

# Herald and News

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## Today's Roundup

**By MALCOLM EPLEY**  
THE two measures on the state ballot which have stirred up unusual interest and discussion are the gross income tax-annuity bill and the state school support amendment. We have already discussed the first, and it is our intention to comment on the latter amendment tomorrow. We have been personally "lobbied" heavily by both sides in connection with this proposal, and have delayed comment with the purpose of hearing all the arguments possible.



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In connection with these, and all measures, we again suggest that people read their Voters' Pamphlet carefully. This is not a partisan publication, but it is put out by the state for the benefit of all voters. It gives the text of amendments and bills and pro and con arguments on most of them. In studying them, all voters should consider carefully the difference between a constitutional amendment and a bill.

An amendment is a change in the state's fundamental legal framework, and whatever provisions it embodies are placed permanently in the constitution, to be changed only by another vote of the people. The legislature cannot alter a constitutional amendment. A bill is subject to legislative change.

### Sales Tax Proposal

SIXTH measure on the ballot next Tuesday is a bill for a state retail sales tax of 3 per cent, to be collected by the seller from the buyer. The measure was placed on the ballot by reference from the state legislature.

It does not impose a tax on manufacturing or wholesaling, and provides important tax exemptions, including retail sales of gasoline, already taxed, sales of fresh sweet milk, raw, unprocessed fruit and vegetables, butter, eggs, cheese, canned milk, fresh meat, fresh fish, bread, drugs or medicines prepared on prescriptions.

It has been variously estimated that the tax will produce between \$12,000,000 and \$18,000,000 annually. Twenty per cent of the proceeds would go to public welfare purposes; 60 per cent of this amount going to the state's share of old age assistance costs and 40 per cent to the county's share. Twenty per cent would go to support of the schools. Sixty per cent would go to property tax reduction.

For many years, we have felt that Oregon should undertake a sweeping revision of its whole tax structure, broadening the sources of revenue in order to equalize the burden on all and to ease the burden on real property. A sales tax would fit into that picture.

Unfortunately, the proposed scheme is only part of such a revision, and it has little, if any, chance of passage at this time. We believe it would be better to wait until the general re-vamping program can be developed, and offer the whole plan to the people of the state, backed by a wide educational campaign.

The proposed plan is in some ways the best sales tax offered to Oregon people, and there will be those, sold on the sales tax theory, who will want to vote for it. As for us, we intend to wait and urge the general tax revision in our sweeping program. So, on this proposal, we vote 311 X NO.

## Guest Editorial

(Editor's Note: A few days ago, there appeared on this page a guest editorial written at our request by E. P. Ivory, county democratic chairman. Today, we have an article by Frank Z. Howard, county republican chairman. The Herald and News wishes to thank these gentlemen for their efforts in presenting their views on the presidential election.)

**By FRANK Z. HOWARD**  
County Republican Chairman

FACE will not allow me to discuss matters such as sale of scrap iron and oil to Japan, Pearl Harbor trade agreements, isolationism, the national debt, etc., matters which all have been badly bungled or badly represented by the administration. I wish to get immediately into what I think is the most vital issue of this campaign.

Political philosophies have developed under these twelve years of the New Deal which threaten our whole democratic structure by substituting bureaucratic directive for representative government. This is not just a sensational statement. These philosophies are illustrated by the growth of bureaus in Washington; by the heaping of alphabetical agency upon alphabetical agency, to a point where the American taxpayer cannot pay the bill even in peace time. Many of them are responsible to no one; many do not have to make an accounting to anyone. This concentration of power and authority in Washington threatens the very functions and authority of our counties and states. It is putting its fingers into our individual lives and telling us just what we MUST do, and is encroaching upon and taking away many of our everyday personal liberties. By directive order from Washington, individuals, cities, counties and states are being ruled in a manner not contemplated by the laws setting up the agencies administering them, nor by the constitution adopted by our forefathers. This, then, is the vital question before us. Are we to sit idly by and allow ourselves to be completely regimented or not? Are we to be ruled by executive or bureaucratic directive from Washington, D. C., or are we to be returned to rule by democratic processes of constitutional government?

This trend towards centralization of ALL government in Washington is being deliberately planned. It is the intention of leaders in the New Deal to completely subjugate the individual, to inflate federal authority to a point where there will be no local authority, to direct our whole system into state socialism. Their aims are complete regimentation at home, the very thing we are fighting against abroad. At least these are the only interpretations one can make of the philosophies of the New Deal, as drawn from the utterances of its leaders.

### Wallace Quoted

HENRY WALLACE says: "—plain men trying to gain by democratic methods the proscribed objectives of the Communists, Socialists and Fascists."  
"We are not going to use the whole Russian

political and economic system in the United States."

"It may be necessary to make a public utility out of agriculture.—Every plowed field would have its permit sticking up on its post.—"Regimentation without stint might indeed, go farther here than anywhere else, if once we took the bit in our teeth."  
Adolph Berle states: "—the government will gradually come to own most of the productive plants of the United States."  
"If wealth is to be created by creation of government debt, the scope of government enterprise must be largely increased."

