, and reapportionment failed. The senate lacked the fortitude to take a senate post away from Umatilla county, with personal considerations playing an unjustifiable part in the decision.

City traffic regulators have postponed operation of the stop and go signals until later in the morning. Such adjustment of traffic regulations to meet current conditions makes good sense.

Salem Statesman front page carries pictures of flood waters around buildings in west Salem and a portrait shot of a man named to the water commission. He ought to have plenty to do.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The outgoing Mr. Leon Henderson and the remaining fuel oil rations have not the slightest idea what they have done to the average individual home owner.

Their statements before the senate oil-gas committee rang the same old notes about "not being tough enough," "people not cooperating," and "stronger rationing to come."

They are all good, genial, conscientious men, but they are thinking in terms of national supplies, area quotas, and soulless statistics. They simply do not understand the human problems they have put on the average man.

Personal case histories are scarce. No one furnishes them in the debate. But I will tell mine and prove it with documentary evidence, if it will bring these officials any nearer a realization of the human problem in which they have involved the nation.

It is an average case, not nearly as bad as many but it shows such a condition of confusion and misunderstanding as almost to defy solution.

I spent some hours filling out their long blanks and measuring the square footage of each room of my house last fall. OPA announcements said they intended to allot two-thirds as much oil this year as last.

Smart Youngsters Not Smart

THEIR publicity men gave out fancy stories about how Mr. Henderson's smart young men had worked out a complex formula based on weather for the last 10 years so everyone would get his proper share.

But when my coupons came back, the cut was 50 per cent. My last year's bills showed consumption of 4325 gallons in the mildest Washington winter of a decade, but my allocation was 2200 gallons for what is proving to be the worst winter in the same period.

Right there, I found Mr. Henderson's smart young men were not smart for me. Instead of measuring cubic footage of rooms, as every heating man does when installing a furnace, they measured floor space only.

The people in our neighborhood with low ceilings, in some cases, got more oil than they needed, whereas the man with high ceilings did not get enough to run the winter at any temperature. Studio living rooms, with two story ceilings, left some dwellers with a pittance.

Madhouse

MY oil dealer informed me there was no use going to the rationing board even today. It was a madhouse. As late as this, it had not been able to allocate coupons to all the people, so there was no need to seek reconsideration. Clerks had largely volunteered, were untrained and the average of mistakes was high.

Luckily, I had a vacation in December, so I closed the house for a month and went away to use the heat of others. Coming back, I felt comforted by announcements from OPA that all Washington dealers had enough oil, although I could hardly reconcile this with the news in the same paper that the British embassy had no heat for several days.

My dealer thereupon informed me the value of my coupons had been cut 10 per cent and anyway he would have no oil for "three or four days," although there were only 10 gallons in my tank. The only other oil dealer in town had plenty, but OPA had issued a regulation preventing him from serving any except his old customers. The government had prevented him from serving me.

Reports Pile Up

THERE I learned the problem of the oil dealer was worse than mine. Less than one-fifth of his drivers generally showed up on Monday, because increased pay allowed them to take more time off without losing salary.

OPA had descended upon them with new regulations requiring detailed daily reports of mileage, gasoline, tire life, hours driven, concerning each truck, and it was almost impossible for the dealer to answer the telephone, much less to maintain an orderly business.

So I closed off all except a couple of rooms in the house, waiting until I reach the last gallon of oil before seeking other shelter, although all hotels, apartments, and boarding houses in this locality are filled to overflowing.

Even then, as I waited, the afternoon editions carried government warnings urging more conversion to coal and threatened dire consequences unless apartment houses did so. I became acquainted with the "conversion to coal" song of Mr. Leakes last year when I tried to convert my furnace. My furnace dealer informed me: "Oh, that's just bunk the government is handing out. You would have to get a whole new furnace and no furnaces have been manufactured. We simply cannot get them, or even get conversion grates."

Government Unworried

HIS desk now is stacked two feet high with emergency orders for heating repair in homes where furnaces consumed the last drop of oil and blew out. A radiator in the home of one of his customers blew out the wall under such circumstances.

Said customer went to the rationing board and raised hell, threatened to sue the government, but he got no more oil and the government apparently seemed unworried.

This is the story of my community, and this is my personal experience, briefly told, but dramatizing a situation of greater seriousness in every community in the land. I do not

SIDE GLANCES



"I hate to delay your pursuit of the German army to Berlin, but is it too much to ask if you'll go scouting and try to capture our children for supper?"

Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files — 40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From The Klamath Republican

January 1, 1903 New officers of the Odd Fellows here are: George Hurn, N. G.; Carey Ramsby, V. G.; George Humphrey, F. S.; Jno. Campbell, P. S.; P. L. Fountain, treasurer.

The Ashland Record says that the Weed railroad is to be built to Keno, which is connected by Klamath river navigation with Klamath Falls.

We are informed the open season for killing ducks ends today. Many feel that such protection should not begin so early in the year.

From The Klamath News

January 7, 1933 Henry Semon, new state legislator called here by the death of his sister, said today that economy is the watchword in the legislative halls at Salem.

