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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

THE resignation of Don Drury as chairman of the war price and rationing board could well be justified by the press of other activities—he is one of the busiest men in town—but there is probably something else in the background as well.



It is suspected that Mr. Drury, a most practical man, is fed up with all the irksome technical difficulties that beset war ration boards, particularly in their relationship with the higher-up agents and agencies of the OPA.

The Klamath Falls board has probably done as good a job as any board anywhere in meeting local conditions and situations as they arose and as they needed to be handled, regardless of the multitude of rules and regulations handed out daily by functionaries unfamiliar with those local conditions and situations.

Public speakers from the OPA talk at length about the responsibility and power of the local war price and ration boards. But from sources close to the work of the board come reports of an increasing tendency of OPA to encroach, from above, upon this much-mentioned authority of the boards with rules, regulations and policies that hamper their effort to meet and solve each local problem in the best way the boards see fit.

There is widespread opinion that the local boards must have this authority—that it is unwise to straight-jacket the country into a rigid set of rules that cannot be written with consideration for local conditions. But if OPA, with an army of agents, is going to nag and harass the local boards in their efforts to do the job in their way, they will gradually lose their morale, and good men will one by one sever their connections with the work. The local "authority" will become nothing more than a word, and agriculture, industry, business and individuals will find it increasingly difficult to keep going under a program no longer practically applied to specific circumstances.

Hence, in the resignation of a man of Mr. Drury's calibre for the reasons we suspect is found an unpleasant hint of what is going on. At best, the work of the ration board members is difficult and thankless. They get no pay, and they are constantly under pressure if not fire because they are involved in work representing people who are accustomed to more freedom than that now permitted.

General Tendency

THE indicated tendency in the OPA is not to be blamed on any individual. A number of people we know well, admire and respect are engaged in OPA work, and we are sure they favor flexibility and preservation of the authority of the local boards. What is reportedly happening is a symptom of condition that usually develops in a bureaucratic set-up—a tendency to control everything from the top and to squelch the exercise of individual judgment by those farther down the line.

In an ever-increasing number of governmental functions, we find the federal government telling the states what they can do, and the states, in turn, imposing restrictions on or assuming the powers of the counties and cities. Thus, government gets farther and farther away from the people.

War conditions have stimulated this process, and it will be difficult to stop until the war is over. But a great many thinking people are agreed that it is well now to establish as an after-war objective the return of government to the statehouses, the courthouses, and the city halls of the nation.

Even after the war, that goal will be difficult to attain, because, once established, bureaucratic power hangs on to the bitter end.

South Sixth Plan

SECRETARY EARL REYNOLDS of the chamber of commerce has a project for South Sixth street which he believes can and should be done now, regardless of the obvious fact that the bigger southside traffic improvement program must wait until after the war.

What he proposes is that South Sixth street at its intersection with East Main be widened now to four lanes to facilitate traffic movement there. Many motorists already are using this street area as if it were four lanes, but the pavement is only two lanes wide.

Widening for the short distance proposed could be accomplished by a maintenance crew and equipment. It would permit cars, approaching from the south and going on to East Main, to proceed to the right of other cars which are held by the red light on their way into town on South Sixth.

FUNERALS

CAROLYN ALICE HAMON

The funeral service for the late Carolyn Alice Hamon, who passed away in this city on May 12, will take place from the chapel of Wards Klamath Funeral home on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Daniel Anderson of the Klamath Temple will officiate. Commitment services and interment will follow in the Linkville cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

MYRTIE ZAN EDMONSON

The remains of the late Myrtie Zan Edmonson, who passed away at Hildebrand, Ore., on Tuesday, May 11, 1948, will be forwarded on Friday evening, May 14, via Southern Pacific to the Blake Funeral home in Oro-

fino, Idaho, where final rites will be held. Commitment services and interment will take place in the Orofino cemetery. Ward's Klamath Funeral home in charge of forwarding arrangements.

ALFRED RAYMOND COULTER JR.

