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## Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

**G**RATIFYING majorities were apparently given to the two post-war reserve propositions voted on in school elections here yesterday, and indicate general public support here for this method of "pre-financing" as against the burdensome debt programs of other years.



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Further reserve-building will probably be authorized by our people, creating a rounded-out program for financing after-the-war work.

When the struggle is over, and our men come back, they will find that we have not been sitting idly by, waiting for them to come home and help us finance the public construction and rehabilitation programs that will provide needed employment in the post-war period.

Instead, we will have created a financial nest-egg for that purpose, during the easy-money period of the war. It does make sense, doesn't it?

But here is one warning thought that comes to mind. This money is authorized on a fairly general basis, because it is not possible at the moment to say what the greatest needs of the future will be. For that reason, we should guard against spendthrift policies which could result from the presence of such a reserve. That can be done by keeping or putting sound public officials in office, who can be depended upon to use these reserves to best advantage when the time comes.

The sound financial judgment which has dictated the creation of these reserves should be duplicated in the spending of them.

## That Black Snow Business

**A**T the outset of the Klamath Heating company hearings before the PUC this morning, the "black snow" issue was banned from the hearing on a legal technicality. The specific complaint on which the hearing was based did not touch on the soot question, the utility's attorneys declared, and therefore the matter was not properly brought up at this time.

Inasmuch as this column had stated yesterday that the black snow question would be aired, and inasmuch as we feel that this issue should be given such an airing, we were disappointed and we believe the public generally will have the same reaction.

Incidentally, our expectation that black snow would be brought in was based specifically on a news release sent us on June 10 by the public utilities commissioner. We have it before us at this moment, and it states, in connection with the hearing, that "CONTROL OF SOOT, OR SO-CALLED 'BLACK SNOW' IS ALSO INVOLVED."

It did not strike us unreasonable that hearings devoted to rates and services of the heating company would also involve the black snow question. The extent to which the utility may or may not be responsible for the soot nuisance here, and the steps it may take as a remedy for its part in the nuisance, if any, may well be involved in the rates it is permitted to charge.

If the heating company intends to make additional installations which control soot, it appears to us that it could thus show one justification for an increase in rates. Its action in side-tracking the issue at the hearing, however, shows it is not interested along that line.

This column has never alleged that the heating company was the sole or even the major offender on the black snow question. It has pointed out, however, that there is strong public belief that the heating company is a major offender, and that a complete public study and airing of the whole question would be of value to the heating company and the community. We still think so, and apparently some one at the public utilities commissioner's office thinks so, or soot control would not have been mentioned in the PUC release sent to us on this hearing.

## Hospitality Plan

**K**LAMATH'S home hospitality committee, which is undertaking to promote the interest of our home people in doing things for service men stationed here, comes up today with its first major project.

This is the plan: All local people who can do so are urged to invite service men—from any of the three installations here—to go to the Fourth of July rodeo with them, and to have dinner or lunch in the home on that day.

It is a fine idea, and many people are certain to follow up the suggestion. They can do so by telephoning 9103 on Wednesday afternoon or succeeding afternoons up to June 28, the deadline for such invitations.

This is a good way of getting acquainted with

our soldier, sailor and marine guests, and thus launching a hospitality program that will continue through many pleasant contacts.

## Kok-saghyz Wound Up

**T**HE well-publicized kok-saghyz (Russian rubber dandelion) project in the Klamath basin is about to be wound up by the forest service. After July 1, any follow-up on the dandelion growing project will be left to E. G. Gross, director of the Klamath recreational area, a part of the state-federal farm experiment program.

Kok-saghyz growing was carried on here for two years on an experimental basis, and from what we have learned, the project proved that the dandelion can be grown successfully in this area for use in rubber production if needed.

However, interest seems to have shifted from the kok-saghyz idea as a solution to rubber shortage problems, and we doubt if rubber production will ever become a major enterprise in the Klamath basin.

## News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

**W**ASHINGTON, June 20—Dear Mr.— (Member of republican convention platform committee):

You asked me what I would do if I were a member of the republican platform committee. Frankly, I think the time for old-fashioned generalities in platform making is over.

Generally, a platform is forgotten as soon as written. This is because it usually is a composite of accumulation of appeals to as many viewpoints as possible, and, therefore, loses any forceful character.

I would write a simple, straight-forward doctrine without equivocation. My suggestions would run something like this:

### Make Sincere Effort

**I**NTERNATIONAL policy—I would promise a sincere effort to cooperate to the utmost with foreign nations in maintaining Christian principles of justice for all peoples. I would not pretend I had a sure-fire way to accomplish this.

I would advocate a formula based on democratic principles and seek unity which would take the foreign affairs issue out of politics as much as possible.

The formula which is being evolved both by the administration and republican leaders, of a top council of nations with a secondary assembly and a world court, is a democratic formula. But to bring peace to the world, it must be operated in a democratic way of give and take, with divided authority just as the president, congress and supreme court in this country function, with individual authority and coherence.

