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# Herald and News

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## Today's Roundup

**By MALCOLM EPLEY**

**CONCERN** grows here over the effect of food rationing regulations on restaurants. Some restaurant operators in the district have closed or suspended their businesses, and others have indicated their intention of doing so.

After talking the matter over with an OPA representative, we offer the suggestion that any restaurant operator who wants to stay in business should take his problem to the OPA offices before making any final decision. While the OPA cannot pledge relief without full knowledge of the situation, it does promise to go into the problem with the restaurant owner.

There have already been cases where operators have miscalculated their points. In other cases, operators have not been fully informed as to adjustments which are provided, in OPA regulations, for increases in business over the December base.

Further, there exists the possibility that relief may come in new regulations, although as to this there can be no definite assurance from the local office, of course. But in the cases of logging camps and shepherders, for instance, later provisions were made to handle situations not taken care of in the original regulations.

OPA should and apparently does recognize the probability that the writers of the original regulations did not provide for every deserving situation.

The December base, on which allotments are permitted under the rule, was not a satisfactory base for this part of the country. Because of weather and other conditions, December is a quiet month here. OPA officials tell us the rules are flexible enough to permit additional allotments for increased business over the December base. They should be.

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## Flood of Rumors

**THERE** has been a flood of rumors the past few days concerning a possible base development by the government in the vicinity of Upper Klamath lake. Such reports have been circulated off and on for the past year or two, but they seem to have hit a new high in volume in the current week.

Not a word has come from any official, authoritative source, and the whole thing must still be classed as a rumor. That doesn't mean there is absolutely nothing to it, but so far as we can learn, there is nothing tangible enough to put one's finger on or to get excited about.

## Highway Post

**TIME** is approaching for a development in the matter of appointment of a state highway commissioner, mentioned in this column a week or two ago. It has been widely reported that Governor Earl Snell plans to give this appointment to a man from Klamath county, and the news is awaited with mounting interest here.

There has been a definite effort made to prevent the development of any local pushing and pulling over the question as to what local man should be given the post. About a dozen have been mentioned in connection with it, we understand. So far as we know, the general inclination of all interested is to trust the judgment of the governor in this matter.

The place to be filled is now held by Herman Oliver of John Day. There is understood to be some pressure for his reappointment from up in his part of the country. But Klamath county has never had a man on the highway commission, it deserves such an appointment, and Governor Snell is fully justified in giving it to a well qualified man from this community.

Coach Scott, in discussing the tournament, team deserves a great deal of credit for the work he has done in bringing the team to state championship status in his first year in charge. Coach Scott is a quiet, unassuming guy who makes no fancy predictions but apparently knows what he is doing and where his team is going. He hailed originally from Silverton, and attended Southern Oregon normal school and the University of Oregon, playing at both places under the present Oregon coach, Howard Hobson.

Coach Scott, in discussing the tournament, warmly praises the clean sportsmanship of the Klamath players, and also gives credit to Joe Peak and Dutch French for foundation work done in connection with the basketball program this year. Mr. Scott himself offers an example of clean sportsmanship for his team.

A traveler reports the Willamette highway is rough, a fact which, strangely enough, doesn't excite us any more.

## News Behind the News

**By PAUL MALLON**

**WASHINGTON, March 18**—The Ball-Burton-Hatch-Hill resolution is a try-out of the senate, American public opinion and Russia (particularly the Silent Joe Stalin) on the Roosevelt plan for an international army to control the post-war world. It also carries deep domestic political detonating possibilities coming as it did just after the try-out of the fourth term idea.

None of the four senate sponsors has been a foreign affairs leader in the senate or in the democratic or republican parties. Ostensibly the resolution has been presented as their original idea, and certainly they did jot down the words, but the basic proposals are those of Mr. Roosevelt as expressed through his assistant State Secretary Welles, and otherwise from the start.

As the story is being generally told, these same ideas occurred to Ball, a new republican senator from Minnesota, and he interested the other newcomers. But behind Ball is Gov. Stassen of Minnesota, who first appointed him and then got him re-elected, and behind Stassen is Wendell Wilkie who has expressed somewhat the same views. How Ohio's republican Senator Burton got into it is not quite clear, except that he says Ball approached him and their minds coalesced. It just so happens, this public coalescing occurred at about the time that the fourth term tryout brought Ohio's Gov. Bricker into the presidential picture, with Senator Taft's old followers who do not like international world's, internationally policed or otherwise.

## Indispensable Roosevelt

**GENERALLY** everyone can understand ideas better when they know the real origin of them. The origin of this one shows Mr. Roosevelt has succeeded in getting two republican senators to lead a test for the proposal upon which his fourth term candidacy would be based. One senate republican leader, not particularly isolationistic, says, the kind of world envisioned by the resolution would make Mr. Roosevelt's re-election "indispensable." (That is why he will be against it.)