Alfred Raymond Coulter Jr., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Coulter, passed away in this city on Thursday evening at 7:20 o'clock. Little Alfred was one day old when called. Besides his parents he is survived by a sister, Patricia Marie; his grandparents, Mrs. Ruth Blanchet and Mr. N. A. Coulter, all residents of Klamath Falls. The remains rest at Wards Klamath Funeral home, 925 High St. Funeral arrangements will be announced Saturday.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 14—A propaganda for some kind of socialist anti-religious post-war world is rising again.

In circulation here is a statement by a minor British economist and cotton authority, Dudley Windel, who is supposed to have put into words what is in the minds of many people in Britain and Europe today, the overflow froth of which is also evident in the United States. He says: "Russian achievements—military, political, economic—are having a profound influence on western Europe. Faith in Europe today is based on belief in the supremacy of economic man. Scientific advances have given man the power to control his destiny; no longer is he subservient to the divine law or the immutable laws of nature. Social planning by national and international commissariats will free all humanity from the fear of want."

Around here, the war seems to have brought a greater belief in God and less in economists. The profession of economicism is truly at a low Washington ebb. None of them seem to be doing much in an important way toward winning the war.

The vast success of American productive effort in planes, tanks, munitions, and men cannot be attributed to any of their devices, but rather to simple American spirit and ingenuity as displayed by both capital and labor as a whole. No commissariat and no socialism have had anything to do with it.

Yet the opinion seems to be held in some agitating American quarters that the totalitarian system has won the war despite the triumph of the democratic productive effort.

Not even our own totalitarian ally, Russia, could hope to stand without the superior production leased or lent by democracy. Moscow papers have announced, for instance, that they have received more American planes than MacArthur.

A resurgence of democratic spirit is more likely to come out of the war from this area than a voluntary enslavement of the individual to the service of the state, as Mr. Windel says Europeans expect.

As far as the religious angle of it goes, the best selling books in this country during the last several years have been such religious novels as "The Song of Bernadette," "The Robe" and "The Keys to the Kingdom," and all churches now have greater attendance than ever before in their history.

Willkie's "One World"

M. WILLKIE'S friends and foes are still ardently debating his "One World" notions in their letters to me. His advocates vary in their interpretations of what he means.

Many contend he wants to prove the whole world is looking toward us for inspiration and help and wants coalition with us. Others think he wants only post-war cooperation—not coalition with other nations.

As he left his deductions in generalized terms, he seems to have won support from people who want to go in opposite directions.

There can be no doubt, however, upon one principle of individual and international nature, which Mr. Willkie did not mention—unity and friendships which are genuine are not founded upon either transportation or help.

We helped Japan before this war, furnishing scrap-iron and oil. Financial help was given Germany in the Dawes and other plans. Also, the Zeppelins offered excellent transportation to and from Germany just before the war.

Unity Through Assimilation UNITY can come only through an assimilation of customs and ideals. It requires a long process with years of careful application and earnest mutual cooperation. It has never been done before.

For generations, numerous countries have lived next to each other in the Balkans with over-night transportation but without ever obtaining a single year of peace.

Mr. Willkie lives in a New York apartment house where, despite the nearness of his neighbors, he probably knows not one of them, although the elevator runs day and night.

It seems to be up to Mr. Willkie to say what proposals he has in mind before the debate can be resolved. Or perhaps Howard Barnes could.

He is the newspaperman who accompanied Mr. Willkie on the trip, a former Russian correspondent of the New York Herald-Tribune, who has a beautiful prose style, as beautiful as Mr. Willkie's in his book—and in practically the same vein.

Mussolini Expels Six More Fascists

LONDON, May 14 (AP)—Premier Mussolini has expelled six more fascist officials from the party, the Rome radio reported today, in a continuation of a shakeup in Italy.

One of those ousted was reported to be Luigi Messedaglia, described as a senator and a party member since November 19, 1925. He was accused of expressing "ferocious and cowardly sentiments."

