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Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY
SENATOR HARRY BYRD of Virginia sent a letter to the president of the United States the other day urging the early demobilization of the immense federal civilian employe army.



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He pointed out there are now 2,988,023 federal civilian employes, as compared with 975,000 on Armistice day, 1918, and 563,487 in March, 1933 (when the New Deal assumed power). The federal payroll has reached the enormous figure of \$8 billion annually.

Mr. Byrd thinks that 300,000 federal employes could be eliminated immediately without harming the war against Japan. He added, in his letter to Mr. Truman:

"After the war ends, we must follow a strict policy of retrenchment and economy if our system of government is to survive."

Potential Taxpayers

THE economy-minded Senator Byrd would be pleased at a couple of experiences we had recently.

We gave a ride to a young service man and got to talking about the local military installation at which he was stationed. When we remarked that it was a grand installation, he commented:

"You're right, it is. Guess we'll be paying for it for a long time to come."

He said it in a southern accent that certainly didn't sound republican.

A few days later we gave another enlisted man a ride to one of the installations. We pointed out a feature as we entered the place with the comment that it was a dandy.

"It ought to be—it cost enough," he replied.

Some of the boys are evidently realizing their situation as potential taxpayers.

Quandary Of The Railroads

PEOPLE in this railroad town are interested in the fate of the Bulwinkle bill, which is designed to end the question as to what governmental master the railroads are supposed to serve.

A contradictory situation has arisen in railroad regulation in this country. The railroads, acting with interstate commerce commission approval and under congressional policy, have consulted and cooperated in the establishment of rates. But the department of justice has started a suit against the railroads, accusing them of rate-fixing in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

It is quite clear that the carriers are thus placed in a legal fix from which they should be extricated by clarifying legislation. That's what the Bulwinkle bill is expected to do if it passes congress. It would specifically extend ICC authority to cover all procedures collectively undertaken by the railroads in the cause of efficient public service. The carriers could then act jointly with immunity from Sherman act charges.

It does not seem to us that this could possibly open the way to collusive acts in violation of the best interests of the public. The ICC, the established regulatory body for the rail systems, would have to pass on the collective action.

The Bulwinkle bill is a fair solution to the problem and should be passed to clear the confusion.

What Goes On?

WE swear we heard this dialogue on a street in the residential district:

Small girl's voice: Patty, your daddy wants you.

Patty's voice: Which daddy?

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON
WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP)—The office of censorship has succeeded in keeping out of the American press—and off the airwaves—since April 25 any speculation on Russia joining us as an ally in the war with Japan.

An official directive to the newspapers was

made public at that time, saying this move was inspired by our army and navy officials for military reasons. A second confidential directive was sent around to some of the press and radio authorities a few days later quoting the chiefs of staff, but this was not made public, and the "military reasons" were not made clear.

In the normal course of my business, I wrote and dispatched a column for publication last May 23, concerning the announcements that Lend-Lease Crowley had been over-ruled on cessation of lend-lease to Russia. I said: "I understand President Truman and State Secretary Stettinius expected a Russian declaration of war on Japan 'very soon' . . . There was no reason for impeding shipments during the few weeks interim before Stalin got around to action."

There was no military information in that column, or comments about any military situation, nothing about ship movements, for instance. In fact the reason it stated for the public change of administration policy was not news to my readers, as I had reported last February 16 that Messrs. Roosevelt and Stalin had reached an agreement at Yalta for Russia to cooperate with us as an ally in the Pacific—saying this was what we won at that conference. The February 16 column was not censored.

Later Column Killed

THE later column was killed by the office of censorship after it was in the hands of editors, and on the ground that it came within the military ban. This moved one prominent editor, Charles A. Sprague, to write in his column in the Salem, Oregon Statesman, that "the attempt to suppress such comment goes beyond the necessity for military security."

I protested against the censorship as being strained and unwarranted.

Now comes Mr. Crowley himself saying the same thing officially in precisely the same connection. His June 15 congressional testimony has been made public, with these quotes from him:

"The possibility of Russia's entry into the war against Japan acts to pin down in northern Manchuria large numbers of Japanese troops."

Thus, he has officially announced what was censored about his own lend-lease policy when I wrote it.

But far more striking than this, the office of censorship passed this week a story in a foreign letter of a weekly business letter service saying precisely what I said—and something additional in substantiation. This letter, dated June 26, tells the world there "must have been" an agreement at Yalta for a Russian declaration of war upon Japan.