On the other democratic hand, you would expect such a semi-official proposal to come from Foreign Relations Chairman Connally, not from two comparatively unskilled in international affairs like Senators Hatch and Hill. Everyone on the inside knows, Connally does not have a real heart-hankering for the ideas expressed in the resolution. But this does not explain why Floor Leader Barkley happened to be uninformed. Apparently everyone just forgot him. These facts will not help the resolution but, of course, the main administration purposes are served by the Ball-Burton republican leadership.

More important than these political origins are the international implications. Stalin has been painfully vague about his ideas of the post-war world. His vagueness cannot but have worried Eden, the British foreign minister and Mr. Roosevelt. They would like to know where he stands, as would everyone. All he has talked about is acquiring the Baltic states, a piece of Finland, Bessarabia, etc. This resolution would call Stalin into an international conference to make himself plain. It also contains a final phrase which will be of special interest to Moscow, advising that "member nations should commit themselves to seek no territorial aggrandizement." That last one is a big word and there is bound to be a question whether it covers Stalin's modest claims.

## International Clouds

**TECHNICALLY** also, the resolution would clear the international horizon of one of the clouds which hinders Roosevelt and Churchill in dealing with Stalin, Chiang Kai-Shek and others—namely the world knowledge that the U. S. senate will have a final say. If Mr. Roosevelt can write a prior commitment from the senate, his dealing hand will be greatly strengthened. But whether the senate will want to make any such broad commitments as the resolution contemplates is extremely doubtful.

It is safe to say at once the resolution will not come out of the senate foreign relations committee as it stands—or soon. While some complaint has been made that it contains too many particulars, the ultimate complaint is likely to be that it is not sufficiently specific. For instance what kind of a "United Nations military force" is going to apply force on the world? Who will have the upper hand in it? Will we keep a bigger air force? Or any at all? Some senators are already saying the resolution is a concealed British plan to maintain the empire as it was, by keeping a balance of power in Europe. Will small nations consider this a truly democratic way of "live and let live" or an imposition of force upon their necks by the U.S.-Britain-Russia and China jointly?

Vice President Wallace will no doubt find some answers to the last question in his South American tour, although his friends say there is no connection between the resolution and his trip which was planned long ago. There is certainly one connection—it will get Mr. Wallace and his embarrassing (to some democrats) speeches out of the country for the beginning of a world debate which the senate foreign relations committee is now to start—by Roosevelt direction through the Ball-Burton (Wilkie) republican auspices.

## SIDE GLANCES



"Roses? Well, there might be room for some, but we're going all out this spring for mass production of beans, tomatoes, onions, radishes, lettuce, cabbage and corn!"

## WAR SECRETARY URGES DRAFTING OF CIVILIANS

**WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP)**—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, urging adoption of a civilian draft law, said today that despite the need for workers in war industries, thousands still are busy turning out such things as artificial flowers, jewelry, toys and cosmetics.

"Wide and ordered" use of manpower is now imperative, he told the senate military committee considering the Austin-Wadsworth bill to draft men and women into war production. Patterson argued that the nation actually already has resorted to compulsion by attempting to "freeze men in their jobs by black-listing them from securing other jobs" and to "control hiring by depriving employers of the right to hire freely."

## FUNERAL

**BETTY JEAN HAGELSTEIN**  
Funeral services for Betty Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hagelstein of Algoma, Oregon who passed away in this city on Tuesday, March 16, 1948, will be held in the chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine street at Sixth, on Friday, March 19, 1948 at 3:00 p. m. with the Rev. Victor Schulze, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church of this city officiating. Commitment services and interment Linkville cemetery. Friends are invited.

**CHRISTINA SHUR**  
Funeral services for the late Christina Shur who passed away in this city on Tuesday, March 16, 1948 following an illness of three months will be held in the chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine street at Sixth, on Friday, March 19, 1948 at 1 p. m. with the Rev. Arthur Charles Bates or the First Christian church of this city officiating. Commitment services and interment at the family plot in Keno cemetery. Friends are invited.

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## Intelligence Error Lost Americans First Tunisian Battle With Germans

**By WEB GALLAGHER**  
**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 18 (AP)**—The Americans lost their first major battle with the German army in Central Tunisia fighting February 14-16 due to an error in intelligence combined with a faulty disposition of troops, the official version of the event indicated today.

An official spokesman in outlining the day-by-day development of the battle during which the Germans reached the outskirts of Thala, key to the Northern Tunisian plateau, conceded that American losses in material had been "very heavy."

"Our intelligence at the start of the battle was faulty in that we were convinced the Germans would make their main effort at Pichon, instead of farther south of Faid, as they did," the spokesman said.

"For this reason a strong American combat team was kept in the mountains northwest of Pichon ready to counter this thrust."

**Faid Pass Thrust**  
At the time the battle started with Marshal Erwin Rommel's thrust out of Faid pass on Sunday morning, the Americans had two mixed combat teams stationed at Hadjeb El Aloun, north of Faid pass, and at Sidi Bouzid to the south of the pass. There also was a mixed team of infantry and artillery and a small armored force at Fatsa, still farther south in the Chott Djerid area.

