

Today's Roundup

OUR discussion of housing needs, which appeared here a couple of days ago, brought this comment from a man who has invested some money in dwelling construction here:



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"I agree that there is a need for a building boom in houses, and I think it ought to be encouraged. But one of the most serious deterrent factors is the tax burden on real estate. It is simply too heavy, and nothing has happened in Oregon in recent years that indicates anything constructive is going to be done about it. The owners of real property are expected to pay too much of the rising cost of government."

In the back of his mind, we knew, was the sales tax. Sales taxes have been often defeated in Oregon, while in neighboring California and Washington they have been in force for years, equalizing the burden of governmental cost and lightening the load on property.

Whether anything definite can be done in the direction of real property tax relief in Oregon in the near future may be indicated when the governor's tax study commission, currently at work, makes its report. The commission, we understand, has held a number of meetings and hearings, and is making some progress. It is our hope that it will come forth with a program that will divide the tax burden equitably among the various possible sources—real property, incomes, consumer levies, etc.—in so fair a way that all the constructive elements of the state among business, labor and agriculture, will get behind it and put it across.

Highway Policy
SOME little public misunderstanding seems to have developed with regard to the attitude of the chamber of commerce toward highway routings. The chamber has taken no stand in the question of cross-city traffic routes. Some people with whom we have talked had an idea the chamber had taken a position in this matter, and others wanted to know why it hasn't.

For many years, it has been the policy of the chamber to work for highway construction in this area between certain points, but leaving the question of specific routes to the decision of the highway department without attempting to influence it.

The principal reason for this is obvious. The chamber membership is representative of all sections of the area, and it could easily become involved in bitter sectional rivalry if it undertook to favor one local area against another for highway routings. The chamber has decided to maintain its traditional policy with respect to the cross-town traffic question.

Briefs From The Pocket File
COMMODORE C. T. SIMARD of Seattle, who has been closely in touch with the Klamath naval air station for two years while he was in charge of naval air bases in the 13th naval district, is going to move to the China area as commander of fleet air wing No. 1. . . . Our acknowledgement to Mr. and Mrs. Schmor of Bonanza for a contribution to the community fund in response to our recent appeal. . . . They said, incidentally, they hadn't known previously where to send in their donation. . . . The address is 323 Main street. . . . Cliff Dunn has taken over leadership of the community fund program, taking the reins from W. E. Lamm who is temporarily out of the city. . . . The first postwar airplane has arrived for a Klamath Falls dealer in planes, heralding the opening of the civil aviation age people have been talking about around here. . . . Big Frank Ramsey, ex-grid coach here, is a candidate for the football coaching job at Willamette university. . . . Nobody around here seems to know whether Snowy Gustafson, KUHS coach on leave while in the service, is coming out of the service to take the local job back this fall.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 — Does Russia want war? I am confident she does not. The inner portent of events clearly says she wanted to conquer Europe and Asia for communism, or her current arbitrary socialist equivalent. We can only judge by what she has said and done, plus her apparent self interest. She has pursued the policy of taking as much as she can get without stepping over the line into overt belligerency. She has used her troops in the Baltic and Balkans, revolution in Iran, treaties in China and diplomacy in Japan, Italy, France and our occupation areas. Her purpose does not vary; her tactics are adjusted to locale. I do not for one moment believe any Russian

City Council Will Meet And Adjourn

The city council will meet Monday night as usual, but it will be only for the purpose of adjourning until Thursday, December 27, city hall officials said today. The weekly session must be held in accordance with provisions of the city charter. Offices in the city hall will be open only in the morning on Monday, according to present plans, in order to give employees a little time off the day before Christmas.

Injured Youth Said Improved

Jack Zumwalt, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Zumwalt, 2225 Bielh, was reported slightly improved at Klamath Valley hospital today. Zumwalt suffered facial lacerations and other hurts Friday night when he was struck by a car at Oregon, Uham and 11th street intersections driven by Pvt. J. E. Horan, USMC. The Herald and News was advised today that Tazie McEachern was the name of the woman

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official considers capitalistic democracy superior to arbitrary socialism. I think they expect the world to come to dictatorial socialism. But they also see democratic capitalism as having its troubles. Britain is bent upon a labor party socialism under modified capitalism and a parliament—for the next step at least. (Churchill claims they will have to make it dictatorial eventually in order to make it work.) We have a debt around 300 billion dollars, a drag which capitalism has never tried to carry before, and we have a confused people. The Russians may well figure they can wait as far as we are concerned while picking up power in Europe and Asia.