Indeed, the letter says that Harry Hopkins, the aid of Mr. Roosevelt at Yalta, when he discovered Crowley's cessation of lend-lease to Russia, rushed over to the White House and told Truman about Roosevelt's agreement with Stalin, whereupon Truman immediately reversed Crowley and reinstated lend-lease to Russia, via Siberia. Censorship passed these statements, as I say.

Repeats Censored Data

NOW censorship cannot defend its former censorship of my column, in the fact of its later actions. As you can readily see I am offering the censored facts again to you today.

I invite any publisher who wishes, to run the whole censored story of May 23, although this current column is a full accounting of my protest against the unwarranted action, in order to let the people know the facts.

I offer you this additional comment:

For the weeks' pending question was our institution of a "second front" in Europe, there was no censorship on that topic, except on the time and place. That was a valid military censorship. Indeed, what Russia called a second front (it was our fourth front actually) was more than "discussed."

Every possible news-publicity pressure was exerted upon us particularly by sharp Russian newspaper comments on our delay, and caustic references to our military leaders were published in our press on the air—everywhere, frequently quoting the Russian criticism.

The contrasting manner in which our authorities have handled the shoe, now on the other foot, certainly suggests a colossal defect in the whole censorship, propaganda and publicity methods we are following. This censorship was carried beyond legitimate military bounds into the diplomatic fields and suppressed any mention of an entire subject.

Whoever is responsible—army, navy or censorship—it cannot be denied or longer concealed, that the whole subject has been exterminated from public print and notice from April 25 until the office of censorship exposed the ridiculousness of its position with the last two developments from Mr. Crowley and the business letter service.

Three Stolen Bombsights Found In Trash Barrel

CLEVELAND, July 3 (AP)—A questioning boy who didn't know how to operate a "camera" he bought for 50 cents enabled police to find three of four \$5000 Sperry bombsight lenses stolen from a truck here a month ago.

But who committed the theft and where the fourth lens might be were still mysteries.

A 10-year-old shoeshine boy told police he saw a man, about 30 years old, throw the lenses in a trash barrel Friday night. Thinking they were cameras, the boy said he took them from the barrel and sold them to two teen-aged youths for 30 cents apiece.

The lenses with other army airforce goods, were stolen from a closed but unsealed interstate freight truck here May 24. The theft was reported five days later by H. E. Straley, claim agent of the Great Lakes Motor Dispatch company, police said.

The three bombsight lenses were discovered Saturday night

when one of the purchasers asked a policeman, "How does this camera work?"

Mexican Nationals To Live In Barracks

MEDFORD, July 3 (AP)—Mexican nationals employed on the Rogue river valley fruit farms are being housed at the Medford air field army barracks.

The barracks, vacated after construction earlier in the war, have been used since fire destroyed a cook house and other buildings at Camp Prescott, a former CCC camp which housed the Mexicans last year.

From Washington, in normal times, it is possible to reach more than 60 counties by telephone.

Smoke Destroys Roofing Warehouse

PORTLAND, July 3 (AP)—Huge columns of smoke billowed across North Portland last night from a fire which destroyed a roofing company warehouse and damaged a steel fabricating firm supplying shipyards.

Owners estimated damage to the Clow Roofing company and the Victory Steel Fabrication company at \$75,000. Firemen prevented flames from spreading to an adjoining naval stores depot.

The fire spread to the buildings from a small grass fire on a street embankment.

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SIDE GLANCES



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"You don't like the new brand of oleo? Well, it happens that I've been boarding points for weeks to buy that half pound of real butter!"

Market Quotations

Table with columns for various commodities like Wheat, Potatoes, Livestock, and their respective prices.

Potatoes

CHICAGO, July 3 (AP-WFA)—Potatoes arrivals 25 on track 102, total U. S. shipments 128.

LIVESTOCK

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, July 3 (AP)—Cattle: salable 100. Active, good to choice, 100-110; medium, 90-100.

LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION IN GUARDIANSHIP OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR KLAMATH COUNTY. IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF WILLIAM A. JACKSON, an incompetent.

HOSPITAL TO BE EXEMPT FROM TAX

SALEM, July 3 (AP)—The Corvallis General hospital, the only hospital in the state which has been paying property taxes, should be exempt from taxation, Attorney General George Neuner ruled today for District Attorney Fred McHenry of Benton county.

Neuner's opinion reverses an opinion which he released on May 21. The state supreme court ruled a few years ago that the hospital must pay taxes because it was organized for profit, even though it was a losing proposition. The 1945 legislature then passed an amendment designed to exempt the hospital.