Carlo Scorza, fascist party secretary, was said in the broadcast to have referred the cases "to the committee for police measures."

Three of those ousted were accused of illegal activities in awards of government contracts.

SIDE GLANCES



"I made these sergeant stripes for Sonny's uniform while he's been sleeping—I thought it would be a nice way for him to please his captain!"

Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From The Klamath Republican

May 14, 1903

Alex Watson's little girl was pursued this week by a wild man who suddenly appeared when she was bringing in the cows at the Watson place in Langell valley. The man had on nothing but an old ragged coat. The girl ran home, and her father and neighbors made a search with guns, finding marks the man had made when going under a fence.

From The Klamath News

May 16, 1933

The Reames Golf and Country club opened its inter-city schedule Sunday with a defeat of Bend.

SHIPBUILDERS WANT EIGHT HOUR SHIFT

PORTLAND, May 14 (AP)—If Pacific northwest shipbuilders prevail—and Paul R. Porter of the federal shipbuilding stabilization committee believes they will—the eight-hour three-shift day will be continued on the coast.

After a conference here yesterday, Porter said his committee of war production board experts had found northwest builders solidly against a proposed day of two 10-hour shifts.

A final decision will not be reached until conferences next week with San Francisco and Los Angeles area builders, but he said he doubted if the proposal would be accepted.

The longer shift is being considered on a coastwide basis.

Depths of more than 500 feet have been attained by deep sea divers of the United States navy.

DOUGLAS FIR PRODUCTION UP IN APRIL

SEATTLE, May 14 (AP)—Signs that war plant construction now is over the peak was reported today by the West Coast Lumbermen's association, in a summary telling of heavily increased Douglas fir production in April over March and February.

The April weekly average production was 104,497,000 board feet, or 108.3 per cent of the 1939-42 average. Orders averaged 177,757,000 feet and shipments 187,110,000 feet. The March figures were: production, 149,449,000 board feet; orders, 143,467,000 feet; and shipments, 131,362,000 feet. March production figures were 98.4 per cent of the 1939-1942 average and those in February 83.3 per cent.

"The gain in production is due to the fact that the manpower situation has somewhat improved, with practically all logging operations running 48 hours per week, while all mills that can get logs are on a 48-hour basis," the association said.

Pine Orders Up During Last Week

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14 (AP)—Orders for Idaho white pine, ponderosa pine, sugar pine and associated species increased 13,560,000 board feet during the week ending May 8, the Western Pine association reported today.

Comparative figures with the previous week and the corresponding week last year: Orders—72,937,000 board feet, 59,377,000; 82,436,000; shipments—72,644,000; 72,779,000; 91,028,000; production—78,368,000; 84,625,000 and 76,006,000.

When you want to stop sailing on the sea of madness, toss out your anger.

New Mexico has 50 mountain peaks towering more than 8000 feet in height.

Sun gives as much energy in a single minute as man consumes in a year.

PREMATURE PEACE MARKET HITS STOCKS

NEW YORK, May 14 (AP)—Stocks suffered a substantial sell-off today in what brokers termed a "premature peace market."

The list was irregularly lower at the start in quiet dealings. The pace quickened appreciably in the second hour when leaders in all departments dropped fractions to more than 3 points. There was a subsequent slow-down and, near the close, mild recoveries were the rule.

Again it was a case of liquidating "on the good news" from virtually all battlefronts.

In the retreating column were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, Southern Pacific, Great Northern, J. I. Case, Goodrich, United Aircraft, Kennecott, American Telephone, Western Union and U. S. Gypsum. Seaboard Airline was among the few issues to register a modest advance on sizable volume.

Table of stock market movements including American Can, Am Car & Fdy, Am Tel & Tel, Anaconda, Calif Packing, etc.

Potatoes

CHICAGO, May 14 (AP-USA)—Potatoes, arrivals 49; on track 36; total US shipments 733; new stock supplies very light; demand good; market firm at ceiling; Alabama Bliss Triumphs US No. 1, \$4.02-10; Louisiana Bliss Triumphs US No. 1, \$4.30; California Long Whites US No. 1, \$4.32-44; old stock; supplies very light; demand moderate; market firm at ceiling; Idaho Russet Burbanks US No. 1, \$4.25.