### Business to Disappear

THIS from Rexford Tugwell: "—It has already been suggested that business will logically be required to disappear. This is not an overstatement for emphasis; it is literally meant."  
"—The unreasoning, almost hysterical attachment of certain Americans to the constitution."

Harry Hopkins says: "We will tax and tax; spend and spend; elect and elect."  
"People are too damned dumb to understand."

I could go on indefinitely quoting dozens of leaders in the New Deal. Their trend of thought is the same. They are unanimous in agreeing that every kind of business, social, economic or political activity should be controlled from Washington, D. C. They are agreed that controls, set up as war time controls, shall be carried on into peace time. They are agreed that it will be necessary to create a large police force to enforce these controls. Such a police force is known in Germany as the Gestapo.

### Dewey Champions

GOVERNOR DEWEY is opposed to bureaucracy and regimentation. He is the champion of free enterprise. Free enterprise cannot exist under Bureaucracy and regimentation. Governor Dewey has promised a house cleaning in Washington, and, so far in his career, he has always carried through that to which he has pledged himself. Unless this sovietizing of our American republic, unless our present domestic policies are repudiated on November 7, by the election of a Republican ticket, we are in danger of losing the peace at home. If we lose the peace at home, the kind of peace we get abroad will little matter.

The Republicans are offering to the nation, TWO GREAT leaders, both of whom have shown prodigious capabilities in their respective jobs as governors of New York and Ohio. Of course, Governor Dewey is young. He is, also, vigorous. He can point with pride to HIS administration of the State of New York. We need this kind of young man to help make the peace, in order to avoid the mistakes of the last peace conference. We need this young man to make a great house cleaning in Washington.

Also, it is very important to elect a whole Republican ticket to back him up.

### News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Just adding what they say on to what they have said: Ink was hardly dry on Assistant President Byrnes' naturally partisan headlines, "Dewey Election Would Prolong War," before Mr. Churchill said non-partisanly it would probably be summer before the end in Europe and take two years more in the Pacific.

No authority here would lay a non-political guess after what has happened to all this year's most optimistic prophesies. Few military men believe the presidential election has anything at all to do with it. The length of the war will be determined by military factors, no domestic politics. For instance:

### Rouse Enthusiasm

GEN. MACARTHUR'S easy occupation of the east-central Philippines and Adm. Kinkaid's decisive destruction of the Jap fleets have roused some highly enthusiastic expectations which go far beyond the facts of the matter. The land ahead lies like this:

The Japs have 4,000,000 in their armies, mostly in China. The figure of 225,000 estimating their forces on Leyte (which has been published widely), really applies to all forces throughout the Philippines, mostly on Luzon and Mindinao. They had only a division or parts of a division on Leyte.

True enough, they tried no bloody suicidal death stands there, but this may not necessarily be a symptom of fully deteriorated morale. Here they had a chance to get away to other nearby islands, whereas in their earlier death stands on the small Pacific dots they had no place to go except to their ancestors.

Conquest of Luzon (Manila) itself involves such a tough prospect that MacArthur might yet decide to by-pass it. However, the next jumps to Formosa and the China coast are beyond the range of our land-based fighter planes and would require naval air coverage, and therefore would not be easy or swift operations either.

We have the carrier aircraft with which to do it, but when we do, we will still not have defeated Japan. In short, MacArthur wisely picked the softest spot in the Philippines and from here on the going will become increasingly difficult.

### Clearer Sea

THE sea before us is practically clear except for land-based Jap planes. Main pending sea question is how the Japs could have been so stupid as to send 70 of their biggest ships into two narrow straits where we could damage all but two (with naval aircraft using only one landing field on Leyte then open).

Does it indicate desperation? The answer considered most likely here is that the two-straits attack was a battle plan worked out earlier in the war by the Jap admirals and they just pulled it out of the desk when we went into Leyte, not thinking of our new naval carrier plane and ship strength which has so recently grown to overwhelming proportions.

### Need Bases

THE nearly open sea lane to Japan, however, probably will have to wait until we get land air bases from which to give full air coverage to landing operations. Most discouraging news in this respect was the recall of General Stilwell from China and the elevation of Chiang Kai Shek to greater military authority.

Stilwell is as great a general as China could ever get to direct her war effort. Therefore, grave doubt is justified as to whether the change is an improvement.

But even if we conquer the Jap mainland we have not defeated the Jap armies or destroyed their war industries which are largely in Manchuria. We desperately need air bases either on the China coast or in Russia (which is still neutral in that fracas).

## Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 400 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the page, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcomed.

### TIME FOR CHANGE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—Some folks want Mr. Roosevelt in office for a fourth term because they give him full credit for the social reforms of the first years of his presidency and they talk as though another president might mean soup kitchens and bread lines for them. In the first place they can't depend on Roosevelt all their lives, because he is not likely to live that long.