George Merryman Jr., is in Hillside hospital recuperating from an attack of influenza.

Billie Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Arnold, who was hurt in a coasting accident, has been moved to his home.

Renowned Surgeon Passes Thursday In Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Jan. 7 (AP)—Dr. George Crile, 78, renowned surgeon-scientist, died today at the Cleveland clinic where he had been under observation for the past three weeks.

Death occurred at 9 a. m., and was caused by a heart ailment. He entered the hospital for treatment, December 16, but physicians several days ago abandoned hope for his recovery.

Recognized internationally for his surgical skill, Dr. Crile was known to scientists primarily for his more than 50 years of research work on the nature of life and the loss of energy that attended death.

No Sticker, No Gas, Warn Oregon OPA Officials

PORTLAND, Jan. 7 (AP)—The OPA issued an order to all gasoline dealers in Oregon this week which said in effect:

"No sticker on windshield—no gasoline." The notice emphasized the regulation requiring operators to "check the windshield sticker on the car" before pumping gasoline into the tank.

A situation whereby some ration boards issued books without stickers has been remedied and every holder of a book should now have a sticker.

mind particularly, but the next time I see an announcement by a government official telling me not to use too much fuel oil, I am going to take the newspaper that carries it right down to his office and make him eat it.

P. S.—The late afternoon editions have just arrived with an announcement from the local fuel director, Mr. Whitney Leary, stating fuel dealers here have plenty of oil and warning people not to order more until their tanks get down to one-fourth full—and me with two gallons and no prospects of oil "for three or four days." I am leaving for Mr. Leary's office with a copy of the paper.

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 welcomed.

THE RUSSIAN PROPOSITION

BONANZA, Ore., (To the Editor)—So I won't be misunderstood, I wish to state I am proud and happy that I am an American, and was born in the good old USA. It is the best government that ever existed. It may have its faults, but it is within the citizens' power to vote to rectify any shortcomings.

A capitalist democracy like America gives the "rugged individualist" a chance to go somewhere, to achieve something.

We howl about Russia and her system. Of course we do not want her form of government here; but it seems to suit the Russians. Let them have it. In this present world conflict, every man, woman and child in Russia is willing to fight and die for their country. They are the most patriotic people in the world. They appreciate their government. They remember the despotic and starving condition under the tsars. Yes, and they appreciate Joseph Stalin. They know he wants to help them. He gets a small salary, \$8000, about what mayors of many American cities get.

Stalin was no fool when he made that last treaty with Germany. Russia was not ready for war. It gave her time to prepare for what she knew was coming. In "Mein Kampf," Hitler said the Germans were going to have the Ukraine. It said the Russians would be vassals of Germany. Stalin just laid low and got ready.

Let me ask, would we not have had an almost hopeless struggle if Russia had not taken the part she has in the war? Stalin said publicly he wanted every nation to be free. Let us extend a brotherly hand to the soviets.

Different races have different ideas and ethics. Anglo-Saxons and northern Europeans want a capitalist democracy and will fight to maintain it. Russia wants a communist democracy and will struggle to maintain it.

They say Russia discarded God. They discarded government religion. I heard two different ministers who had lived in Russia say all religion had to do in Russia was to mind its own business, to keep its nose out of state affairs and it could maintain the church. Under the old Russian church, a farmer could not plant his field unless a long-whiskered priest first sprinkled holy water on the land. There were lots of other foolish things in their religion. Christ never taught such foolishness. The church of Christ is good, but it exacts nothing foolish of its adherents.

Well, with it all we can say, "It will all come out in the wash." We will have to buy more bonds and still fight, but the allied nations will finally whip hell out of the axis. We will have a better republic here, and Russia will go along as she did before. England will do away with her dukes and lords. This will be a better and happier world.

Dr. W. P. Taber. American firms producing aircraft and liquid-cooled aircraft engines are turning out more horsepower every 15 days than the industry produced during the entire period of World War I.

First community church in the United States was built at Bennington, Vt., in 1782.

LANA FILES SUIT FOR ANNULMENT

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7 (AP)—Lana Turner of the films, who recently announced she expected a child this summer, today filed suit for annulment of her marriage to Stephen Crane.

The action, filed in superior court under the star's legal name of Julie Jean Crane, alleged that when she married Crane last July 17, he had not obtained his final decree of divorce from Carol Kurtz.

Crane and Miss Kurtz, the suit added, were married in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1937, and separated early in 1941. Crane understood that his first wife had instituted divorce proceedings then, but only recently he learned that she did not obtain an interlocutory decree until a year ago this month. He therefore was not free legally to marry until this month.

Miss Turner, who is 22, formerly was married to Band Leader Artie Shaw, and Crane, 27, a broker, eloped to Las Vegas, Nev.

EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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pendent conclusions and do their own independent thinking.

THE idea worked. The newspapers that embraced it prospered. When people began to realize that they could believe what they read, the newspapers began to be read by ALL KINDS of people instead of only those who agreed with the editor's particular and peculiar slants.