WHEAT

CHICAGO, May 14 (AP)—Grains ruled from their lows toward the close today, but generally were not able to make up all the losses recorded in a selling movement earlier in the session. Wheat and rye touched new lows for the current move before the rally started.

A news dispatch from Washington saying War Foods Administrator Chester Davis was planning to ask farmers for a 25 per cent increase in winter wheat acreage next fall brought some liquidation into the bread cereal.

At the close wheat was 1-1 cent lower, May \$1.421, July \$1.41-1.411, corn was unchanged at \$1.54, oats were up 8-7 cents and rye was 1-1 cent lower.

Lobsters, oysters, and snails are true blue-bloods.

Wounded General Returns to U. S.



Even with his arm in a sling, Lieut. Gen. Leslie McNair, commander of U. S. Army Ground Forces, does a thorough job of greeting his wife when she welcomes him upon his return to Washington from North Africa. General McNair was wounded during action in Tunisia. Official U. S. Army photo.

LIVESTOCK

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, May 14 (AP-USA)—Cattle: 15. Largely nominal; for week, steers steady; few loads grass steers \$13.00-13.35, light grass feeders \$13.00-13.50. Shee-stock 25-50c lower, medium range cows \$11.00, common cows \$9.95; medium sausage bulls \$11-12. Calves none. For week, good to choice quoted \$4.50-15.50.

Hogs: 50. Around 15c lower; package good 220 lb. barrows and gilts \$15.10; odd good sows \$13.85.

Sheep: None. For week, good to choice lambs 25c lower, medium to common 50c lower; No. 1 pelts shorn ewes 50c lower.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14 (AP-USA)—CATTLE: Salable and total 10; calves salable none, total 25; market nominal, late demand broad for most classes; week's supply medium to good fed steers sold at \$15.00-16.50; good fed heifers \$15.00-30; common heifers down to \$10.50; canner and cutter cows \$7.50-9.50; fat dairy type cows \$10.00-11.50; good beef cows up to \$13.00; medium-good bulls: \$12.25-14.25; few choice vealers up to \$16.50.

HOGS: Salable 50, total 300; few sales about steady; good choice fat type 200 lb. weights \$15.00; choice possibly quotable to \$15.25; few light-weights \$14.00; good sows salable \$13.25-50; good-choice feeder pigs quotable \$16.00-16.50.

SHEEP: Salable 50, total 100; one lot common-medium shorn lambs unsold; good-choice spring lambs quotable fully steady at \$15.00-50; grassy shorn lambs under pressure late; best fed shorn lambs early \$15.00; good shorn ewes mostly \$6.40-75; woolled ewes to \$6.00.

CHICAGO, May 14 (AP-USA)—Salable hogs 9000; total 14,500; opened slow; closed active; generally 10-20c lower than Thursday's averages; extreme top \$14.45; bulk good and choice 180-330 lbs. \$14.20-40; few comparable 140-180 lbs. offerings \$13.50-14.25; most good 360-350 lbs. sows \$14.00-25.

Salable cattle 1000; salable calves 400; slow, steady cleanup trade; no strictly choice steers here; but several loads good grade offerings and one load good to choice at \$15.00-16.40; bulk crop \$13.75-15.50; heifer; steady; supply very small; mostly \$13.00-15.00 trade; 881 lbs. good grade offerings \$15.40; cows in moderate supply; steady; cutters \$10.50 down; most beef cows \$11.50-13.00; bulks very dry and weak; fully 50c lower or than week's high time; practical top heavy sausage bulls \$13.25; extreme top \$13.50; light and medium weight offerings \$10.00-12.75; mostly \$10.50-12.25; eastern shippers refused to pay \$16.50 for veners, but