Capt. Stucky Due In Klamath Soon

Expected home sometime this week end from Germany is Capt. Jack E. Stucky, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stucky of 1438 Canby. Capt. Stucky is with the medical corps of the 95th division and after a leave expects to leave for duty in the Pacific. He is a graduate of the Roswell, New Mexico, military school. Before entering the service he attended the University of Oregon and the Portland Medical school at Portland. He later took his internship in New Orleans.

Hopkins Not To Go To Big Three Meet

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP)—Because of ill health, Harry Hopkins will not accompany President Truman to the coming Big Three conference in Europe, White House Press Secretary Charles Ross said today. Ross said an exchange of letters between Mr. Truman and Hopkins relating to Hopkins' future will be made public later but he would not discuss the nature of the correspondence. That would indicate he might be leaving the government," a reporter suggested.

OBITUARY

THOMAS DENTON KUYKENDALL, Thomas Denton Kuykendall, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Kuykendall of this city, passed away in this city Monday, July 2, 1945, at the age of 10 months.

FUNERAL

GRANT ROY DIXON, Funeral services for the late Grant Roy Dixon, who passed away in this city Monday, July 2, 1945, will be held in the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home, 925 High, Thursday, July 3, 1945, at 2 p. m. with the Klamath Falls Order of Moose No. 1106 officiating.

Courthouse Records

Marriage License WOLAN-SCHWALZE, Henry William Wolan, 22 U.S.N., Native of Montana, Resident of Highland Park, Ill. Rosemary Schwalze, 20, clerk. Native of Missouri, Resident of Kansas City, Mo.

Proposals For Small Business Aids Heard By U. S. Governors

By JACK BELL, MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich., July 3 (AP)—The nation's governors heard proposals today that small business be given a head start in reconversion and farmers an even break with industry instead of federal hand-outs. Gov. Lester C. Hunt of Wyoming declared in an address prepared for delivery at the second day's session of the 37th conference of the states' chief executives that unless little business gets the jump on large industry in the changeover to peaceful pursuits its chances of survival "will be seriously threatened."

Mickey Rooney Now Father Of Boy

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 3 (AP)—Mickey Rooney, the movie actor who is now a corporal in the army, became a father today. His wife, the former Betty Jane Rase of Birmingham, gave birth to a seven pound, six ounce boy at a Birmingham hospital. Both mother and infant were reported "doing nicely." Rooney, now stationed in Germany, and Miss Rase, the Miss Birmingham of 1944, were married here last September after a whirlwind week-long courtship. They met while the film player was stationed at Camp Sibert, Ala. Rooney's mother, Mrs. Nell Pankey of Hollywood, arrived here Sunday. Rooney's legal name is Joe Yule, Jr., and the child was named Joe Yule, III. The family said he too would be called Mickey.

Transportation Pay Slated For Workers

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP)—Skilled workers recruited in middle west and southern states to work at Pacific coast shipyards will be paid their transportation expenses. A rider amendment, authorizing of traveling cost for 15,000 workers, has been approved by the house in a bill now before a senate appropriations committee.

Company Sued For Topping Ceilings

PORTLAND, July 3 (AP)—The OPA has filed suit in federal court charging the Bordon company, New York, N. Y., with buying Oregon strawberries at above ceiling prices. The OPA charges the company paid 20 cents a pound when the resold the berries to a packing company at 15 cents a pound for processing. The suit asks an injunction to halt further violations.

Ask Paul O. Landry this question! "Does my liability insurance policy protect me against claims resulting from accidents occurring on the sidewalks adjoining my building?"

THE HOMESTEAD DORRIS, CALIF. Mixed Drinks WHISKEY BY THE BOTTLE DANCING JULY 2-3-4

Build Up Red Blood! If you need to BUILD UP RED BLOOD! Due To Monthly Losses. Lydia E. Pinkham's TABLETS

DANCE Wed., July 4 K. C. HALL AIR CONDITIONED Dance 9:00 - 1:00 Public Invited

3---BIG DANCES---3 MON. - TUES. - WED., July 2nd, 3rd, 4th, And Every Sat. Nite DANCELAND 515 Klamath Ave. Air Conditioned Music by Pappy Gordon's Oregon Hillbillies Sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars

Widely Approved Sicks' Select enjoys a nation-wide reputation as one of the world's truly fine beers. Its appeal is to particular people—those of discrimination who appreciate its delightful lightness and sparkling zest. Brewed to the highest standard of excellence, Sicks' Select is often spoken of as "America's Finest Table Beer." BUY WAR BONDS SICKS BREWING CO. SALEM, OREGON