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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

THE Lake county proposal for reclamation of 200,000 acres of Goose lake bed as a post-war development directs attention to the great possibilities for land use extension in this general section of southern and south central Oregon.

Lake's proposition, as explained to the Oregon post-war readjustment and development commission this week, is to blast out a rim rock and dig a ditch which would drain the lake into the Pit river.

The timely planning in Lake county should serve as a reminder for all civic and development groups in this region to get busy on land use extension. The Sprague River valley development, the reclamation and greater use of lands adjoining Upper Klamath lake, and the permanent opening of added lands in the Tule lake sump are three of a number of projects that come to mind in this connection.

Some excellent work has been done on land use planning in connection with the agricultural outlook conferences held here in the last decade. Now is the time to get these surveys out of the files, to study them in the light of post-war construction programs, and to develop a vitalized land development program for the Klamath-Lake country.

Incidentally, the probability of extensive construction to take up an anticipated employment slack after the war, fits importantly into the suggested plan for opening the Tule lake sump area to homesteading.

Skeptics, in commenting on what has been said on this page in recent months on this subject, have indicated that the project would call for some additional construction work, such as the enlargement of the Lost river diversion canal. In view of the large benefits promised, such a construction program as a post-war measure, would be logical and justified.

We shouldn't let too much grass grow under our feet. In any consideration of the future of the Klamath country, agriculture has a most prominent place. Land use extension is agricultural extension.

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, June 16—The peril on the home front was adequately presented recently by the simultaneous announcements issued by the government bureaus in charge.

A simple understanding of the confused administrative dangers can be obtained by just putting these official statements side-by-side.

Labor Secretary Perkins announced a survey by her women's bureau had disclosed thousands of war workers inadequately fed and she urged mass feeding in lunches at the plants. Absenteeism she traced to debility anemia and indigestion, due primarily to "inade-

West Coast Gasoline Movement May Have Subsidy, Says Brown

WASHINGTON, June 16 (AP)—Price Administrator Prentiss Brown disclosed in testimony before the senate banking committee today that he is discussing with Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones the possibility of applying transportation subsidies to facilitate the movement of gasoline to the west coast. Brown said that no subsidies of this kind now are paid outside the eastern petroleum shortage area, but that he is having discussions with Jones

"about the west coast situation." He did not elaborate.

Quebec, Canada, has more churches than any other city on the American continent in proportion to its size and population.

Lollipops made of iron were licked by members of an obscure Siberian tribe when they needed a tonic.

Mahogany trees grow in tropical forests, one or two trees to the acre.

Class one railroads of the United States have more than 1,184,336 employees.

quate supply of food at places of work."

On that same day, Donald Nelson announced that the goods upon which war workers and civilians live will have to be cut another 20 per cent from existing rations by the end of the year.

At precisely that moment, also, the war department announced it was taking 45 per cent of the beef kill after June 14 for the army.

In short, the government proposes to cut more of what the government says is already inadequate, or at least inadequately distributed. By varying and conflicting conclusions, it seems to proclaim it has reached the point where it cannot make both ends meet.

To top this off (still the same day), the national canners, in convention assembled, heard that canneries were being closed because increased wages would not permit profitable operations even with subsidies.

To top this (also same day), the agriculture department announced food production this year would be far less than last year and less than estimated.

Here then is the problem in all its simple reality—not alone the problem of food, because precisely the same elements of trouble show in many lines (gasoline, synthetic rubber, even manpower and prices-wages, where both ends similarly are failing to meet).

The military is claiming first call, the home front bureaus are beginning to worry and doubt, and lend-lease is likewise grabbing secretly from the dwindling basket. What is needed is an equitable distribution among the three—apparently another redistribution.

If lend-lease or the military takes too much, there would be a collapse or breakdown on the home front, which is equally important with the fighting front.

Only Solution

WHAT do you do in a situation like that? The obvious and only possible solution is to get an over-all authority which will stretch both points until they do meet, to make them meet by strong arbitrary action.

It would be the duty of such an authority to establish on a basis of reasonableness the point at which the ends should meet the minimum requirements of all sides, and then crack the whip to bring them there, if it requires cutting through all the gold braid and red tape in Washington.

Such an authority could reasonably require the military and lend-lease to economize, avoid waste, take only what is essential—not necessarily what they first ask, not what they would like to have under abundance or for political effect abroad. Someone must gauge minimum civilian requirements as well, and meet them also with the available supply.

Such an authority recently has been created, but has not yet acted as far as anyone outside knows from reading the conflicting government announcements.

The Byrnes-Baruch over-all control has all the legal power in the world, but no one can give it the necessary courage to make the domestic economy work. It will first have to break down the "jealous prerogatives" of all the interested government bureaus, and do its re-distributions in such a fair and reasonable way as to inspire public confidence in the results it obtains.

In short, it must find where reasonableness lies and take the whole domestic war economy to that point—without much more delay.

Convicts Prepare Books for Mailing

SALEM, June 16 (AP)—About one-third of the 1,000,000 copies of ration book No. 3 are ready for mailing to Oregon residents, the state prison said today.

The convicts volunteered for the whole job of mailing all the Oregon books. Sixty convicts work on a day shift, while 150 work at night. The books will be mailed to about 450,000 different addresses.

The atmosphere is only one-half as dense at an altitude of three and one-half miles as it is at sea level.