Moreover, Miss Perkins, in Callier's for August 5, 1944, claims credit for direct relief, WPA, CCC, NRA, wage and hour act, unemployment and old age insurance, and the federal employment agency. Strangely, from her comes the fear that "continued invasion of private rights and the growth of bureaucracy will ultimately bring about regimentation of the people by the government." Be that as it may. Some of the New Deal legislation was very good and some not so good.

However, Mr. Roosevelt has lost interest in social reforms; and idealism is used only in catch phrases. His government is now one of expediency. You know how he has played football with labor, and Miss Perkins is only a little shadow, with a title but no responsibility. You know how he has kicked the idealistic Wallace overboard with the Atlantic Charter and the four Freedoms. You know that even Mr. Roosevelt said "The New Deal is dead," so you who are clinging to that banner, are clinging to a banner your leader has trampled underfoot.

Some people have the distorted notion that Roosevelt is winning the war, and that without his leadership we might lose the war or the peace. He is not winning the war. The generals and the admirals and our boys (God bless 'em) are winning the war, and not because of Roosevelt's leadership, but in spite of it. Listen to the bitter GI complaints about Roosevelt's blunders and you'll see what I mean.

Events seem to show that Roosevelt is losing the peace point by point to the more astute Stalin and Churchill; that we are likely to be left holding the bag as at the end of the last war unless we replace Roosevelt with a more capable diplomat.

Some folks say that another four years can't do any harm. Well, it is just the four years the communists want to complete their program of taking over the government and converting it to a dictatorship. Read Alexander Barmine's article "The New Communist Conspiracy" in the October Reader's Digest. Barmine isn't the only one who is trying to warn us of this danger and being scoffed at. Remember the warnings we scoffed at concerning Japan. Remember Pearl Harbor.

A communist dictatorship might be all right in Russia, if that is what the people want, but as for me, I want good old Constitutional Democracy restored to the people. I want the Bill of Rights honored in this country. I want the rights of access to the courts restored to the American people. I want free enterprise and free labor restored to the people. I want freedom of speech and freedom of the press restored to the people. I ask for the abolition of "special privileges" and the restoration of equal opportunity for all.

Under this administration we are ruled by presidential directives, and OPA directives, and NLRB directives, instead of by constitutional law, and if we don't live the directives, or if we are caught breaking any of them we are subject to fine and punishment by the very bureau issuing the directive. If we attempt to take our case before a

court we stand a very good chance of being turned down as was Montgomery Ward. This denial of court trial has been perpetrated against private individuals in this country in recent months.  
Give Dewey and other new and able men a chance to clean up this mess. Four years isn't enough time to build up a powerful machine, but sixteen years is enough time to build a machine

so powerful that free elections can be abolished. The democrats and their communist backers tried that this time.  
Sincerely,  
MRS. G. E. LEWIS.

Estimated production of automobiles for the first postwar year is two million cars (allowing six months for conversion) the second year four million cars, and the third year five million cars.

## A Gem of Thought From Idella's

There was an old Termite named Pratt  
Who was asked to Christen a Ship that  
Had been named after her Spouse,  
As she swung the bottle, she said, "You louse,  
Take THAT and THAT and That."

Good Hamburger

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

## Cracker-barrel versus Dog House

Most of the political conventions in our town are held around the cracker-barrel—in Sam Abernethy's store.

We were settling how the country should be run the other night when Homer Watson starts to put in a word.

"Wait a minute, Homer," Sam said sharply, "did you vote in the last election?"

"Well," Homer fumbled, "I was awful busy just at the time."

"That don't matter," Sam insists. "Free speech around this

cracker-barrel is for them who help protect it—and all the other freedoms in America—by voting. Folks that just talk freedom don't count here."

From where I sit, it doesn't make any difference how you vote—the important thing is that you Do vote. Call it a sacred right if you want to, but to me it is the bedrock of the whole idea of democracy.

Joe Marsh

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## This is No Time to Play Politics!

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Would You Vote to recall

**GENERAL MAC ARTHUR**

Would You Vote to recall

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Would You Vote to recall

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# Marvin L. Shepherd FOR MAYOR

## BECAUSE:

He has been a business man in Klamath Falls for 17 years and has been active in civic and fraternal affairs, giving generously of his time to matters of public welfare; and because his business experience and civic activities have made him conversant with the many problems of our city. HE IS FITTED AND QUALIFIED BY TEMPERAMENT AND SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING TO DEAL WITH OUR PRESSING JUVENILE PROBLEMS. He is a family man with three children—one a first lieutenant in the army air corps; a daughter, attending the University of Oregon, and a son in the sixth grade in Klamath Falls. And because he has a constructive program for the city of Klamath Falls. As an example: Will immediately put into effect ordinance No. 3420, and thereby terminating the BLACK SNOW MENACE in Klamath Falls.



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