As circulations grew, honest advertising designed to sell honest goods to people who wanted and needed them came into being and became one of the outstanding forces of modern business.

Honest advertising freed the newspapers from the clutches of the politicians.

THE Associated Press, arising out of the need for honest, unbiased, dependable news, became in time the model for news-gathering associations everywhere.

Mr. Cooper tells in his book how the AP eventually BROKE the world news monopoly held by the foreign news agencies (Reuters, Havas and Wolff), which were nothing more than organizations for the peddling of international propaganda, and carried to the entire world the purely American ideal of truthful, unbiased news.

It is a fascinating story, worth anyone's reading. It will be read with glowing pride by the modern generation of American newspaper men who know that the press of today is immensely better than the newspapers that were the personal organs of the so-called great editors.

BEAUTIFY LINENS WITH EASY STITCHERY



by Alice Brooks

Here's a pretty lass in gay stitchery to make your linens lovelier. Embroider her on towels, scarves and tea cloths. It's grand pick-up work, and fun to do in gay colors. Pattern 7444 contains a transfer pattern of 4 motifs averaging 6 1/2 by 8 and 8 smaller motifs; materials needed; stitches.

To obtain this pattern send 11 cents in coin to The Herald and News, Household Arts Dept., Klamath Falls. Do not send this picture, but keep it and the number for reference. Be sure to wrap coin securely, as a loose coin often slips out of the envelope. Requests for patterns should read, "Send pattern No. _____, to _____ followed by your name and address.

Martha Shops and Shops advertisement with logo and illustration of a woman.

It's simply amazing the way people are packing the stores every day downtown... Last week I mentioned that some of the stores were having trouble finding time to take down Christmas decorations... Well, this week they haven't had much more time because the buying rush appears to be continuing indefinitely... So don't wait if you need something!

Garcelon's AFTER about nine years of experimenting and hard work, the Franciscan factories in California are now turning out exquisitely lovely china that is comparable to the best-known European imports... And why not? After all, no other country can make anything better than the United States!

Currin's PARTINGS are always sad... And nobody can feel worse about Thelma Davis' leaving Currin's than I do... But she does need a rest badly and none of us would want her to stay on and have a break-down or anything like that.

For her last day at Currin's, Manager Vance Vaupel has prepared a going-away gift that all Thelma's friends and devoted customers can help give her... This is it: Fifteen per cent of all the sales she makes Saturday will go to Thelma... Vance says this is a little gift in appreciation of the splendid loyal service she has given Currin's during the five and a half years she has been there.

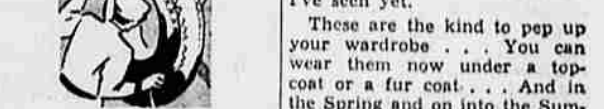
So if you're planning on buying anything this week, save it up for Saturday... I'm going to make a special trip to Currin's that day, just to be in on the gift. Vance says he hopes she'll come back after she's had a good, long rest... He's already told her, he says, that if she ever wants to work again the job will be open for her... But temporarily, Mildred Thomas will take over at Currin's cosmetic department, where she's been Thelma's assistant for the last three years as well as doing the bookkeeping for the store.

Incidentally, you might take advantage Saturday of the half-price sale on Tussy Wind and Weather Lotions... The regular \$1.00 size for 50c.

While I was in Currin's Wednesday, a woman called up and asked Thelma to put away a dozen bottles of this wonderful lotion for her... And I couldn't help wishing the woman would wait until Saturday to come in for them!

Anyway, maybe I'll see YOU at Currin's Saturday!

I hope other people don't have such a rude awakening during tire inspection... I thought everything was just fine... But the tire inspector marked one tire "beyond repair," and sent in all the others for immediate repairs.



Murphey's Seed

HERE'S something for everyone who owns a dog or cat... Murphey's Seed Store has just received a shipment of the stuff to keep Fido and Kitty off the furniture.

"Chaperone" is for dogs and "Pussy Seat" is for cats (but I suppose you'd guess that anyway)... Each is 25c.

You sprinkle it on chairs, rugs, beds, slippers, etc... And you yourself would never know it's there if you didn't notice that the animals stay away.

Red Bussman told me he had had many calls for these household aids, so he's awfully relieved the shipment finally arrived... At Murphey's... 9th and Klamath.

The Town Shop

THERE has been great consternation at The Town Shop during the last couple of months over the non-arrival of a shipment of dainty Fluff-Knit pajamas... But, luckily, they finally have come, and just in time for this cold spell.

These new brushed rayon pajamas aren't "practical-looking" at all... But they're wonderfully warm feeling in spite of all the feminine trims and tucks... And they're so soft and downy you love to get next to them!

Fluff-Knits are at The Town Shop now... \$3.98 a pair... And I'd advise you not to wait if you need them!

The plywood used in the air freighters ranges from three-ply used in the construction of the leading skin edges, to nine-ply employed in the center panel.

Car owners in Oklahoma must now have repairs made on their

Approximately one-third of the population of Denmark uses bicycles for transportation.