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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY IN THE interesting discussion of wage increases which has been going on in our letters column, there has been no mention of the danger of constant pressure against the wartime economic stabilization program we have undertaken in this country.

There is a need for all of us to understand what this program is intended to do, and what forces are likely to prevent it from accomplishing its valuable purpose. That purpose is to prevent inflation. It would be unbridled inflation that would leave the pinched faces at home Mr. Haddock, a union agent, mentions in his letter on this page today.

Elaborate machinery has been set up by our government to prevent the terrors of inflation from coming to this country. A basic feature of this program was the establishment of ceilings on the prices which can be charged for a long list of essential consumer articles, including nearly all the products that go into the cost of living.

When these ceilings were established on overall prices, ceilings were not imposed on some of the elements that go into the cost of these products. Labor is a basic cost factor, as everybody knows, but wages for labor were not placed under a ceiling, presumably on the assumption that wages could be stabilized by certain other government controls, such as the war labor board, and by labor and its organizations in voluntary cooperation with the general program.

This failure to establish ceilings on the elements that go into cost has resulted in constant pressure against the OPA ceilings. We have seen it here in the case of milk, for instance, and in connection with potatoes. Farmers have complained bitterly that because of rising labor costs, the ceiling prices are unfair and will force them into heavy losses.

And So the Spiral NOW, let's stay with these familiar articles, milk and potatoes, to see how this inflationary spiral gets going. Wages, naturally, have a tendency to seek the highest levels. If high wages are offered in one industry, either other industries must meet them, or lose labor to the high wage industry.

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UNLESS something happens pretty soon, February war bond sales in Klamath county are going to be dimly under the quota of \$225,000. Andy Collier tells us that sales in the first two weeks of the month aggregated only \$87,000.

Winsor Raps 48-Hour Work Week Order SEATTLE, Feb. 17 (AP)—The designation of Seattle as a critical manpower shortage area will have no salutary effect on the type of shortage encountered here, Maj. Gen. H. G. Winsor, district war manpower director, said yesterday.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—A wave of purposeful bragging about our generalship, equipment and numerical superiority in North Africa developed in the several days preceding the German surprise attack last Sunday morning. Generals ordinarily guard their plans with great secrecy before an attack, but this time, both British and American authorities sought publicity.

Our own General Eisenhower was boosted to the rank of full general and given a more generous pat on the back by President Roosevelt in his Friday night speech to correspondents, than a general usually receives on the eve of a battle. General Eisenhower's elevation, prior to launching our advertised offensive, was attributed here to two reasons. First, Mr. Roosevelt likes him and was proud of his organization work in the seizure of North African ports.

Blow At Nazi Morale MR. CHURCHILL and Mr. Roosevelt followed this line of emphasizing what we were going to do to the nazis in speeches, Churchill saying Hitler had only 250,000 men and Roosevelt promising to crush and drive them into the sea.

GEN. EISENHOWER His Test Coming Unfortunately, this propaganda reached our own people as well as the nazis, and led us to be mentally unprepared for the German thrust. You can look back through history and find that the generals who profess extreme public confidence before the battles frequently fail to see their hopes realized. Something about this type of propaganda forces the weaker enemy to unusual energy, and at the same time tends to promote self-overconfidence. The value of the technique is doubtful.

After the Battle ONLY two things, however, need to be kept in mind by Americans in connection with news from the North African front. One—the battle is always won by the side which makes the last break through. Two—the size of a general is always measured by what is said of him after the battle, not before.

36 DIE IN EAST AS COLD WAVE HITS By The Associated Press Two days of extremely cold weather on the Atlantic seaboard have caused at least 36 deaths, damaged crops in many sections from Maine to Florida, and brought serious shortages of fuel oil and gas.

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SIDE GLANCES



"Every time we have company he shows off by asking me if I want him to help me do my arithmetic again—no wonder people think I'm dumb!"

Pelicans Take Honkers, 50-35; Set for Valley Meet

The Pelicans won a rough fast game over Lakeview Honkers Tuesday night at Lakeview, 50-35, and along with it the right to represent the old hoop district in a three-way elimination meet which will be held in the valley soon. Klamath trailed at the end of the first quarter, 11-7, but after three minutes of the second quarter took the lead and held it throughout the remainder of the game. Three minutes before the end of the half, the Lakeview coach replaced his first string with reserves, and the Pelicans jumped from a 23-19 lead to 30-19 at the bell. Third quarter score was 44-23.

Summary table for Pelicans vs Honkers game. Columns: Pelicans (50) pos, (35) Lakeview, (9) F, (12) Verling, (6) F, (6) Dollarhide, (12) C, (5) Armstrong, (11) G, (8) Price, (8) Foster, (8) G, (4) Utley, (2) S, (2) Shippen, (2) Bellotti, (2) S, (2) Shippen, (1) Bigler, (2) S, (0) Conroy, (0) S.

Oregon News Notes

By The Associated Press Registration at the six state colleges show a decrease to 7000 students, 15 per cent fewer than in winter term last year. In Portland, Ray Moore, 32, fell from an oil barge and was drowned in the Willamette river.

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Klamath's Yesterdays From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From The Klamath Republican Feb. 19, 1903 The proposed enterprise of the Merrill Mutual Canal company has reached a point for definite action. At a meeting at Merrill steps were taken to get the program going. A survey by a civil engineer is soon to be made.

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SENATE PASSES WINE SALE BILL ON 20-10 VOTE

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr. S A L E M, Feb. 17 (AP)—The senate passed 20 to 10 today a bill to restrict the sale of wines containing more than 14 per cent alcohol by volume to state liquor stores. The bill now goes to the house, which killed a similar bill last session.

Rot Gut Burke said the bill, by making these wines less easily obtainable, would decrease drunken driving and prevent so many persons from being sent to State hospital for alcohol cures. Senator Frederick S. Lampont, Salem, said "There is a powerful California wine lobby spending filthy lucre here to defeat this bill. I would like to prohibit the sale of fortified wine, as it is merely wine to which the poorest kind of alcohol has been added. It is plain rot gut. It should be labeled 'poison'."

Welfare Bill The house defeated, 47 to 12, a bill to abolish the governor's power to appoint four members of each county public welfare commission. The law provides that the three county court members plus the four appointees shall comprise each county welfare commission, but the bill, by Representative J. D. Perry, St. Helens, would have let the county courts handle relief and pension matters by themselves.

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