SIDE GLANCES



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"We ought to keep the old town like it was when the boys went to war, so if the people want me, I'm willing to run for mayor again!"

Meatless Days Loom for Consumers at Seattle

SEATTLE, June 16 (AP)—The threat of meatless days loomed today for Seattle's consumers. Markets started closing yesterday after the war boom city's already scant supply was cut drastically by a cessation of operations in four of the city's five packing houses because of what operators said was the uncertainty of the government subsidy program. Two packing houses also were closed at Yakima and one at Ellensburg.

Under the office of price administration price roll-back plan, a compensating subsidy is scheduled for the packers, to be paid through the RFC's defense supplies corporation.

With dwindling stocks in markets, I. W. Ringer, secretary of the Washington State Retail Meat Dealers' association, predicted that virtually all of Seattle's retail markets would have to close by tomorrow morning.

An announcement by Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones yesterday said subsidy payments would be on a monthly basis.

O. B. Joseph of the James Henry Packing company, one of the first to close here, said packers should receive weekly payments. He said payments due his firm on the present basis of operations would amount to \$30,000 monthly, and delay in subsidy payments would leave the firm without operating capital.

W. L. Murphy, executive secretary of the Puget Sound Meat Packers' association, declared that the packers "can't go to the banks and get operating expenses by saying the government is going to take care of everything."

Even before the roll-back of the packers' prices was ordered by the OPA, packers here have expressed acute dissatisfaction with the price control policies. They have insisted that the ceilings imposed on them, in the absence of any ceilings on what they pay to the producers, has meant actual losses for them on every beef they handled. Fresh beef has been a rare item in retail markets here for several months.

Zoot-Suiter Held on Stolen Car Charge

GRANTS PASS, June 16 (AP)—A 16-year-old Mexican, Estavan Tovar, San Francisco, who bragged that he is a zoot-suiter, was held in county jail Wednesday under arrest after capture Tuesday near Grave creek. With Tovar is a 14-year-old run-away, James Jeffers of Eureka.

According to Sgt. Lyle Harrell of the state police, Tovar, driving a 1940 Buick coupe stolen from Eureka, had attempted to purchase gasoline without a ration book at a local gasoline station. The operator notified the police who chased the pair to Grave creek where their car went over a bank.

Tovar admitted stealing a car in San Francisco for the first part of the trip north, abandoning it near Eureka, and taking the other car there, Sgt. Harrell said.

The capstone of the Washington monument is crowned by a small pyramid of pure aluminum weighing 100 ounces.

There is one accidental death for every five minutes in the year, according to calculations of the U. S. Census Bureau.

The combined steel capacity of the United States, British Empire and Russia is more than twice the axis total.

EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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cluding Gandhi and his crowd) that doesn't seem to care much who wins the war. His "promises" of Burmese and Philippine independence are more eye-wash.

It is India he is aiming at.

(OUR planes bomb Rabaul, in New Britain, MORE HEAVILY than usual, leading some observers to think we are planning to go after it for blood. Rabaul is Japan's second most important base in the South Pacific, exceeded only by Truk.)

KING GEORGE shows up in Africa.

He appears on the veranda (porch to you) of an officer villa at the edge of a Mediterranean beach. Thousands of British soldiers swimming in the surf see him, recognize him and head for the sand, cheering wildly, to get a close look at him.

The dispatches relate that he came down the steps onto the beach and mixed freely with the men, laughing and talking. This maneuver was not on the schedule and "caught his aides so by surprise that he almost got away from them."

That would have been tough.

HE sounds like a regular guy. About the only criticism we Americans can offer is that he was BORN to his job instead of ACHIEVING it by his own efforts.

THERE'S an interesting side-light.

Two old Frenchmen on the beach, responding to the emotional stimulus of the occasion, shout "Vive le roi!" (long live the king.)

When the excitement passes, one looks sheepishly at the oth-



SNOOD HAT—Stark white with American Beauty roses is the dashing color combination of the snood hat worn by Nan Wynn, film actress. The straw braid hat is worn back on the head. A striking black and white print dress completes her outfit.

er and says: "It's been a long time since I've said those words."

WITH a fourth term coming along more or less inevitably (unless an INSPIRED LEADER appears miraculously in the opposition) it must be confessed that these little demonstrations of how it is done elsewhere have a certain interest for us.

Frozen Foods May Have Price Rise

WASHINGTON, June 16 (AP)—Retail prices of frozen strawberries and asparagus will rise

between one and four cents a pound, the office of price administration (OPA) said today.

Prices of frozen snap beans, corn, peas and spinach, however, will be unchanged. The commodity credit corporation (CCC) is subsidizing snap beans, corn and peas, and OPA said it will not allow any increase on spinach.

The increases, effective on 1943 packs, will amount to one cent a pound on frozen asparagus, and three to four cents a pound on frozen strawberries.

Armor plate comprises about 30 per cent of the total weight of a light tank.



SEA-GOING SPARS—SPAR Cadets Lella Leverett of Easton, Ga. (left) and Helen D. Darland, Los Angeles, Cal., enjoy a ride in a Coast Guard patrol boat at New London, Conn.

SLACKS Make Sense

Yes indeed! It's going to be a slack Summer and you're sure to love it! Tops for free and easy comfort through Summer, you'll wear slacks for play, for work, for "all out" activity and for just plain relaxing! Take a look at our super slack collection. All tailored to streamline your figure—all priced so low you can buy all the slacks you need!

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