Hewed To One Line

OUR foreign policy has hewed to one line. We have defended our hopes for post-war through United Nations organization and its modified Atlantic Charter background; and we have resisted encroachments upon this hope by Russia or Britain. We have tried appeasement, waiting, money, gifts and pressure with limited, if not discouraging results. Peace has not been fulfilled.

We have not tried isolation or war, and will not voluntarily. Russian diplomacy is not likely to force us into either eventuality, for plain reasons, namely these: In the final depth of our ideology, we represent in this world, a basic God-fearing principle. In us, it manifests itself generally as a belief in Christian social faith.

But the Confucianists and the Mohammedans are also God-fearing. They have leaned sharply toward our political policy in the postwar events. In the matter of communism or Russianism they are naturally our diplomatic allies.

Marx, fundamentally and rightly realized, the state-ideal could not be erected among the God-fearing. Russia uses the orthodox church politically, alternately as a football and foreign prestige-builder (Balkans), but basic arbitrary socialism holds for the long run with Marx.

There are said to be 220,000,000 Mohammedans in this world; 338,000,000 Roman Catholics; 135,000,000 Protestants and 15,000,000 Jews, (with majorities naturally antagonistic to state dominated religions.)

Certainly a great many people like our world influence more than any other, and appreciate that upon our leadership rests the world hope of all the God-fearing.

World Responsibility

WE can hardly return to isolationism, if we wished. We have assumed a world responsibility, and the pressure of it will be upon us.

Our desire for peace based on freedom of the individual, has thrown us into conflict with the policy of Russia, and involved us in incongruities which bewilder our people.

Mr. Truman told China, he would keep our troops there only until the Japs were demobilized, warning Chiang Kai-shek to take the revolting communists and other parties into the Chinese government, promising credits and economic help if this is done.

Contrariwise and simultaneously, Moscow announces successful conclusion of a communist revolution in Iran, a nation she occupies. The difference in procedure is otherwise apparent.

Mr. Truman denounces "one-party government," rightly considering it dictatorship, in China, while one-party rule still controls Russia, and is being extended by Russia through the Baltic, Balkans and a one-party revolution in Iran. Is it possible for our people to be other than confused?

What do we do then? Appease? Or war? Both courses are unthinkable. We cannot win Russia by appeasement, and know this. We can buy delay; we cannot purchase devotion to our principles. On the other hand, we could not conquer Russia, if we wanted to, and we do not want to. How then?

The course required of us seems clear. We must defend our principles and resist Russia politically—with politics. By superior statesmanship, ingenuity and by all other means in accord with our principles, we must resist.

Must Resist Britain

WE must resist Britain when she deviates from our principle (Java). Above all, we must resist ourselves, when our people wish to escape principles for peace.

This nation desires to go back to sleep in peace, more than anything else. If we could just have world disarmament, and get our boys back home and safe, we would be happy and world politics could go hang. We all want this.

Yet do you not plainly see the peace to which we have come in our victory is not that kind of peace? By its very nature, it has become a peace of responsibility; an unfulfilled peace; a peace to be maintained.

You and I did not make it this way. We cannot un-make it. The world is that way. It can be different in the future, only as we work to make it different.

Truth does not jump out eager to confront you at every corner. You must seek it to find it. Propaganda, deception, delusions, artifices—these devices are not only served to you freely; your hopes can be played upon against your own interests.

We must daily establish more firmly an American foreign policy based on our agreed principle alone, and pursue it without apology or exceptions.

in the Horan car and not Zena McEachern as previously reported.

Lumberman Arrives—L. McClellan, lumberman, arrived today from Seattle on business and is staying at the Winema hotel.

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

LONDON, Dec. 20 — The advent of an out and out socialist government has rendered the position of the king-emperor rather paradoxical in theory, although practically his majesty fits into the new political scheme of things as neatly as a key in a lock.

As though the kingship were designed originally as part of England's leftist jigsaw puzzle.

The socialists have not shown the slightest disposition to interfere with the monarchy. On the contrary, while thrones on the continent have been toppling in the leftist storm, the British institution still stands as solid as its own Rock of Gibraltar.

Considering all aspects of the situation, one is tempted to the belief that providence molded the character of the present king to fit the political crisis which has now hit England. He would seem in all respects to represent the type — and the only type — of monarch whom the socialist government could accept.

Man of the People
George VI is a plain man of the people. I've been watching him closely ever since he was a small lad, and so far as one can see he hasn't any ambition to exercise royal authority, or yet to wear a jewel-studded crown.

He is quite happy to take his instructions from the prime minister. And that, of course, is precisely what the government in a constitutional monarchy — and especially a socialist government — most desires.