PORTLAND, Ore., May 13 (AP)—BUTTER—AA grade prints, 21 1/2 lbs., 25¢; A grade prints, 21 1/2 lbs., 23¢; B grade prints, 21 1/2 lbs., 21¢. CHEESE—Cheddar, 40 lbs., maximum of 5¢ of 1 per cent acidity, delivered in Portland, 25¢; 20 lbs., 23¢; 10 lbs., 21¢. Creamery cheese (new ceiling), 40 lbs., 25¢; 20 lbs., 23¢; 10 lbs., 21¢. Creamery cheese (old ceiling), 40 lbs., 23¢; 20 lbs., 21¢; 10 lbs., 19¢. Creamery cheese (new ceiling), 40 lbs., 25¢; 20 lbs., 23¢; 10 lbs., 21¢. Creamery cheese (old ceiling), 40 lbs., 23¢; 20 lbs., 21¢; 10 lbs., 19¢. Creamery cheese (new ceiling), 40 lbs., 25¢; 20 lbs., 23¢; 10 lbs., 21¢. Creamery cheese (old ceiling), 40 lbs., 23¢; 20 lbs., 21¢; 10 lbs., 19¢.

CHICKENS—New Jersey red, 2 1/2 lbs., 25¢; Old English, 2 1/2 lbs., 23¢; Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 21¢; Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 19¢. Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 17¢. Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 15¢. Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 13¢. Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 11¢. Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 9¢. Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 7¢. Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 5¢. Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 3¢. Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 1¢.

DUCKS—Green, 7500 doz, bunches, 0¢; 5000 doz, 10¢; 2500 doz, 20¢; 1000 doz, 30¢; 500 doz, 40¢; 250 doz, 50¢; 100 doz, 60¢; 50 doz, 70¢; 25 doz, 80¢; 10 doz, 90¢; 5 doz, 100¢; 2 doz, 110¢; 1 doz, 120¢. Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 13¢; Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 11¢; Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 9¢; Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 7¢; Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 5¢; Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 3¢; Old Game, 2 1/2 lbs., 1¢.

EGGS—Wholesale prices: Alfalfa, No. 1 or better, \$11.00; No. 2, \$10.00; ton, \$11.00; valley, \$10.00; do Montana, \$12.50-15.00; clover, \$15.00-20.00.

\$16.00 paid freely and market steady.

Salable sheep 7000; total 8,500; late Thursday—fat lambs mostly steady; good to choice 87-97 lbs. fed western woolled lambs \$15.50-16.00; top \$16.00 on strictly choice closely sorted lambs to shippers and packers; good and choice 80-95 lbs. fed western clipped lambs with No. 1 and 2 skins \$14.25-15.00; three doubles choice lambs with h no skins or fall shorn \$15.10; sheep weak to 25c lower; shippers less active; just good shorn native ewes \$6.75-7.50; today's trade—Fat lambs active; steady to strong, improved killing quality considered; strictly good to choice fed western woolled lambs \$15.75-16.75; top on closely sorted lambs \$16.25; fed western clipped lambs with No. 1 and 2 skins \$14.75-15.00; sheep weak to 25c lower; shippers less active; just good shorn native ewes \$7.75-8.00; top \$8.25.

Program — The Eagles will meet tonight, Friday, at 8 o'clock in the Eagles hall with a business meeting followed at 9:30 p. m. by a program presented by the Klamath Union high school girls' chorus. There will be initiation of candidates.

There were 25 players on early football teams.

To Explain Parties in 'House on R Street'



Grouped for a last minute discussion before entering the House military affairs committee to explain activities in the "big red house on R-st." where dinner parties drew the cream of Washington's social and official circles. Left to right, Mrs. John P. Monroe and daughter Barbara, Mrs. Eula Smith, who refused to answer the committee's questions in a previous appearance, and John P. Monroe, Committee Chairman Andrew May said his investigators came across the Monroe parties while checking alleged irregularities in war contract deals.

YOUR GROCER OFFERS THIS "FLAVOR SPECIAL"



A combination of fresh spring vegetables and Morton's Salt. Buy them together.