On the issues of air traffic, money, trade, etc., I do not believe anyone can lay down a formula, only a set of basic principles. Obviously, these agreements must be reached by negotiation which also will involve give and take.

### Follow Realistic Course

**I** WOULD warn and guard against any ultra idealistic theories and doctrines such as world states, world wage-hour theories, a quart of milk a day, etc., and follow a course of realism toward our allies, Britain, Russia and China.

**National policy:** I would promise abandonment of politics in economics in favor of truly mathematical economics. Specific remedies to accomplish this could be offered.

The present system of taxation should be abandoned entirely in favor of incentive taxation, based on national income, with taxes being lowered automatically in times of depression and increased automatically in times of plenty as national income goes up.

I would promise abandonment of political spending and propose an entire government system similarly tied to national income so it would function automatically—public works programs, government lending, federal reserve rediscount rates, all banking policies, etc.

On this subject particularly, I would lay down a policy of common justice for all the people (eliminating both the preferences now enjoyed by unions, which place them in a special class beyond the law) and at the same time safe-guarding their just rights.

### No Reason For This

**T**HERE is no reason in common justice why labor unions should be beyond public inspection of their finances, no reason why they alone should be permitted to conduct rackets.

The great bulk of labor in this country is still outside the unions and to this middle class of white-collar men, I would promise the first real representation they ever had in government. Unorganized, they have suffered most from the war which has raised the income of the lowest class, but imposed unequal burdens of taxation without increased incomes on the middle class.

These are the main topics of issue today. For the others, such as farm price protection, housing, etc., I would work out my formulas from this, same over-all principle, justice to all rather than paternalism to a few, abandonment of government by group pressures and an appeal to common sense and not merely to votes.

## SIDE GLANCES



"Rationing never did bother me much—my wife has been starving herself for months trying to take off 20 pounds!"

## 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.

### "PEOPLE WORTH FIGHTING FOR"

By Henry O. Williams AOM 3/c Klamath Naval Air Station

The sun seems warmer, the skies are bluer.

The friends I have made are 'real' and seem truer. There's a cheery welcome on every hand.

My heart goes out to so friendly a land.

Regardless of what the favor may be, The natives of Klamath show courtesy.

They'll give you directions, or the time which moves slow, When you're miles from your home, with no place to go.

To you people of Klamath, these favors seem small, But you'd think different I know, had you tasted the gall.

Of a rude class of people, who stare in disdain, At a stranger who's trying their friendship to gain.

It may be you've never strayed from this place, Or sought in the crowds for a familiar face.

'Tis then you'll know the worth of a friend, When a stranger says, "Hi Sailor, how have you been?"

We're not here by choice and don't want to intrude, And we're thanking you now for your nice attitude.

Please bear with our boys who are loud and unkind, For God only knows what they have on their mind.

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## CHURCHILL REPORTS NAZI INVASION TRY

**LONDON, June 20 (AP)**—Prime Minister Churchill told the house of commons today that a German attempt to invade Britain in 1940 had been smashed before heavy concentrations of ships and troops were able to leave continental ports.

Churchill's statement came in response to a series of questions from the floor by Major Vyvyan Adams, who asked the prime minister if he could give the house details of a reported Nazi invasion attempt.

Churchill first said he had nothing to add to the government's previous non-committal replies, but when Adams asked whether "the enemy set in motion the apparatus of seaborne invasion," the prime minister said:

"I do not know what is meant by setting in motion. Setting in motion in the sense of crossing the channel, 'no,' but setting in motion in the sense of making very heavy concentrations of troops and ships to cross the channel, 'yes.'"

Laborite Emanuel Shinwell then asked:

"I suppose he (the prime minister) could say that if such an invasion was made, at any rate it was unsuccessful?"

Churchill smiled and answered, "Yes."

"Did any of this shipping ever emerge from ports across the channel?" Adams pressed.

"Not to my belief," the prime minister said. "A great deal of it was sunk in ports and they changed their minds."

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## Rodeo Offices Now Open

Rodeo headquarters for the Klamath Buckaroo days are now open at 123 South Fifth, across the street from the liquor store.

Plans for the Fourth of July celebration are being completed as time for the show draws near. Events and prizes have long been made up and a trick riding act has been selected with the contract signed for the troupe's appearance here. A carnival is scheduled to be in Klamath Falls over the holidays.

This Saturday night at the armory the queen of the roundup celebration will be selected from the nine candidates and crowned. The public is invited to attend the Queen's Ball at the armory.

The United States is now able to produce 1,050,000 tons of aluminum a year, seven times the 1939 capacity.

**A Gem of Thought From Idella's**  
A Hula dancer and a soldier named Cook  
Lolled neath the trees in a nook.  
The soldier yawned and said,  
Back home now, I'd be in bed  
Or curled up in a chair with a book.

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