The situation might have had an entirely different complexion were the throne occupied today by the present king's revered grandfather, Edward V, or by the late George V, or yet by Edward VIII, who abdicated so that he might marry Mrs. Simpson. All those past monarchs were strong-willed men who at times confronted their governments with gestures of royal authority — and sometimes made their desires stick.

Terrible Conditions
About the last thing of this sort occurred not long before Edward VIII abdicated. While visiting the coal fields in Wales he became angered (and quite rightly) over the terrible conditions of the workers, and said in forceful language that something must be done about it. He thereby trod heavily on the toes of his government, which was planning changes for the mining industry. In short, Edward stepped quite outside his role as constitutional monarch.

There's small likelihood of the present king doing anything like that — and he wouldn't be very wise if he tried it on the socialist government. He does his job cheerfully — and it is a very heavy one because of his constant public appearances — but he is quite happy to leave the direction of affairs of state to his ministers.

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Royse Flies Plane Here

Ray Royse, manager of the Shasta-Cascade Flying service, arrived here yesterday with an Aeronca Champion which he flew from Middletown, O.

Royse had fair flying weather across the country. He spent two days at Tonopah, Nev., due to fog, and made the last leg of the flight from that city to Klamath Falls. Total distance of the trip was a little more than 2500 miles.

The plane will be put into service here by the local firm. Royse will go back east after the first of the year to fly a Stinson demonstrator to Klamath.

Klamath's Yesterdays
From the files — 40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From the Klamath Republican December 21, 1903
L. F. Conn arrived on the stage from his new home at Lakeview.

Many new houses are going up in the Tule lake valley.

Support the brass band. Attend the Christmas dance.

From The Evening Herald December 20, 1935
Commander George L. Koehn and other department leaders of the American Legion are in Klamath Falls for a district conference.

Choice birds from the flock of the Crater Lake Turkey company of Malin are being purchased by the Southern Pacific for dining car use.

New Announcer—Ken Woods of Los Angeles started work as announcer and copy-writer at radio station KFJL Saturday. He has just graduated from broadcasting school, Beverly Hills, Calif., and is a native of Ohio.

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Thursday Eve., Dec. 20, 1945
6:00 p. m. (live) News
6:15 D in e r
6:30 F r a n s e
7:00 L a t i n A m e r i c a n M u s i c
7:15 M i s c h a S t a n l e y C o n c e r t
7:30 R e d R y d e r
8:00 N u l l e e D r u m m o n d

Friday, Dec. 21, 1945
6:30 a. m. Wake-Up Tunes
6:45 P a r m D u l c i t a t i n s
7:00 F r a n k H a m l e t
7:15 R i s e a n d S h i n e
7:30 J o h n A l l i n e N e w s
7:45 B e s t B u y s
8:00 I s l a n d M e l o d i e s
8:15 J a m e s C r a w l e y N e w s
8:30 T a k e I t E a s y
8:45 C a r m e n C a r t e r O r c h e s t r a

9:00 W i l l i a m L a n e N e w s
9:15 M o r n i n g M e a t
9:30 M o r n i n g M a i l e s O k l a h o m a G r a b e r g O r c h e s t r a
10:00 G l e n n H a r d y, N e w s
10:15 S o m e t h i n g t o T a l k A b o u t
10:30 M a t h e w J o h n s o n
10:45 J o h n J. A n t h o n y

11:00 D i o n e a n d J a m m i e
11:15 C a l e n d a r o f M u s i c
11:30 Q u e e n F o r A D a y
12:00 M e l o d i e s
12:15 N e w s
12:30 Y o u r D a n c e T u n e s F r e e t a n d M a r k e t R e p o r t s
1:00 N u d o l p h B e c h e r S a l o n
1:15 J a m e s C r a w l e y N e w s
1:30 T h r e e S u n s
1:45 C h r i s t m a s C a r o l s
2:00 M u s i c T h a t S p a r k s
2:15 Y o u r P i c k 'e m
2:30 L o c a l N e w s a n d T o p i c s
2:45 C l i f f M a w a r d s
3:00 D r. L o u i s T. T a l b o t
3:15 N e w s
3:45 E l m M a x w e l l
4:00 F a l t o n L e w i s, Jr., N e w s
4:15 R a y M i l l e r, N e w s
4:30 F r a n k J. J o h n s o n
4:45 K i t m a t h T h e a t r e T i m e
5:00 S a n t a C l a u s P r o g r a m
5:15 S u p e r m a n
5:30 C a p t. L. M i d d l e
5:45 T o m M i s

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