There also were some battalions of infantry at Feriana, to the rear of Faid pass. Using about 150 tanks, the Germans attacked through three passes in the vicinity of Faid on the morning of the 14th. One group of 20 tanks came directly out of Faid pass. Another group of 50 came out of a pass to the north of Faid, in the rear, a third group of 30 came out of a pass south of Faid, below Sidi Bouzid. The rest of the tanks, about 50, were in reserve.

**Americans Not Massed**  
By counting the armored command in the north, above Pichon, the Americans had an equal number of tanks, but they were not concentrated to meet the German attack, the spokesman said.

By 7:15 a. m., the German tanks had overrun our artillery position at Djebel Lessouda. The rest of our combat team attacked, but lost heavily," he added.

The next day, the 15th, the Americans on both sides of Faid pass tried to launch a counterattack from Hajeb El Aouin to the north and Sidi Bouzid to the south.

But the tanks in the combat team attacking from the north suffered crippling losses when they ran into German 88-millimeter guns which had been towed right into the battle by the Nazi armored vehicles.

The combat team attacking from Sidi Bouzid to the south also was smashed back. The Americans then decided

to withdraw and started from Sbeitla to the northeast of Sidi Bouzid. Most of the troops in the Djebel Lessouda got away, but they lost virtually all their heavy equipment, while a battalion of motorized infantry was lost virtually in its entirety at Djebel Ksaira when it was cut off.

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## Rationing Calendar

**RATION BOOK NO 2**  
March 1-15—Boards will mail books to persons who registered February 25, but did not receive books. New applications accepted March 15.

March 1—Rationing of canned, frozen and dried fruits, canned and frozen vegetables, dried soups, beans, lentils and peas, began.

**RATION BOOK NO 1**  
March 1-15—Boards will not accept applications for book No. 1 during this period.

**SUGAR**  
March 15—Stamp No. 11, war ration book No. 1, good for three pounds, expires at midnight. Stamp No. 12 good for five pounds, March 16-May 31 inclusive.

**COFFEE**  
March 21—Stamp No. 25, war ration book No. 1 of book holders 14 years of age or over, good for 1 pound of coffee, expires at midnight.

**GASOLINE**  
March 21—No. 4 stamps, each good for four gallons, expire at midnight.

**TIRES**  
March 31—Cars with "A" books must have tires inspected before this date. Same basic rules as for passenger cars apply to motorcycle "D" books.

**SHOES**  
June 15—Stamp No. 17, war ration book No. 1, valid for purchase of one pair of shoes, expires at midnight. Family stamps are interchangeable.

**CANNED MEATS, FISH**  
Retail, wholesale sales suspended until further notice.

**COMMERCIAL REGISTRATION**  
March 1 to 10—Restaurants and boarding houses must sign up for point stamps.

All institutional users are requested to phone the ration board for an appointment to register, to save time.

Institutional users must provide the rationing board with food inventories as of February 28.

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## CITY BRIEFS

**To Portland**—Mr. and Mrs. Burt E. Hawkins, accompanied by Enola Hawkins, city librarian and Beverly Mack of Spring Lake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mack, left this week for Portland where Hawkins will attend a meeting of Oregon postmasters. Officials from Washington will be at the session. Before returning this weekend the four plan a brief vacation in the north.

**Purse Lost**—Mrs. Dean Stephens, 500 Jefferson street, reported to city police the loss of her purse on Main or Ninth streets this week. The purse contained three sugar books, three No. 2 ration books, a social security card, one \$10, one \$5 bill, and \$4 in silver.

**Visitor**—Corp. Paul R. Gardner with the U. S. army signal corps, stationed at Pasadena, Calif., spent two days in Klamath Falls visiting with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gardner. The visitor has left for Seattle to visit other members of his family.

**Bikes Found**—Two bicycles, one carrying city license No. 48 and the other No. 456, were found by city police parked on the sidewalk on South Sixth street in front of Frank's Shine parlor. The bikes were brought to the police station.

**In Africa**—Mrs. Lula B. Hutchens of the Klamath Falls postoffice, has received word from her son, Lt. Ronald Hutchens, now stationed somewhere in North Africa. Hutchens is with the tank destroyers. He trained at Camp Hood, Tex.

**From North**—Fred Glover is expected here Sunday from Tillamook en route to Santa Ana, Calif., where he will enter the army air corps as an aviation cadet. Young Glover will visit with his father, A. F. Glover, local business man.

**On Vacation**—Mrs. Melvin Irwin, stenographer at the Klamath Falls postoffice, is on a two weeks' vacation from her duties. Melvin Irwin, carrier, has returned from a fortnight's holiday spent here.

**Surgery**—Dolores Conklin, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Worline of this city, is recovering nicely from major surgery at Klamath Valley hospital.

**From the North**—Mr. and Mrs. William Howland and young son, Robert Dean, were visitors in Klamath Falls Wednesday from their home at the state fish hatchery on Wood river.

**Square Dance**—There will be a square dance at the K. C. hall Friday night after the regular Townsend business meeting. The business meeting will be at eight o'clock.

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